

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS JULY 2024

### Board of Selectmen Notes July 2024

Please help us in welcoming our new Acting Police Chief, Lance Rouse. Lance has been with the Chesterfield Police Department for two years and will be taking the reins after Duane Chickering's last day on July 3rd. He lives in Chesterfield with his wife and two children.



### TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2024

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

#### 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 4, 2024 – Independence Day

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](http://www.chesterfield.nh.gov))

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		
<b>Wednesdays, July 10 &amp; 24</b> (Every other Wednesday)	6:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
<b>Economic Development Committee</b>		
<b>Thursday, July 11 &amp; 25</b> (2nd and 4th Thursdays)	6:00 pm	Town Office
<b>Planning Board</b>		
<b>Mondays, July 1 &amp; 15</b> (1st and 3rd Mondays)	7:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>		
<b>Thursday, July 18</b> (3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)	6:30 pm	Town Office/Zoom
<b>Chesterfield Fire &amp; Rescue Commissioners</b>		
<b>Monday, July 15</b> (3rd Monday, exception this month)	6:30 pm	Center Fire Station
<b>Spofford Fire &amp; Rescue Commissioners</b>		
<b>Thursday, July 18</b> (3rd Thursday)	6:00 pm	Spofford Fire Station
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>		
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>	6:30 pm	Historical Soc. Building
<b>Budget Committee</b>		
<b>Tuesday, July 16</b>	7:00 pm	Town Office
<b>Library Board of Trustees</b>		
<b>Tuesday, July 16</b> (3rd Tuesday)	7:00 pm	Chesterfield Library
<b>Conservation Commission</b>		
<b>No meeting this month</b> (4th Monday)		
<b>Chesterfield Revitalization Group</b>		
<b>Monday, July 8</b> (2nd Monday)	5:00 pm	Town Office
<b>Watershed Committee</b>		
<b>No meeting this month</b>		
<b>Chesterfield Historical Society</b>		
<b>Tuesday, July 23</b>	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: \$29,633-\$76,814
- \$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:  
Lieutenant Lance Rouse 603-363-4233/[lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov](mailto:lrouse@pd.chesterfield.nh.gov)



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department will be continuing with their roadside mowing and general maintenance during the month of July.

## TRANSFER STATION

Please remember that anyone who uses the transfer station for garbage or recycling must have a transfer station sticker in the right front portion of their vehicle's windshield.

If you don't currently have a yellow sticker, please see a Transfer Station attendant.

## TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

### 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, July 5, 2024 – Independence Day

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

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day

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## TOWN CLERK NEWS

July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the office will be down a clerk. Please plan for possible longer wait times than usual. Also note that the busiest times are Tuesday and Wednesday 9-10am.

The office will closed on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>

The Town Clerk's Office wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day!



## Chesterfield Public Library July 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. Find great books and earn prizes! Open to all children and adults.

**Monadnock Falconry Visit**, Saturday, July 27 at 1:00 pm Meet a Harris' Hawk, see it on the wing, and learn more about this remarkable species. All ages Children/Youth

**Starlit Campsite Painting**, Tuesday, July 2, 11:00 am Art Adventures with Melanie Fedorowicz--Come and create a beautiful nighttime camping inspired painting-- with mountains, constellations, a tent, and a glowing fire.

**Dragon Storytime and Craft**, Tuesday, July 9 at 11:00 am Join us at the library for stories and a craft featuring dragons!

**Family Movie Night**: Moana (PG), Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 pm We will be screening Moana (rated PG) 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.

**Nature Journaling**, Tuesday, July 16 at 11:00 am Art Adventures with Melanie Fedorowicz-- We'll go outside and find natural materials to make our very own nature journal. We'll create the book, decorate the cover, and go over some ideas for sketching outdoors.

**Teddy Bear Picnic**, Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 am Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join us at the Library for stories, songs, a craft, and special snacks!

**Donut Storytime and Craft**, Tuesday, July 23 at 11:00 am Join us at the library for donut themed stories and a fun craft!

**Teen Craft Night**, Thursday, July 25 at 6:00 pm Learn the art of embroidery with a simple project! Tweens/teens 12+

**Ahoy Matey! Painting**, Tuesday, July 30, 11:00 am Art Adventures with Melanie Fedorowicz-- Calling all pirates and seaworthy kids to create a painting inspired by pirate ships, treasures, and the sea.

**Harry Potter Party**, Wednesday, July 31, 10:00 – 6:00 Stop by the library to celebrate Harry Potter's Birthday! Find photo ops, enjoy a treat, take quizzes, & more! All ages

#### Adult

**Makers Meeting**, Tuesday, July 2 at 11:00 am Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

**Library Book Club**, Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 pm The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel Circe by Madeline Miller. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

**Chesterfield Quilting Guild**, Monday, July 22 at 1:00 pm Our quilting group meets once a month to work on projects and discuss their work. All levels are welcome!

**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**, Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30 pm 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](mailto:FrontDesk@ChesterfieldLibrary.org)

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

My last write-up was encouraging folks to get out and see the Spring ephemerals before they disappeared. Now, if you haven't already gotten on top of monitoring your property for plants you want to discourage, it's best to get out and fend them off before they get anymore established. Known as invasive plants, most have come from distant lands, brought over for hundreds of years as humans moved around the globe. Whether we took a fancy to a plant for our gardens back home or thought it would be good food source for wildlife or help in controlling erosion and some simply hitching a ride, the movement of plants has been going on for hundreds of years, on land as well as in our waters, and they're here to stay.

Earlier I made mention of "most" have come from elsewhere but some natives, such as poison ivy, a native and good food source for numerous wildlife species, have simply become more aggressive in their growth due to a changed climate and the increase of CO2. Other plants, that quietly existed along side us are now becoming problematic, such as Virginia creeper and English ivy.

The ivy shown in one of the photos, can be a serious threat to not just structures, but to trees and shrubs if you don't pull it away from the trunks, creating a three foot or greater clearance at the base of the plant. It is recommended cutting the roots at the base of the tree and then pulling the mat of ivy up out of the ground to create clearance. Wet ground makes the job easier. It is also recommended you leave the ivy on the tree to slowly die to avoid damage to the bark. You can then mulch, if you wish, being mindful of keeping the mulch from the base of the plant, and mindful of the mulch you use!

The other picture shows the not-so-lovely-to-see tendrils of oriental bittersweet poking out of the equally unwelcome multi flora rose along with one of the wild grape vines that have also become more aggressive. Focusing on the bittersweet, it will make short order of anything it tangles up with and the multi flora, given a foot-hold, will quickly spread as space opens up, overwhelming all other plants.

There are great resources for managing the task of controlling their takeover as well as local outfits that can help if need be. UNH Extension has good resources, especially Doug Cygan's Invasive plant booklet which is available online. Another great source is the Invasive Plant Atlas, also available online. And don't hesitate to poke around while online, checking out other Extension sites as well as some inspiring independents, such as The Spruce. To balance out feeling overwhelmed with the removal of plants, the Native Plant Trust can help guide you in creating a native plant environment, welcoming plants into your yard. And remember, any time spent outside, whether pulling or planting is time well spent, good for the body and the soul! 🌿





### Parks & Recreation News

Summer is underway and we are fully staffed and our first week of summer camp was a ton of fun. This week our theme is Community Heroes. Last week we had Officer Lance and Katie Collins come down with the police cruiser and the kids loved beeping the horn and hearing the siren. Today we had Rick and Penny Cooper come down with a fire truck and the kids learned how to Stop, Drop and Roll and were reminded about calling 911 in an emergency. We have Clai the librarian coming on Thursday to read the kids a story and talk about the library. Thank you to all of them for visiting us!

A Big THANK YOU to the Chesterfield Lions Club for sponsoring 2 children with a \$500.00 scholarship to each child allowing them to have the opportunity to come to camp this summer. Such a gift from the Lions Club.

Yoga continues on the Beach on Sunday at 9:30 and Tuesday at the Town Hall at 10:00 am.

Hope to see you all at the beach this summer.

Darlene  
Parks and Rec Director

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### Office of Emergency Management/OEM: July 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. Weather issues – we survived the tornado issues (Dublin had one!) and actually opened our Emergency Ops Ctr when the 90' heat arrived. We publicized that on our Facebook OEM and Chesterfield pages – as well as on WMUR-TV.

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 met on 6/17 to discuss resources available to keep owners & pets together when evacuations may be needed.

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 as each of us were already trained at the ICS 100/200 levels. Training will be by the Massachusetts Emergency Mgmt Agency. We are taking WebEOC and may also take ICS400.

13. Maine partnering – Ralph has sharing ideas in light of their experiences locally.

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

## Community Events

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

*Saturday, July 6*  
***Pygmalion, Staged Reading***  
*Curtain time 7:30*

*Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from July 11 to 27*  
***The Lifespan of a Fact***  
*Curtain time 7:30*

*Reservations recommended*  
*atplayhouse.org*

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### **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

*Wednesday, July 10 - 12:30 pm*  
*At the Chesterfield Town Hall*

*Menu - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Cold Drinks,*  
*Cookies and Ice Cream*  
*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation*  
*by 5 pm on Monday, July 8th*

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### **CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET**

*Every Saturday in July*  
*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.

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**CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

***The Live and Times of Madame Sherri***

Wednesday, July 17th - 7:00 pm

Chesterfield Town Hall

Presented by Lynne Borofsky

Free Event – Refreshments will be Served

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***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](mailto:jwscott924@gmail.com) with the subject line "Happenings".

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