

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS NOVEMBER 2024

Board of Selectmen Notes

November 2024

ELECTION DAY

Just a reminder that Election Day is next Tuesday, November 5th.
Voting will take place at Chesterfield School, 535 Old Chesterfield
Road from 8 am to 7 pm.
Hope to see everyone there!

HOUSING MEETING FOR THE CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY

"Housing Camps" will take place every two weeks on these dates -
November 6th, November 20th and December 4th. All these meetings
are also on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2024

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day

Please note that the Transfer Station dates are different and listed below



Board and Commission Meetings

(Note: all meetings and updates to meetings can be found on the Town Website www.chesterfield.nh.gov)

Board of Selectmen

Wednesdays, November 13 & 27 **6:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(Every other Wednesday)

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, November 14 **6:00 pm** **Town Office**
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)

Planning Board

Mondays, November 4 & 18 **7:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, November 21 **6:30 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, November 18 **6:30 pm** **Center Fire Station**
(3rd Monday)

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Thursday, November 14 **6:00 pm** **Spofford Fire Station**

(3rd Thursday - exception this month)

Budget Committee		
Tuesday, November 19	7:00 pm	OEM Room/Town Office
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, November 19	7:00 pm	Chesterfield Library
(3rd Tuesday)		
Conservation Commission		
Monday, December 2	7:30 pm	Town Office
(4th Monday - exception this month)		
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, November 11	5:00 pm	Town Office
(2nd Monday)		
Chesterfield Historical Society		
Tuesday, October 26	7:00 pm	Town Office
Housing Working Group		
Wednesdays, November 6 & 20	6:30 pm	Town Hall



The Chesterfield Police Department is Hiring!

If you are looking for an exciting and rewarding career, come work for the Chesterfield Police Department! We offer competitive benefits, personally assigned cruisers, and a sign on bonus.

We are looking for one full time patrol officer and will be accepting applications and resumes to fill this vacancy. Part-time positions are also available. Come join our team today! For more information, contact Chief Lance A. Rouse at lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov or by phone (603) 363-4233.

MORE THAN A JOB - A CALLING!

CHESTERFIELD POLICE NOW HIRING

\$28.67hr Starting Pay (Uncertified)

**Come work for the Chesterfield Police Department,
a Town you can call home!**

- Salary Range: \$59,633-\$76,814
- \$10,000 Sign on Bonus (Certified) \$5,000 (Uncertified)
- Personally Assigned Police Cruiser
- Outer Carrier Vests
- Detall Rate: \$54.65
- 11 Paid Holidays
- Health and Dental Plans
- NHRS
- Vacation, Sick and PTO
- Town Beach Pass



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT - For more information contact:
 Lieutenant Lance Rouse 603-363-4233/lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Fall Chesterfield Artisan Fair

Saturday, November 9th

10 am - 2 pm

Chesterfield Town Hall

Event is Free

Come see how talented your neighbors are. Only Chesterfield

artisans will be selling their wares.

This event is sponsored by the Chesterfield Economic Development Committee.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Despite the warm weather we are currently enjoying, winter will be upon us soon enough. Now is the time to check your mailbox post to make sure it can withstand the snow and winter weather.

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – Veterans Day

Friday, November 29, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day

Please note that the Town Office dates are different and listed above

TOWN CLERK NEWS

Please note that the Town Clerk's office will be closed all day on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th.

We will reopen on Wednesday, November 6th at 11am

We hope to see you at the polls!



Chesterfield Public Library November 2024 Events

Please note: the library will be closed all day on Monday, November 11, for Veteran's Day and on Thursday, November 28, for Thanksgiving. Additionally, the library will open late on Tuesday, November 12, at 12:00 pm.

Everyone

Cookies and Coloring, Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Enjoy a sweet treat and relax with coloring pages and materials for all!

Children/Youth

Storytime, Mondays at 11:00 am Join us for stories, songs/rhymes, and a craft!

This program is designed to support early literacy skills in preschool children. Siblings are welcome! We will not meet on November 11 as the library will be closed for the holiday. Weekly themes are listed below! 11/4 - Owls 11/18 - Dogs 11/25 - Thankfulness

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 am Children 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join music teacher Cathy Harvey at the library for simple songs, movement, and stories. Explore small percussion instruments and move to music! This program meets one Saturday a month. November's theme is turkeys!

Pizza Book Club, Thursday, November 21, 3:00 - 4:00pm Join us for a book discussion, related activity, and of course: pizza! This month we are reading *The Misfits* by Lisa Yee. This program is open to all kids in grades 3-8. Please sign up online or call/visit the library. You can pick up a copy of each month's book at the front desk.

Teen Library Club, Thursday, November 21 at 4:00 pm This month's activity will be making friendship bracelets! Chow down on pizza and discuss ideas for the library. For teens in grade 7+. Registration is required. Please sign up online or call/visit the library.

Adult

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, November 14, 6:00 – 7:30 pm Have you ever wanted to write, play with words, and share your writing with others? Please join us at the library on the second Thursday of each month for our new writing group for people of all writing backgrounds and experiences. We all have stories to tell; sharing them will build community, compassion, and understanding. All are welcome to join.

Spice Club, Monday, November 4 at 6:00 pm This month we will feature Urfa Biber and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel *Dark Things I Adore* by Katie Lattari. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit Chix, Tuesdays, November 5 and 19 at 1:00 pm The Knit Chix meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to craft gear for people in the Monadnock region. Crocheters welcome!

Quilting Guild, Monday, November 18 at 1:00 pm Our quilting group meets once a month to work on projects and discuss their work. All levels are welcome! Join us to learn from the best.

Tech Drop-In, Wednesdays at 4:00 pm Do you have technology questions or need help with using the internet and online resources such as Libby? Stop by the library during our drop-in hour and let us assist you.

Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library Meeting, Tuesday, November 5 at 5:30 pm Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Library to help work on special projects. The Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library are instrumental in providing support to the library.

Inquire at the Front Desk for more information on any event. Reach us by phone at (603) 363-4621 or email FrontDesk@ChesterfieldLibrary.org



CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

We have had a period of unusually warm, dry weather that has been very conducive to outside activities. I agree it has been beautiful weather, but the lack of rain is discomforting. Our region has been designated abnormally dry, a short distance to drought, with no rain in sight. As I wander the trails and check in with plants in our yard, it is quite evident that they are being impacted. What these conditions bring to mind is

how important resiliency is to keep our natural environment healthy. In staying with the subject of resiliency, it has been noted that there are some American Chestnut's in the region producing burs/nuts, indicating that the mother trees are blight resistant and in turn will hopefully generate blight resistant offspring. Though it can be tempting to gather the burs from the area under the trees, it is best to leave them be. Part of the reasoning is that if the tree was able to produce nuts, then it stands to follow that the nuts would have the best chance of surviving in the same area where conditions allowed for the mother tree to reproduce. Another tree also needs to be in close proximity in order for cross-pollination to occur, one more piece of evidence that a particular environment allows for the production of a species. So when we see such regeneration, it is best to admire the ability of natural processes overcoming previous challenges and recognize that the stage has been set for a successful recovery and let those natural processes continue, undisturbed by us.

If you are interested in learning more, I recommend Suzanne Simard's book, "Finding the Mother Tree". There are also Ted Talks about her research and the intricate and invaluable connection of the Mother Tree to the new seedlings. We are only just beginning to have our eyes opened to the many wonders of the natural world. May the journey continue!



Parks & Recreation News

GREAT NEWS: Our 4-6 soccer teams finished 3rd and 5th in the Putney Tournament! Thanks to all the Coaches, Players and parents for making this such a fun weekend. Always happy to see great Sportsmanship from our Chesterfield teams.

Paint Night at the Town Hall on Friday November 15th from 6-8 cost is \$30.00 to paint 2 wine glasses with artist Melanie Fedorowicz, Hope to see everyone

there - you can just pay at the door.

Cardio Drumming has started at the Town Hall on Monday mornings at 11:00 am there is no fee for this activity!

Yoga continues on Tuesday morning at the Town Hall at 10:00 and the fee is \$8.00 per week.

Reminder to set your clocks back this weekend, winter is on its way.

Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director

OEM/Office of Emergency Management: November 2024 Report

As always, our thanks to our Selectmen, Town Admin & volunteer members of the OEM team for their support. Here is a sampling of OEM activities underway in Chesterfield:

1. FIRE ALERT – Please do not burn leaves, fire pits or other inflammables until we get some rain. As of November 1, there is a statewide warning and no rain in site
2. Animal Safety for Evacuation with Families – When disaster strikes (fires, floods, power outages, etc.) residents will want to relocate with their pets and other animals. We need anyone with farm animals to reach out to OEM (contact below)
3. Route 9 Accidents – Please make sure you drive safely on Rt. 9 and other roads in our community. We had several accidents and the police are to be thanked for their efforts. Please tell your out-of-town visitors of the need to do so. Thanks!
4. Grants - We are assessing whether our OEM priorities might be eligible. We may to hear about available Grants from other communities – soon to be underway.
5. Emergency Supplies – to be added to our 500 MREs, cots, blankets, water, PPE.
6. Mailing lists – We need to find ways to educate residents about OEM support.
7. Special assistance – analyzing needs for residents to relocate during disasters.
8. Mutual Aid - Check in w/Spofford and West Chesterfield Firehouses for support.
9. Training – Ralph & John are registered for more ICS/Incident Command Center training as sponsored by the Massachusetts Emergency Mgmt Agency (MEMA).
10. EOC updates – Our Emergency Operations Center in the new Town Hall is ready to go, and we can relocate one when needed. Thanks for Gary for the hookup.
11. HSEM/Maine/Vermont partnering – John attended an Emergency Mgmt session in Concord this month and we are also adding to our "local towns" contact lists.

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As always, stay safe and please let OEM know of any needs or ideas



Office of Emergency Management Director Ralph Petti (right) presents a framed copy of the Keene Sentinel article about Officer Dan to Chief of Police Lance Rouse.

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

Chesterfield School Events Calendar -

Veterans Day Celebration - Friday, November 8, 8:00 am

Chesterfield School Board Meeting - Monday, November 18, 5:00 pm

Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

*Wednesday, November 13 - 12:30 pm
At the Chesterfield Town Hall*

*Menu -Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Squash,
Breads & Pies*

*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation
by 5 pm on Monday, November 11th*

Fall Chesterfield Artisan Fair

Saturday, November 9th
10 am - 2 pm
Chesterfield Town Hall
Sponsored by the Chesterfield Economic Development
Committee

If you would like to add to the Community Happenings next month, please see the guidelines below!

Anyone can post an event so long as it is of broad public interest, is open to all Chesterfield residents and is not meant solely to enrich the individual or organization. The following criteria also apply:

No tag sales;

No "help wanted" or "for sale" ads;

No politics or religion (Churches may list suppers or bazaars so long as they are open to the general public and have no overt religious function;)

No business advertising (Businesses may list events of community interest, i.e. grand openings, blood drives, food drives, but not any event that requires a purchase or is for the financial gain of the business itself.)

All submissions must include the name, address and phone number of the person submitting the item.

Each entry is limited to a maximum of 25 words.

The coordinator and Town reserve the right to reject any submission. Items may be rejected because of incomplete information, lack of clarity, or for going beyond the word limit. Neither the coordinator nor the Town will contact the submitter for corrections. Deadline for submissions: the 22nd of the month preceding. Email to jwscott924@gmail.com with the subject line "Happenings".



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