

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS

July 2023



Board of Selectmen Notes

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The Board of Selectmen is applying for a Housing Opportunity Program grant which will allow the town of Chesterfield to get assistance in analyzing and updating our land use regulations to help increase housing development opportunities and updating our Master Plan. One of the first things on our list is a townwide survey about housing needs assessments. Please be on the lookout for it during the month of July.

There will be a Summer Informational Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 pm. Topics to be discussed will include North Shore Road paving, recommendations from the Watershed Committee, Gravel Roads Committee and Chesterfield Revitalization Committee, Community Power, Spofford Lake boat launch, and the new police garage. Please join us with your questions.

Don't forget the Chesterfield Library BBQ to be held on Monday, July 10th at 5:30 pm. It will be a great opportunity to see your neighbors!

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2023

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Monday, September 4, 2023

Monday, October 9, 2023

Friday, November 10, 2023

Thursday, November 23, 2023

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)

The Board of Selectmen hold meetings every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM. The July schedule is July 12th and 26, 2023 at the Town Offices as well as virtually through Zoom.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on July 13th and 27th at 6PM at the Town Offices.

The Planning Board will meet in July on the 3rd and 17th at 7:00 PM in the Town offices and via Zoom.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a monthly meeting on July 20 , 2023 at 6:30 PM with hearings beginning no earlier than 6:45 PM at the Town Offices and via Zoom.

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners monthly meeting will be on July 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Center Fire Station.

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners monthly meeting will be on July 20, 2023 at 6 PM at the Spofford Fire Station. There will be a joint meeting with the Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners at 6:30 PM at the Spofford Fire Station.

The Conservation Commission is not meeting in July.

The Budget Committee will meet on July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Town Offices.

Library Trustee Board Meeting Tuesday July 18, 2023 6:30 PM at the Library.

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is meeting July 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Historical Society (518A, Route 63).

Chesterfield Historical Society Meeting Tuesday July 25 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices.

The Chesterfield Revitalization Committee will meet on July 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Offices.

Please check the Town of Chesterfield Website for the The Watershed Committee and Gravel Road Committee meeting dates and times.



**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

The rain in the last couple of weeks has created some culvert issues and road washouts. Please drive carefully and make sure to report any issues to us by calling 603-256-6629



Town of Chesterfield is looking for a Full-time Transfer Station Attendant. Job Type: Full-time 37 hrs a week, benefits, retirement.

Submit applications to the Selectmen's Office PO Box 175
Chesterfield, NH 03443 or in person 490 Route 63 Chesterfield, NH
03443.

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!

REMINDER: The Transfer Station will be **CLOSED** on **Tuesday July 4th** for the Holiday! Please plan accordingly

TRANSFER STATION - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following date:

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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

CHESTERFIELD TOWN CLERK



Town Clerk's Office

The Town Clerk's Office will be low staffed Monday and Tuesday, July 11-12th. Please allow extra time if you are visiting our office in person on those days.

On Thursday July 13th there will be no phone hours.

We hope all residents are having a safe and fun summer!

Office of the Tax Collector

Tax bills for the first bill of 2023 were sent out on May 11, 2023. If you have not received your bill in the mail by June 1, 2023, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 603-363-4624 ex.14 and we will send you another copy. This bill is due on July 5, 2023. In person payments can be made on Monday between 2:00 p m and 6:00 pm.

We will also be open for in-person payments on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 from 2-6PM. Also as a reminder, if you have an escrow account with your mortgage please do not send in a direct payment. We will not be making any refunds for overpayments until the middle of July so you could tie up your funds for a long period of time. We also offer electronic payments through the town's website under the Tax Collector department. Credit Card and Debit Card payments can only be made online. Cards cannot be accepted as an in-person payment in the office.



Chesterfield Public Library Events

Community BBQ & Brownie Sundae, Monday, July 10, 5:30pm-7:00pm
Come join the Library and the Friends of the Library to have food, play games, and just have fun together.

Children/Youth

Saturday Storytime, Saturdays at 11:00 AM
A family event for children of all ages; join us as we read picture books aloud and complete a craft! 7/15 will be held at the Library and Chesterfield Fire Station.

Family Movie Night, Thursday, July 6 at 5:00 PM
We will be screening The Super Mario Bros. Movie (rated PG) with our projector. Bring your own mat, blanket, and/or pillows to stretch out. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will provide popcorn and beverages! Registration is requested for this event (call or email ChesterfieldReads@gmail.com) but drop ins are also welcome!

Community Art Project, July 11-13, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Artist Rebekah Bassen will be on site Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10-2 this week! We will be weaving on a large loom that is much like a potholder loom.
This event is open to all ages!

Chesterfield Fire Department Visit, Saturday, July 15, 11:00 AM
We will read a story together at the library and then walk to the Fire Station to learn about fire safety and learn about the fire trucks.

Felting Balls Craft, Thursday, July 20, 11:00am-1:00pm
Join us to use water, soap and large roving to make small felt balls that bounce or use the same water, soap and roving to cover a medium ball and cut in half. You will have a vessel or small bowl.

Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, July 19 at 3:00 PM
This event is open to Middle Grade readers. This month we are reading the novel Lasagna Means I Love You by Kate O'Shaughnessy. Snacks will be provided! If you would like to join, pick up a copy at the Front Desk!

Adult

Identifying Ferns the Easy Way with Lynn Levine, Saturday, July 8 10:00am-12:00pm
The Friends of Chesterfield Library are hosting Lynn Levine at the town hall for this event. Advanced registration is required. Call (603) 363-4621 or visit the Library to register.

Artist Rebekah Bassen Presentation, Wednesday July 13, 6:00 PM
Rebekah Bassen is an artist and designer who works with hand woven textiles and sculptures as well as on paper developed using the techniques and processes of traditional surface design.

As a student of sociology and photography at Simmons college in Boston, she developed an observational practice that has translated to her works in fiber. Her work is formulated in response to sensory and psychological experiences as well as the properties of her physical materials. The resulting works are meditations on daily environments; the contrasts, compositions and shifting of the world around us.

In 2017, Rebekah received a BFA in Textile and Surface design from The Fashion Institute of Technology. She has applied the skills honed there in a variety of ways including textile education for youth, as a staff designer at a mill, designer of hospitality upholstery and as an art fabricator developing techniques for fine artists looking to incorporate fiber and textile techniques into their work.

Rebekah currently consults with artists and designers under her company R. Bassen Studio while continuing her own art practice with a current interest in large scale woven "paintings" and exploration of basketry technique.

NEW Library Book Club, Tuesday July 11, 5:30 PM
The Library is beginning a new book club for adults. This month we will discuss the novel Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doer. Stop by the Library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book! If you would like to join our book club give us a call or stop in and we will welcome you in to August Book Group.

Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, July 17 at 1:00 PM
Our quilting group meets once a month to work on projects and discuss their work. All levels are welcome to join! Join us to learn from the best.

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

Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library on July 18 @ 5:30 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



Parks and Recreation July Happenings

Summer is finally here and summer camp started on Monday, June 19th and the kids are all excited to be swimming in the lake and playing on the beach. It is going to be a great 8 weeks of camp with a different theme each week.

North Shore Bathrooms are all renovated and ready to use. A special thanks to Ray Dunn for using his spray gun to paint the bathrooms, Joe Hanzlik for putting in the 3 new doors and installing the beautiful floors, and Doug Adler for building our changing rooms (It was a big puzzle but he figured it out) Also a new gutter is up and in the next few days we will be staining and weatherproofing the deck (one bathroom will be opened at a time during this)

We have moved the resident-only beach sign closer to the road (Thanks for the help of Josh and Jack Lynde) and put one on each side to hopefully deter the non-residents for thinking they can enjoy North Shore Beach.

Very excited to have Erin Soltys starting Yoga on the beach on Sunday July 2nd from 9:00-10:00 am, at Wares Grove Beach.

More information can be found in her post on the Chesterfield Facebook Page. Who doesn't want to do yoga on the beach? so fun.

Happy Summer
Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There will be a summer craft fair that will be combined with the Saturday, Chesterfield Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 12th from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please come out and support our local Chesterfield artisans.

Our July meetings will be on the 13th and the 27th.

Questions? edc@nhchesterfield.com



Thanks to finally getting some good rainfall, the woods are a wonderful place to wander. It is also a great time to go searching for plants. To get you started, I'm sharing a picture of a Cinnamon Fern, a lovely contributor to the forest understory. See if you can find them and notice what kind of environment they are growing in. Then notice what other plants are sharing their plant community. Happy hunting!

Kathy Thatcher, **Chesterfield Conservation Commission**

Chesterfield Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Report – July 2023

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. OEM volunteers are trained to assist. This valuable course is designed as a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be alone and their actions can make a difference. We work closely with the NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM) teams and had our LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) approved and renewed for the next few years.

Updates to date from the Chesterfield OEM team:

1 – OEM offered N95 Masks via the OEM committee members to spread the word to residents when the Canadian Fire Smoke Conditions impacted our area in early June. If we had a more comprehensive mailing, we would have offered them directly to township resident. We are working on compiling a single list and encourage you to SIGN up when it is offered.

2 – OEM hosted an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) in March when the community lost power and we had a generator running in the OEM facility to provide power for phones, PCs, etc. We also provided snacks and were staffed by OEM volunteers in 2-hour shifts.

3 – There was a Chesterfield School Fire Educational Burn held on April 14 as a means to do training in the event of a field/area fire. Many Cheshire County organizations participated and it was also a big success. Our thanks to the many public and private entities participating.

4 – In FY'2022, our OEM team and Town Administrator, Alissa Thompson, worked together to use NH State Funding to purchase a number of resources. This was a 9:1 split for up to \$50,000 in risk-based supplies and services. Together with the OEM Budget, police and fire participation, we invested about \$5,000 and the State of NH matched us with about \$45,000 in funds.

5 – Within this 9:1 Grant program, Chesterfield gained the following important safety items;

- a. New generator
- b. New electrical road sign
- c. New AEDs for police use
- d. New telephone system in the OEM office
- e. Additional PPE's, masks, supplies, kits for COVID support
- f. MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and other necessary supplies.

6 – On Saturday, June 3, Ralph Petti and John Keppler (Deputy OEM Director), attended an all-day Emergency Preparedness event in the Concord region to learn of new resources available by HSEM and other agencies and to network with neighboring town. Thanks for going, John!!

*** 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

Thank you for your support and participation!



Community Events

Every Saturday 9 to noon: **Chesterfield Farmers' Market**. Veggies, flowers, plants, breads & sweets, maple syrup, honey, crafts. Route 63 in the center of Chesterfield.

The Spofford Lake Association is pleased to host a Zoom session on "Understanding Loons" on July 13 at 7:00pm. Spofford Lake has been the proud home of a mating pair of loons for a number of years, though there are no chicks in 2023. The Loon Preservation Committee will tell us everything we need to know to assure their long and happy life here. Click here to join a Zoom meeting, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84412682727?pwd=SEplQ2JVdIpkOWJ0SkYxdElQbEVNdz09>, Meeting ID: 844 1268 2727, Passcode: 345817

Alternatively, go to SpoffordLakeAssociation.org where the meeting coordinates will be posted.

Chesterfield Senior Luncheon will take place at the Ware's Grove on Wednesday, July 12th at 12:30. If it rains, the location will be the Town Hall. The menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, veggies & dip, chips, cookie bars and soda.

Suggested donation is \$5.00. Please call (603) 363-9319 for reservations.

Save the Date

Outhouse Americana - The Iconic Necessity

Wed. July 12th at 6:30pm

Town Hall – In Person Only

By Geor Papp

Although taken for granted, the outhouse is a chronicle of America's development and certainly has enriched our folklore. This presentation includes interesting props and models. What can modern day outhouse misconceptions teach us about colonial literacy? What's the meaning of kybo and just how do you play woo-woo in the privy? Come and join us for this well-researched, folksy, factual, and entertaining talk by a true craftsman. Presented by the Chesterfield Historical Society

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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