

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS

### May 2023



#### Board of Selectmen Notes

June 2023

Welcome to Summer 2023! It looks as though the warm weather is now here to stay for while.

The Board of Selectman is searching for a new Transfer Station Lead Attendant. This position is full-time (37 hours per week) with benefits. If you are interested in this job and would like an application or job description, please see our Town Administrator Alissa Thompson.

#### TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 4, 2023  
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 June schedule is June 14th and 28, 2023 at the Town Offices as well as virtually through Zoom.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on June 8th and 22nd at 6PM at the Town Offices

The Planning Board will meet in June on the 5th and 19th at 7:00 PM in the Town offices and via Zoom.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a monthly meeting on June 15, 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 June 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Center Fire Station. The Commissioners will have a working meeting on June 14, 2023.

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners monthly meeting will be on June 15, 2023 at 6 PM at the Spofford Fire Station.

The Conservation Commission is meeting on June 26, 2023 at 7:30 in the Town Offices.

Library Trustee Board Meeting Tuesday June 20, 2023 6:30 PM at the Library.

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is meeting June 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Historical Society (518A, Route 63).

Chesterfield Historical Society Meeting Tuesday June 27 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices.

Please check the Town of Chesterfield Website for the The Watershed Committee and Gravel Road Committee meeting dates and times.



On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Lt. Michael Bomba officially retired from the Chesterfield Police Department. Michael always gave the Town of Chesterfield 110%. It did not matter what he was doing, if someone needed him, he was there. We could always count him. Michael did not seek recognition. There were many occasions when I heard from residents and strangers that wanted to tell me what a great job he did. On more than one occasion, Michael has given money for gas or food to strangers who needed help.

Michael enjoyed working with the students of Chesterfield School and was a staple in being a chaperone in Natures Classroom. When Michael walks into the school, I frequently heard "BOMBA" shouted from students. The shouts were quickly followed up with "high five's." Michael is going to be missed.

The following is a message which was read from Cheshire County Dispatch:

***"Lt. Bomba, congratulations on your retirement after 25 years of your dedication to Law Enforcement.***

***You started your career with the Hinsdale Police in 1998 and then attended the 119<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Police full time academy in 1999. During your tenure at the Hinsdale Police Department, you held the rank of Patrolman, Senior Patrolman, Field Training Officer and Corporal.***

***You left the Hinsdale Police Department to work for the Chesterfield Police Department. While at the Chesterfield Police Department, you started as a patrolman then rose to the ranks Lieutenant in 2018. While there you were a Taser Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Shotgun Instructor and Rifle Instructor.***

***Lieutenant Michael Bomba, you are 10-2 for the final time. On behalf of all of your brothers and sisters in Law Enforcement, we thank you for your commitment and dedication and wish you the very best in your future endeavors."***

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### **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**

**North Shore Road has received its top coat. The first week in June, work on Zinn Road will begin, this should assist in mud season next year!**



Town of Chesterfield is looking for a Full-time Transfer Station Attendant. Job Type: Full-time 37 hrs a week, benefits, retirement.

Submit applications to the Selectmen's Office PO Box 175  
Chesterfield, NH 03443 or in person 490 Route 63 Chesterfield, NH  
03443.

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.

## TRANSFER STATION - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following date:

Tuesday, July 4, 2023  
Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
Saturday, November 11, 2023  
Wednesday, November 22, 2023  
Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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## CHESTERFIELD TOWN CLERK

### June Happenings!

The summer is here, and this means that the office may be short staffed at times. We make every effort to keep the office open for window hours.

Wait times may occur especially at the opening hours of 9AM and 4PM. If your schedule permits, arrive at an off peak time, after 11am or 5pm, to reduce the possibility of longer wait times for service.

Dog licenses are now overdue. Late fees start this month and Civil Forfeitures incurring an additional \$25 fees will be presented to the Board of Selectmen by June 20th.

To avoid additional fees, please renew your dog license now. You may do so online or during window hours. If you are awaiting a vet appointment for the rabies vaccination, please call our office to see if we can make special arrangements.

Congratulations to all the graduates of 2023! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

## Office of the Tax Collector

Summer is almost here. Tax bills for the first bill of 2023 were sent out on May 11, 2023. If you have not received your bill in the mail by June 1, 2023, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 603-363-4624 ex.14 and we will send you another copy.

This bill is due on July 5, 2023. In person payments can be made on Monday between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. except on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also be open for in-person payments on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Also as a reminder, if you have an escrow account with your mortgage please do not send in a direct payment. We will not be making any refunds for overpayments until the middle of July so you could tie up your funds for a long period of time. We also offer electronic payments through the town's website under the Tax Collector department. Credit Card and

Debit Card payments can only be made on line. Cards cannot be accepted as an in-person payment in the office.



## June 2023 Events

### Children

Preschool Storytime, Mondays at 11:00 AM Join us for stories, songs, movement, and crafts. Designed to boost early literacy and social skills in young children ages 1-5.

Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, June 28 at 3:00 PM This event is open to Middle Grade readers. This month we are reading the graphic novel Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang. Snacks will be provided! If you would like to join, pick up a copy at the Front Desk!

Susie Spikol, Thursday, June 29 at 5:30 PM Local author, naturalist, and educator, will present ideas for family nature exploration. Fun for the whole family, and light refreshments will be provided! Susie works and writes from the Harris Center in Hancock, NH.

### Adult

Spice Club, Monday June 12 at 6:00 PM Join the Friends for an informal and fun hour presenting spices and recipes. This month we will feature Vanilla Bean and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to discover a new spice and receive a free spice kit featuring a recipe, and spices, herbs, or blends. Check out new cookbooks and recipes or bring a favorite recipe of yours to share!

Makers Meeting, Tuesday June 6, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 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!

The Knit Chicks, Tuesdays, June 6, and June 20 at 1:00 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!

Coyote Presentation, Friday, June 16 at 6:00 PM Chris Schadler, MS, MA, Conservation Biologist and Ecologist will present Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyotes in New Hampshire. She will take the differences between the Western Coyote and the Eastern Coyote, as well as the benefits of the Coyote within our ecosystem.

Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, June 19 at 1:00 PM Our quilting group meets once a month to work on projects and discuss their work. All levels are welcome to join!

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

Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library on June 20, @ 5:30 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)



### Parks and Recreation June Happenings

May has been a very busy month getting our beaches ready to open for the summer. We had a great turnout for the North Shore clean up Day on Saturday, May 13th. Many thanks to local real estate agent Todd Bassler provided Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and drinks for all the volunteers. Thanks also to all the volunteers that showed up that day. We really appreciate you all. Many thanks to Joe Hanzlik for all his hard work putting down new flooring and brand-new doors. Thanks to Ray Dunn for

spending Friday with his spray gun helping paint the bathrooms. That was really appreciated. So our North Shore beach just needs the changing area to be built.

Tennis courts have been getting used with Pickleball players as well as tennis players. We bought a new crank for the net. Please read the sign that is posted, Do Not Touch The Crank to lower the net, it is done from the strap at the middle of the net. Thank You

Rec Camp is full for the summer, so that is very exciting, We are fully staffed and looking forward to a fun summer. Reminder Lifeguards are only on Duty June 19<sup>th</sup> -August 11<sup>th</sup> Mon-Fri from 9-6 pm.

Admission is free at the beach after 6:00 PM

See you on the Beach  
Darlene

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

All Chesterfield Artisans are invited to the Economic Development Committee June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, at 6pm in the McKeon Room of the Town Offices.

This is to help plan a summer craft fair that will be combined with the Saturday, Chesterfield Farmer's Market.

Dates and availability will be discussed. Also, any future craft fair plans (fall?) will be included.

A zoom option is available for those how can't physically attend. The link is posted on the Town website's calendar under June 8<sup>th</sup>.

All input Welcome!

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

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

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. This valuable course is designed as a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens 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.

Updates to date from the Chesterfield OEM team:

1 - HSEM Drill discussion was held for the school on March 23 - and we are still awaiting a next step to proceed positively, but gently focusing on Safety for all students, faculty, parents, etc. There were many potential risk scenarios discussed attended by our fire/police/OEM teams.

2 – OEM hosted an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) 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 from 8am-4pm.

3 – There was a Chesterfield School Fire Educational Burn held on April 14 as a means to do training in the event of a field/area fire. Many Cheshire County organizations participated and it was also a big success. Our thanks to the many public and private entities participating.

4 – In FY'2022, our OEM team and Town Administrator, Alissa Thompson, worked together to use NH State Funding to purchase a number of resources. This was a 9:1 split for up to \$50,000 in risk-based supplies and services. Together with the OEM Budget, police and fire participation, we invested about \$5,000 and the State of NH matched us with about \$45,000 in funds.

5 – Within this 9:1 Grant program, Chesterfield gained the following important safety items;

- a. New generator
- b. New electrical road sign
- c. New AEDs for police use
- d. New telephone system in the OEM office
- e. Additional PPE's, masks, supplies, kits for COVID support
- f. MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and other necessary supplies.

6 – On May 6th, members of our OEM team took inventory and helped to re-organize our supply area with many new supplies to replace/enhance currently in inventory at the OEM office in the basement area.

THANKS FOR THE GREAT TEAMWORK!

\*\*\* For info about "your" OEM Office – Please contact us at [OEM@NHChesterfield.com](mailto:OEM@NHChesterfield.com) \*\*\*

Submitted by Ralph Petti, Director – Office of Emergency Management Cell: 908.310.6381

Thank you for your support and participation!

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## Community Events

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Every Saturday 9 to noon: **Chesterfield Farmers' Market.** Veggies, flowers, plants, breads & sweets, maple syrup, honey, crafts. Route 63 in the center of Chesterfield.

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Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 8 to 24: "Ten Minute Play Festival." Curtain time 7:30. Actors Theatre Playhouse, W. Chesterfield. Reservations recommended. [atplayhouse.org](http://atplayhouse.org)

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Chesterfield Senior Luncheon will take place at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 14th at 12:30. The menu will be chicken salad, finger rolls, carrot salad, potato chips, strawberry shortcake and ice tea/lemonade.

Suggested donation is \$5.00. Please call (603) 363-9319 for reservations.

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### *Save the Date*

Outhouse Americana - The Iconic Necessity

Wed. July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Town Hall – In Person Only

By Geor Papp

Although taken for granted, the outhouse is a chronicle of America's development and certainly has enriched our folklore. This presentation includes interesting props and models. What can modern day outhouse misconceptions teach us about colonial literacy? What's the meaning of kybo and just how do you play woo-woo in the privy? Come and join us for this well-researched, folksy, factual, and entertaining talk by a true craftsman. Presented by the Chesterfield Historical Society

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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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