

# CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS

## August 2023



### Board of Selectmen Notes August 2023

The Board of Selectmen would like to give a wholehearted thank you to all the town employees and volunteers who helped during the rains of July. We are very grateful to the highway department for cleaning up the mess left by flooding and the Police and Fire Departments and OEM for their watchfulness of those in potential danger from the rising water. We are all very lucky to have them!

We are cleaning out our back closets and there are a lot of old town reports that are going to get recycled. If there is anyone out there who would like past years' town reports, please send an email to [selectman-a@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:selectman-a@nhchesterfield.com).

## TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

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

The Board of Selectmen hold meetings every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM. The August schedule is August 9th and 23rd, 2023 at the Town Offices as well as virtually through Zoom.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on August 10th and 24th at 6PM at the Town Offices.

The Planning Board will meet in August on the 7th and 21st at 7:00 PM in the Town offices and via Zoom.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a monthly meeting on Thursday, August 17th, 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 Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Center Fire Station.

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners will not be meeting in August. Their next meeting will be on September 21st, 2023 at 6 PM at the Spofford Fire Station.

The Conservation Commission will meet on Monday, August 28th, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Town Offices.

The Budget Committee will not be meeting in August. Their next meeting will be in September.

Library Trustee Board Meeting Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 6:30 PM at the Library.

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Historical Society (518A, Route 63).

Chesterfield Historical Society Meeting Tuesday, August 22 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices.

The Chesterfield Revitalization Group will meet on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Offices.

The Watershed Committee will meet on Thursday, August 10th at 9:00 AM at the Town Offices.

Please check the Town of Chesterfield Website for the Gravel Road Committee, Ordinance Review Subcommittee and Housing Committee meeting dates and times.

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## **CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**The Chesterfield Police Department would like to announce that Officer Lance Rouse is our new Lieutenant. Following the well-deserved retirement of Mike Bomba, Lance will be stepping into some big shoes!**

**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.

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## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**The Highway Department has been very busy patching roads and fixing culverts. Roadside mowing should start soon if the weather cooperates. Please report any issues to us by calling 603-256-6629**



The Transfer Station has a new manager. Phil Riendeau is now heading the Transfer Station with the assistance of John Cobb and Steve Harris. They are a great team!

The Transfer Station is temporarily **not** accepting credit card payments. Please plan accordingly and bring a check since we also do not accept cash payments. Thanks for your understanding.

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!

## TRANSFER STATION - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following date:

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\*\***

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A decorative oval graphic with a light blue background. On the right side, there is a small blue alarm clock with gold feet and a gold wire basket containing a green plant. The text 'CHESTERFIELD TOWN CLERK' is written in bold black letters on the left side of the oval.

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN CLERK

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**Town Clerk's Office**

Do you know the DMV policy on registrations requires that the vehicle owner pick up registrations?

If an owner needs to send a family member to renew a vehicle registration and take it home with them please make sure to provide them with BOTH the vehicle registration and a written letter giving them permission to take home your registration. (The letter must include your name, the person who is taking home your registration, the date, and your signature.) We can also mail the registration to owner after payment.

The town clerk's office wants to remind people that registering a vehicle with an actual title requires all new owners of the vehicle to be present to sign title paperwork. One owner not local or unable to come to the office? A Notarized Power of Attorney for any absent title owner must be supplied allowing for a representative to sign in their stead.



### Children/Youth

**Southern VT Natural History Museum with Real Wildlife!**, Thursday, August 3, 12:30pm We'll get up close to a variety of northeastern wildlife! Live birds of prey, reptiles, mammals, and touchable artifacts are featured in this fun and engaging program. Live animals will be on-hand to put a face to the challenges Northeastern wildlife must rise to meet. Museum staff will bring furs, skulls and other artifacts for an exploration of our local fauna.

**Saturday Storytime**, Saturday, August 5 and Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 AM A family event for children of all ages; join us as we read picture books aloud and complete a craft!

**Pajama Storytime and Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover**, Monday, August 7, 5:30pm Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to the Library for storytime! Your stuffed animal can sleepover at the Library and you can pick them up the next day!

**Spaced-themed Story & Planet Painting Project**, Thursday, August 10, 11:00am-12:00pm Come and explore our solar system with a planet themed read aloud story and an out of this world painting led by Chesterfield art teacher Melanie Fedorowicz. This lesson can be adapted to most ages, but is best suited for kids ages 5-11.

**End of Summer Celebration**, Thursday, August 17, 2:00-3:30pm Celebrate the end of our summer reading program with games, tie-dye, and ice cream! Bring a plain white T-shirt to participate in tie-dyeing! Bring a completed Summer Reading Bingo card or a reading log to pick up a prize!

**Middle Grade Book Club**, Wednesday, August 23 at 3 pm This event is open to Middle Grade readers. This month, bring a book you are currently reading or recently finished to share with the group. Snacks will be provided.

## Adult

**Makers Meeting**, Tuesday August 1, 11:00-2:00 The Chesterfield Library will host a monthly Makers Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. All types of work and experience levels are welcome! Bring your lunch, art, experiences, and ideas!

**Library Book Club**, Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 pm The library has a new book club for adults. This month we will discuss the novel *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. 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.

**Spice Club**, Monday, August 14, 6:00pm Join the Friends for an informal and fun hour presenting spices and recipes. This month we will feature Dill and there will be something for you to taste! Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

**The Friends of the Library Present “Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Family Odyssey”**, Thursday August 17, 6:00pm @ Chesterfield Town Hall The Friends of Library are hosting Marina Kirsch, author of *Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Memoir of Love and Survival*. She will present a true story of resilience and new beginnings about her father, a young Latvian engineering student forced to flee his homeland in 1939 before the first Soviet takeover. The only nation offering refuge was Nazi Germany. Hear his story of meeting the author’s mother in 1940 Berlin, being drafted into the Luftwaffe (the German airforce), and forging a new beginning in America after the war with a key role in the U.S. space program.

**Chesterfield Quilting Guild**, Monday, August 21 at 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.

**Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library Meeting**, Monday August 1, 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.

**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.

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)



Rec camp is in full swing for the summer. Despite the rainy start, we have made the most of the beautiful days on the beach. Campers have various themes each week and you will find them on the beach playing soccer, building volcanoes, making bracelets, and other arts and crafts. We have utilized the paddle boards and kayaks which the kids have really enjoyed. I want to give a huge shout-out to my counselors and assistant counselors. They have been so creative and amazing this summer. The camp would not be the same without them! Unfortunately, the campers' favorite activity is the Gaga Pit which is a game in the grove, and it has been off-limits due to all the rain. We are going to be painting their handprints on it next week in hopes to be able to play soon!

North Shore Beach bathrooms have been completely renovated. They look awesome and residents love them. Everything over there is running smoothly. With the new signs by the road, non-resident parking has not been as big an issue as it has been in the past.

Ware's Grove Beach has been very busy on sunny days with a full parking lot. I would like to thank our lifeguards and our snack shack workers who have also done a great job helping to run the beach. We have yoga on the beach Sunday mornings from 9-10am. We have had a few rainouts but hoping to get more people to come. It is taught by our resident Erin Soltys.

Soccer sign-ups have begun! Registration forms are on the town website and you can mail the check in. We have lots of coaches returning but are always in need of more!

Thank you,

Darlene Smith  
Park and Rec Director

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Economic Development Committee is Sponsoring:**

***Creative Chesterfield Artisan Fair***

Sat. August 12<sup>th</sup>

9AM – 2PM at Chesterfield Town Hall

A Free Event

Come Browse Handmade Crafts created in a Small Town by Big Talent.

The Fair will begin by coinciding with the Chesterfield Farmer's Market

Produce & Crafts, what better way to start your day!

Chesterfield Vendors including musicians, and actors wishing a spot are welcomed to contact:

[EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com) (cutoff date is Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>)

Our August meetings will be on August 10th and 24th.

Questions? [edc@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:edc@nhchesterfield.com)

## **Chesterfield Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Report – August 2023**

Canadian Smoke issues OEM has offered N95 Masks via the OEM committee members to spread the word to residents since 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 residents. We are working on compiling a single list and encourage you to SIGN up when it is offered.

The Flooding May Have Impacted Your Water and Wells – and River Use According to WMUR, the recent heavy rains may have affected your wells if the flooding levels have gone above the well. There could also be major issues on familiar waterways and lakes due to the currents and debris that may have impacted those areas. In each case, there are nutrients that can create contaminants that could affect your health.

Please check it out!

OEM Emergency Operations Centers continue to be an option for you! As you may recall, 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. We almost needed to open another EOC in July due to the flooding and need for evacuation.

Follow Chesterfield Social Media Sites to Get the Latest News! Our Police Department has an active "Chesterfield NH Police Department Facebook Page" and our town has a very, very active "Chesterfield NH Facebook Page" – check them out – especially when the going gets rough to get any available information. Let us know what you may see!!

Chesterfield School Update Sharyn reports that the school had a rated table top Active shooter drill last spring and that teachers will be having additional training for school safety at the start of the school year

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 citizens who 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. \*\*\* 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!

## **News from Chesterfield School**

School begins on Wednesday, August 30th. Placement letters will be sent out the week of August 14th.

The bus schedule is a work in progress. As soon as it is complete we will post it on the Chesterfield Facebook page as well as the school's website.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year.





## Community Events

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Every Saturday, 9 to noon. **CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET.** Local produce, maple syrup, honey, international breads, cookies, donuts, crafts, flower bouquets, plants, herbs, eggs and more. 603-762-6097

Saturdays August 5 & 12, 7:30pm, ***The Misalliance*** by G.B.Shaw—a staged reading.  
Actors Theater Playhouse, W.Chesterfield. Info &  
Reservations: <https://www.atplayhouse.org/>

Saturday August 12, 9:00-2:00 **CREATIVE CHESTERFIELD ARTISAN FAIR.** Come browse handmade crafts created in a small town by big talent. At the Town Hall, Rt 63.  
Vendors, musician, actors inquire by Aug 4, at [EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com)

Wednesday August 16, 6:30pm: ***"Kchi Pontegok" The Historic Landscape of Bellows Falls Petroglyphs***, a premier presentation by Annette Spaulding, presented by the Chesterfield Historical Society. **Free.** See details at:  
<https://www.chesterfieldhistoricalsociety-nh.org/>

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, August 17 -September 2, 7:30pm.  
***Tiny Beautiful Things***, presented by Actors Theater Playhouse, W.Chesterfield.  
Reservations and more info: <https://www.atplayhouse.org/>

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 pm: **Spofford Lake Water Quality Update**  
FB Environmental, partner of the Spofford Lake Association will address how Spofford Lake is doing  
and what more can be done to ensure its future.  
Zoom login details can be found on [www.SpoffordLakeAssociation.org](http://www.SpoffordLakeAssociation.org)

Chesterfield Senior Luncheon takes the month of August off but the volunteers will be planning for the months of September, October, November and December. Please join us for lunch on the second Wednesdays of those months at the Town Hall at 12:30 pm.

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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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