

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS JULY 2025



TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2025

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

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

Board of Selectmen

Wednesdays, July 9 & 23 6:00 pm Town Office/Zoom

(Every other Wednesday)

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, July 10 6:00 pm Town Office

(2nd and 4th Thursdays - only 1 meeting this month)

Planning Board

Mondays, July 7 & 21 7:00 pm Town Office/Zoom

(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, July 17 6:30 pm Town Office/Zoom

(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, July 21 6:30 pm Center Fire Station

(3rd Monday)

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

No meeting in July

(3rd Thursday - exception this month)

Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 15 6:30 pm Chesterfield Library

(3rd Tuesday)

Conservation Commission

No meeting in July

(4th Monday)

Chesterfield Revitalization Group

Monday, July 14 5:00 pm Town Office

(2nd Monday)

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission

Wednesday, July 9 6:30 pm Historical Soc. Bldg

(2nd Wednesday)



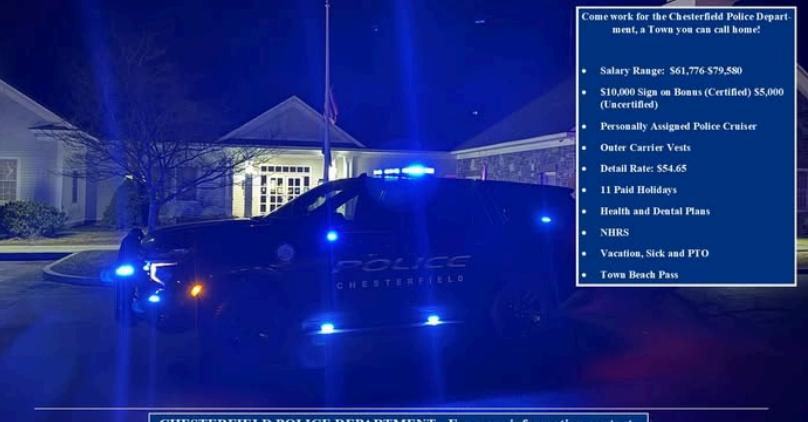
Congratulations! The Chesterfield Police Department welcomes its newest member, Lieutenant John Ciarcia (pronounced Cha-Cha). Lieutenant Ciarcia took his oath of office last night with his family, friends, and colleagues present. Justice of the peace Penny Cooper administered Lieutenant Ciarcia's oath of office followed by his wife presenting him with his badge. Lieutenant Ciarcia brings eight years of dedicated experience to the Chesterfield Police Department. During his career, Lieutenant Ciarcia served as a patrol officer, a Master Patrolman, and Sergeant. His leadership, professionalism, and commitment to public safety make him an asset to our department.

Please help us welcome and congratulate Lieutenant Ciarcia and say hello when you see him in Town!



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE NOW
HIRING**

\$29.70hr Starting Pay (Uncertified)





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

The Highway Department completed chip sealing on Lincoln Road and Sugar Maple Road at the end of June. This process will lengthen the life of the pavement. The roads will be swept in early July to pick up loose stones.

In Mid-July, we will start gravel road reconstruction on Gulf Road between Merrifield and Bradley Roads.

Please call with any questions or concerns.

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](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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

July's EDC meeting will be on July 10th at 6pm in the McKeon Room at the Town Office. There will be no meeting on July 24th.

There will be only one meeting in August on the 14th.

Come September the EDC will resume its two times a month meeting.

If you would like for your business to be listed in the Chesterfield business directory – Yes there is one! Please contact EDC@nhchesterfield.com



TOWN CLERK NEWS

It's July, 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 OR phone 603-363-8071 x11.

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!



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Happy Summer,

Crazy weather here in New England, we go from days of rain, to heat wave and record breaking heat. Hopefully everyone stayed cool.

Rec Camp started last week and the kids have been having a blast. We have a very busy summer with a lot of kiddos and all our Counselors from last year have returned, so the kids are very familiar with the staff! We have 4 new lifeguards this year and they have been doing an Awesome job, especially the 2 days that were extremely hot!!

North Shore Bathrooms are now opened and hopefully the leak has been figured out. Sorry for the inconveince this may have caused but things that happen like this are out of our control and we must wait for them to be fixed.

Yoga on the Beach is every Sunday at 9:00 AM with Erin Soltys, please stop down and enjoy a class.

Yoga at the Town Hall on Tuesdays had their last day on June 24th, so they will be taking the summer off and will resume again in September.

Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director



Chesterfield Public Library July 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.

Children/Youth

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!

Color Wheel Popsicles, Tuesday, July 8, 10:30 - 11:15 am

Join art teacher Melanie Fedorowicz at the library to learn about the color wheel and make a colorful popsicle painting using warm and cool colors! Open to all children in grades K-5.

Teen Craft: Colorful Bookmarks, Thursday, July 10, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Get creative and make your own bookmarks with quotes, designs, and fun decorations. Perfect for your summer reading adventure! Open to all tweens/teens in grades 6 and up.

Butterfly Art, Tuesday, July 22, 10:30 - 11:15 am

Join art teacher Melanie Fedorowicz at the library to make a colorful butterfly using both printmaking and painting skills! Open to all children in grades K-5.

Family Movie Night, Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 pm

Bring the whole crew and join us for a fun movie night featuring **Paddington** (PG) at the library! Popcorn and lemonade provided. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

VMNH: Colors of the Wild, Saturday, July 26, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Vermont Museum of Natural History will visit us with a live animal presentation at the Town Hall. Learn about the different ways animals view color and the world around them.

Adult

Chinese Tea Tasting, Wednesday, July 2, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join Grace Li for a serene summer tea tasting where we'll explore the flavors, stories, and traditions behind Chinese teas—a quiet journey into the spirit of Zen—savoring each sip, and the present moment. Registration required.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, July 8, 5:30-6:30 pm

The Library's adult book club will discuss **I Have Some Questions For You by Rebecca Makkai**. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Intro to Sewing: Lined Bag, Wednesdays, July 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 am

Join Cathy Harvey for this hands-on class series where you'll learn to read a simple pattern and use a sewing machine to create your very own lined bag—perfect for beginners!

Book Binding, July 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join the librarians to create your own custom journal using the art of Coptic binding! Learn to design and hand-stitch a one-of-a-kind book to take home. [Registration required.](#)

Breakfast Book Discussion, Thursday, July 31, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join our Director to discuss **Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation** by Cokie Roberts. Pick up a copy of the book at the front desk when you sign up for this program. Pastries and coffee will be served.

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, July 10, 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, July 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, July 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 Library Meeting, Tuesday, July 1, 5:30 pm
Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Library to help work on special projects. The Friends of the Chesterfield Library are instrumental in providing support to the library.



CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The weather has kept us in a state of flux [and wardrobe changes], from chilly and lots of rain to a blast of Summer that was simply too hot and humid for many of us. I am challenged by the heat, thanks in part to low blood pressure, but the upside of those hot days are the early mornings and evenings. The temperature, the beautiful bird song and the soft quiet of a world at rest. Whatever your mode for taking in that time of day it's well worth the peace of mind it can bring to you. So, if you haven't already discovered such times, give it a try when the next blast of heat comes our way, which it surely will...

This is the time of year when our efforts need to be focused on hunting down and removing invasive plants as they take advantage of the cover they get from the plants we want to encourage in our yards and gardens. If I can, I will remove them at the base but often that can damage the plants I want to preserve so I will remove as much of the top of the plant, usually a vine, depriving it of the sun. The vines are many with some that are becoming more aggressive.

We've been tackling oriental bittersweet and Virginia creeper for years along with one of the bindweeds, but now one of the most aggressive is vetch. I found some good information on the bindweeds at blogs.cornell.edu. and there are other good sources at the CCC website. I'm still hunting around for more information on the vetch family of plants and using iNaturalist to help identify some new plants I've come across in my wanderings. I'll keep you posted as I learn more about what appear to be the new kids on the block, or, simply plants that have become more vigorous thanks to the new weather patterns we are experiencing.

So take advantage of the cooler, quieter hours, passing time in your gardens or a lovely bouquet from our local Farmers Market and enjoy the Summer ☀️



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!

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.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – July 2025 Report

OEM is a complementary organization to the Chesterfield Police, Fire and other local resources and is available to assist in any emergency. In the past, we have opened Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) while there were power outages and we maintain an active inventory of supplies for residents and their small pets.

Summer 2025 Activities

1. CPR, AED and Safety Training has started – with our first CPR/AED class on 6/24.

Our first class was attended by (14) residents & they received valuable training!

We will look to September to schedule a First Aid/CPR/AED class for the town.

We have contracted with a local Keene firm where some of us took the course. Fees are \$10 for CPR/AED (1-2 hrs) and \$55 for CPR/AED/Safety Training (4-5 hrs) For Information: Contact Ralph Petti at ralphpetti1@gmail.com or 908.310.6381

2. Education – Helping residents learn how to identify and respond to disaster events. With many incidents occurring in communities like ours, our #1 Objective is stepping up our community training activities and educating our community. Please watch for announcements of such opportunities for you and your family.

3. Collaboration – Our OEM team collaborates with Police, Fire, 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. And, we always need more volunteers!

4. Partnering – We are working closely with HSEM to find Grants and other financial programs to extend our safety ambitions. In working with neighboring towns, our OEM team has established relationships to assist one another in response 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 of this program!

Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

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

*Menu - Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad,
Chips, Poke Cake & Cold Drinks*

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

CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET

*Saturdays, 9 am to Noon
Route 63
Chesterfield Center*

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Stone House Tavern Museum has opened!

The museum will be open on summer Saturdays from 10AM – 1 PM

(EXCEPT for JULY 5th)

Admission is free – Donations are Welcomed

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