

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS JANUARY 2025



Work will soon begin on the 2024 Town of Chesterfield Annual Report. If you have any pictures from town that could be included in the report, please send them to Town Administrator Alissa Thompson at townadmin@nhchesterfield.com.

Also, the Town will be starting a Mapping Project to correct and update our Zoning Maps. If you have a land survey that is not recorded with the Town, please send it to townadmin@nhchesterfield.com.

Wednesday, January 22nd is the first day to file to run for an elected position with either the Town or Chesterfield School District. Please see the Town Clerk and/or the Chesterfield School sections below to see which positions are open. Contact Mary Ewell at the Town Clerk's office to file for a Town position. Contact School District Clerk Fran Shippee at (603) 313-6640 (cell) or shippees@sover.net to file for a School position. The last day to file for any position is Friday, January 31st and you must be a registered Chesterfield voter.

Mark your calendars with the following dates for annual town elections and important meetings -

Saturday, January 25 -
Budget Committee Public Hearings on the Town, School and Fire Districts Budgets -
1:00 pm -
Chesterfield School

Tuesday, March 11 - Town Officials Election 10:00 am to 7:00 pm -
Chesterfield Town Hall

Saturday, March 15 - Town and School District Meetings -
Chesterfield School

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2025

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - New Years Day

Monday, January 20, 2025 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 17, 2025 - Presidents Day

Monday, May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day

Friday, July 4, 2025 - Independence Day

Monday, September 1, 2025 - Labor Day

Monday, October 13, 2025 - Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day

Please note that the Transfer Station dates may be different and are 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, January 8 & 22 **6:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(Every other Wednesday - Change due to Christmas Holiday)

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, January 9 & 23 **6:00 pm** **Town Office**
(2nd and 4th Thursdays - change due to holiday)

Planning Board

Mondays, January 6 & 20 **7:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, January 16 **6:30 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, January 20 **6:30 pm** **Center Fire Station**
(3rd Monday)

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Thursday, January 16 **6:00 pm** **Spofford Fire Station**
(3rd Thursday)

Budget Committee

Tuesday, January 7 & 14 **7:00 pm** **OEM Room/Town Office**

Saturday, January 25	1:00 pm &	Chesterfield School
Saturday, January 25	2:30 pm	
Tuesday, January 28	7:00 pm	OEM Room/Town Office
Wednesday, January 29	7:00 pm	OEM Room/Town Office
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, January 21	7:00 pm	Chesterfield Library
(3rd Tuesday)		
Conservation Commission		
Monday, January 27	7:30 pm	Town Office
(4th Monday)		
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, January 13	5:00 pm	Town Office
(2nd Monday)		



The Chesterfield Police Department has hired Emily Rosploch as a new police officer. She started her FTO on December 27th and will attend the Police Academy in May. Please say hello when you see her around town!

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



HIGHWAY AND TRANSFER STATION NEWS

Now that the winter season is fully here, please give our plow trucks a little extra room to get their job done. We don't want you in the ditch by any means, but it certainly makes their jobs easier and safer if you can move to the right just a hair.

The Transfer Station is now issuing new transfer station permits to town residents and property owners. The new color is purple so if you still have a yellow sticker, please see Phil, Steve or John about getting a new one.

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - New Years Day

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - Presidents Day

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - Memorial Day

Friday, July 4, 2025 - Independence Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - Labor Day

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

Friday, November 28, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, December 26, 2025 - Christmas Day

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TOWN CLERK NEWS

The Town Clerk's Office hopes everyone had a warm holiday season!

It's a new year which means elections!

Please see below for openings for the March, 2025 elections.

The Town of Chesterfield has the following positions open for election in 2025:

Quantity	Position	Term Length
1	Selectman	1 Year Term
1	Selectman	3 Year Term
1	Tax Collector	1 Year Term
1	Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1	Town Moderator	1 Year Term
1	Trustee of Trust Funds	2 Year Term
1	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term
1	Budget Committee Member	1 Year Term
1	Budget Committee Member	2 Year Term
3	Budget Committee Member	3 Year Term
2	Cemetery Commission	3 Year Term
1	Library Trustee	1 Year Term
1	Library Trustee	2 Year Term
3	Library Trustee	3 Year Term

Filing period runs from Wednesday January 22 through Friday January 31, 2025.

To file for election, visit the Town Clerk's Office: Tuesday or Wednesday from 9AM-1PM or 4-7PM.

On Fri. 1/31, the Clerk's office will be open from 3-5PM, *for election filing only.*

It's a New Year and that means that anyone who would like to register their dog early can do so! You may renew online - using the paper copy of the dog license. If you are looking at the actual dog tag that was sent with the paper license, please note that one preceding '0' can be ignored. For example: If your tag shows # 24-0001, online you would enter the tag # 24-001.

TAX COLLECTOR NEWS

The December Property Tax bill will be sent out during the week after Thanksgiving. As we are waiting for the State of NH to set our tax rate, we cannot tell which day next week, but because it will be after December 1, 2024 the due date for payment of this bill will be January 6, 2025. As in the past, we will be open for in-person payments on Mondays during the tax season from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. We will also accept cash for tax payment provided it is exact change. We do not have the ability to make change. Also, no loose or rolled coin will be accepted. Payment can also be made on line through the town's website -chesterfieldnh.gov. There is a small fee for using your checking account (ACH Payment) and you may use your credit card but

there is a bank fee of 2.99% added on to the taxes. Payment may also be mailed in to the town and we will credit payment postmarked on the due date as received on time.

If you have any questions regarding your property tax bill, please contact the office at 603-363-4624 ex 14.

Ken Cook

Tax Collector



Chesterfield Public Library January 2025 Events

Please note: the library will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 1 and Monday, January 20.

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 January 20 for the holiday. January

Themes: 1/6 - Polar Bears 1/13 - Penguins 1/27 - Colors

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, January 25 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. January's theme is winter!

Pizza Book Club, Thursday, January 30, 2:45 - 4:00 pm Join us for a book discussion, related activity, and of course: pizza! This month we are reading the graphic novel *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein and we will be watching the adapted movie at our meeting. 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, January 30, 4:00 – 5:00 pm This month's activity is crafting your own 2025 Memory Jar! 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

Oil, Ice, and Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom, Saturday, January 11, 1:30 - 2:30 pm In 1871 Arctic whaler Nathaniel Ransom survived the loss of thirty-two whaling vessels in the frigid waters off Alaska's Icy Cape. He kept a journal - and held onto it as he and his shipmates jettisoned weapons and warm clothing to save their very lives. His eyewitness account of whaling's brutal slaughter and sudden losses is enriched by presenter Helen Frink's affection for an ancestor she discovered through his journals a century after his death. This is a NH Humanities program sponsored by the friends of Chesterfield Library.

Calligraphy Class Series, Wednesdays, January 29 – March 5, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Join local calligraphy artist Grace Lin at the library for a six-week series of classes. Learn the history of Chinese calligraphy, the correct way to hold and move a brush, and the meaning and pronunciation of a sample of Chinese characters. All materials are provided and space is limited. Please register at the library or online.

Mad Makers, Saturday, January 18, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Fall into a craft wonderland! Bring your current project to work on while sharing and learning with other craft-minded folk.

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, January 9, 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, January 13 at 6:00 pm This month we will feature Rosemary and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit Chix, Tuesdays, January 7 and 21 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, January 27 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, January 7 at 5:30 pm Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Public 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

The cold of winter is etched on our windows once again, a layer of white still rests upon the ground. With such a long spell of mild weather in the Fall, it was reasonable to wonder if Winter would be gracing us with its presence. We have been fortunate to have had two lovely snowfalls, providing enough cover to go wandering, even enough to make a snowman ❄️ Whether venturing out on a trail, wandering through a snow covered field or simply watching the snow dance through the air as we gaze out the window, what a joy it is to see the snow drifting down from the sky. I even managed to get in a few snowshoe wanderings. No doubt the temperatures will go up again, revealing the ground beneath, but still allowing us to venture outside our doors. And don't forget to head out at night 🌙 We have had some stunning night skies of late, with a brilliant moon and Venus providing for an entertaining way to track their movement from one night to the next. And before the moon comes up, the constellations will dazzle you from above, and if you're

lucky, a shooting star or two 🌟 And don't forget to look for the Milky Way, such an inspiration of wonder
🔭 A telescope can be a fun way to view the night sky, but there is so much to see by simply looking up.
Here's to Good Health and Happy Wanderings in 2025 🍷

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

Chesterfield School elected positions for March 2025:

School Board Member (2) - three years

School Board Member (1) - one year

Moderator - one year

Treasurer - one year

Clerk - one year

If you would like to run for one of these positions, please contact Chesterfield School Clerk Fran Shippee at (603) 313-6640 (cell) or shippees@sover.net. The filing period runs from Wednesday, January 22 through Friday, January 31.

Chesterfield School Events Calendar -

Back to school on January 2nd

Monday, January 6 - Outdoor Education Committee Meeting

Monday, January 13 - School Board Meeting 5 p.m.

Monday the 20th - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

Saturday the 25th - Public Hearings on the Town Budget and School Budget

Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

There will be no senior luncheon during the months of January and February. See you in March!

--Save the date--

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sponsored by the
Chesterfield Lions Club**

Sunday, February 9

7:30 am - 11:00 am at Chesterfield School

Tickets are on sale now on Saturdays at the Transfer Station for \$7.00/each.

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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