

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS MAY 2024

Board of Selectmen Notes May 2024

Boat Ramp Parking Lot Improvements on Route 9A are almost complete as of today and the parking lot is available for use. Thank you to our Highway Department for their part in getting this project done in a timely manner and thank you to our boat launch users for their patience while we got this done.

Please take note of all the community events happening in Chesterfield this month and support the organizations that put them on. If you know of other events you feel should be included in our events calendar, please e-mail us.

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)

Board of Selectmen		
Wednesdays, May 1, 15 & 29 (Every other Wednesday)	6:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Economic Development Committee		
Thursday, May 9 & 30 (2nd and 4th Thursdays)	6:00 pm	Town Office
Planning Board		
Mondays, May 6 & 20 (1st and 3rd Mondays)	7:00 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Thursday, May 16 (3rd Thursday - hearings begin no earlier than 6:45 pm)	6:30 pm	Town Office/Zoom
Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Monday, May 20 (3rd Monday)	6:30 pm	Center Fire Station
Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners		
Thursday, May 16 Station (3rd Thursday)	6:00 pm	Spofford Fire
Cemetery Commission	6:30 pm	Historical Society Building

Wednesday, May 8		
Library Board of Trustees		
Tuesday, May 21	7:00 pm	Chesterfield
Library		
(3rd Tuesday)		
Conservation Commission		
Monday, May 20	7:30 pm	Town Office
(4th Monday, exception this month)		
Chesterfield Revitalization Group		
Monday, May 13	5:00 pm	Town Office
(2nd Monday, exception this month)		
Watershed Committee		
Thursday, May 16	9:30 am	Town Office
Chesterfield Historical Society		
Tuesday, May 28	7:00 pm	Town Office



On April 26th, 2024 Officer Shawn Collins graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy. Shawn endured the 16 weeks of training in Concord and is now transitioning into the Chesterfield Police Department's Field Training Program. If you see Shawn out on the road please stop and say Hi. Shawn came to us with many years of experience as a Sheriff's Deputy from Georgia and is a welcomed asset to this community.

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: \$59,633-\$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

All dirt roads in Chesterfield are no longer posted.

North Hinsdale Road is now open for the summer/fall season.

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 CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Chesterfield Cemetery gates open on May 1st and are open daily from 9 AM until 7 PM. Starting October 1st the gates will be closed at 6 PM.

The crew has been hard at work preparing the cemeteries for the coming season.

We ask that families remove all winter decorations by May 8th.

Please be aware that NO permanent plants are allowed, this includes rosebushes, hydrangea, azalea, lilacs, and evergreen bushes of any kind. Oversized plantings will be removed by the cemetery crew. Temporary in-ground plantings are recommended and should be drought resistant. All summer plants should be removed by November 1st. Extraordinary displays that interfere with the care of the gravesite are discouraged.

Maintenance and cleaning of cemetery monuments are the responsibility of the family.

All burials must be arranged through the Sexton.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to a Cemetery Commissioner.



Chesterfield Public Library

May 2024 Events

Drawing Community: Creating Comics from Shared Stories: Saturday, May 4 at 12:00 pm

Presenter and cartoonist Marek Bennett will visit the Library to share lessons from his award-winning work on graphic novels and webcomics. Through sample artwork, historical source materials, and live cartooning demonstrations, this program looks at how collaborative cartooning — “drawing together” — helps us explore identities, share perspectives, and deepen connections in our communities.

Wonka Movie Night, Thursday, May 23 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.

Puzzle Race, Thursday, May 30th at 6:00 pm

Grab a couple of friends, create a team, and race to complete a 500-piece puzzle! The team that works together to complete the full picture first will be named the most Powerful Puzzlers of All! Teams may include up to four people, 5 years and up. Space is limited and registration is required.

Children/Youth

Monday Storytime, Mondays at 11:00 am

Join us for stories, songs, and crafts aimed at the preschool age group. We will not meet on Monday, May 27; the library will be closed for Memorial Day.

Saturday Songs and Stories, Saturday, May 25 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!

Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, May 29 at 3:00pm

This month we are reading the graphic novel *Stories of the Islands* by Clar Angkasa. 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 30th at 4:00pm

Open to ALL teens, 8th-12th Grade! Hang out and join our discussion —snacks are provided! This month, we are reading *Jennifer Chan is Not Alone* by Tae Keller

Adult

Makers Meeting, Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00 am

Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

The Knit Chicks, Tuesday, May 7 and May 21 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, May 13 at 6:00 pm

This month we will feature Cumin and there will be something for you to taste. Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm

The Library's adult book club will discuss the novel *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, May 20 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 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, May 7 at 5:30pm

Join the Friends of the Chesterfield Public Library 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

CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

The Chesterfield Conservation Commission is excited to announce that a new bridge is being built in the Friedsam Town Forest. We are very fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers who are giving their time and expertise to this much needed project. Ray Dunn, Darlene Dunn, Jeff Scott, John Herrick, Kim Nilson, Erik Shifflett and Steve Sherman have all been busy building the new Ravine Bridge located on the Doug Sargent Trail. It should be ready for passage next week.

The Ravine Bridge was originally put in 1990 by local boy scouts, Chesterfield School students led by Mary Grove, who taught middle school science and community volunteers.

In 2005, Tom and Shire Morgen-Hunt (who had just completed the bridge at the Chesterfield Gorge and got married on that bridge) built a magnificent 35 ft hemlock bridge primarily using wood from the forest. Their work was paid for from a Trails Bureau Grant. Repairs were made in 2015 by Rob Koning replacing the decking and side rails after several trees landed on the bridge.

Now in 2024, a new bridge!!! Much thanks to our talented and devoted volunteers!!!

The Doug Sargent Trail is accessible from the Lower Lot and the Upper Lot on the Twin Brook Road. The trail is a moderate hike with some ups and downs. The trail has some narrow footings near the bridge and expect some muddy areas this time of year. The trail includes old stone walls, quartz outcroppings, rushing streams and a beautiful ravine view.



Parks and Rec Happenings

Summer is upon us and lots of happenings getting the beaches ready. We have North Shore Beach Clean-up on Sunday April 28th at 11:00. Food will be provided by Todd Bassler from Greenwald Realty!!

Wares Grove Beach Clean Up will Be Saturday May 11th at 9:00 am.

Please bring rakes and gloves with you if you have them.

Summer Camp is completely full with over 80 campers and we even have a waitlist for some ages. So very exciting and we know it is going to be a great summer with lots of sunshine and warm beach weather.

Yoga is still happening at the Town Hall on Tuesday at 10:00 with our instructor Flossy. Bring a mat and for \$8.00 come and have some fun.

Yoga on the beach will be happening again this year, we are just working on the details and times with the instructor. Stay tuned for more details.

See you all at Beach Clean-Up

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The EDC has changed its May meeting dates to May 9 and May 30.

All Chesterfield Artisans are invited to the May 9th meeting for feedback on the Chesterfield Artisan Fairs and help in planning for the future.

Workforce housing will be discussed at the meeting on May 30th.

Save the Date:

Chesterfield Business to Business Gathering

June 13th at M&T Bank

6 – 8PM

Drinks and Snacks will be served courtesy of M&T Bank

All Chesterfield businesses, Big or Small are Invited to attend.

Office of Emergency Management/OEM May 2024 Monthly Report

A BIG WELCOME: Our OEM team is thrilled to welcome two new important members that have committed to assist in our efforts. We have engaged with each of them and are beginning to plan some activities to extend our focus in these areas:

Clai Lasher-Sommers – Director, Chesterfield Library – has a strong belief in the value of disaster planning and has a number of ideas based her own experiences. With a long service record in the public and private sector, Clai will be joining with our OEM team with planning that will enable all parties to be more prepared.

Karen Guyette – OEM Animal Safety Representative – is a longtime resident and has been focused as a practitioner and subject-matter expert in the planning and caring of all animals – from household pets to farm animals – to help residents to have plans to relocate from their homes with their pets during disaster events.

A WARM GOODBYE:

Cheryl Maibusch – 2022 OEM Member of the Year/OEM Animal Safety Rep While Cheryl is moving out of town, we cannot thank her enough for all of her dedication and contributions that she has made to OEM for the planning of the safety of animals. Cheryl personally recommended Karen to replace her on our team – and Cheryl will be sorely missed. A great friend to all & please keep touch!

A FINAL NOTE:

So far in 2024, we have survived the Solar Eclipse, endured power outages, made many key connections with bordering towns & had our OEM Budget approved. We are off to a great start but, NEED MORE IDEAS as we continue to grow. Please send notes to me or our Deputy Director, John Keppler. Thanks for your support!

Submitted by Ralph Petti, Director, OEM • Cell: 908.310.6381 • ralphpetti1@gmail.com

Upcoming Events - May 2024

May 6- Grade 5 SAS testing , Python Coding Club, Outdoor Ed Committee, Art Club,

May 8- Grade 8 to Lowell

May 9 - 8th Grade Science SAS testing, AREA mtg. for SAU 29

May 13 Grades 5 & 3 SAS testing, Guest Speaker Mr. White Gr 8,

School Board Mtg.

May 14- Grade 3 to VINS, Gr 6 RDG SAS,

May 15- Grade 8 gone to Boston-Auschwitz Exhibit (sponsored by CPSF) , Gr 4 SAS testing

May 16- Grades 7&8 SAS Testing, Friends Of Chesterfield School Mtg

May 17 - Grade 5 to Boston, Coder Z tournament

May 18- Semi Formal Dance

May 19- Color RUN (see information below)

May 24- Early Release

May 27- NO SCHOOL

May 28- Grade 8 Field DAY at KMS, Gr 4 Field Trip to Fort #4

May 29- Grade 7 to Concord

May 30- Solar Car Regional Race

May 31- CVL Track Championship

CHESTERFIELD COLOR RUN

FOCS (FRIENDS OF CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL) FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Chesterfield School

9:00 AM - 1 Mile Kids Fun Run on School Grounds

(Walkers of all ages can join 1 mile course)

10:00 AM - 5k Trail Run through Friedsam Forest

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

\$20 fee for kids fun run/walk and \$25 fee for 5k trail run

Register Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A5A92CA1F8C07-47875066-2024>

First 100 registrants get a FREE t-shirt!

Questions or interested in volunteering?

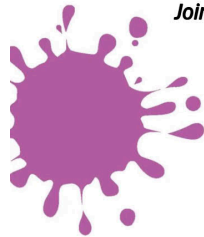
Email FOCSchesterfield@gmail.com



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scan the QR Code below



Join the community for a family fun event!



Community Events

The Chesterfield Lions Club Presents Helen Keller - Champion of the Disabled

Thursday, May 2nd - 6:00 pm
at the Chesterfield Town Hall

The program is written from Helen's mind's eye. The story is told on a taped voiceover as Helen reenacts her full life from her childhood through her discovery of language when she was seven years old to the writing of her twelve books. She will show the audience how she speaks and reads in Braille, and her story continues through her graduation from college.

The performance is 45 minutes with questions.

Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, May 8 - 12:30 pm
At the Chesterfield Town Hall

Menu - Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Cupcakes and Ice Cream
Please call (603) 363-9319 to make a reservation
by 5 pm on Monday, May 6th

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

CHESTERFIELD FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday, May 25
OPENING DAY!
Spring veggies, Ben's Bread, flowers, crafts, friends & more.
9 to Noon
Route 63, Chesterfield Center.

SPOFFORD FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 26
7 am - 11 am
\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-12, free for kids under 4
Pancakes, bacon, sausage and eggs at the annual breakfast
Spofford Fire Station, 9 Pontiac Drive, Spofford
Come support your local firefighters

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 with the subject line "Happenings".

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