

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS AUGUST 2025



BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTES

There will be two public hearings held in August concerning the possible replacement or repair of the Ware's Grove cottage. Due to very deteriorated wood and mold, the building has been deemed to have very little structural integrity and is therefore unsafe to be lived in as is.

The first hearing will be on Monday, August 11th at 6:30 at the Town Hall and will be presented by the Board of Selectmen. The second hearing will be on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 also at the Town Hall and is for the Budget Committee who will ultimately vote on the possible use of emergency funds to pay for a solution to this issue.

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2025

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

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, August 6 & 20
(Every other Wednesday)

6:00 pm **Town Office/Zoom**

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, August 14 & 21
(2nd and 4th Thursdays - exception this month)

6:00 pm **Town Office/Zoom**

Planning Board

Mondays, August 4 & 18
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

7:00 pm **Town Office/Zoom**

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, August 21
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

6:30 pm **Town Office/Zoom**

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, August 18
(3rd Monday)

6:30 pm **Center Fire Station**

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Thursday, August 21
(3rd Thursday)

6:00 pm **Spofford Fire Station**

Library Board of Trustees

No meeting this month
(3rd Tuesday)

6:30 pm **Chesterfield Library**

Conservation Commission

Monday, August 25
(4th Monday)

7:30 pm **Town Office**

Chesterfield Revitalization Group

Monday, August 11
(2nd Monday)

5:00 pm **Town Office**

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission

Wednesday, August 13
(2nd Wednesday)

6:30 pm **Historical Soc. Bldg**



Thank you to the Boat Ramp Committee, Ron Coburn, Bayard Tracy and Christopher Oot (Mary Ewell selectboard representative) for working diligently to complete the recent update of the Spofford Lake boat ramp ahead of schedule. The committee accessed federal grant funds and private donations to complete this work at no cost to taxpayers.





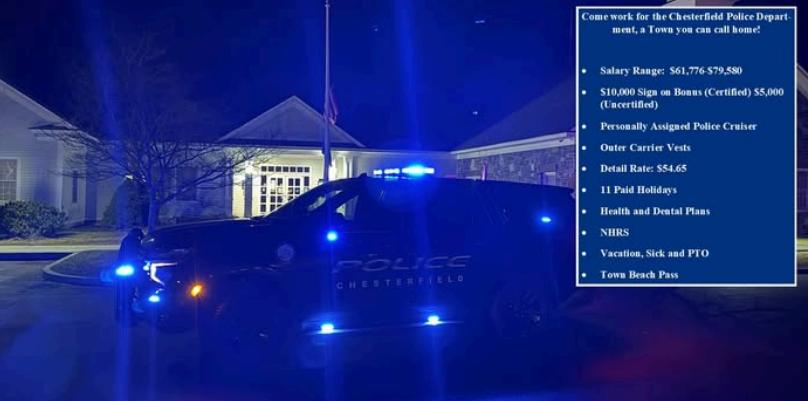
The Chesterfield Police Department is excited to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Samantha Winchester!

Samantha comes with over twenty years of administrative and management experience and has a strong commitment to community support. In her new role, Samantha will be assisting with the day-to-day operations of the police department and will keep things running smoothly behind the scenes.

We are thrilled to have Samantha as a part of our department and know the community will join us in giving her a warm welcome!

**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 has started the Gulf Road improvement project. They will be working on it for the next 2 weeks and thank all who need to travel on Gulf Road for their patience during this time.

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 - 2025

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

At 6 pm in the Town Offices with a zoom option

Thurs. Aug. 14 & Aug. 21



TOWN CLERK NEWS

Welcome Bear our August Town Clerk Mascot sitting pretty in a field of daffodils earlier this year.



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

It is so crazy how fast summer can go! Hard to believe that it is almost half over!! The weather has been beautiful and our beaches are busy! Selling lots of Ice Cream and snacks at our Concession Stand at Wares Grove.

Rec Camp is in full swing and the kids are having a blast. We have been playing lots of water games and last week we had Camp Olympics and each child earned a medal in their favorite sport.

Soccer sign ups for Kindergarten through 6th Grade will start on Tuesday July 29th and Wednesday July 30th at Wares Grove Beach in the Grove area from 4:00-6:00. The registration forms will be on the Town Website if you would like to fill them out and bring them with you to registration. We are in need of many coaches this year, as a lot of our previous coaches' kids have aged out of the program. Please consider volunteering this season.

Yoga on the Beach is every Sunday at 9:00 AM with Erin Soltys, please stop down and enjoy a class. She has been getting quite a few people each week and they are having a lot of fun!!!

Yoga at the Town Hall on Tuesdays has paused for the remaining of the summer and will start up again sometime in the fall.

Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director



Chesterfield Public Library August 2025 Events

Please Note:

The library will close early at 6:00 pm on Thursdays, August 7, 21, and 28.

The library will close early at 4:30 pm on Thursday, August 14.

The library will be open 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 16.

Everyone

Color Our World: CPL Summer Reading Program 2025, now – August 9, ongoing.

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

Children/Youth

Tie-Dye Party, Saturday, August 9, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Enjoy fun games and cool frozen treats as we celebrate the end of our summer reading program! Bring a clean white shirt to create your own vibrant tie-dye design.

Little Gardeners' Storytime, Monday, August 4 at 11:00 am Join us for a garden-themed storytime and then venture outside to our raised garden beds to help care for our vegetables! This will be our last summer meeting! Storytime will return in September.

Color Adventures: Sun-catchers, Tuesday, August 5, 10:30 - 11:15 am Join the librarians to create your own colorful jellyfish sun-catchers! Open to all children in grades K-5.

Teen Craft: Shrinky Dinks, Thursday, August 7, 5:00 – 5:45 pm Create mini-masterpieces to turn into jewelry, keychains & more. Open to all tweens/teens in grades 6 and up. Please note: the library closes at 6:00 pm this day.

Adult

Library Book Club, Tuesday, August 12, 5:30-6:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit Chicks, Tuesdays, August 5 and 19 at 1:00 pm The Knit Chicks meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to craft gear for people in the Monadnock region. Crocheters are welcome!

Quilting Guild, Monday, August 18 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.

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 COMMITTEE



No doubt, I was not the only one breathing a sigh of relief as a steady rainfall watered the Earth and rained enough to be what I call puddle-worthy, filling our wells and watering buckets for when the sun returns. Another steady source of water for the garden is from the dehumidifiers in our basement, a way to find a silver lining with the high humidity we are regularly experiencing. Another aspect of the climate I've become aware of, is the Air Quality Index. When we woke yesterday to such a thick haze we couldn't see the mountains to our west, I checked our local Air Quality Index and it was far higher than I have seen it and an air alert had been issued.

The cause of the poor air quality was due to tiny particulates in the air, that when inhaled, can cause serious health problems, especially for anyone with existing health issues. In the past we have had wildfire smoke cause air alerts but yesterday's alert was focused on local emissions from various sources, such as tailpipe emissions. When combined with high humidity, the particles become heavier and move closer to the ground, thus impacting the air we breathe as we go about our activities outside. It is recommended that on such days we should be mindful about our activities, such as running and biking that cause us to breathe deeply and opt for a walk instead, preferably in a wooded area away from roads or at least vehicles! It is simply a sad fact about the climate we are now living in.

For greater detail, I suggest you check out Air Quality Index at vox.org.

On a happier note, this past Friday, as I stood in our back field, the evening sky dazzled me with a glorious display of clouds in every direction. Yes, there are challenges we are being faced with in the world, but there is always something to spark joy and wonder.



Chesterfield Cemetery Commission

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is composed of 5 elected members and a Selectboard representative; they are tasked with overseeing Chesterfield's 24 cemeteries. The current members of the Commission are: Margaret Winn (chair), Jeff Titus (secretary), Ed Cheever, Bruce Potter, and Karen Denzler. The Selectboard representative is Gary Winn. Russ Mundell is the Sexton and he is responsible for overseeing our landscaping crew and, most importantly, coordinating funerals.

The Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month – April through October – at 6:30 pm at the Chesterfield Historical Society building and the meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Commission.

We want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our incredible grounds crew: Russ, James, Arthur, Kevin, and Sam. They maintain the grounds for all 24 cemeteries and mowing all town property (except Ware's Grove). They work in all kinds of weather; some quite challenging, like all the rain we had this spring and the recent stifling heat. Thank you for your hard-work and dedication.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – August 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. We are hopeful of completing an updated inventory this year and will be asking OEM folks to volunteer.

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

We will look to September to schedule a First Aid/CPR/AED class for the town as we can collaborate with the School, Library and other resources with flyers, etc.

2. Investments This Year – As we have gotten more Grant funding (\$38,000) since our new OEM Administration took over in 2021 than what we spent in our total Budgets (about \$3,000), we will be spending funds to support our Educational events this year in the form of Signage, Flyers, Premium Items and the like.

3. 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.

4. Neighboring Town Collaboration – Over the past few weeks, we have engaged with OEM personnel in Greenville, NH, Westmoreland, NH and other local towns. We are continuing to build our relationships so that we can assist one another.

5. Local Support - 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!

6. Communication – Social media sites such as the Chesterfield community, the OEM and Police Facebook pages are excellent resources for general awareness.

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!



Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

*Senior Luncheon takes a break for the month of August.
They will be back in September.*

CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET

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

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

*Who was John Stark?
Tuesday, August 19
7 pm
Chesterfield Town Hall
Presented by George Morrison*

The State motto "Live Free or Die" is widely recognized, but few know it originated with General John Stark. George Morrison will dive into his

life and reveal the real man behind the motto.

*Program is Free and refreshments will be served.
All Are Welcome!*

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Stone House Tavern Museum

Open on Saturdays from 10AM – 1 PM

Last day of the season is August 30th

Admission is free – Donations are Welcomed



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