

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS JUNE 2025



There are several community events this month. See below for more information.

**6/7 (Saturday) - Stone House Museum Tours (Chesterfield Historical Society)**

**6/11 (Wednesday) - Senior Lunch**

**6/18 (Wednesday) - Utterly Otters (Chesterfield Conservation Committee)**

**6/25 (Wednesday) - Queen Elizabeth II (Chesterfield Historical Society & Friends of Chesterfield Library)**

**Saturdays - Farmers' Market**

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A message from the Spofford Lake Association about the new boat ramp -

The old saying goes...it takes a village to raise a child. To extend the metaphor...it takes a community to re-build a boat ramp.

We are very pleased to announce that the boat ramp is virtually complete, with the last touches coming soon. In any case, the ramp is open for business. With the goal of reconstructing the 1962 boat ramp (and adjoining areas) to make launching and retrieving watercraft safer and easier and making the whole area more aesthetically pleasing, work commenced last fall and ramped up this spring. Here is the, what and by whom, particulars:

Improvements--

- The concrete portion of the new ramp extends about 40 feet into the water or 15 feet longer than before. Beyond the concrete is 8 feet of scour resistant rip rap (stone). This 23- foot underwater difference is designed, among other things, to eliminate berms caused by power loading.

- 2 well marked lanes for launching/retrieving motorized watercraft. Each lane is 14 feet wide (same as before) flanked by security bollards on the east and west sides,
- On the east side, the plan is to install a 10 foot aluminum walkway and a 24 seasonal dock system, both 4 feet wide, for use by folks for the launching and recovery of non-motorized watercraft, such as kayaks and paddle boards,
- The years old and crushed culvert under S. Shore Road and running parallel to the east ride of the ramp has been replaced. It, in combination with the catchment basins on either side of the parking lot, will slow and better disperse runoff before it enters the Lake,
- Fresh new signage, both at the ramp and in the parking area,
- New fencing on the west side is in place, Thank you to the landowner who agreed to let us replace her fence, and
- Landscaping, crushed stone, and grading to better disperse rain runoff.

#### Who Helped

This project has been a serious undertaking that involved many participants and jurisdictions. The ramp and parking lot are owned by the State. The Town is responsible for boat ramp maintenance. This made approvals and permits a bit more tricky.

You will recall that this project was launched (pun intended) by a financial gift by Spofford resident and SLA member Ron Coburn. The Town then stepped up to add ARPA monies. Some residual funds from an earlier 319 runoff grant were used for culvert work. All these combined funded the project.

Let's hear it for the yeoman's work of the Boat Ramp Committee, i.e., Ron Coburn, BOS rep Mary Ewell, Chris Oot, and Bayard Tracy, along with the Town BOS. Also, many thanks to the engineering consulting firm, CivilWork New England, Pat Rawson Construction of West Chesterfield, and the concrete contractor, Carter Concrete Works of Spofford.

We heartily thank them all for their months of work to make this a reality for the whole Town to enjoy.

#### A Giving Community

We have more folks to thank. Soon there will be a stunning new "Welcome" sign courtesy of Steve McAnney of McAnney Fine Art Signs in Swanzey. Steve generously donated his expertise, time, and materials and coincidentally crafted the original sign. Many thanks to Art Huggins, who brought Steve into the picture.

Look for the old sign to have a new life as we will be auctioning it off at this year's Annual Meeting on July 26. Get your checkbooks ready!

Look for simplified and upgraded signage at the ramp and parking lot. Thanks to Mary Ewell, Jeff Scott, and Cindy Holton.

And speaking of giving, the SLA Board agreed at its May 5 meeting that the residual funds from the private donation will be devoted to the future upkeep of the boat ramp area, including the installation and removal of the dock, as well as landscaping clean up at both the ramp and parking areas. We'll be looking for volunteers to help out a couple of times a year.

#### Words of Praise

Before the paint is dry, so to speak, we're already getting kudos. This one came in on April 29. "I live in Keene and fish Spofford on a regular basis. I fished there today for the first time and all I can

say is Wow....Great job on the ramp, drainage and the whole area...I fish a lot throughout the whole state and also VT...Be proud of what you have



<b>Thursday, June 19</b> (3rd Thursday - exception this month)	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Spofford Fire Station</b>
<b>Library Board of Trustees</b>		
<b>Tuesday, June 17</b> (3rd Tuesday)	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Chesterfield Library</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>		
<b>Monday, June 2</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Monday, June 30</b> (4th Monday-and late May meeting)	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Chesterfield Revitalization Group</b>		
<b>Monday, June 9</b> (2nd Monday)	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Chesterfield Cemetery Commission</b>		
<b>Wednesday, June 11</b> (2nd Wednesday)	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Historical Soc. Bldg</b>



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE NOW  
HIRING**

**\$29.70hr Starting Pay (Uncertified)**

A photograph of a Chesterfield Police Department building at night, with a police car parked in front. The building has a flag flying at half-staff. The police car's lights are illuminated.

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

- Salary Range: \$61,776-\$79,580
- \$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:  
Chief Lance A. Rouse 603-363-4233/lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov

## HIGHWAY NEWS

Paving is now complete for the season and the highway department will be backing up the shoulders. Roadside mowing will also be started soon.

## 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](mailto:hhw@des.nh.gov) or by phone at [\(603\) 271-2047](tel:(603)271-2047). Businesses should contact the Hazardous Waste Helpline at [1-866-HAZ-WAST](tel:1-866-HAZ-WAST).

## **TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024**

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

### **2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

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

\*\*Please note that the Transfer Station dates may be different and are listed below\*\*

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS**

**June's EDC meetings are on June 12th and 26th at 6pm in the McKeon Room at the Town Office.**

**Chesterfield Revitalization Group will meet on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Town Offices**

### **Chesterfield Business- to- Business Mixer**

**Thursday, June 5th**

**at the M & T Bank in Chesterfield**

**6Pm - 8PM**

**Speakers will be discussing websites - IT issues, stress and your well-being, business loans and grants, and how the NH Small Business Association can support you.**

**Refreshments will be served -**

**(Please RSVP to the [EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com))**

**If you would like for your business to be listed in the Chesterfield business directory – Yes there is one!**

**Please send us your name and contact information to [EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com)**

**EDC has several openings – If you want to help out Chesterfield Businesses, come to one of our meetings and see how you can get involved.**

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## **TOWN CLERK NEWS**

It's June, this means that dog licenses are past due! Late fees start this month. Please register your dog either at the Town Clerk Window or online. If you are having any issues, be sure to contact the office directly via email: [townclerk@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:townclerk@nhchesterfield.com) OR phone 603-363-8071 x11.

June is the first month of the **NEW Town Clerk Mascot** for the 2025-26 season. We welcome **Lily** as our **June Mascot of the Month**. Here she is enjoying the breeze on Spofford Lake!

Do you have a registered dog that has what it takes to be a monthly mascot? Send in an image of your pet (no humans please) in a well known Chesterfield location. We will choose a new mascot each month. We will keep previous submissions, but enter monthly if you like!

Please note that **during the week of June 10th-11th we will be down to one person at our Town Clerk window**. This may cause delays. Please be patient as we work with residents to meet their needs.

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER**

The May tax bill will be mailed on or before May 15 2025. It will be due on July 3, 2025 by 6:00 pm. If you haven't received your bill by June 1, 2025, please contact the office for a duplicate bill. The office will be open for in-person payments on Mondays from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Payments can also be made by mail and electronically through the towns web site. Again, cash will be accepted, however, no rolled or loose coins will be accepted. Cash payments must be exact change as our office does not have the ability to make change.

Also, if you have an outstanding balance on your 2024 tax bill you will have until June 3, 2025 to complete payment before the tax lien process begins. If you have any questions regarding your payment status, please call the office at 603-363-4624 ex 14.

Ken Cook

Tax Collector

Town of Chesterfield, NH



## PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Summer Camp is quickly filling up, but we still have a few more spots!! So still time to get your registration in . Forms are on the town website and also at the town offices. Looking forward to a nice fun sunny summer. Happy to say that we are pretty much full staffed for our lifeguards and snack shack people.

Cardio Drumming is being offered every Monday at 11:00 at the Town Hall

Yoga is being offered every Tuesday at 10:00 at the Town Hall

Yoga on the beach will start the first week in June at 9:00 am at Wares Grove Beach In Spofford

Thank You

Darlene Smith

Parks and Recreation Director



**Chesterfield Public Library**  
**June 2025 Events**

**Everyone**

**Color Our World: CPL Summer Reading Program 2025, June 21 – August 9, ongoing.**

Sign up now—online or at the library! Events, programs, reading challenges, and prizes for all ages.

**Library Summer BBQ, Monday, June 23, 5:30 – 7:00 pm** Join us for the 3rd annual Chesterfield Library BBQ to kick off the summer! Play lawn games, craft, and enjoy burgers, hot dogs, brownie sundae desserts, and more! Vegetarian options provided.

**Children/Youth**

**The Science of Ice Cream, Saturday, June 28, 1:00 - 2:00 pm** Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream will visit us at the town hall to share the fun science behind ice cream! Watch a live demonstration and then enjoy an ice cream treat.

**Storytime, Monday, June 2 at 11:00 am** Join us for stories, songs/rhymes, and crafts! This program is designed to support early literacy skills in preschool children. Our last meeting will be June 2! There will be a 2-week program break before we begin our summer storytime series!

**Little Gardeners' Storytime, Mondays at 11:00 am, June 23 – August 4** Join us for a garden-themed storytime and then venture outside to our raised garden beds to help care for our vegetables! Starting Monday, June 23!

**Color Adventures with Melanie Fedorowicz, Tuesday, June 24, 10:30 – 11:15 am** Join art teacher Melanie Fedorowicz at the library to make a Colorful Name Wall Hanging using masking tape, paint, and other supplies! Open to all children in grades K-5.

**Teen Craft: Painting Kindness Rocks, Thursday, June 26, 5:00 – 6:00 pm** Spread kindness by painting rocks and then placing them around the community, creating a ripple effect of happiness. Open to all tweens/teens in grades 6 and up.

**Adult**

**“Her Majesty” Queen Elizabeth II, Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 pm**

Join us with the Historical Society at Town Hall for a command performance of Elizabeth II by Sheryl Faye. “Her Majesty The Queen” was a true icon, inspiring people around the world with her strength, courage, resilience, and dedication to a life of service. For 70 years and 214 days, she remained a constant presence as a sovereign, shepherding the people of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries through both joyful times and darker periods of challenge and uncertainty.

This program is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

**Spice Club, Monday, June 2, 6:00 pm** This month we will feature suya and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

**Library Book Club, Tuesday, June 10, 5:30-6:30 pm** The Library's adult book club will discuss Colored Television by Danzy Senna. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

**Creative Writing Group, Thursday, June 19, 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 each month for our writing group for people of all writing backgrounds and experiences. All are welcome to join.

**Knit Chix, Tuesdays, June 3 and 17, 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, June 16 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, June 3, 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](mailto:FrontDesk@ChesterfieldLibrary.org)

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## CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The rain finally came and decided to stay awhile! I'm sure there are folks who feel it was too much of a good thing, but the bounty of healthy, happy looking plants in our yard and forests are putting a smile on my face. We are out of the drought and a good watering is a great way to move into the next season.

No doubt you've noticed the abundance of ferns with the cinnamon fern just starting to open up and show us its cinnamon stick interior. The dandelions have come and gone but we're here to help the early pollinators find an essential food source. I thought it too early in the season when I saw bumblebees hovering around our rosa rugosa, which is not in bloom, and assumed remnants from last year's fruit was the attraction. Recently they found honeysuckle blossoms for nourishment, with mock orange not far behind. We planted blueberry bushes a while back which are in bloom and another available food source. And my husband's annuals, no doubt, are a welcome addition to the menu which have happily attracted humming birds. Adding other plantings over the years, such as serviceberry, elderberry and chokeberry are all helpful in welcoming the birds, bees and butterflies, as well as other important insects and critters, to come share our small patch of land. And of course, fresh water in the bird baths!

We do our share of grousing about things that bite, but many of them [not so sure about the value of ticks] are essential to a healthy landscape. And as I always say to folks, beat the bugs and hike in the rain! And when it's windy, both yard work and hiking can help blow the bugs away. Get out and enjoy this wonderful time of year 

As I walked around town recently, I noticed more garlic mustard popping up. Unlike oriental bittersweet, it hasn't taken over the world, yet, but thought I'd share a good piece from the Nature Conservancy on how to identify and remove it. The earlier you can get on top of the spread, the better 

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/indiana/stories-in-indiana/garlic-mustard/>



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### Chesterfield Cemetery Commission

Chesterfield Cemetery gates open May 1st through September 30th, from 9 A.M. until 7 P.M., and October 1st through November 1st, from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Thank you to our three gatekeepers for tending the gates!

The crew has been working the last month to prepare the cemeteries for the upcoming season. We kindly ask that you do your part by removing your winter decorations by May 15th.

For the summer months we recommended temporary in-ground plantings that are hardy and drought resistant. NO permanent plantings are allowed, this includes rosebushes, hydrangea, lilac and evergreen bushes. Oversized existing plantings will be removed as they interfere with the care of the gravesite.

Extraordinary displays that interfere with the care of the gravesite are also discouraged.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to a Cemetery Commissioner or attend one of our meetings. Meetings are held at the Historical Society building on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

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### Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – June 2025 Report

OEM is a complementary organization to the Chesterfield Police, Fire and other local 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. CPR, AED and Safety Training will be starting soon. Please look ON Social Media and notices from the town, library and school. Based on our initial response, we are looking at a single CPR/AED class by mid-June and a full schedule in the Fall.

We will be contracting with a local Keene firm where some of us took the course, and they were EXCELLENT. The fees will be \$10 for CPR/AED (1-2 hours) and \$55 for CPR/AED/Safety Training –

certification which is included in the Safety Training (4-5 hours). Classes TBD are at the School or at the Old Town Hall.

**\*\*IF INTERESTED, PLEASE GET ON OUR LIST AT OEM@NHCHESTERFIELD.COM**

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Partnering – Through outreach to state agencies and neighboring towns, our OEM team has assured continued commitment to assist in our efforts.
5. 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. 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**

June 3 Grade 4 to Concord  
Grade 1 Field Trip & Title One Family Parent Night

June 5 Grade 5 to Strawberry Banke

June 6 Friendly Farm

June 9 Outdoor Education Committee

Chesterfield Board meeting

June 11 8th grade to Canobie Lake Park

June 12 Field Day for Grade 8 at Keene Middle School

June 14 Graduation at 5 pm

June 17 Last day of school. Dismissal at NOON.



## **Community Events**

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

*Wednesday, June 11 - 12:30 pm  
At the Chesterfield Town Hall*

*Menu - Chicken Salad, Pickled Beets, Finger Rolls,  
Strawberry Shortcake,  
Iced Tea & Lemonade*

*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation  
by 5 pm on Monday, June 9.*

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## **CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FRIENDS OF CHESTERFIELD LIBRARY PRESENTATION**

*Chesterfield Historical Society*

*Friends of the Chesterfield Library*

*Are putting on a joint program*

*Queen Elizabeth II - "Her Majesty"*

*Wed. June 25th*

*7pm*

*Chesterfield Town Hall*

*By Sheryl Faye*

*Free Program*

*Refreshments Served*

*It is a command performance of Elizabeth II by Sheryl Faye. "Her Majesty The Queen" was a true icon, inspiring people around the world with her strength, courage, resilience, and dedication to a life of service. For 70 years and 214 days, she remained a constant presence as a sovereign, shepherding the people of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries through both joyful times and darker periods of challenge and uncertainty. To cover her long life, Faye will make numerous costumes changes and use multimedia. Faye's attention to detail makes this performance historically accurate, witty, and quite educational.*

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### **CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET**

*Saturdays, 9 am to Noon*

*Route 63*

*Chesterfield Center*

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### **CHESTERFIELD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM**

*Chesterfield Residents are invited to*

*the Chesterfield Community Opening of the*

*Stone House Tavern Museum*

*Sat. June 7, 2025 9am - 1:00 pm*

*Admission is free..... Donations gratefully accepted*

*· This special community opening is limited to Chesterfield residents only.*

*· You must park at the Central School parking lot where a bus will take you to the Stone House for 30 min. tours.*

*· The bus will load on the hour at 9, 10, 11 & 12 and it only holds 20 passengers. All seating will be on a first come, first served basis.*

*· Reservations are not permitted; children must be attended by an adult and no pets allowed.*

*· There is absolutely no parking at the Stone House due to space constraints*

*The Stone House Tavern Museum is the Chesterfield Historical Society's most extensive project ever! Purchased in 2018, the renovations have taken over 6 years and now you get a first look!*

*Take a step back in time and experience the many unique features of this amazing historical structure.*

*If you can't make this community opening, not to worry..... The museum will be open on a regular basis later this summer and hours will be posted.*

*Save the date and catch a bus to 1831!*

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***The Chesterfield Conservation Commission is pleased to present:***

***Utterly Otters***  
*With Susie Spikol*

June 18th, 7:00 PM  
Chesterfield Town Hall

Join Harris Center naturalist and author Susie Spikol for a lively talk on the bounding, sliding, swimming otter! We'll explore the natural history of this charismatic local mammal, discover the role the otter plays in Chesterfield's watersheds, and learn how to recognize its tracks and sign.

Questions? Contact us at [chesterfield.conservation@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfield.conservation@gmail.com)

All are welcome at this free event. Light refreshments will be served. This is part of a continuing series of talks, field walks, and workshops sponsored by the Conservation Commission focused on ecological connections and watershed health.



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