

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS MARCH 2025



Hope to see lots of you at these important events!

**Sunday, March 2, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Chesterfield Town Hall, 518 Route 63, Chesterfield
Meet the Candidates**

**Tuesday, March 11, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Chesterfield Town Hall, 518 Route 63, Chesterfield
Elections and voting for Town Officials, School District Officials and
Zoning Ordinance Changes**

**Saturday, March 15 - Town and School District Meetings -
Chesterfield School, 535 Old Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield
Chesterfield School District Meeting - 10:00 am
Chesterfield Town Meeting - 1:00 pm**

**Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm
Fire District Meetings
Spofford Fire District - Spofford Fire Station, 9 Pontiac Drive, Spofford
Chesterfield Fire District - Chesterfield Fire Station, 492 Route 63, Chesterfield**

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2025

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

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, March 5 & 19 **6:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(Every other Wednesday)

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, March 13 & 27 **6:00 pm** **Town Office**
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)

Planning Board

Mondays, March 3 & 17 **7:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, March 20 **6:30 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, March 17 **6:30 pm** **Center Fire Station**
(3rd Monday)

Tuesday, March 18 **7:00 pm** **Center Fire Station**
(Annual District Meeting)

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Thursday, March 20 **6:00 pm** **Spofford Fire Station**
(3rd Thursday)

Tuesday, March 18 **7:00 pm** **Center Fire Station**
(Annual District Meeting)

Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 25 **7:00 pm** **Chesterfield Library**
(3rd Tuesday - changed due to Fire District Meetings)

Conservation Commission

Monday, March 24 **7:30 pm** **Town Office**
(4th Monday)

Chesterfield Revitalization Group

Monday, March 10 **5:00 pm** **Town Office**
(2nd Monday)

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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
- Detail 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

It looks as though mud season has arrived. Some roads will be posted for non-essential deliveries but if you call the town office, we will work with you.

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

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Friday, July 4, 2025 - Independence Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - Labor Day

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - Columbus Day

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Meetings: Thurs. March 13th & 27th at 6pm in the Town Offices

Save the Date:

Chesterfield Artisan Fair

Sat. April 12th

Town Hall 9AM – 2PM

Browse Handmade Crafts created in your Small Town by Big Talent

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TOWN CLERK NEWS

Town Clerk Office Closings/ Late Openings - March:

March 11, 2025 Closed All day (town elections - hope to see you there!)

Late Openings:

March 12, 2025 Open 1 hour late: 10am-1pm and 4-7pm

Please note that we will have a sample voting booth at this year's town meeting. Come out and see a demo booth station for voting.

Dogs! It time to renew your dog's yearly license. You may do so ONLINE or in person during window hours. Please note that your doggie must have a current rabies certificate to renew.

We are looking for **some cute doggie pictures** to be featured on the Town Clerk's webpage. We want to **see Chesterfield dogs in iconic Chesterfield Locations!** The photo must be of doggie/s only (no humans). Images must be sent to the town clerk (townclerk@nhchesterfield.com). Please include owner name and dog name/s. **All dogs featured during the year must have a current dog license in the town.** We will do our best to feature everyone that submits an image which follows guidelines above.



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Happy March, so excited that this month we get to turn our clocks ahead, which means that Spring and Summer are around the corner. We for sure had a very stormy February so it is nice to look forward to warmer weather.

Registration has started for Rec Camp this summer. The themes and registration forms are on the town website.

www.nhchesterfield.com Once you get there go to Park and Rec and under programs you will see summer camp. Just print out the form, fill it out and send it in with a check to reserve your spot. The past year we did have a wait list so the sooner you can get these forms in the better.

We will begin to start and hire Summer help. We are looking for Lifeguards, Camp Counselors and Snack Shack employees to help collect admissions and serve ice cream and food. We will have many returning from last year but if you are interested applications are also available on the town website. Also if you or you know someone who might be interested in teaching swim lessons, we are looking for a swim instructor also.

Yoga is still ongoing on Tuesday morning at 10:00 am at the Town Hall
Cardio Drumming is offered on Monday Mornings at 11:00

Don't Forget Town Meeting Day is Saturday March 15th at 1:00 pm at Chesterfield School

Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director



Chesterfield Public Library March 2025 Events

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.

March Themes:

3/3 - Dr. Seuss

3/10 - Hats

3/17 - St. Patrick's Day - no storytime

3/24 - Cupcakes

3/31 - Springtime

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, March 22 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. March's theme is Luck!

Game Night, Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Stop by the Library and play a board game with friends, family, or the librarians! No experience required, just a love for games and good company!

Pizza Book Club, Thursday, March 27, 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 *A Strange Thing Happened at Cherry Hall* by Jasmine Warga. 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, March 27, 4:00 – 5:00 pm Chow down on pizza and discuss ideas for the library while we enjoy Harry Potter Trivia! For teens in grade 7+. Registration is required. Please sign up online or call/visit the library.

Adult

Spice Club, Monday, March 3 at 6:00 pm This month we will feature Sesame Seeds and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, March 11, 5:30-6:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel *Weyward* by Emilia Hart. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, March 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, March 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 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, March 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!

Quilting Guild, Monday, March 17 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, March 4 at 5:30 pm Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Public 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

Musings on a Sense of Place

The icicles have melted away and snow is sliding off the roof. Snow to rain to ice and back again, temperatures in the single digits moving up into the 40's. The shifting of seasons is upon us. The fields and trails can be a little more challenging [not to mention the dirt roads] but the sun beckons us to venture out, whether along a road, across a field or following a trail in the woods. We are so blessed with our natural surroundings. I imagine a number of us chose Chesterfield for that very reason while others who were born and raised here, have chosen to stay, or come back. Whether working the land or enjoying the benefits of a region that has so many outdoor opportunities, we are fortunate to live where we do. When out on a field, don't forget to stop and marvel at the vast sky the surrounds you. When you encounter a stream as you travel along a trail in the woods, pause and listen to the bubbling sound of water as it moves along underneath the snow. Such moments help to soothe the soul.



Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – February Monthly Report

“2025: Focus on Community Training”

2024 OVERVIEW: In 2024, we were fortunate not to experience any major emergencies or disasters but worked to improve preparedness and maintain situational awareness. Our first responders, as always, addressed the incidents and challenges regularly faced by all communities. An active shooter was captured in West Chesterfield after an incident with a weapon in Hinsdale. This was a shock to a community more used to power outages, weather, wildfires, and other such events. We also had an issue with the dangerous speeding on Route 9. Chesterfield Police did an excellent job of using creative resources like “Lt. Dan” to slow vehicles down. It worked, but we must always exercise caution!

2025 OBJECTIVES

1. Education – Helping residents learn how to identify and respond to disaster events. With many incidents occurring in communities like ours, our OEM team is committed to stepping up our community training activities. This is our NUMBER ONE objective for 2025. Watch for displays and invitations to be apprised of and please participate in such events for you and your family
2. Collaboration – Our OEM team has begun collaborating with School and Library officials on awareness programs that can be as simple as “change your smoke alarm batteries” or “take CPR training.” We appreciate the support of these valued partners and our OEM volunteers.
3. Partnering – Through outreach to state agencies and neighboring towns, our OEM team has assured continued commitment to assist in our efforts.
4. Communication – Social media sites such as the Chesterfield community, the OEM and Police Facebook pages are excellent resources for general awareness and items of interest. Residents can also sign up for NH Alerts to receive real-time, safety-related notifications.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Team Members and Agencies

- Ralph Petti, Director
- John Keppler, Deputy Director
- John Zannotti, Director Emeritus (2021-2022)
- Mike Chamberlin, Director Emeritus (2017 – 2021)
- Alissa Thompson, Town Administrator

- Karen Guyette, Animal Safety Chair
- Cheryl Maibusch, Animal Safety Consultant
- Fran Shippee, Board of Selectmen
- Gary Winn, Board of Selectmen
- Judy Idelkope, Board of Selectmen
- Mary Ewell, Board of Selectmen
- Barbara Girs, Board of Selectmen
- Chesterfield Police Department
- Chesterfield Fire & Rescue
- Spofford Fire & Rescue
- Chesterfield Highway Department
- The Chesterfield Central School
- The Chesterfield Public Library
- NH DOS, HSEM and DHHS Representatives
- Many other concerned citizens copied on our OEM Monthly Reports

Submitted by Ralph Petti, Director – Office of Emergency Management Email: ralphpetti1@gmail.com
Voice: 908.310.6381

Please send any comments or ideas to: Town of Chesterfield NH Office of Emergency Management 490
Route 63 PO Box 175 Chesterfield, NH 03443

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation has arrived and boy is it needed. We have seen more illness this month than ever before. 🤒 The flu is at one of the highest rates we have ever seen. Please be sure to monitor your child for symptoms. We have seen lots of high fevers and uncomfortable kids. Rest and fluids are the best treatment. Vacation will allow everyone some down time.

March is an important month for schools. This month the Towns of Chesterfield, Spofford and West Chesterfield come together to discuss and hopefully approve the school budget. For those who are unaware our town has a process that allows the public to discuss each warrant article. Then motions can be made for or against what is proposed. In some area communities budgets have been slashed by thousands of dollars. Which is not good for students. Both myself and the school board work very hard to create and bring forward the leanest budget possible. Any further cuts could mean programs, staffing and other extracurricular activities. So please come out and support the school on March 15 at 10 am. The meeting is held at the school in the gym.

March always comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. We have had two snow days and have one more built in our calendar. Anything over the three snow days will activate a learning from home day. (AKA Blizzard Bags) The school board voted for this to allow families and the school to have a better idea of exactly what the last day of school would be. At this time the last day will be June 16th. But we have one additional snow day if needed. Which means the last day of school would shift to the 17th of June. We will be sure to keep families updated.

Sincerely,
Sharyn D'Eon

Chesterfield School Events Calendar -

Monday the 3rd Outdoor ed Committee mtg
Tuesday the 4th Chess club
Wednesday the 5th,12th Math club
Monday the 10th School Board Meeting 5 pm
Friday the 14th Spring Photos, NHDI Pep Rally at Keene State
Saturday 15th Town/School District Annual Meetings
Wednesday the 19th Grade 4 to the Colonial , Band/ Chorus performance.
Thursday the 20th- Community Gathering/Sing and Early Release 11:55am
Friday 21st Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL
Thursday the 27th Grade 8 Tours Keene High

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 12 - 12:30 pm
At the Chesterfield Town Hall

Menu -Pork Loin Roast & Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans,
Rolls, Applesauce & Lemon Squares
Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation
by 5 pm on Monday, March 10.

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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