

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS FEBRUARY 2025



Come on out and meet your neighbors at the annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast -
Sunday, February 9 from 7:30 to 11:00 am at Chesterfield School. Always great
food and fun conversation!

And then meet your local business owners at the Economic Development
Committee's Business Fair on Saturday, February 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm at the
Town Hall. You're sure to come away with some good contact information!

Work is still happening 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.

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

Sunday, March 2 - Meet the Candidates 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Chesterfield Town Hall

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:

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, February 5 & 19	6:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
(Every other Wednesday)		
Economic Development Committee		
Thursday, February 13 & 27	6:00 pm	Town Office
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)		
Planning Board		
Mondays, February 3 & 17	7:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
(1st and 3rd Mondays)		
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Thursday, February 20	6:30 pm	Town Office/Zoom
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)		
Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Monday, February 17	6:30 pm	Center Fire Station
(3rd Monday)		
Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Thursday, February 20	6:00 pm	Spofford Fire Station
(3rd Thursday)		
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 pm	Chesterfield Library
(3rd Tuesday)		
Conservation Commission		
Monday, February 24	7:30 pm	Town Office
(4th Monday)		
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, February 10	5:00 pm	Town Office
Saturday, February 15	10:00 am	Town Hall
(2nd Monday - special Saturday meeting)		



MORE THAN A JOB - A CALLING!
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- 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

Thank you for all your help in keeping the roads clear for the highway department crews to do their job. It looks as though winter storms will be continuing for the month of February, so remember to keep parked vehicles off the road and please give plow trucks extra room during any storms.

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

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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Christmas Day

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Economic Development Committee will meet on Thursdays Feb. 13 & 27 at 6pm at the Town Offices. The public is welcomed

The EDC will conduct two Public events in February

Chesterfield Revitalization Group

Community Meeting

Sat. Feb. 15

10AM at Chesterfield Town Hall

This is an informational Meeting about the RT 9A Brownfield Property (Brick Building)

Details around the cleanup and questions answered. Zoom option available – link is on the Town Calendar

Chesterfield Business Expo

Saturday, February 22nd

9am – 2 pm

Chesterfield Town Hall.

A Free Event to participates and attendees

Residents, please come, and meet the Chesterfield businesses that are willing to address

your needs now or in the future.

If you are Chesterfield, W Chesterfield, and Spofford residents who have a business (whether in town or not) and would like to participate, please contact EDC@NHChesterfield.com, to reserve your space.

The purpose of this free event is to build local businesses and help the community feel better connected and aware of their talented neighbors.

TOWN CLERK NEWS

Have you noticed a new face in the town clerk's office?

I hope town residents will welcome Brianne Lindquist to the Town Clerk's Office staff. She is currently training to be our new deputy town clerk. Stop by and introduce yourself!

Town Elections are coming up in March. The Town Clerk's Office will be holding

a Candidates Night for town residents to meet the candidates on March 2nd from 6:00-7:30PM in the Town Hall, 522 Route 63 (right by the library). We hope to see you there!



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

We finally got our first snowstorm and the weather has been cold enough to finally have the lake freeze. I have noticed a few ice skaters out there all bundled up and enjoying the skating.

This month we still have Cardio-Drumming every Monday at 11:00 at the Town Hall and Yoga every Tuesday at 10:00 at the Town Hall. There are both fun classes we would love to see new participants so come check out the classes.

We had our first kids painting event this month for kids ages 7-11, Melanie Fedorowicz the art teacher for Chesterfield School was our presenter and the kids painted a beautiful canvas painting and got to choose their favorite animal to put on it! We had a lot of fun and will try doing another one in March.

Stay tuned for details about an ice skating party at the Camp Spofford Rink, we are trying to find a time that will work out. Everyone will have to bring their own skates.

Happy February
Darlene



Chesterfield Public Library February 2025 Events

Please note: the library will be closed all day on Monday, February 17.

Children/Youth

Storytime, Mondays at 11:00 am Join us for stories, songs/rhymes, and crafts! This program is designed to support early literacy skills in preschool children. Siblings are welcome! We will not meet on February 17 for the holiday. February Themes: 2/3 - Cookies 2/10 - Valentine's Day 2/24 - Space/Rockets

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, February 15 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. February's theme is Friendship!

Pizza Book Club, Thursday, February 20, 3:00 - 4:00 pm Join us for a book discussion, related activity, and of course: pizza! This month we are reading the graphic novel City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm by Jaimal Yogis. 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, February 20, 4:00 – 5:00 pm Chow down on pizza and discuss ideas for the library while we enjoy a monthly activity! For teens in grade 7+. Registration is required. Please sign up online or call/visit the library.

Adult

Garden Club, Monday, February 3, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Learn about winter sowing with fellow gardeners at the library!

Spice Club, Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm This month we will feature Grains of Paradise and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, February 11, 5:30-6:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, February 13, 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.

Mad Makers, Saturday, February 15, 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.

Knit Chix, Tuesdays, February 4 and 18 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!

Moth Story Swap, Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm

Join us for a story swap! Share a tale without a script. Each person will have up to 5 minutes. Prompt: Tell us about a narrow escape in your life.

Registration is required for storytellers; please sign up online or contact the front desk. Listeners of stories need no registration.

Quilting Guild, Monday, February 24 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 each other.

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, February 4 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

Shared Trails

We have all been experiencing some very cold weather, aka, a polar vortex, that has challenged many of us to stay warm and, perhaps, stay inside. The upside of the cold has been the snow lingering longer than it has in past winters. I'm sure I'm not the only one who has taken advantage of getting outside to enjoy the conditions  In my need to regularly get outdoors for the health of both body and mind, I have come to know how I need to dress. From head to toe, being properly attired for venturing outside is essential.

With time I came to find that I could use the temperature to figure out which clothing would keep me going comfortably and safely once outside. I always have glove liners in a pocket as they are minimal bulk that can provide surprising warmth. And sometimes, such as going up hill, even on a cold day, you can slip off your mittens [warmer than gloves!] to vent the heat you've built up. Once you feel your body starting to cool down, you have your mittens or gloves ready to put back on. I love the straps on my mittens, just like the ones my son had when he was little, allowing them to hang from my wrists when I need to lower my temperature. And of course the value of layering and zippers to help regulate your temperature as well.

Some folks like to use crampons or tracks on their footwear if there's a risk of slipping. I have found that if my footwear has a really good tread and I'm mindful about the surface I'm walking on, I can forgo the grippers. Additionally, when I know I'm approaching a potentially slippery spot, a shortened stride and soft knee [slightly bent] help with stability. And keep those hands out of your pockets! Our arms are essential in helping us maintain our balance. So here's to getting outside, and while there, notice who else is traveling through the landscape with you  

OEM/Office of Emergency Management: February 2025 Report

With an Earthquake this week, an Active Shooter from Hinsdale captured in our town on October 24, and a continuing cold freeze, Chesterfield is experiencing a wide range of incidents to create disaster awareness for all citizens – as Anything Can Happen !!

< To all: "If you see something, please say something!!" to the Police Dept. >

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

1. Solar Power for Town Hall for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)? – OEM supports this effort to see if Chesterfield will be eligible for a Grant to add a solar installation. We have submitted a non-binding proposal and await a response.
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. Grants - We have applied for a Grant that can help to fund our compliance with NH State Programs in 2026 for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The SWRPC (Southwest Regional Planning Commission) will be assisting Alissa and our OEM team as we update this plan so that we can renew our HSEM standards position.
4. Community Assistance – we have had some dialogue with Clai at the Library and Sharyn at the School to see how we can provide some level of education to town residents. We will not be asking to use their email lists, for confidentiality reasons, but we have some other ideas to promote safety and preparation.
5. Special assistance – analyzing needs for residents to relocate during disasters.
6. Mutual Aid - Check in w/Spofford and West Chesterfield Firehouses for support.
7. HSEM/Maine/Vermont partnering – we continue to look for these opportunities.
8. What other needs do we have – PLEASE LET US KNOW – at our contact info:

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

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

Chesterfield School Events Calendar -

Monday, February 10 - School Board Meeting 5 p.m.

February Vacation - February 24 - 28.

Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

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

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the

Chesterfield Lions Club

Sunday, February 9

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

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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