

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 2025



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, September 3 & 17
(Every other Wednesday)

Economic Development Committee

6:00 pm Town Office/Zoom

Thursday, September 11 & 25 (2nd and 4th Thursdays)	6:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Planning Board		
Mondays, September 15 (1st and 3rd Mondays- no meeting this month due to holiday)	7:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Thursday, September 18 (3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)	6:30 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Monday, September 15 (3rd Monday)	6:30 pm	Center Fire Station
Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Thursday, September 18 Station (3rd Thursday)	6:00 pm	Spofford Fire
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, September 16 (3rd Tuesday)	6:30 pm	Chesterfield Library
Conservation Commission		
Monday, September 29 (4th Monday)	7:30 pm	Town Office
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, September 8 (2nd Monday)	5:00 pm	Town Office
Chesterfield Cemetery Commission		
Wednesday, September 10 (2nd Wednesday)	6:30 pm	Historical Soc. Bldg
Budget Committee		
Tuesday, September 23	7:00 pm	Town Office



The Chesterfield Police Department would like to congratulate Officer Emily Rosploch (pronounced Ross-plock), who graduated from the 200th police academy earlier this afternoon. Officer Rosploch joined our department in January and has completed months of intensive training to prepare her for her role in serving our community. She will begin her Field Training on Monday and is a welcome addition to our department. Please join us in congratulating Officer Rosploch!



Now Hiring- Join our team of Dedicated Professionals!

The Chesterfield Police Department is seeking motivated, community-oriented individuals to serve as Full-Time Police Officers. We are committed to protecting and serving our community with integrity, professionalism, and respect. This is your opportunity to make a real difference while building a rewarding career in public service!

Applications and resumes will be accepted to fill vacancies until September 1, 2025. Part-time positions are also available. For more information, contact Lieutenant John Ciarcia at jciarcia@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov or by phone (603) 363-4233 ext. 62.

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE NOW
HIRING**

\$15,000 Sign on Bonus (Certified)
\$7,500 Uncertified

A recruitment advertisement for the Chesterfield Police Department. The background is a night photograph of a police car with its lights on, parked in front of a building. The text is overlaid on the image. The text includes the department's name, the hiring status, and the two available sign-on bonuses. To the right, there is a box with a police badge icon and a list of benefits. At the bottom, there is a contact box with the department's name and a phone number.

HIGHWAY NEWS

Regular maintenance and odd jobs are going on in the highway department.

Please call with any questions or concerns.

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

The Swap Shop is cleaned out on Wednesdays. It will be closed every Wednesday until 12:00 noon.

Please call with any questions.

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

The Economic Development Committee will meet on Sept 11 & 25th

The Sept 11th meeting will be strategizing how we can effectively handle the events we put on each year, especially the upcoming November Artisan Event.

All are welcomed to participate.

OPEN TO ALL 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS!

2025

NH SECRETARY OF STATE "I VOTED" STICKER CONTEST!

I VOTED!

I VOTED

I Voted

2023 WINNERS

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS:
"CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY!"

TOPICS YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER:

NH FIRST-IN-THE-NATION PRIMARY;
HONORING PLACES THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR IDENTITY;
RECOGNIZING EVENTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR STORY...

ANYTHING THAT MAKES NH UNIQUE!

FOUR WINNING STICKERS WILL BE
SELECTED AND HANDED OUT TO GRANITE
STATE VOTERS DURING THE 2026
STATE ELECTIONS!

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO ENTER!
CONTEST ENDS
OCTOBER 14TH.

TOWN CLERK NEWS

The legislator has increased fees on motor vehicles effective January 1, 2026. You can see the entire list of fee changes at the [Town Clerk's Website](#).

Please note that due to a software issue some new dog owners may be charged late fees when registering their dogs online. I have been refunding these fees before processing the dog license. I am working to try to find a solution to this issue. If you have noticed this issue, please know you may also mail in a check for the total fee indicated on the postcard + \$1 for the stamp/envelope.

The Town Clerk's Office hopes that all Chesterfield families enjoy a safe and productive school year!



It's a new month and a new Town Clerk Mascot!



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

WOW that sure was a fast summer. What started out as an awful rainy beginning turned into one of the nicest summers we have had in a long time. We love when we do not have a lot of rain or thunder and lightning here at the beach. The beaches will be closed Monday, September 1st for the season. Looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Rec Camp was a great success with lots of kiddos and we ended out the season with Kona Ice coming to us for a nice sweet treat. I would like to recognize 2 of our head counselors who have been with me for 3 summers as they both have graduated from college and will not be returning next summer. Rachael Rooney was such an asset to our program and she will for sure be missed next summer, She graduated from UNE and is on to pursue her career in Psychology. Taylor Smith graduated from Binghamton University in May and is on her way to Ithaca College in NY to pursue her Master's Degree in Speech and Language. Just wanted to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our children in our community. We have big shoes to fill, but I am confident we will find new counselors that will continue to nuture our children and make Rec Camp awesome!! Awesome job Taylor and Rachael we love you and we will all miss you!!

Soccer season will begin on September 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 at the front field of the school. It will be a Meet and Greet for all K-3 students who have registered. We have a big group of kids and I am forever grateful for the parents that always step up and volunteer coach, appreciate you greatly.

Excited to announce a new program this fall starting Tuesday September 9th at the Town Hall from 9:30-11:00 its Toddler Time, the cost is \$5.00 per child. With so many young families meeting weekly at the beach all summer I thought this would be a great addition to keep kids and parents socializing as we head into the fall and winter months.

Hope all our community kids have a great start to their school year. Hooray for parents it is back to routines in your home, And busy schedules with all the fall activities.

Darlene Smith
Parks and Recreation Director



Chesterfield Public Library September 2025 Events

Please note: The library will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

Children/Youth

Storytime, Mondays at 11:00 am Join us for a fun-filled Storytime with books, songs, and a hands-on craft each week! Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers. This program is designed to support early literacy skills. Come read, sing, create, and play with us! September Themes: Shapes, Apples, Fall, Doughnuts

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, September 27 at 11:00 am Join music teacher Cathy Harvey at the library for a fun-filled program designed for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers. Enjoy simple songs, interactive movement, and engaging stories together. Children will also have the chance to explore small percussion instruments and move to the music! This program takes place one Saturday each month. September's theme is "Back to School!"

Pizza Book Club, Tuesday, September 30, 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 *Trespassers* by Breena Bard. This program is open to all kids in grades 4-8. Please sign up on our website under the events page or call/visit the library. You can pick up a copy of each month's book at the front desk.

Teen Time, Tuesday, September 30, 4:00 - 5:00 pm Enjoy pizza and an activity while we hang out and talk about your ideas for the library! Let's make buttons, perfect to pin on your backpack and express your style. Open to all teens in grades 7-12.

Please sign up on our website under the events page or call/visit the library.

Adult

Spice Club, Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm This month we will feature basil and there will be something for you to taste. Join us to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, September 9, 5:30-6:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the award-winning novel, *James* by Percival Everett. Stop by the

library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

**Chinese Calligraphy Class Series. Wednesdays, September 10 – October 15,
10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Explore Chinese calligraphy while learning the beauty and wisdom of its culture. A quiet time to create, connect, and enjoy mindfulness through every brushstroke. This class will meet 6 times. Registration is required and space is limited. Please sign up on our website under the events page or call/visit the library. Supplies are provided.

Creative Writing Group, Thursday, September 11, 6:00 – 7:30 pm The Chesterfield Writers Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Chesterfield Public Library. This group is for anyone who has a love for the written word. We look at the Craft of Writing and apply various techniques during the writing process. Come and write in a supportive and inclusive atmosphere. For more information email: Christina Cooper @ cooperchristina030@gmail.com

Intro to Electric Vehicles, Thursday, September 18, 6:30 pm Presenters John Kondos and Steve Russell will talk about how Electric vehicles (EVs) are reshaping the auto industry and challenging traditional markets. In 2023, the world's best-selling car was an EV. Hear from local owners about their experiences—spoiler: EVs are fun, safe, and cheaper to run than gas-powered cars.

**Solar System Exploration and Colonization: What will it take? Thursday,
September 25, 6:30–7:30 pm**

As humanity endeavors to venture beyond the relative safety of Earth, we will encounter extreme and unfamiliar environments. Building a home far away from home requires cleverness, resourcefulness, and problem solving. This talk will present some of the challenges and possible solutions to living on the Moon, Venus, Mars, outer solar system, and even space itself. There will be plenty of Q&A and discussion is encouraged! Presented by Erik Schmitt, who currently serves on the board of the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group. This program is intended for adults as well as ages 12+.

Breakfast Book Club, Thursday, September 25, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join us for lively morning discussions of nonfiction books over coffee and light bites. This month we will be reading, Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland by Patrick Radden Keefe. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book. All are welcome!

Knit Chix, Tuesdays, September 2 and 16, 1:00 pm Enjoy knitting and crocheting with the knit Chix as they meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to learn from each other.

Quilting Guild, Monday, September 15 at 1:00 pm All levels are welcome! Join us to learn from each other and explore new techniques as well as exploring color work within quilting.

Tech Drop-In, Wednesdays at 4:00 pm Do you have technology questions or need help with using the internet? The library staff will also help you get set up with Creative Bug, Kanopy, and Libby which are free to Library Patrons.

Friends of the Chesterfield Library Meeting, Tuesday, September 2, 5:30 pm Join the Friends of the Chesterfield 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 COMMITTEE

👉 A Little of This and That 🌱

My husband had a recent conversation with someone about all the goldenrod growing in our yard and they responded by saying that is what causes allergies. Needless to say, I reminded him that it is not the goldenrod but the ragweed that is the culprit. Though the plants are in the same family, they disperse their seeds differently. The goldenrod relies on pollinators while the ragweed relies on the wind, hence the difference of tiny wind blown particles being the irritant, just as other fine particulates such as dust and other wind reliant seeds can activate the sneezing! It's also worth noting that the goldenrod has bright yellow flowers beckoning the birds, bees and butterflies while the ragweed has green flowers which are fairly nondescript as the wind will take care of spreading its seeds. And then we have other creatures that help in moving seed such as squirrels and chipmunks.

We have Rosa rugosa off our back deck and the critters love to feast on the rose hips, something I enjoyed nibbling on as a child! And we have a lovely, lone pumpkin blossom growing in the spot where our Halloween pumpkin sat last Fall. So many ways in which the natural world moves around us 😊

And speaking of moving, I wanted to give another mention of the CCC's next event, the Watershed Health Initiative on September 27th. More information will be provided on the CCC website as we get closer to the date. And a fun added note, the 27th is also National Public Lands Day. What better way to celebrate than to visit and learn about the importance of our town's watersheds? Hope to see you there!



Chesterfield Conservation Commission News

The Chesterfield Conservation Commission is pleased to present:

**California Brook Headwaters
Conservation on Private Ownerships**

With Alex Metzger

September 27, 9:00 AM

Prouty Road Trailhead, Chesterfield

Some of our most important wildlands are protected through private ownership. Visit one of these with Alex Metzger of the Monadnock Conservancy and learn how the land trust partners with private owners to conserve lands with extraordinary conservation value. Questions? Contact us at chesterfield.conservation@gmail.com

All are welcome at this free event. Wear suitable clothing and footwear for a short hike. Assistance is available to bring those in need from the parking area to the Headwaters area.

Presented by the Chesterfield Conservation Commission and the Monadnock Conservancy as part of the
Chesterfield Watershed Health Initiative

OTTERS IN FRIEDSAM TOWN FOREST

Laura White, Chesterfield resident and teacher at our school recently observed three otters in Friedsam Town Forest. This is good news, because as Susie Spikol pointed out during her June presentation "Utterly Otters", the presence of otters suggests a healthy watershed.

The Conservation Commission appreciates the support we receive from our town residents and welcomes your observations of otters and other interesting wildlife as you explore our town's natural resources. You can email your observations to chesterfield.conservation@gmail.com.

Join us for our next event in our Watershed Health Initiative when we visit the California Brook Headwaters on September 27th. Details will be forthcoming on our website <https://www.chesterfield-conservation-commission.com/> and will be posted on public spaces throughout town.

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is tasked with overseeing 24 properties. Here is a little bit of trivia about those properties.

1 - First of all, what is the difference between a burial ground (BG) and a cemetery? A BG is a small, private burial place and a cemetery is a public or town-owned site. Chesterfield has 15 BGs and 9 Cemeteries.

2 – Chesterfield West Cemetery, located on Poor Road, is the largest of our cemeteries.

3 – Poocham Road has the most burial sites. There are a total of 4 located on this road; 3 BGs and 1 cemetery

4 – To date, there are approximately 4000 people buried in Chesterfield.

5 – The oldest known headstone is located in the Thomas BG, atop a knoll, deep in the woods, on private land overlooking the Connecticut River. Aaron Thomas, just 7 months old, died in May 1765. There are only 2 headstones in the BG and there is no surrounding wall or fence, no entrance road, and no formal layout, but these 2 graves are of historic interest to Chesterfield because they are close to one of the earliest sites to be settled in this town.

In a future article we'd like to feature interesting epitaphs found around town, and we can use your help. If you happen to be visiting or exploring any of our burial grounds or cemeteries and come across any, please take photos or write them down and share them with us. You can send them to: relznedgk@gmail.com

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – September 2025 Report

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) - SOEM 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.

This is our first date for First Aid/CPR/AED: Saturday - Sept 20th 10am-3pm

This is our first date for CPR/AED: Sept 17th 10am-Noon

PLEASE TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS & FAMILY TO CONSIDER THIS

2. Chesterfield OEM Hosting Regional Town Collaboration Night – In conjunction with our Safety Training initiative, we are inviting Fitzwilliam, Hinsdale, Keene, Richmond, Swanzey, Surry, Troy, Walpole, Westmoreland and Winchester OEM Directors to our town hall to have a meet-and-greet reception to get to know one another. This has been lauded by our HSEM mgmt and we are thrilled to host it.

3. 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 totals Budgets (about \$3,000), we will be spending funds to focus on Safety Training!

Our Budget Request for 2026 will either be the same, or we can accept less!

4. 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!

5. 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!



Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

We focus on Public Safety for Chesterfield NH residents!

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR IT... NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

OEM to offer Safety Training at The Chesterfield School

Critical CPR & AED Training...for just \$10/resident

Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 6-8pm – an event to learn basic skills

Certified First Aid, CPR & AED...for just \$55/resident

Saturday, Sept. 20th at 9am-2pm – 4 1/2 -hours with a Certificate

*** Space is limited so please sign up asap ***

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR PREFERENCE OF A COURSE:

CPR+AED _____ First Aid + CPR + AED _____

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Pls return to OEM Director: Ralph Petti at ralphpetti1@gmail.com

For any questions, call Ralph at 908.310.6381

Community Events

SENIOR LUNCHEON

*Wednesday, September 10, 12:30 pm
Ham, Cowboy Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Blueberry Cake
Please call (603) 363-9319
by 5 pm on Monday, September 8
to make a reservation*

CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET

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

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

50th Anniversary

Open House

Chesterfield Historical Society Building

(Next to the Town Hall)

Sunday, Sept. 7th at 1pm

Free - All Welcome

*Festivities will include,
Acknowledging our Charter Members,
Dedication of the Blacksmith Sign,
The Restored 1760 Original Parchment Chart of the Town will be
displayed
Plenty of Historical Displays
Meet and Greet the Board Members
And a Cake, of Course, to Celebrate*

The Public is invited to Discover Chesterfield History



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