

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS AUGUST 2024

Board of Selectmen Notes

August 2024



Spofford Lake's chief advocate and steward, Bayard Tracy was honored by NHLAKES with the John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship on July 27. NHL's Chairman and President, Bruce Freeman and Andrea LaMoreaux, respectively, presented the award saying that Bayard's nomination received more than 30 letters of support, perhaps the largest number of such in the 20-year history of the award. Beyond all his accomplishments, equally noteworthy was the wide range of letters of support including the Chesterfield Conservation Commission, Town Select Board members, FB Environmental, reps from the State, the SLA Board, and friends and residents of Chesterfield.

Chesterfield Select Board member Gary Winn reflected on working with Bayard some 15 years ago on the Budget Committee. It was shortly after this that Bayard first introduced and town voters endorsed the "Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund." 2024 was the fifth year to earn voter support. Winn also mentioned Bayard's participation on the Town's Watershed Committee and his recent work to refurbish the Lake's boat ramp.

Tracy said, he was "truly honored to receive the Morten Award and to be among the leaders in the State looking out for their "home" lakes and the well being of all waterbodies. He all-too-modestly noted that he was merely the leader of a team of a dedicated group of folks committed to assuring the long healthy life of Spofford Lake,

NHLAKES established the Morten Award in 2002 to honor of the late John F. Morten as a tribute to his vision, dedication, and commitment to help protect NH's lakes and ponds.

As one SLA member said "...this award is well-deserved... we have witnessed and experienced first-hand Bayard's impact on the direction of the Spofford Lake Association. It has evolved from a social group to a formidable steward of our lake."

BOS OFFICE NEWS

The Selectmen's Office will be short-staffed from August 19th through August 27th for scheduled vacation time. Please be patient as some requests may not be handled during this time and may need to wait until after August 27th.

COMMUNITY POWER NEWS

2024 Community Power Coalition Announces New Rates
CPCNH continues to deliver competitive rates to member communities

CONCORD –The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) Board of Directors has announced a base electric rate for residential and small commercial customers that is expected to save \$11 million over this next six-month rate period. These savings will add to the more than \$14 million of community savings since CPCNH launched in April of 2023. The 8.6¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate will begin on August 1, 2024. The Coalition will again offer their customers additional energy choice options with 50% and 33% clean power plans at a lower rate than power from Eversource, Unitil and Liberty in addition to a 100% clean energy option.

The Coalition is now providing default energy service to more than 130,000 customers in 43 communities statewide with several dozen additional cities and towns in the process of launching programs soon. The Coalition continues to offer among the state's most competitive energy rates saving residential and small commercial customers 22% relative to Liberty Utilities' supply rates and 18% relative to Unitil and Eversource supply rates. Eversource mid-sized

commercial customers will pay on average 49% less for energy supply through Community Power than they would have with Eversource. "CPCNH empowers communities to better control their energy future with enhanced local control, greater customer choice, and low competitive rates," said Brian Callnan, CEO of CPCNH. "We are excited to continue to deliver on these goals and create significant cost savings for our communities, including for those customers looking for more renewable energy." continued Callnan.

Community Power, authorized under NH RSA 53-E, empowers towns, cities, and counties to choose where their electricity comes from. Community Power enables municipalities and counties to become the default electricity provider for their communities. Under Community Power, electric distribution utilities continue to own, operate and maintain the power lines and infrastructure while local communities gain control over the cost of their energy and where it is sourced from. Many more New Hampshire towns and cities have begun the process to launch their own programs in the coming months and years. More than 50 communities have already joined the Community Power Coalition and are currently in the process of launching their own Community Power programs. CPCNH electricity rates are among the most competitive in New Hampshire. Please refer to communitypowernh.gov for rate comparison tables.

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2024

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 2, 2024 – Labor Day

Monday, October 14, 2024 – Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday, November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day

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, August 7 & 21 (Every other Wednesday)	6:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Economic Development Committee		
Thursday, August 8 & 22 (2nd and 4th Thursdays)	6:00 pm	Town Office
Planning Board		
Mondays, August 5 & 19 (1st and 3rd Mondays)	7:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Thursday, August 15 (3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)	6:30 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Monday, August 19 (3rd Monday, exception this month)	6:30 pm	Center Fire Station
Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
No meeting this month (3rd Thursday)		
Cemetery Commission		
Wednesday, August 14	6:30 pm	Historical Soc. Building
Budget Committee		
No meetings this month		
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, August 20 (3rd Tuesday)	7:00 pm	Chesterfield Library
Conservation Commission		
Monday, August 26 (4th Monday)	7:30 pm	Town office
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, August 12 (2nd Monday)	5:00 pm	Town Office
Watershed Committee		
Thursday, August 1	9:30 am	Town Office
Chesterfield Historical Society		
Tuesday, August 27	7:00 pm	Town Office



MORE THAN A JOB - A CALLING!

CHESTERFIELD POLICE NOW HIRING

\$28.67hr Starting Pay (Uncertified)

Come work for the Chesterfield Police Department,
a Town you can call home!

- Salary Range: \$59,633-\$76,814
- \$10,000 Sign on Bonus (Certified) \$5,000 (Uncertified)
- Personally Assigned Police Cruiser
- Ounce Cardio Vests
- Detail Rate: \$84.65
- 11 Paid Holidays
- Health and Dental Plans
- NHRS
- Vacation, Sick and PTO
- Town Beach Pass



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT - For more information contact:
Lieutenant Lance Rouse 603-363-4233/lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov



TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Labor Day

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – Veterans Day

Friday, November 29, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day

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TOWN CLERK NEWS

The town clerk's office will be down one clerk on August 13th and 14th please allow extra time if you are visiting the office on those days.

It is now too late to register to vote at the town's clerk's office for the September 10th NH Primary. You may register and vote in person on September 10th. Please make sure to bring a photo ID and additional documentation showing your age, current local address, and US citizenship. For more information about what is accepted please see the [Secretary of State's Office Voter Registration Info](#).

If you would like an absentee ballot, please note that a separate application must be filled out if you are going to be out of town for both the September and November elections.

We hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer!



Chesterfield Public Library August 2024 Events

Everyone

"Adventure Begins at Your Library" - Summer Reading Program 2024 Sign up now at [ChesterfieldLibrary.org/SummerReading](https://chesterfieldlibrary.org/SummerReading) or stop by the Library to fill out a sign-up form.

Summer Reading Party, Saturday, August 10, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join us for a tie-dye and Kona Ice party to celebrate the end of our Summer Reading program! Kids will get a free ice. Tie-dye your Summer Reading T-shirt if you signed up for one, or bring your own white shirt from home! Turn in a bookmark reading log for additional prizes. Adults can submit bookmark reading logs to be entered into a raffle.

Children/Youth

Teen Movie Night: The Hunger Games (PG-13), Thursday, August 1 at 5:00 pm

We will be screening The Hunger Games (rated PG-13) with our projector. Bring your own mat, blanket, and/or pillows to stretch out on. We will provide popcorn and beverages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Art Adventures, Tuesday, August 6 at 11:00 am

Art Adventures with Melanie Fedorowicz--Come and decorate your own adventure walking stick with Melanie Fedorowicz. Kids ages 5+

Adult

Makers' Meeting, Tuesday, August 6 at 12:00 pm

Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

Fierce Females: Women in Art, Thursday, August 8 at 6:00 pm
Presenter: Jane Oneal from NH Humanities

Women have long been the subject of art, often depicted as nothing more than objects of desire. How do images of women change when women become the creators? This program examines the history of women in art in brief and then explores the lives, careers and works of several major women artists from the Renaissance to the twentieth century.

Abstraction Art Class, Saturday, August 10, 17, and 24 at 10:00 am

Taught by Janet Moore. Class size limited to 8, ages 15+

Learn to draw, rekindle your imagination, or broaden your existing skills! This three-week class focuses on expressive and free-form drawing that anyone can master and enjoy. Topics covered include generating a working definition of abstract art and using lines, marks, and shapes to create abstract drawings and designs.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, August 13 at 5:30 pm

The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

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, August 6 at 5:30 pm

Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Library to help work on special projects. The Friends of 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 Commission News

The Chesterfield Conservation Commission is pleased to present:

**Watershed 101:
Keeping Chesterfield Waters Safe And Clean
With Ecologist Jeff Littleton**

**August 20, 7:00 PM
Chesterfield Town Hall**

Our town's abundant natural resources allow us to enjoy clean water for drinking and recreation. Flowing through our watersheds, this most important resource is stored, protected and available for all to enjoy. Learn the basics on how watersheds work for the benefit of people and wildlife while reducing flood risks, and what you can do to help protect these remarkable ecological structures and continue to enjoy their many benefits.

Questions? Contact us at chesterfield_conservation@gmail.com

All are welcome at this free event. Light refreshments will be served.

This is the first of a series of talks, field walks, and workshops sponsored by the Conservation Commission focused on ecological connections and watershed health.



Parks & Recreation News

Happy to be enjoying a nice hot and sunny summer unlike last summer where we had rain for over half the summer. We have been busy here at Ware's Grove Beach. With many Sundays a full parking lot. It is so nice to see everyone coming out and enjoying our beautiful beach and lake.

Rec Camp has been going very well we have very happy kiddos swimming and running around the beach. We sure are happy that weather has cooperated and we can enjoy being outside.

Soccer registration is open and you can find the form on the town website - nhchesterfield.com.
The deadline for Registration is August 16th and the cost is \$25.00 per kid. We for sure need volunteer coaches.
Yoga is still happening on the beach every Sunday Morning at 9:30 with Erin Soltys. It is such a beautiful spot to take a yoga class.

Enjoy summer as it seems to be going by so quickly!!

Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director

Office of Emergency Management/OEM: August 2024 Monthly Report

As always, our thanks to our Selectmen, Town Admin & volunteer members of the OEM team for their support. Here is a sampling of OEM activities underway in Chesterfield:

1. Route 9 Accidents – Please make sure you drive safely on Rt. 9 and other roads in our community. We had several accidents and the police are to be thanked for their efforts. Please tell your out-of-town visitors of the need to do so. Thanks!
2. Grants - We are assessing whether our OEM priorities might be eligible. We may to hear about available Grants from other communities – soon to be underway.
3. Animal care – Cheryl, Karen, John and Ralph are looking into a way that we can stock animal provisions (food, bowls, cages) to be acquired by Labor Day.
4. Old Town Hall – OEM's generator kept at Road Agent/move over when needed.
5. Local businesses – MOUs mtgs for partnering w/ OEM for transportation, etc.
6. WebEOC training – available for interested personnel for communications.
7. Collaboration w/local communities – HSEM event held in Peterborough on 5/29.
8. Emergency Supplies – to be added to our 500 MREs, cots, blankets, water, PPE.
9. Mailing lists – Fran will assist with Opt-In mailings requests from other sources.
10. Special assistance – analyzing needs for residents to relocate during disasters.
11. Mutual Aid - Check in w/Spofford and West Chesterfield Firehouses for support.
12. Training – Ralph and John are registered for ICS 300 training we had the ICS 100/200 levels. Training will be by the Massachusetts Emergency Mgmt Agency.
13. Maine partnering – Ralph met with the Maine Emergency Mgmt Agency for new ideas. We also received names of their key contacts in NH for our information.

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As always, stay safe and please let OEM know of any needs or ideas!

Community Events

ACTORS THEATRE PLAYHOUSE
*Corner of Brook & Main Streets,
West Chesterfield*

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from August 8 - 24
An Inspector Calls
Curtain time 7:30

*Reservations recommended
atplayhouse.org*

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Amelia Earhart
Pioneer in Aviation

Wednesday, August 21

7 pm

Chesterfield Town Hall

Presented by Sheryl Faye

Amelia Earhart had a fearless, adventuresome spirit. She became a nurse and considered a career in medicine. But that idea "flew out the window," when she took a 10-minute plane ride. "By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground ... I knew I had to fly." This opened a window that was filled with a passion for flying. Fulfillment was not easy, but she persevered, and the rest is history!

Earhart was an example of a woman who pursued a budding interest and made it into a

career. Sheryl Faye's one woman show, portrays Earhart's indomitable spirit while describing her story. Faye is a veteran actress who has appeared in theaters, films, and on television. Her presentations are full of funny anecdotes as well as astonishing facts.

Admission is Free - Refreshments Provided

All Welcome!

SENIOR LUNCHEON

No lunch for August - We will start back up in September

CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday in August

Summer veggies, flower bouquets, International breads, local ice cream, potato chips, preserves, honey and maple syrup, and crafts.

9 to Noon

Route 63, Chesterfield Center.

Save the date for the annual

River Valley Artisans Tour – September 7th & 8th, 2024

The tour is from 11-5 each day and is located at 2 venues - Summit Winery in Westmoreland and Branch & Blade Brewing in Keene.

Come try a wine tasting or get lunch as you stroll through the work of over 25 area artists.

We also have a free raffle.

Please visit our website: www.rva-art.com for a map, directions and information and photos on each artist.

For more information, please write to: rivervalleyartisantour@gmail.com

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 jwscott524@gmail.com with the subject line "Happenings".

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