

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS APRIL 2025



Happy Spring to Everyone!

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

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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, April 2, 16 & 30 **6:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(Every other Wednesday)

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, April 10 & 24 **6:00 pm** **Town Office**
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)

Planning Board

Mondays, April 7 & 21 **7:00 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, April 17 **6:30 pm** **Town Office/Zoom**
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, April 21 **6:30 pm** **Center Fire Station**
(3rd Monday)

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Thursday, April 17 **6:00 pm** **Spofford Fire Station**
(3rd Thursday)

Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 15 **6:30 pm** **Chesterfield Library**
(3rd Tuesday - changed due to Fire District Meetings)

Conservation Commission

Monday, April 28 **7:00 pm** **Town Office**
(4th Monday)

Chesterfield Revitalization Group

Monday, April 14 **5:00 pm** **Town Office**
(2nd Monday)



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Business: 363-4233
FAX 363-4152

Lance A. Rouse
Chief of Police

Lieutenant

The Chesterfield Police Department is currently accepting applications for Police Lieutenant. Salary up to \$93,496 (2025) depending on experience.

The Chesterfield Police Department is located at 490 Route 63 in Chesterfield NH, right next door to the Chesterfield Fire Department and the Chesterfield School. We serve approximately 3,600 residents across 47 square miles. Members of the Chesterfield Police Department are committed to being capable, caring, and professional, working for the benefit of all citizens within our community.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: The Lieutenant is the second in command of the Chesterfield Police Department and reports directly to the Chief of Police.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE LIEUTENANT: The Lieutenant, under the direction of the Chief of Police, oversees the operation of the Chesterfield Police by assisting in planning, directing, managing, controlling, and coordinating the activities of the department to promote and ensure that Chesterfield residents are provided the highest level of police service.

Job Summary:

The Lieutenant performs responsible administrative and technical supervisory work in directing the operation of the police department. In the absence of the Chief, the Lieutenant, as second in the chain of command, assumes the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Chief. The Lieutenant shall perform all patrol and investigative procedures performed by police officers. The Lieutenant promotes an ongoing attitude of dedication to excellent public service and ensures that residents and non-residents are provided with the highest quality of service.

Supervision Exercised:

The Lieutenant exercises general supervision over all patrol officers and civilian employees. Provides training, instruction and guidance to all patrol personnel and reviews and evaluates their work performance. Evaluates, and recommends selection, performance and discipline of patrol personnel. Receives and investigates complaints against all Department personnel apart from the Chief and provides recommendations for disciplinary action if warranted, to the Chief.

Minimum Qualifications Required:

Minimum of four years of experience in law enforcement. Supervisory experience is preferred. Experience in patrol with emphasis on investigations and court prosecutions. Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license. Possession of valid N.H. Full Time Police Officer certification is preferred.

Please submit applications and resumes to Chief Lance Rouse in person, or via email at lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov. For more information, call (603) 363-4233 ex 61.

P.O. Box 231 Chesterfield
New Hampshire 03443
lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov

HIGHWAY NEWS

We're working our way through mud season. With the fabric repairs done to Poocham Road, Old Swanzy Road, Old Chesterfield Road, Atherton Hill Road and Zinn Road, there have been a lot fewer problems on this road. Gulf Road is still an issue and we will be tackling that road this summer.

Two culverts on Twin Brook Road and one culvert on Mill Road will be replaced in April in preparation for paving this summer. Other roads to be paved are Cobleigh Estates Road, Friedsam Road, Foley Road and Margo Avenue.

Please take a look at your driveway culverts for obstructions caused by winter debris. The water runoff needs a clear path for drainage.

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

The following is the information sent by the State of New Hampshire DES.

Starting July 1, 2025, rechargeable **lithium-ion batteries will be prohibited from disposal** in New Hampshire's landfills and incinerators. Lithium-ion batteries are used in a wide variety of consumer products, including:

- Automotive vehicles.
- Electric bikes and scooters.

- Lawncare equipment.
- Portable electronics such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, cameras, wireless headphones, speakers, toothbrushes and other rechargeable electronic devices.
- Cordless power tools.
- Toys.

Why is there a disposal ban?

Lithium-ion batteries contain hazardous metals and can pose safety hazards when improperly managed. When crushed or damaged in any way, they can ignite – causing intense fires. For these reasons, **lithium-ion batteries should never be put in the trash or curbside recycling bin!** Lithium-ion batteries have become a leading cause of fires for trash haulers and waste management facilities. A recent [report by the National Waste and Recycling Association](#) estimates that each year more than 5,000 fires occur at waste management facilities nationwide, many likely caused by lithium-ion batteries. Fires are not only a safety hazard to waste staff and the public; they also can result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages to expensive equipment and buildings.

In an effort to reduce the safety risks associated with improper disposal of lithium-ion batteries, New Hampshire State Rep. Karen Ebel introduced [HB 1386](#), which proposed to add such batteries to [the list of wastes already banned from disposal](#). The bill gained the support of the [New Hampshire Solid Waste Working Group](#), industry experts, waste haulers and municipalities, and was signed into law by Governor Sununu.

Who does the ban apply to?

Starting July 2025, **households and businesses must recycle their lithium-ion batteries**. Lithium-ion batteries must be recycled through special battery collection programs – never mixed with regular recyclables.

Where can I recycle my lithium-ion batteries?

Many New Hampshire municipalities and businesses, like [Staples](#), [Best Buy](#) or [BatteriesPlus](#) offer collection boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries. To find a drop-off site nearest to you, contact your local transfer station, check [Call2Recycle.org](#), or visit one of the retail locations mentioned above. **Remember – if it's rechargeable, it's recyclable!**

To learn more about how to manage different types of batteries, visit the [Battery](#) section of the NHDES [Managing My Waste webpage](#).

Questions? Need help identifying a battery?

Residents should contact their local transfer station or the NHDES Household Hazardous Waste Program via email at hhw@des.nh.gov or by phone at (603) 271-2047. Businesses should contact the Hazardous Waste Helpline at 1-866-HAZ-WAST.

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Meetings: Thurs. April 10th and 24th at 6pm in the Town Offices

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

Spring is here and that means its time for dog license renewals! If you haven't already updated your dog's license, please do so by April 30, 2025.

We will also be saying good-bye to our wonderful town mascot, Spirit, she steps down to on April 30th. We loved having her smiling face on the website, Facebook Page, and at our window. This means we are looking for a few good dogs to be our monthly Town Clerk Mascot!

If your dog/s is/are currently licensed for '25-'26 year please submit an picture (no people) of your best friend/s in an iconic Chesterfield location. We will select a picture each month to be our Town Clerk Mascot! You may email images to townclerk@nhchesterfield.com. You only need to send an image once - we will continue to review all submissions for the year. BUT if you take a new picture for a new season, please feel free to send an updated picture to us! We will notify you if your image is chosen!



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Happy Spring, our days are longer and the weather is getting warmer, which means that summer is coming quickly.

Wares Grove Beach will have a Spring clean up on Saturday May 10th starting at 10:00 am, we will also do a Spring Clean up at North Shore we just don't have the date yet.

Camp Registration is now opened for all Residents and Non- Residents, the registration and themes are on the Town Website under programs. Please mail your check with the registration to hold your child's spot.

We are currently accepting applications for Snack Shack employees and we also have a few lifeguard positions available for the summer. I am happy to say that all our counselors are returning again for the 3rd straight year which is very exciting.

Yoga on the BEACH will be happening again this summer with instructor Erin Soltys, she will be teaching Sunday morning 9:00-10:00 starting June 1st - August 31st, with a few weeks in there for vacation. She will be selling packets of classes to get a discount, Watch for more information to come more towards May.

Darlene Smith
Parks and Recreation Director



Chesterfield Public Library April 2025 Events

Please note: April 9th, the library will open at 12:00.

Everyone

Night Sky Viewing, Monday, April 21, 8:30 pm

Astronomer Erik Schmitt will lead a night sky observation outside the library. We will view astronomical objects like Jupiter, Mars, nebulae, and galaxies with telescopes. Please bring your own outdoor chair. Please note: this event is weather dependent; we need a clear evening sky. We will postpone until Monday, 4/28, or Monday, 5/5, if needed. To find out if the event will be happening, please check our Facebook page for the latest updates or call the library.

Children/Youth

Library Spring Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19, 10:30 am

Join us at the library for our annual egg hunt! Be sure to bring your own basket. Chesterfield Police will also be there giving out a limited number of bicycle helmets supplied by the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire.

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!

April Themes:

4/7 - Ducks

4/14 - Bunnies

4/21 - Rain

4/28 - Frogs

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, April 26 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.

Pizza Book Club, Thursday, May 1, 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 *Ink Girls* by Marieke Nijkamp. 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, May 1, 4:00 – 5:00 pm Chow down on pizza and discuss ideas for the library while we create black-out poetry! For teens in grade 7+. Registration is required. Please sign up online or call/visit the library.

Adult

Spice Club, Monday, April 14, 6:00 pm This month we will feature Turmeric, and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Moth Story Swap, Thursday, April 24, 6:30 pm

Join us for a story swap! Share a tale without a script. Each person will have up to 8 minutes. Prompt: Tell us about your childhood shenanigans. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, April 8, 5:30-6:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel *Hidden Pictures* by Jason Rekulak. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, April 10, 6:00 – 7:30 pm April is Poetry Month! Join us as we use "Found Words" as we write. Using old Books, we will have a fun way to create creative pieces.

Mad Makers, Saturday, April 12, 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, April 1 and 15, 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, April 21 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, April 1, 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

As our wood pile shrinks, Spring ephemerals and my smiling Buddha are rising up from a long winter's nap as the Earth embraces Spring. We know all too well that it could snow again, as we've witnessed in the past, snow covering the forsythia blossoms, but warmer days will return with each week. I have also noticed a number of my shrubs displaying their buds, which hopefully, won't get "nipped in the bud" with another cold snap.

Now is a great time of observing, thinking of the tasks that lie ahead. True confessions, we have never been diligent about cleaning gardening tools, but it's never too late to start! This is also a great time to check for invasive plants that are often the first to appear, making them much easier to spot and once the ground is thawed, pulling them out. It is far easier to remove them while they're small. We have also become more diligent about spreading mulch under our shrubs early. Using a layer of newspaper or cardboard as the first layer can help your mulch go further and help your plants maintain more moisture as the sun grows stronger. Please be mindful of the mulch you use, avoiding cypress and dyes. Too many cypress were being used for mulch and not regenerating and dyes leach into the water table. I have also been told if you choose wood chips or straw, make sure they are free of unwanted seeds from invasive plants. There are great resources available on the CCC web site as well as through local extension services. I have also found some great sites online.

And if you are one who likes to wander our local trails, this is a great time to start keeping your eyes peeled for the beautiful Spring ephemerals that start to appear in the woods and forests. They need to take advantage of the open canopy at this time of year. As some of our seasons are getting longer while others are getting shorter, it's good to simply notice the outside world, be curious and enjoy what nature has to share.

Happy Earth Day, every day 🌱🌍🍃



Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – April Monthly Report

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – April 2025 Report

OEM is a complementary organization to the Chesterfield Police, Fire and other resources and are available to assist in any emergency. A major focus of our OEM team is to prepare for the eventuality of any disaster event – fire, floods, power outages, etc. – and plan to host facilities at the Town Hall to provide power, snacks, shelter, etc.

Spring 2025 Activities

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.
5. Resource Partnering
 - a. Training – Ralph will be attending a program at HSEM in Concord in April to complement the good work that Principal D'Eon and her team are doing at the Chesterfield School.
 - b. Collaboration – we are continuing to collaborate with local towns to assist one another, if necessary, during events
 - c. Safety Training – we are currently looking into coursework that we hope to offer to town residents, at a small fee, to be better prepared. Please contact Ralph Petti, Director, OEM at ralphpetti1@gmail.com with any ideas that you may have or call him at 908.310.6381. Thank you for your support in this program!

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

I want to begin this month's newsletter with a huge 🙏 thank you to all the voters who turned out for the school budget meeting. All of the articles passed. I am grateful for the continued support this community has shown for this school. Some of you may not be aware of the drastic cuts that occurred in a school district near us. Millions of dollars were cut leading to a huge impact on children. I feel very fortunate for the support everyone gives this school. Our students are the ones that reap the benefits.

April is the time when the staff begin to think about the last few months of school and start the planning for the 2025-2026 school year. The last trimester has begun and we are monitoring the enrollment of our incoming and exiting students. If your family is considering a move please contact Mrs. Klaski in the main office. Knowing these moves ahead of time allows us to plan appropriately for next year. Also if you know of any family with a student turning 5 by September 30th please encourage them to pick up an enrollment packet from the school office. To date we already have 27 new kindergarteners signed up. This is a great start to fill the 44 seats of our graduating 8th graders.

Chesterfield School Events Calendar - April

All school NHDI Residency the 1st-11th
Tuesday the 1st - Field Study Group Will Meet at 130 p.m.
Monday the 7th - Outdoor Education Committee 230 p.m.
Friday the 11th - Afternoon performance for NHDI 115pm, and Middle School Dance 630 p.m.
Monday the 14th - School Board Mtg. 5:00 p.m., Friends Of Chesterfield Mtg @ 700 p.m. in the Art Room
Tuesday the 15th - 6th grade leaves for Nature's Classroom,
Wednesday the 16th - Elementary Concert Grades K-4 615 p.m.

Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

*Wednesday, April 9 - 12:30 pm
At the Chesterfield Town Hall*

*Menu - Swedish Meatballs with Gravy, Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Swedish
Bread & Carrot Cake*

*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation
by 5 pm on Monday, April 7.*

CHESTERFIELD ARTISAN FAIR

**Saturday, April 12 - 9 am - 2 pm
At the Chesterfield Town Hall**

Browse Handmade Crafts created in your Small Town by Big Talent
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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