

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS

December 2023



Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Board of Selectmen Notes December 2023

Although we still have 25 shopping days to go,
The Board of Selectmen would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

We are looking to hire for 2 positions in the Town of Chesterfield. Our long-time sexton is retiring and we will need a new sexton in the spring. Please see below in the Cemetery Commission news for a full description of this position.

Also, we are looking for an additional person in the Board of Selectman office.

Planning/Zoning & Office Secretary

The Town of Chesterfield is currently accepting applications and resumes for a full-time (35 - 40 hours) per week position with benefits. Starting pay is \$21.00/hr.

Duties will include but are not limited to: performing a variety of clerical, secretarial and administrative work, keeping official records, assisting in the administration of the standard operating procedures of the Town and providing administrative support to the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Selectmen's Office including the attendance of three evening meetings a month for minute taking. An employment application can be printed from the town website (www.nhchesterfield.nh.gov) or pick up an application at the Selectmen's Office 490 Route 63, Chesterfield, NH 03443. Drop-off or mail your application and/or resume to PO Box 175, Chesterfield, NH 03443, or email at townadmin@nhchesterfield.com

The NHDOT has contacted the Town of Chesterfield and they are looking for feedback on the Intersection Collision Avoidance Systems they deployed around the State including the intersection of NH 9 and NH 63 in Chesterfield. Please take a minute to fill out the survey regarding the matter.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid>

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2023

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Monday December 25, 2023

Please note that the Transfer Station dates are different and 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, December 13 & 27 6:00 pm Town Office/Zoom
(Every other Wednesday)

Economic Development Committee

Thursday, December 14 & 28 6:00 pm Town Office
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)

Planning Board

Mondays, December 4 & 18 7:00 pm Town Office/Zoom
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, December 21 6:30 pm Town Office/Zoom
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Monday, December 18 6:30 pm Center Fire Station
(3rd Monday)

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

Thursday, December 21 6:00 pm Spofford Fire Station
(3rd Thursday)

Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 pm Chesterfield Library
(3rd Tuesday)

Conservation Commission

Monday, December 4 7:30 pm Town Office
(4th Monday - typically, this month is different)

Budget Committee

Tuesday, December 12 7:00 pm Town Office

Historical Society

Tuesday, December 26 7:00 pm Town Office

Chesterfield Revitalization Group

Monday, December 11 5:00 pm Town Office
(2nd Monday)

Watershed Committee

Thursday, December 7 9:30 am Town Office

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

A message from Duane Chickering --

At this time, we are currently seeing a large uptick in fraudulent websites, especially coming from Facebook. We have had multiple residents being told that they have a virus after clicking on an ad on Facebook. These sites lead you to the scammers who will attempt to get personal information, as well as your bank account information.

There were many fraudulent "Black Friday" sites which purported to have huge savings from major name brands. If it seems too good to be true, it usually is.

As we near the Holidays, Porch Pirates and mail thefts will be on the rise. Please pay special attention to mail and packages being delivered to your home. Do NOT leave them out for any extended periods of time.

On behalf of the Chesterfield Police Department, have a wonderful holiday.

The Chesterfield Police Department is seeking Full Time Certified applicants to fill (3) Full-Time Police Officer Positions for the Town of Chesterfield NH.

Qualifications:

- An associate degree, or higher, from an accredited college or university, is preferred.
- A physical agility test, oral board interview, background investigation, psychological evaluation, medical evaluation, and polygraph examination are required.

The Town of Chesterfield does have a residency requirement. If you are not currently a resident of Chesterfield, you must live in New Hampshire within 30 miles of the Chesterfield Police Station which is located at 490 Route 63 Chesterfield NH.

Benefits:

We are offering a competitive benefits package and starting salary of \$58,000.00. and a \$10,000.000 sign on bonus for New Hampshire full-time certified officers and \$5,000.000 sign on bonus for non-certified officers.

Applications with cover letter and resume' should be mailed to P.O. Box 231 Chesterfield, NH. 03443 or dropped off at the police department; Attention: Chief Duane Chickering.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Reminder: The town has enacted a winter parking ban effective November 15 through April 15, each year. This ban prohibits parking in or on the Town's roads or rights-of-way. The Town has the right to tow or ticket violators.

The purpose of this ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control routes and, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.

All cars found abandoned in the traveled portion of roads within the Town of Chesterfield between November 15th and April 15th hampering highway operations will be towed at the owner's expense.

Please be advised that there is no winter maintenance on the North Hinsdale Road between the Towns of Chesterfield and Hinsdale; this portion of the road has been closed for the winter months.

As per Town policy, the Town of Chesterfield plow truck drivers are not obligated to plow to mailboxes. However, the Town holds no financial responsibility for anything placed within Town right-of-ways that may be damaged by snow removal or normal road maintenance.

Sand Piles will continue to be located on Cady Lane, Pond Brook Road, Chamberlain Way and the intersection of Route 63 and Stage Road.



The Transfer Station is now accepting credit card payments. We also accept checks but we do not accept cash payments. Thanks for your understanding.

The Recycle Center is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, please arrive no later than 4:15PM to dispose of your rubbish.

Please crush your plastic bottles before placing them in the dumpster to ensure there is more room!

TRANSFER STATION - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Please note that the Town Office dates are different and listed above

Town Clerk's Office Holiday Schedule

Thurs. December 21st - No Phone Hrs

Tues. December 26th - Office Closed

Wed. December 27th - 9AM-1PM & 4-7PM

Thurs. December 28th - No Phone Hrs

**Wishing Chesterfield residents
the joy of the
holiday season**

CHESTERFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION NEWS

The Cemetery Commission is seeking to fill the Sexton's position. The Sexton is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of twenty-four (24) cemeteries in the Town of Chesterfield, as well as mowing grounds of various town-owned properties. Performs skilled labor in the operation of all types of mowing equipment, as well as the operation and use of vehicles, trailers and related equipment to transport same. Duties are varied, and include light equipment operation and manual labor assignments with lifting up to 75 pounds.

Minimum qualifications required include high school diploma or equivalent plus experience in the operation and maintenance of various types of mowing equipment. Possession of a valid driver's license. Willingness to be on call and ability to work outdoors under extreme weather conditions at certain times when necessary.

Send your resume to: The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission, Post Office Box 175, Chesterfield, NH 03443-0175 or email to mwinn3028@gmail.com.



Chesterfield Public Library

December 2023 Events

Children/Youth

Monday Storytime, Mondays at 11:00am Join us for stories, songs, and crafts aimed at the preschool age group.

Library Art Club, Monday December 4 and 18, at 3:00 pm.

Advanced registration is required to attend this program. Come and listen to a story read by one of Chesterfield's librarians and then create a project led by Chesterfield Art Teacher Melanie Fedorowicz. All projects will connect to our monthly theme, and we'll explore projects in materials such as clay, paint, and mixed media. December's theme is Animals in Winter: Who Hibernates and Who Doesn't?

Family Game Night, Thursday December 7 at 6:00-8:00 pm.

Stop by the Library and play a board game with friends, family, or the librarians!

Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, December 20 at 3:00pm This event is open to Middle Grade readers. This month we are reading Greenglass House by Kate Milford. Join us for a book discussion—snacks are provided! Sign up for the program and pick up a copy at the front desk.

Teen Book Club, Thursday, December 21 at 4:00pm Open to ALL teens, 8th-12th Grade! Hang out and join our discussion —snacks are provided! This month we will read Ain't Burned All The Bright by Jason Reynolds. Pick up a copy at the front desk!

Adult

Makers Meeting, Tuesday December 5th at 11:00am Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, December 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 the best.

Spice Club, Monday, December 11 at 6:00pm Join the Friends for an informal and fun hour presenting spices and recipes. This month we will feature Za'atar there will be something for you to taste! Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 pm The library has a new book club for adults. This month we will discuss the novel The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book!

Crochet Club, Thursday, December 21 at 12:00 pm Do you want to learn how to crochet, or craft with other crochet enthusiasts? Join us to learn a new project!

Tech Drop-In, Wednesdays at 4pm 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, December 5 at 5:30pm 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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

As you wander into the woods and forests, many of the forest floor plants continue to provide beautiful greenery throughout the season. I'm particularly fond of some the combinations you will find when you wander along the trails. I've provided a picture of partridge berry and wintergreen accompanied by one of the true mosses. As you start to take notice of certain plants, you will begin to see how, when finding one, you will find often find a companion plant close by, thanks to similar habitat characteristics. Another aspect of the small native plants is their vulnerability to constant compaction. When walking along a trail, you can easily see the compacted dirt bordered on both sides by the forest floor plants. Once the ground becomes well traveled, the plants can no longer grow, hence the

saying, "following the beaten path". So keeping to the designated trails will help keep the forest floor flourishing, providing for a more diverse and healthy forest. Get out and enjoy the trails we are so fortunate have available to us!



Parks and Rec Happenings,

November 17th we had 30 women show up for a fun paint night with Melanie Fedorowicz to paint a beautiful birch tree scene. We will be doing another one in January so watch for the date. They are usually a Friday night from 6-8. So a nice time to get out of the house and meet with friends.

December 8th from 5-8 at the Town Hall is Parents Night out. The cost is \$20.00 and we will provide Dinner, and crafts, and the kids can bring money and go shopping for parents and siblings. We will help them do the wrapping and they will be already to go under the tree when you pick them up and the shopping is done. The kids had a great time last year.

We are in the process of drawing up plans for a new Recreation Building to replace the old one that is at Wares Grove Beach, we will be having an informational meeting for that in February. We will talk about fundraising ideas and volunteers in the community that can help. It would be nice for our town to have a year-round rec building.

Happy Holidays,
Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chesterfield Economic Development Committee will be hosting the Business Expo on Saturday, April 6th from 9AM-2PM at the Old Town Hall. It is a free event for participants and not only an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to our local community (or for you to get to know us more) but also for our community to come to you to find services they need. We hope this event serves to build your business and help the community feel better connected and aware of the talent of our local businesses.

Please note, spots are limited and prioritized for businesses based in Chesterfield or owned or operated by Chesterfield residents. Unless otherwise specified, each vendor will share an 8' table with another non-

conflicting business. Tables are available on a first come first serve basis. To reserve your spot, Contact edc@nhchesterfield.com.

Chesterfield Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Report – December, 2023

Chesterfield OEM attends HSEM Regional Training event at Keene St. College On Nov 13th, our team attended the HSEM Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop where we met with OEM teams from Gilsum, Stoddard, Swanzey and others. This matched up well with our OEM team's goal of making connections NOW to support one another's towns in the event of any area disasters. It was led by the HSEM and also included Jack Wozmak, Cheshire County Commissioner, who welcomed Chesterfield's enthusiasm for partnering locally!!

Chesterfield OEM attends Vermont Animal Safety Planning session in November As we live so far away from HSEM HQ support for animals, our own Cheryl Maibusch made the connection for us with the VDART team to collaborate on solutions to assist one another if there is an event where animals need to be protected/transported. It is up to each resident to help to ensure the safety of their own pets – and this is an OEM initiative to assist in 2024.

The Flooding May Have Impacted Your Wells – Have it tested with this link! According to WMUR, the recent heavy rains may have affected your wells. Test them here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/environmental-health-and-you/water-testing>

Canadian Smoke issues and NH Air Purifier Rebates! The State of NH offers a 2023 Rebate for all certified ENERGY STAR Certified Room Air Purifiers (and, Dehumidifiers and Room Air Conditioners. Visit: <https://nhsaves.com/nh-rebates/>

OEM Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) provide power & shelter for you OEM is creating a THIRD OEM site to be at the Old Town Hall to complement the primary EOC at that OEM office and the secondary EOC at the Spofford Fire Station to serve our town.

Follow Chesterfield Social Media Sites to Get the Latest News! Our Police Department has an active "Chesterfield NH Police Department Facebook Page" and our town has a very, very active "Chesterfield NH Facebook Page" – check them out!!

Chesterfield OEM is working diligently to support our community! As our local government prepares for everyday emergencies, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. We always can use new volunteers! *** For info about "your" OEM Office – Please contact us at OEM@NHChesterfield.com ***

Submitted by Ralph Petti, Director – Office of Emergency Management – Cell: 908.310.6381

News from Chesterfield School

Basketball season has begun.. Games are on Tuesday and Thursdays starting at 3:45 p.m.
Parent Teacher Conferences are on December 8 (No school for the students)
School Board Meeting - Monday, December 11 at 5 pm
Early Release on December 22

Community Events

***Wednesday, December 13, 12:30 pm
Senior Luncheon at the Town Hall
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables, Cookies &
Ice Cream
For Reservations call (603) 363-9319, Suggested Donation is \$5
Please make your reservations by Monday, December 11 at 5
pm.***

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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