

## CHESTERFIELD TOWN HAPPENINGS September 2023



### Board of Selectmen Notes September 2023

The Board of Selectmen would like to give ample notice to the public that the Spofford Lake boat launch will have limited access after the Columbus Day weekend. There will be repairs being done at that time and boats will only be able access one side of the launch.

Our Cemetery Sexton, Chris Flagg will be retiring after this season. We would like to find someone to replace him as soon as possible so that person can work with him this fall to learn the ropes. The position is part-time and runs from April 1 through the end of October. There are occasional weekend duties involved. Please let us know if you are interested in this job - [office@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:office@nhchesterfield.com).

The Chesterfield Housing Working Group (a subcommittee of the Planning Board) is working on a Housing Needs Survey. It will be sent out during the month of September via Mail Chimp. Please respond if at all possible - it will help us in determining what our current availability is as well as what we as a town will be looking for in the future.

### 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 September schedule is September 6th and 20th, 2023 at the Town Offices as well as virtually through Zoom.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on Thursday, September 14th at 6PM at the Town Offices.

The Planning Board will meet in September on the 18th at 7:00 PM in the Town offices and via Zoom.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a monthly meeting on Thursday, September 21, 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, September 18th, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Center Fire Station.

Spofford Fire & Rescue Commissioners monthly meeting will be on September 21st, 2023 at 6 PM at the Spofford Fire Station.

The Conservation Commission will meet on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Town Offices.

The Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the Town Offices.

Library Trustee Board Meeting Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 6:30 PM at the Library.

The Chesterfield Cemetery Commission is meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Historical Society (518A, Route 63).

Chesterfield Historical Society Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices.

The Chesterfield Revitalization Group will meet on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Offices.

The Watershed Committee will meet on Thursday, September 7th at 9:30 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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**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 \$5,000.000 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**  
**Roadside mowing will be continuing during the month of**  
**September. Please report any issues to us by calling**  
**603-256-6629**



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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**CHESTERFIELD TOWN CLERK**

**Town Clerk's Office**

**The Town Clerk's office wishes all faculty and students a wonderful  
school year!**



## FOR PRIVATE SALES

- All Vehicles 2000 or newer require a title for registration.
- Titles must be signed over to the buyer in the Owner Reassignment Section of the title. Please note that often there is ONLY ONE owner reassignment.
- All vehicles must include an odometer reading in the owner reassignment on the title.
- Do not accept a manufacturer certificate of origin (MCO) in place of a title. MCOs cannot be reassigned by an individual owner ONLY by a dealer.

## BUYER BEWARE



### Chesterfield Public Library

#### September 2023 Events

##### Children/Youth

Monday Storytime, Mondays at 11:00am starting 9/18! Monday Storytimes are resuming on September 18! Join us for stories, songs, and crafts aimed at the preschool age group.

Middle Grade Book Club, Wednesday, September 27 at 3:00pm This event is open to Middle Grade readers. This month we are reading *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers. 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, September 28 at 3:00pm Open to ALL teens, 8th-12th Grade! Hang out and join our discussion. September will be our FIRST meeting, this month we will read *Gallant* by V.E. Schwab. Pick up a copy at the front desk!

##### Adult

Library Book Club, Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 pm The library has a new book club for adults. This month we will discuss the novel *The East Indian* by Brinda Charry. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book!

NH Humanities Event, Saturday September 16 at 12:30pm Ireland's Great Famine in Irish American History: *Fateful Memory, Indelible Legacy* Dr. Mary Kelly discusses the role of the Famine in shaping Irish American ethnic identity. Focusing on the long-term impact of the episode between the 1840s and 1990s, she explores the shadowed landscape of Famine legacy and its status in Irish American culture today.

Spice Club, Monday, September 11, 6:00pm Join the Friends for an informal and fun hour presenting spices and recipes. This month we will feature Cinnamon and there will be something for you to taste! Join our group to receive a sample and learn new recipes.

Chesterfield Quilting Guild, Monday, September 11th, 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.

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 September 5th, 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.

Makers Meeting, Tuesday September 5th, 11:00am The Chesterfield Library will host a monthly Makers Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. All types of work and



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experience levels are welcome! Bring your lunch, art, experiences, and ideas!

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)

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### NEWS FROM CHESTERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of a few of our trail volunteers, a large beech tree was recently removed from its new resting spot alongside the Ravine Bridge in the Friedsam Town Forest. A come along, ropes and wires were just some of the tools needed to get the job done. Kudos to Eric Shifflett, Jeff Scott and John Herrick and his willing and able 10 year old grandson, Maverick, for "taking care of business".

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Park and Rec Happenings,

Summer is almost over and I must say it certainly has been a rainy summer. Ware's Grove Beach was not open one Sunday the whole month of July due to rain and thunder. Someone said that we have not had 3 complete days of sunshine in a row all summer which is crazy.

Despite the weather we had a very fun and successful Rec Camp this summer with 85 Happy Campers and all of our counselors were amazing, even though we spent many many days in the Rec Building. Thanks tons to the parents who were able to pick their kids up early on those days, it really helped with the space for kids to stay who have parents that work. Appreciate you all working together.

Really appreciate our amazing lifeguards this summer and also our lovely snack shack employees.

Seems summer just flew by.

Soccer sign ups are complete and shirts are ordered. I am happy to report that we have 105 kiddos signed up this year. Our 4-6 teams will be playing in the Putney Tournament the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Putney School.

Yoga is still happening at the Town Hall on Tuesday morning at 10:00 with Karen.  
We still have 2 Sundays left of Yoga on the Beach with Erin Soltys.

Keep looking for our AIM to start back up in September.

Happy September

Darlene

Chesterfield Parks and Rec

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Economic Development Committee is Sponsoring:

***Creative Chesterfield Artisan Fair - Saturday, November 11th***

Are you a Chesterfield Artisan or Craftsperson?  
Please email [EDC@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:EDC@nhchesterfield.com) for a booth.

Our September meeting will be on the 14th.

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

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

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 if the flooding levels have gone above the well. As there are nutrients that can create contaminants. Test it 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 New Hampshire offers a Rebate for all certified ENERGY STAR Certified Room Air Purifiers (and, Dehumidifiers and Room Air Conditioners that are also ENERGY STAR certified). Please find Air Purifier and other rebate information at: <https://nhsaves.com/nh-rebates/>

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. OEM has now added (30) or so cots, blankets and other resources to accommodate if we open the EOC. Our thanks to Alissa, our Town Admin, for her great work!

Keep Your Pets Safe During Emergency Events! In the event of an evacuation for any reason, take your pets with you! If it's not safe for you to stay behind, it is not safe for your pets to stay behind. It puts first responders and other rescuers at risk to have to go back into a dangerous area to rescue pets that were left stranded. Knowing that your pets are safe with you will also give you a measure of peace.

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 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

## News from Chesterfield School

School has started - please keep an eye open for buses at the beginning and end of the school day.



## Community Events

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

Wednesday September 20, 6:30 pm:

### **The Surveys and Surveyors Part 3, Roads and Bridges.**

In Part 3, David Mann will look deeper into the importance especially to the military of building River Road. How Chesterfield finally got a "Free Bridge Across the Connecticut River". And he will introduce a new historical map of Chesterfield compiled from past surveyors' data, copies of which will be available at the program.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 31-September 2, 7:30pm.

***Tiny Beautiful Things***, presented by Actors Theater Playhouse, W. Chesterfield.

Reservations and more info: <https://www.atplayhouse.org/>

Fridays, Saturdays, September 15-30, 7:30 pm.

**Actors Playhouse Showcase**, presented by Actors Theater Playhouse, West Chesterfield  
A Fundraiser for the Playhouse Maintenance Campaign, A Company Offering of Scenes, Monologues, & Short Play

Reservations and more info: <https://www.atplayhouse.org/>

Wednesday, September 13, 12:30 pm

### **Senior Luncheon at the Town Hall**

Ham, Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Blueberry Cake & Sliced Tomatoes

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

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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".