

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS March 2024



### Board of Selectmen Notes March 2024

**Town Election  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**Chesterfield Town Hall - 522 Route 63**

The 2024 Town Election will take place at the Town Hall from 10 am until 7 pm. This is your chance to vote for town and school district officials as well changes to voting and building ordinances.

**School District/Town Meeting  
Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**Chesterfield School - 535 Old Chesterfield Road**

The School District meeting will take place at 10 am. The Town Meeting will be at 1 pm. All registered voters who attend can vote on the School District budget and warrant articles and the Town budget and warrant articles.

The picture above was the view from a town plow truck last March 16.  
Let's hope we don't get the same thing this year!!

### 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))

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		
<b>Wednesdays, March 6 &amp; 20</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office/Zoom</b>
(Every other Wednesday)		
<b>Economic Development Committee</b>		
<b>Thursday, March 14 &amp; 28</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)		
<b>Planning Board</b>		
<b>Mondays, March 4 &amp; 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office/Zoom</b>
(1st and 3rd Mondays)		
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>		
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Town Office/Zoom</b>
(3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)		
<b>Chesterfield Fire &amp; Rescue Commissioners</b>		
<b>Monday, March 19-Regular Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Center Fire Station</b>
(3rd Monday)		
<b>Monday, March 20-Annual Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Center Fire Station</b>
<b>Spofford Fire &amp; Rescue Commissioners</b>		
<b>Tuesday, March 20-Annual Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Spofford Fire Station</b>
<b>Thursday, March 21-Regular Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Spofford Fire Station</b>
(3rd Thursday)		
<b>Library Board of Trustees</b>		
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Chesterfield Library</b>
(3rd Tuesday)		
<b>Conservation Commission</b>		
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
(4th Monday)		
<b>Chesterfield Revitalization Group</b>		
<b>Monday, March 11</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
(2nd Monday)		
<b>Budget Committee</b>		
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Gravel Roads Committee</b>		
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Town Office</b>



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.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mud season will be upon us soon! The Highway Department is posting town gravel roads starting this week until they dry out. If you need an exception, please contact the Highway Department at (603) 256-6299.



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

Friday, November 29, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day

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## Chesterfield Town Clerk Dog Photo Contest

All dogs licensed by April 30, 2024 for  
2024-25 are eligible to Enter

Residents can message images to the official TC  
Facebook page or send image directly to the  
Town Clerk starting in February

Prizes - #1 Dog License & basket of prizes + being  
the official mascot of the TC office for 1-year!

**Voting will take place in June**

### TOWN CLERK NEWS - MARCH 2024

Hour Changes for early April:

Please note on April 2nd and 3rd the office will be open but with only one clerk.  
Please allow extra time if you plan to come to the office during this week.

Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> no phone calls as the office will be closed.

Don't forget to register your dog and enter him or her in the Town Clerk Photo Contest. Find out more on the [Town Clerk webpage](#) or visit us on our official

Facebook Page.

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### CHESTERFIELD 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.

Send your resume to:

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission,  
Post Office Box 175, Chesterfield, NH 03443-0175.



#### Chesterfield Public Library

##### March 2024 Events

**Movie Night: Barbie, Thursday March 14th at 6:00 pm** We will be screening Barbie (PG-13) 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.

##### Children/Youth

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

**Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, March 27 at 3:00pm** This month we are reading the graphic novel Lightfall: The Girl and the Guardian by Tim Probert. 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, March 28th at 4:00pm** Open to ALL teens, 8th-12th Grade! Hang out and join our discussion —snacks are provided! This month we will read Daughters of a Dead Empire by Carolyn Tara O'Neil. Pick up a copy at the front desk!

**Egg Craft Event, Thursday, March 28th at 4:00 pm** Decorate a real chicken egg with bling, flowers, and a little rabbit! (7th grade and up) Sign up online or contact the front desk.

**Spring Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 at 10:30 am** We are very excited to host a Spring Egg Hunt at the Library! Children can celebrate the Spring season by searching for prize-filled eggs around the Library grounds. Bring your own basket or

bag! Thank you to the Friends of the Chesterfield Library for their generous support in this event!

#### Adult

**Introduction to Color: Art Classes, Saturdays March 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** Light up your artwork with color! Take a series of 4 art classes with local artist, Janet Moore. Topics will include basic color principles, understanding value, mixing and applying colors, and arranging compositions with **color in mind**.

**Materials are provided by the Library. Class size is limited to 8, ages 15 and up.**

**Makers Meeting, Tuesday, March 5th at 11:00am** Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

**The Knit Chicks, Tuesday, March 5th and Tuesday, March 19th 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, March 11th at 6:00 pm** This month we will feature Annatto and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

**Library Book Club, Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 pm** The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell Stop by the library to sign up or email the [frontdesk@chesterfieldlibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@chesterfieldlibrary.org) and pick up a copy of the book.

**Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, March 18th 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.

**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, March 5th 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)



### CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

A number of us may be noticing a series of dirt mounds spreading across our yards. It is a little early, but the critters responsible are moles, either the star-nosed, which is essentially blind, or the hairy tailed mole, both native to North America. Both are about 5 inches long and are covered in short, gray fur. In their search for grubs, snails, worms and termites along with other insects and invertebrates, they can create tunnels 30 feet long connecting them to as many as 15 other tunnels. And this is all done by one mole as they are solitary, nocturnal creatures.

Though the dirt piles can become unsightly, the moles tend to move on after a couple of weeks. In the mean time, controlling the grubs, who are one of the culprits feeding on the roots of grass and other plants, can help discourage mole activity, using environmentally friendly products. One can also try castor



oil as a mole deterrent. You can also benefit the lawn by spreading the dirt across the lawn. And moles are natural aerators, moving air and water more freely through the soil so their brief stay might not be so problematic after all.



#### Parks and Recreation Happenings

Weather has been a little crazy again this month. We were hoping to do an ice skating event at Camp Spofford but the weather has not been cooperating at all. With the temperatures getting into the 50's this week that will for sure not help freeze the ice. Fingers crossed we get a cold spell for a bit.

Sadly our Tuesday morning Yoga class with Karen will have their last class this Tuesday (2/27) from 10-11. I would like to thank Karen for being a part of this program for 2 years, we will sure miss her. We are still looking for a replacement if anyone knows of anyone that can do a morning class. Good luck Karen in your new position.

We still have yoga on Sunday morning from 8:15-9:15 with Erin Soltys as the instructor, so feel free to come and join her class.

We will be hosting another Paint and Sip night in March, watch for details on the Park and Rec website.

Hard to believe that summer is coming quickly, Parks and Recreation Rec Camp application and Information will be posted this week on the town website. Registration for camp is on a first come basis and your check must be included with registration. If you have any problems with that part, please reach out to me and I can assist you.

Thank You  
Darlene

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There is still room for more small businesses to participate in the Chesterfield Business Expo on Sat. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 2pm at Town Hall. Please contact [EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com) with the header EXPO, state the business name, type, and contact information. There is no charge for the space. Sponsored by the Economic Development Committee.

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#### Save the Date:

The EDC is sponsoring another:

Chesterfield Artisan Fair

Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup>

10AM -2PM

Chesterfield Town Hall

Event is Free!

22 Vendors will be Displaying their Work!

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

Chesterfield OEM encourages all residents to consider their own preparedness As our local government prepares for everyday emergencies, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. There are excellent home-based self-preparedness resources on DHS's Ready.gov website: <https://www.ready.gov>

Chesterfield OEM is enthusiastically partnering with HSEM regional staff In February, members of our team hosted new liaison staff from NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management at our town office facility to discuss enhancing local preparedness. We exchanged ideas and will be receiving guidance to acquire more resources and supplies.

Pet safety & transport can be critical for residents to relocate during disasters

This was a major area of discussion in 2023 headed up by our OEM Deputy, Cheryl Maibusch, who put a list together of area hotels that may take animals during disaster events. If you have pets or livestock, it is important to make plans on how to evacuate with them!

Chesterfield OEM leads regional collaborative support effort

Our community is looking to share information and resources with other area towns, and we have already met with OEM teams from Gilsum, Stoddard, Swanzy and others. We also now have a list of local emergency managers for each of the Cheshire County towns for mutual aid.

Former OEM Director, John Zannotti, will be assisting in this effort to reach out to each of them.

Follow Chesterfield social media sites to get the latest safety news! Our local residents, Police Department, OEM and other town departments have active Facebook pages that can be useful sources of information. Search "Chesterfield" to find them.

Local flooding may have impacted your well – Have it tested with this link! According to WMUR, heavy rains earlier this season may have affected your wells. Test them here:  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/environmental-health-and-you/water-testing>

OEM emergency facilities ready to provide power & shelter for you

OEM is creating a third site at the Old Town Hall to complement the town office building's Emergency Operations Center and the secondary EOC at the Spofford Fire Station, to better serve our town and its residents in the event of an emergency.

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## News from Chesterfield School - March 2024

Monday 4th Outdoor Ed. Committee Mtg.

Monday 11th - School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the School Library

Tuesday the 12th - End of Trimester 2

Wednesday 13th Grade 5 to the Colonial Theater

Thursday 15th Grade 2 to the Public Library

Saturday March 16th Annual School District Meeting

Wednesday March 20th - Musical Performance :Chesterfield and Westmoreland Schools.

Thursday 21st - Early Release Day

Friday the 22nd - Parent Teacher Conference Day - No school

Wednesday the 27th - Second performance of the Westmoreland and Chesterfield Schools

Thursday the 28th - Grade 8 to Keene High School for a Tour.

## Community Events

### ***Senior Luncheon***

*Wednesday, March 13 - 12:30 pm*

*At the Chesterfield Town Hall*

*Menu - Roasted Pork Loin, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green beans, Rolls,  
Applesauce & Lemon Squares*

*Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation by  
5 pm on Monday, March 11th*

**Save the Date:**

**The Chesterfield Historical Society**

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

Rebecca Rule Returns with more comic charm!

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm

Chesterfield Town Hall

Free Event

### ***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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