

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS JUNE 2024

### Board of Selectmen Notes June 2024

The month of June will be the last working month for our dedicated Chief of Police, Duane Chickering. If you see him this month, please make sure to wish him well (as we do) on the next chapter of his adventure!

The Board of Selectmen would like to welcome the new members of our Cemetery Crew - James Whittier (sexton) and Russ Mundell. You will see them out and about doing a great job on the town cemeteries and town grounds.

The 4th of July will be here soon and now is the time to get started on your Fireworks Permits. The new Fireworks Ordinance (which now includes binary explosive targets such as Tannerite) is on the town website. A permit application is also downloadable from the website. The fee for a permit is \$25.00. It takes a while for the permit process to happen so please plan on getting them in during the month of June if possible.

### 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>		
Wednesdays, June 12 & 26 (Every other Wednesday)	6:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
<b>Economic Development Committee</b>		
Thursday, June 13 & 27 (2nd and 4th Thursdays)	6:00 pm	13th - M&T Bank 27th - Town Office
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Mondays, June 3 & 17 (1st and 3rd Mondays)	7:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>		
Thursday, June 20 (3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)	6:30 pm	Town Office/Zoom
<b>Chesterfield Fire &amp; Rescue Commissioners</b>		
Thursday, June 13 (3rd Monday, exception this month)	6:30 pm	Center Fire Station
<b>Spofford Fire &amp; Rescue Commissioners</b>		
Thursday, June 20 (3rd Thursday)	6:00 pm	Spofford Fire Station
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	6:30 pm	Hist. Society Bldg

Wednesday, June 12		
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, June 18	7:00 pm	Chesterfield Library
(3rd Tuesday)		
Conservation Commission		
Monday, June 24	7:30 pm	Town Office
(4th Monday)		
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, June 10	5:00 pm	Town Office
(2nd Monday)		
Watershed Committee		
Tuesday, June 4	10:00 am	Camp Spofford/Town Office
Chesterfield Historical Society		
Tuesday, June 25	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: \$89,633-\$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



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department will be working on the dirt portion of Old Swanzey Road starting June 3rd. They will be removing the top layer of gravel, laying down fabric, and then replacing gravel on top. Also, if the weather cooperates, the paving company will be getting started on paving.

## 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

## TOWN CLERK NEWS

We are happy to announce that we have a new mascot - **Spirit** will be our doggie ambassador for the coming licensing year!



### Chesterfield Public Library

#### June 2024 Events

##### **"Adventure Begins at Your Library" - Summer Reading Program 2024 – Begins**

June 15! Sign up now at [ChesterfieldLibrary.org/SummerReading](https://ChesterfieldLibrary.org/SummerReading) or stop by the Library to fill out a sign-up form. Children who register by July 1 will receive a special Library T-shirt to tie-dye at our Summer Reading Party on August 10. Community BBQ, Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Join us for a BBQ dinner and brownie sundae dessert at the town hall! Kids can paint summer treasure chests and play lawn games. Children/Youth

**Family Movie Night: Wonka (PG), Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 pm** We will be screening Wonka (rated PG) with our projector. Bring your own mat, blanket, and/or pillows to stretch out on. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will provide popcorn and beverages.

**Wildlife Tales - Southern Vermont Natural History Museum Visit, Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 am** Southern Vermont Natural History Museum educators will bring live animals and share traditional stories from around the world. All ages

**Monday Storytime, Mondays June 3 and June 10 at 11:00 am** Our last Monday Storytime will be June 10! Please join us for our Summer Reading programs over the summer. Teen Craft Night, Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 pm Decorate your own tiny wooden bookcase and print miniature books to shelve on it! Tweens/teens 12+

**Storywalk Adventure, Saturday, June 29 at 11:00 am** Join us as we walk from the Library to the newest installation at the Chesterfield School's Storywalk featuring "Once Upon A Book" by Grace Lin and Kate Messner. Calligraphy, Saturday, June 15 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Grace Li will discuss the history of Chinese calligraphy and demonstrate the brushstrokes used in calligraphy. Attendees will practice and create their own work of art to bring home. Materials are provided and registration is required. Open to all teens and adults.

**Adult Calligraphy, Saturday, June 15 10:30 am – 12:00 pm** Grace Li will discuss the history of Chinese calligraphy and demonstrate the brushstrokes used in calligraphy. Attendees will practice and create their own work of art to bring home. Materials are provided and registration is required. Open to all teens and adults.

**Makers Meeting, Tuesday, June 4 at 11:00 am** Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

**The Knit Chicks, Tuesday, June 4 and June 18 at 1:00 - 3:00 pm** The Knit Chicks meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to craft gear for people in the Monadnock region. Crocheters welcome!

**Spice Club, Monday, June 10 at 6:00 pm** This month we will feature Sumac and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

**Library Book Club, Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 pm** The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

**Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, June 17 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, June 4 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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#### CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

Now is a great time to step off the road and into the woods to see the beautiful Spring ephemerals. Just yesterday we found numerous painted trillium gracing our trail along with Ginseng, Indian cucumber, Wild Sarsaparilla, Solomon's Seal and Bluebead Lily just starting to bloom. In the photo, you can see the delicate Starflower in bloom along with the Canada Mayflower in the background just starting to show its lovely white flowers. Soon they will create a welcoming carpet along the forest floor. We also spotted a couple of Jack-in-the-Pulpits, somewhat hidden, along the way, reminding us to enjoy the pleasure of their company but to leave the forest's flora in their native surroundings. Not all of the blossoms will be here for long as they take advantage of the more open canopy to display their wares. So don't be deterred by the rain. Dressed appropriately, the forest can be a beautiful place to visit. I have often said, beat the bugs and hike in the rain. A little bug juice and a fly swatter might also come in handy...

For more info, the CCC website lists a number of references. You can also pay a visit to the Cheshire County Conservation District on Rt. 12 in Walpole, which has a number of handouts available. And of course, your local Library! I did purchase "The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers, Eastern Region", to help grow my knowledge of the world around me. Get out and enjoy what we are so fortunate to have just outside our doors 🌿







#### Parks and Rec Happenings

Wares Grove Beach and Northshore Beach officially opened on Saturday. We had 2 beautiful days and then as you all know Memorial Day was a Rain out. We are fully staffed and looking forward to a nice hot, sunny summer.

Tennis Courts have been opened for the past month and I am seeing many pickleball players there on Tuesday mornings.

Rec Camp is completely full with campers, we have a lot of great themes and activities planned for the summer. I am happy to say we are fully staffed and ready to go. We are also going to implement the CIT program, which is an 8 week course for counselors in training. If you know anyone that is interested have them reach out to Parks and Recreation.

Yoga on the beach will begin in June on Sunday mornings stay tuned for more information.  
We also have yoga at the town hall Tuesday morning at 10:00 am.

Happy Summer  
Darlene  
Parks and Rec Director  
603-313-1416

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chesterfield Economic Development Committee will be hosting a Business to Business Gathering on **Thursday, June 13 from 6 – 8 pm**. This event will be held at M&T Bank on the intersection of RT 63 & RT 9. Refreshments will be served. We will have two speakers that evening and a chance to talk with each other. Sara Powell from Hanna Grimes Center of Entrepreneurship will talk about free and low-cost programs that Hannah Grimes offers to help small businesses. Cody Morrison from the Monadnock MEDC will talk about various loans and grants that they offer for small businesses to grow. If you have any questions, contact [EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com).

## Office of Emergency Management/OEM June 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 projects underway currently in Chesterfield:

1. Grants - the state has made us aware of three types of grants -- for hazard mitigation, flood mitigation and building resilient infrastructure and communities. We are assessing whether any of our OEM priorities might be eligible. Letters of intent due by June 14<sup>th</sup> and we would like to hear about other Grants from asap.
2. Installation of existing OEM Generator in the Old Town Hall as an OEM resource.
3. Discuss if local businesses can partner w/ OEM for transportation, supplies, etc.
4. Training/credentialing of key personnel for local/state WebEOC communications.
5. Collaboration w/local communities – HSEM event held in Peterborough on 5/29
6. Review of our Emergency Supplies (500 MREs, cots, blankets, water, PPE, etc.).

7. OEM plans to get involved in either evacuating animals or simply helping to shelter them once their owners have evacuated them. (VT/NH DART involved).
8. Growing the reach of our mailing lists with Opt-In mailings from other sources.
9. Identifying residents to call who need special assistance during disaster events.
10. Checking in with the Spofford and West Chesterfield Fire Stations for support.
11. Massachusetts training – Ralph and John are registered for ICS 300 training as each of us were already trained at the ICS 100/200 levels. This training is offered by the Massachusetts Emergency Mgmt Agency. We may also take ICS400.
12. Maine partnering – Ralph has visited/been in regular contact with Lincoln County, Maine (Maine MEMA) to share 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!

## NEWS FROM CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL

June 3 Joint Loss Committee, Outdoor Education Meeting

June 5 Celebration of Learning Show time is 5-7 pm

June 6 NHEEP here to work with 7 & 8  
Grade 1 to Great Falls Discovery  
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

June 7 NHEEP here with 7&8  
Grade 4 to Concord

June 10 Wellness committee,  
School Board Meeting

June 11 Grade 8 Field trip  
Grade 2 Field trip to Twinkle Town

June 13 All School Field Day

June 14 8th Grade Graduation

## Community Events

**Actors Theatre Playhouse, Corner of Brook & Main Streets,  
West Chesterfield**

*Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from June 6 to 22*  
**Ten Minute Play Festival**  
*Curtain time 7:30*

*Saturday, June 29*  
**Pygmalion, Staged Reading**  
*Curtain time 7:30*

*Reservations recommended*  
*atplayhouse.org*

### **Senior Luncheon**

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

*Menu - Chicken Salad, Carrot Salad, Pickled Beets,  
Finger Rolls, Potato Chips,  
Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream*  
*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation  
by 5 pm on Monday, June 10th*

### **CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET**

*Every Saturday in June*  
*Spring veggies, Beni's Bread, flowers, crafts, friends & more.*  
*9 to Noon*  
*Route 63, Chesterfield Center.*

**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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