

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS APRIL 2024



### Board of Selectmen Notes April 2024

We certainly hope that spring flowers are right around the corner!

The Board of Selectman is now 5 members. Please note our email address:

Fran Shippee (chair) - [selectman-a@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:selectman-a@nhchesterfield.com)  
Judy Idelkope - [selectman-b@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:selectman-b@nhchesterfield.com)  
Gary Winn - [selectman-c@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:selectman-c@nhchesterfield.com)  
Mary Ewell - [selectman-d@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:selectman-d@nhchesterfield.com)  
Barbara Girs - [selectman-e@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:selectman-e@nhchesterfield.com)

Please note the following information about the work being done at the Route 9A Boat Launch Parking Lot area this month

**Boat Ramp Parking Lot On Route 9A.** Improvements to watershed drainage will begin at the boat ramp parking lot on Monday, April 22. Usage of the parking lot will be limited to allow for storage of materials and equipment for the work from April 22 for a week, possibly longer depending on weather conditions. Anyone expecting to park a vehicle/boat trailer at the lot during that period is encouraged to use the Ware's Grove parking lot while the drainage work is underway. Please obey signs at the parking lot and at the boat ramp regarding usage during the construction. The start date and period for the work is dependent on weather conditions.

### TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2024

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

#### 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day

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))

### Board of Selectmen

**Wednesdays, April 3 & 17** 6:00 pm Town Office/Zoom  
(Every other Wednesday)

### Economic Development Committee

**Thursday, April 11 & 25** 6:00 pm Town Office  
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)

### Planning Board

**Mondays, April 1 & 15** 7:00 pm Town Office/Zoom  
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Thursday, April 18** 6:30 pm Town Office/Zoom  
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)

### Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners

**Monday, April 15** 6:30 pm Center Fire Station  
(3rd Monday)

### Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners

**Thursday, April 18** 6:00 pm Spofford Fire  
Station  
(3rd Thursday)

### Cemetery Commission

6:30 pm Historical Society Building

**Tuesday, April 23**

### Library Board of Trustees

**Tuesday, April 16** 7:00 pm Chesterfield

### Library

(3rd Tuesday)

### Conservation Commission

**Monday, April 29** 7:30 pm Town Office  
(4th Monday, exception this month)

### Chesterfield Revitalization Group

**Tuesday, April 9** 5:00 pm Town Office  
(2nd Monday, exception this month)

### Watershed Committee

**Thursday, April 4** 9:00 am Town Office

### Chesterfield Historical Society

**Tuesday, April 23** 7:00 pm Town Office



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 \$10,000.00 sign on bonus for New Hampshire full-time certified officers and \$5,000.00 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.

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**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Culvert work will begin in April on Spaulding Hill Road, Wildwood Road and Winchester Road in anticipation of paving this summer. As always, if you have any questions, please call the Highway Department at (603) 256-6629.**



The Town of Chesterfield is now able to issue portable Transfer Station permits to property owners of short-term rentals for their renters. These permits will be affixed to plastic to be hung on a vehicle's rear view mirror. To apply for a permit, please see a Transfer Station attendant or the Town Administrator for an application. The form is also available on the town website ([chesterfield.nh.gov](http://chesterfield.nh.gov)).

**TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - 2024**

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following dates:

**2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – Memorial Day

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

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#### TOWN CLERK NEWS - APRIL 2024

Happy April, we know the warmer weather means getting out your motorcycles, trailers, and Sunday drive cars stored for the winter. Make sure they have all been renewed and have current tags on them before heading out! You can renew your vehicles online at [chesterfield.nh.gov](http://chesterfield.nh.gov) (look for the online payments below the image on the homepage!) or visit us at the office during window hours Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-1pm and 4-7pm.

**Please note that on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup> the Town Clerk's Office will be down a clerk.** Please schedule extra time if coming to the window as it may take a bit longer than usual.

**Dog licenses are due at the end of April.** Please make sure to license your dog to avoid potential late fees. Tried online and need an updated rabies vaccination date? Send us the new rabies certificate via email and we can update system to enable online renewal. Mail scan or readable image of certificate to [townclerk@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:townclerk@nhchesterfield.com).

Does your dog want to be the mascot of the Town Clerk's office? We are looking for a doggie mascot and asking residents to vote for their favorite. All licensed dogs can enter by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Send us your favorite doggie image! Voting will take place in early May at the TC office and on our official Facebook page. Don't forget to vote! More information on the town clerk's webpage.

Do you want email reminders to register your vehicles and/or license your dog/s? Give us a call and make sure we have a current email address for you! We send out monthly vehicle registration reminders approximately the first week of each month. We send out dog licensing reminders starting in February of each year and continue monthly.

Remember to drive safely out there!

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## **CHESTERFIELD NH CEMETERY COMMISSION NEWS**

### **Sexton's Position - Town of Chesterfield**

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.

### **Cemetery Crew Positions**

Crew positions are also available. These jobs perform mowing and general cemetery maintenance in a supporting role. Please inquire if interested.

Send your resume to: The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission, Post Office Box 175, Chesterfield, NH 03443-0175.



### **Chesterfield Public Library**

#### **April 2024 Events**

**Solar Eclipse Viewing Party, Monday, April 8 at 3:00 pm** Join the Library to view a TOTAL eclipse of the sun! Each attendee will receive a pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses!

**Family Game Night, Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 pm** Stop by the Library and play a board game with friends, family, or the librarians!

#### **Children/Youth**

**Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 am** Children 0-5 and their caregivers can join music teacher Cathy Harvey for simple songs, movement, and stories. Explore small percussion instruments and move to music!

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

**Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, May 1 at 3:00pm** This month we are reading *Greenwild* by Pari Thomson. Join us for a book discussion—snacks are

provided! This event is open to Middle Grade readers. Sign up for the program and pick up a copy at the front desk.

**Teen Book Club, Thursday, May 2 at 4:00pm** Open to ALL teens, 8th-12th Grade! Hang out and join our discussion —snacks are provided! This month, bring a book that you are currently reading or recently finished.

#### Adult

**Makers Meeting, Tuesday, April 2 at 11:00 am** Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch! The Knit Chicks, Tuesday, April 2 and 16 at 1:00-3:00pm 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, April 8 at 6:00 pm** This month we will feature fennel and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

**Library Book Club, Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 pm** The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel Razorblade Tears by S. A. Cosby. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

**Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, April 15 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.

**Poetry Night, Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 pm** Join us as we gather at the library to read aloud some of our favorite poems or original passages. Light refreshments will be provided.

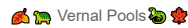
**Tech Drop-In, Wednesdays at 4pm** Do you have technology questions or need help with using the internet and online resources such as Libby? Stop by the library during our drop-in hour and let us assist you.

**Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library Meeting, Tuesday, April 2 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](mailto:FrontDesk@ChesterfieldLibrary.org)

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#### CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS



A week ago, the sound of peepers was in the air due to the warm temperatures we were enjoying. Now that we are plunged [blown!] back into Winter the nights are quiet again. But soon enough, the annual migration of a variety of amphibians and reptiles will make their journey to a woodland vernal pool not far from their home to breed. When the temperature and rainfall provide the right balance, almost the entire local population of these critters will make their way to a specified vernal pool on a single night. The vernal pools are essential to the next generation of these species. The pools are absent a continuous flow of water, relying instead on rainfall. Hence, Springtime and its showers are peak time for their activity. Because the pools go through cycles of dryness and have low oxygen levels, fish cannot survive giving the visitors a greater chance for survival. The food source is from the leaves that gather in the pools, which in the process of decaying, attract numerous insects for the frogs, salamanders and turtles to feast upon. Some of those creatures will be food themselves for other forest dwellers such as snakes, raccoons and owls who seek out the pools. It is fascinating to think that one reasonably sized vernal pool can attract several thousand wood frogs! It is also something of a surprise that these creatures who depend on vernal pools make up a large portion of the wildlife in the forest, many of them living 20 years and within a few hundred feet of a particular pool. To learn more, check out the Vernal Pool Project and the Salamander Crossing Brigades at [harriscenter.org](http://harriscenter.org)



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#### Parks and Recreation Happenings

So exciting Spring is here and we have another hour of sunshine. I guess we really can't complain about the mild winter we had although it will be nice to spend a lot more time outside in the warm weather and sunshine.

Yoga at the Town Hall will start back up on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 with a new instructor. Her name is Flossy and she comes with many years of experience, please come out and try a class. A Sunday Morning Beach Yoga will be coming back this summer on the beach!!!!

Tennis Courts will be opened by April 10<sup>th</sup> if not earlier. A reminder this court is for tennis and Pickelball only, No skateboards allowed.

Camp Registration has begun and we already have over 50 kids registered so please mail in your registration forms, Camp starts June 17th-August 9th. All weekly themes are on the Town website.

Save the date: Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> is Beach Clean Up for Wares Grove Beach. We had lots of windy days here this winter, so with many volunteers we can get it all cleaned up in a day. Still Confirming when North Shore Clean Up will be. Stay Tuned!

Happy Spring,  
Darlene  
Parks and Rec Director

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Economic Development Committee has two upcoming events:

#### Chesterfield Business Expo

Sat. April 9

Town Hall

9AM – 2PM

Admission is Free

This event will feature Chesterfield Businesses

#### Chesterfield Creative Artisan Expo

Sat. April 27

Town Hall

10AM – 2PM

Admission is Free

This event will feature local Crafters and Artisans

## Office of Emergency Management/OEM: April 2024 Monthly Report

A Solar Eclipse is passing Chesterfield on Monday, April 8, 2024 at about 3:30pm

A total solar eclipse will darken the daytime skies of Northern New Hampshire. The partial eclipse should begin sometime after 3pm here. An hour later, the full eclipse will set in and last for about three minutes.

Here are some thoughts from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center:

Never stare directly at the sun!

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks any part of the sun from view. The "totality" phase—or the full solar eclipse—means the moon is entirely blocking the sun. This year, the full solar eclipse can be observed from areas of Northern Vermont and Northern New Hampshire, as well as from other select

locations in the United States. To find the exact path of the eclipse, you can go to Xavier Jubier's Google Map. Note that times displayed in the map are in UT time.

What is safe?

Eclipse glasses or a solar filter must be used when viewing the eclipse. Zegans recommends following an expert protocol for viewing, such as the one posted on the American Academy of Ophthalmology website. Their recommendations include:

- Carefully look at your solar filter or eclipse glasses before using them. If you see any scratches or damage, do not use them.
- Always read and follow all directions that come with the solar filter or eclipse glasses. Help children to be sure they use handheld solar viewers and eclipse glasses correctly.
- Before looking up at the bright sun, stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer. After glancing at the sun, turn away and remove your glasses or viewer—do not remove them while looking at the sun.

Chesterfield OEM is continuing to partner with many new stakeholders: After members of our OEM team hosted our new liaison HSEM staff in February, we were invited to attend a Cheshire County Meet & Greet that was snowed out on 3/25. It will be rescheduled. Also, OEM got an enthusiastic call from Clai Lasher-Sommers, Director of the Chesterfield Public Library, to understand our general D/R plans that may affect the library. Submitted by Ralph Petti, Director, OEM • Cell: 908.310.6381 • [ralphpetti1@gmail.com](mailto:ralphpetti1@gmail.com)

### News from Chesterfield School - April 2024

Monday the 1st - Outdoor Education Committee meeting

Wednesday the 3rd - Grade 7 To Concord NH McAuliffe- Shepard Discovery Center  
Grade 8 to Lowell MA. Grade 6 Virtual Nature's Classroom Presentation 6:30p.m.

Monday the 8th - Chesterfield School Board meeting 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday the 10th - Mandatory Mtg for all 8th graders attending DC Trip at KMS -  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday the 12th - TIGER will perform "CHOOSE LOVE"- 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 16th - Mandatory Parent Meeting for DC trip at KMS - 6:30 pm

Tuesday the 16th - Grade 6 Leaves for Nature's Classroom - Maine

Thursday the 18th - Washington DC trip for those 8th graders who signed up

Thursday the 18th or Friday the 19th ( Still waiting for confirmation) - Grade 7 to  
Outdoor Adventures

Monday the 22nd - 26th - April Vacation

## Community Events

### ***Senior Luncheon***

*Wednesday, April 10 - 12:30 pm*

*At the Chesterfield Town Hall*

*Menu - Swedish Meatballs, Buttered Egg Noodles, Tossed Salad, Peas and Carrots,*

*Swedish Bread, Carrot Cake & Ice Cream*

*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation by*

*5 pm on Monday, April 5th*

### **Save the Date:**

**The Chesterfield Historical Society**

**"That Reminds Me of a Story"**

Rebecca Rule Returns with more comic charm!

Wednesday, May 8th

6:30 pm

Chesterfield Town Hall

Free Event, Refreshments will be Served

***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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