

CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS

October 2023



Board of Selectmen Notes October 2023

There will be limited access to the boat launch and the boat launch parking lot after Columbus Day Weekend. All Spofford Lake boat owners, take note. Drainage work to protect lake water quality is scheduled to begin at the boat launch and launch parking off Route 9A after October 10 (exact dates for work are weather dependent). Partial closure of the ramp and parking lot during construction is necessary for the safety of the public and the construction crews. Please watch for signage in the area while this work is being done.

Draw down of the lake level also will begin right after the Columbus Day weekend.

This notice is being provided early to help you plan as you consider taking your boat out of the lake this fall.

TOWN OFFICE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023

The Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

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)

The Board of Selectmen hold meetings every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM. The October schedule is October 4th and 18th, 2023 at the Town Offices as well as virtually through Zoom.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on Thursday, October 12th and 26th at 6PM at the Town Offices.

The Planning Board will meet in October on the 2nd and the 16th at 7:00 PM in the Town offices and via Zoom.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a monthly meeting on Thursday, October 19th, 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 Monday, October 16th, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Center Fire Station.

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners monthly meeting will be on October 19th, 2023 at 6 PM at the Spofford Fire Station.

The Conservation Commission will meet on Monday, October 23rd, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Town Offices.

The Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 at the Town

Offices.

Library Trustee Board Meeting Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 6:30 PM at the Library.

**The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM
at the Historical Society (518A, Route 63).**

**Chesterfield Historical Society Meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM at
the Town Offices.**

The Chesterfield Revitalization Group will meet on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Offices.

The Gravel Road Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 17th at 11 am at the Town Offices.

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



**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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Even though we are currently experiencing some terrific fall weather, keep in mind that the ground will be freezing before long. Now is the time to place any winter grade stakes or driveway markers for winter plowing by the highway department.



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, 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****

CHESTERFIELD TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk's Office

The holiday season is fast approaching and this means that the Town Clerk's Office may at times be short staffed or closed early on certain days. Please make sure to check the Town Clerk's Office Hours on the website for any changes from the normal schedule.

The town clerk's office will not have evening hours (4-7pm) on November 22nd and will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 23rd. We wish everyone a joyous and warm holiday!



Chesterfield Public Library

October 2023 Events

Children/Youth

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

Library Art Club, Monday October 2nd & Monday October 16th at 3:00 pm.

October: Monsters, Witches, and Ghosts, Oh My!

Come and listen to a story read by one of Chesterfield's librarians and then create a project led by Chesterfield Art Teacher Melanie Fedorowicz. All projects will connect to our monthly theme and we'll explore projects in materials such as clay, paint, and mixed media.

Hawk Program with Monadnock Falconry, Sunday October 8th at 2:00 pm

Monadnock Falconry offers the chance for nature enthusiasts of all ages to imagine life as a bird of prey! We are devoted to environmental education through first-hand experience of these amazing creatures rarely encountered up close in the wild. The hour-long program gives the opportunity to meet a Harris' Hawk and see it on the wing, while answering all your questions about their life histories and relation to their human handlers. The program is open to all, including those with disabilities.

Family Game Night, Thursday October 12th at 6:00-8:00 pm.

Stop by the Library and play a board game with friends, family, or the librarians!

Teen Advisory Meeting, Wednesday, October 11th at 4:00 pm

We want to hear from you! Join us for a discussion of improvements, requests, and fun ideas for the library! Snacks will be provided. Open to teens in grades 7 and up!

Sewing Club, Monday, October 23rd & Monday, October 30th at 3:00 pm

Open to all ages. Our first project will be sewing tote bags!

Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, October 25th at 3:00pm This event is open to Middle Grade readers. This month we are reading the graphic novel Fox Point's Own Gemma Hopper by Brie Spangler. Join us for a book discussion—snacks are provided! Sign up for the program and pick up a copy at the front desk.

Teen Book Club, Thursday, October 26th at 4:00pm Open to ALL teens, 8th-12th Grade! Hang out and join our discussion —snacks are provided! This month we will read Medusa by Jessie Burton. Pick up a copy at the front desk!

Family Movie Night, Thursday October 26th at 6:00 pm

We will be screening Hocus Pocus (rated PG) with our projector. Bring your own mat, blanket, and/or pillows to stretch out. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will provide popcorn and beverages! Registration is requested.

Adult

Makers Meeting, Tuesday October 3rd at 11:00am Come talk to other creators in our community. Bring your lunch!

Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, October 16th at 1:00pm 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.

Spice Club, Monday, October 16th at 6:00pm Join the Friends for an informal and fun hour presenting spices and recipes. This month we will feature Clove and there will be something for you to taste! Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Library Book Club, Tuesday, October 10th at 5:30 pm The library has a new book club for adults. This month we will discuss the novel Yellowface by R.F. Kuang Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book!

Crochet Club, Thursday October 19th at 11:00 am

Do you want to learn how to crochet, or craft with other crochet enthusiasts? Join us as we learn to make Peas in a Pod for our first crochet craft!

Family Game Night, Thursday October 12th at 6:00pm

Stop by the Library and play a board game with friends, family, or the librarians!

NHH: Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Family Odyssey, Thursday October 25th at 6:00 pm

Marina Kirsch, author of Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Memoir of Love and Survival, 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. Books will be available for \$20.00 each.

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 October 3rd, 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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

Please join

The Chesterfield Conservation Commission and the Friends
and Family of Tom Duston

Celebrating the naming of the Tom Duston Trail

(formally the Bear Mt Connector)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

10:00 AM

Meet at the trailhead on Plain Road.

The honoring ceremony will be held on the Plain Road
trailhead with the option to hike the .7 mile fairly steep trail to
the top connecting with Moon Ledge on the Daniels
Mountain Loop.

For information email lborrowsky@wsesdvt.org

Please pass on this invitation to any interested friends or
hikers!

Directions:

From Chesterfield, head south on Route 63, 2.4 miles to a
right turn on North Hinsdale Rd. Continue - road becomes
Plain Rd. Travel 2.3 miles and the trailhead is on the right.
Proceed with caution around Pulpit Rock!

From Hinsdale from Route 119, turn on Plain Road. Continue
for 4.4 miles,
trailhead on the left.

No Dogs, Please.



Happy Fall,

We are very busy with soccer in full swing, we have 110 kiddos signed up which is so great!! The

weather has been cooperating and not many rainy days which is great. The Putney soccer tournament for Grades 4-6 will be held the weekend of October 14th and 15th at the Putney School in Putney Vt.

A new yoga class with instructor Erin Soltys will be starting on Sunday October 1st from 8:15-9:15 and will run every Sunday unless there is a scheduling conflict and Erin will let you know in advance. This will be held at the town hall.

We still have our yoga class every Tuesday with instructor Karen from 10:00-11:00. We also have Age in Motion on Wednesday at 9:00 am followed by Cardio drumming with Pam. Come try out on of these great classes.

Trunk or Treat will be held at the Chesterfield School on Sunday October 9th from 1-3, come decorate a trunk or just come and enjoy.

Thank You
Darlene Smith
Parks and Rec Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Save the Date:

Creative Chesterfield Artisan Fair

Sat. Nov. 11th

9 – 2pm

Free Event for all

Our October meetings will be on the 12th and the 26th at the Town Office.

Questions? edc@nhchesterfield.com

Chesterfield Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Report – October 2023

FEMA Funding is available for the July Storms, if we apply for it by October According to HSEM emails received last week, our Town Admin, Alissa Thompson, has participated in a call with FEMA representatives to outline the process for our agencies to apply for funding for any damages done during the July flooding by our town's agencies.

The Flooding May Have Impacted Your Wells – Have it tested with this link! According to WMUR, the recent heavy rains may have affected your wells. Test them here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/environmental-health-and-you/water-testing>

Canadian Smoke issues and NH Air Purifier Rebates! The State of NH offers a Rebate for all certified ENERGY STAR Certified Room Air Purifiers (and, Dehumidifiers and Room Air Conditioners. Visit: <https://nhsaves.com/nh-rebates/>

OEM Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) provide power & shelter for you OEM is creating a THIRD OEM site to be at the Old Town Hall to complement the primary EOC at that OEM office and the

secondary EOC at the Spofford Fire Station to serve our town.

Keep Your Pets Safe During Emergency Events! In the event of an evacuation for any reason, all citizens are responsible for their own pets. OEM has 5 clean cages for pets at the EOC, but please bring your own cages, food, etc. We will have very limited storage and accommodations for pets, but will do our best.

Thank you

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!!

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. We always can use new volunteers! *** 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

News from Chesterfield School

Friday, October 6th - Early Release students dismissed at 11:55 a.m.

Monday, October 9th - School Board meeting 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12th - School Picture Day 📷

Wednesday, October 18th - Grade 8 to the Clarke Institute

Thursday, October 19th - Friends Of Chesterfield School Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, October 20th - Middle School Dance (Grades 6-8)

Community Events

Thursday, October 12 - 6 pm

MT. PISTAREEN GRANGE presents Chocolate Night Contest

Join us at the Chesterfield Town Hall for a night of sweet (and maybe even savory) treats and live music by Life on Venus. There is a \$5 entry fee for partaking in the the chocolate treats but the entry fee is waived for those who are entering the contest. Make your favorite chocolate treats for a chance to win. There is no limit to the number of entries and there's a special category for kids. Bring 50 bite size treats for each entry. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

If you have any questions, please call (603) 313-6640.

Wednesday, October 11, 12:30 pm

Senior Luncheon at the Town Hall

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Salad, Vegetables, Rolls & Apple Crisp

For Reservations call (603) 363-9319, Suggested Donation is \$5

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 pm

Chesterfield Historical Society Annual Meeting

"That Reminds Me of a Story"

by Rebecca Rule

A Humanities to Go Program

CHS Annual Meeting's Business will be conducted at 6:30

Rebecca will follow shortly afterward

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".