



# TOWN OF CHESTER NEWSLETTER

October-December

Fall 2019

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## *Town Clerk*

There will be a special meeting and bond vote for the new proposed EMS building and renovation to the Town Garage. The meeting will be held on November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the vote will be on November 5, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Town Offices will be closed for the following holidays:

- Indigenous People's Day, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas, December 24<sup>th</sup> closing at noon and closed the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>

*Have a safe and  
happy holiday  
season!*

## *Town Manager's Message*

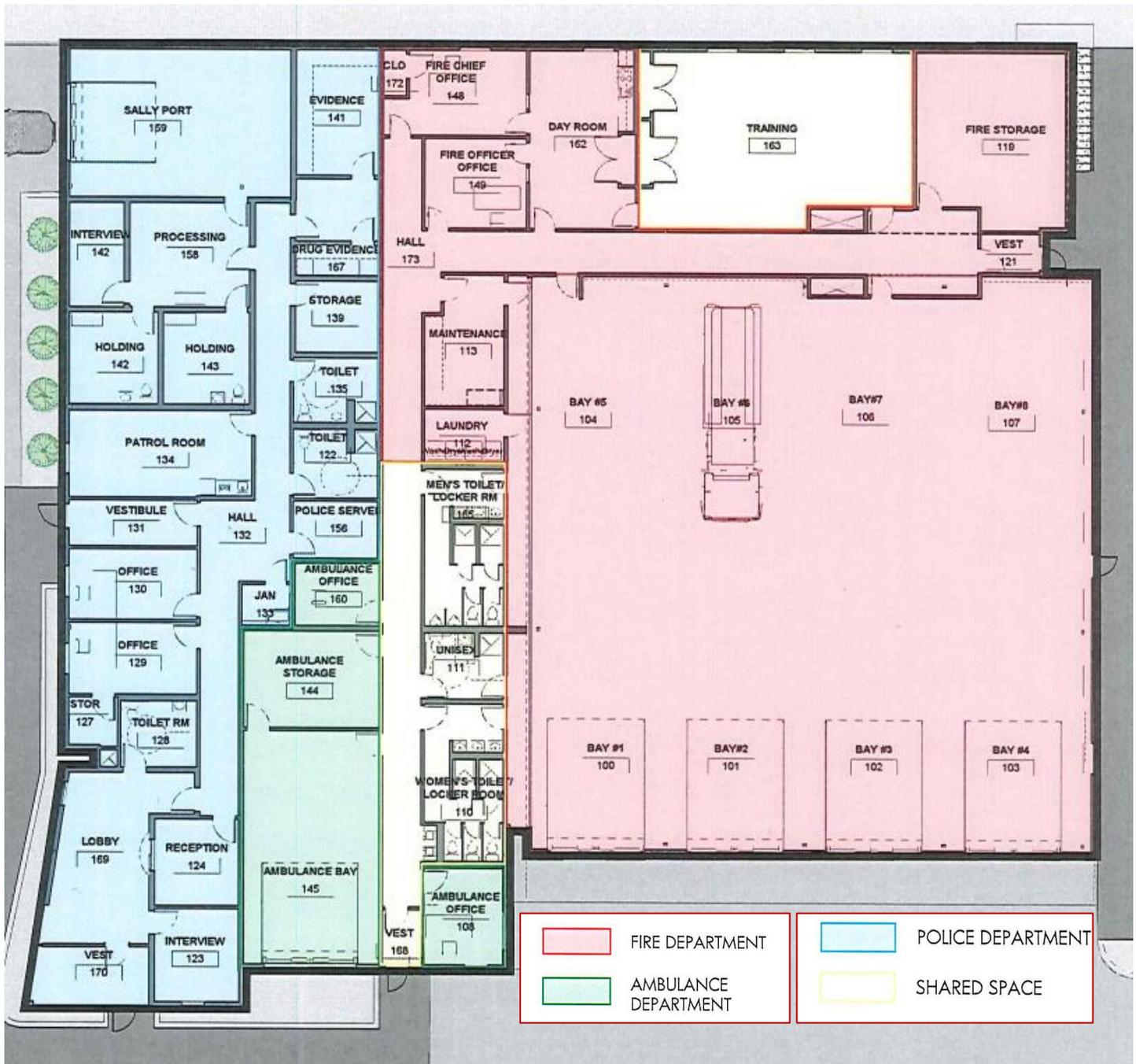
The Emergency Services Committee held its first public forum. It was filmed by SAPA so if you missed it please watch it on your television or computer. There will be another meeting on October 23rd starting at 6:30 PM so consider attending. There will also be another forum on November 4th, also at 6:30 PM, the day before the bond vote. All these meetings and voting will take place at Town Hall.

The floor plan has been revised to show the latest allocation of space. You will note that there are several areas in the facility that will be shared by all three services. The Ambulance department has gotten slightly more space in this latest version. The Police department is offering to show citizens around their current offices here at Town Hall and answer any questions you may have. Look at the floor plan that is included in this newsletter and let me know what you think. The pink space is fire, blue is police, green is ambulance and yellow will be common areas shared by all three services.

Plans are also proceeding regarding the renovations for the Town Garage. When completed, this will give the Public Works department the use of the entire building. It will also mean that all their equipment can be kept under cover and out of the weather.

The Town is also moving to extract gravel from the property it purchased several years ago and where the new water tank was built. The first step is a DRB hearing and then another at ACT 250. Any sand or gravel will be for Chester's use only. I will update you on the progress in the next newsletter.

The renovations of Town Hall have progressed very well. You are encouraged to stop in and see the results. There is still a new wood floor that will be installed. The leaking roof has been fixed, a bathroom installed on the second floor, the kitchen has been remodeled and the entire room has been painted. Vermont Hardwoods supplied the material at their cost which saved the Town over \$10,000. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their generous gift. I also want to thank the members of the Chester Historic Preservation Committee for initiating and creating the scope of work that was ultimately undertaken.

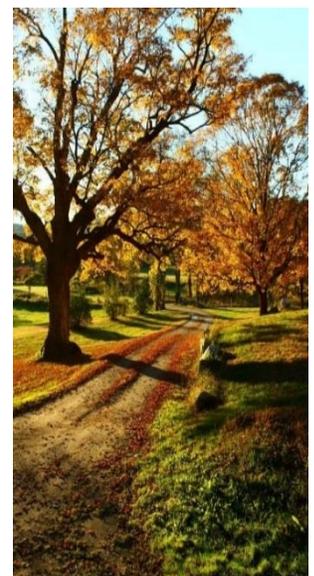


## Chester Ambulance Corner

### TOP 10 TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS [caregiveraction.org](http://caregiveraction.org)



1. Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
2. Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
3. Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to communicate effectively with providers.
5. Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often.
6. Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.
8. Organize medical information so it is up to date and easy to find.
9. Make sure legal documents are in order.
10. Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is.



## *Chester Historic Preservation Committee*

**Hearse Museum.** This unique museum featuring the Town's handsome hearse and funeral customs is open in good weather through Columbus Day.

**Town Hall.** You're invited to check out improvements to the exterior and to the second floor, where the auditorium has been renovated, the kitchen totally transformed, and a handicapped bathroom added. What an improvement to this important resource for official meetings, voting, and other activities! Special thanks to Julie Hance for her efforts in moving the project along.

**Yosemite Fire House.** This past spring the three piers under the back addition by the river were replaced by new ones set on a massive, deep footing. The realignment of the building has begun. Meanwhile, an application for the building, which is already on the State Register of Historic Places, is being prepared to apply for inclusion on the National Register. The Town also recently funded a Feasibility Study to confirm that draft plans for the future fire museum will work and to secure drawings that will support re-application for a State grant to address the most necessary repairs to the building as we start the process of transforming the historic firehouse into the Chester Fire Museum. The Committee is continuing to seek memorabilia, records, photographs, information, fire equipment, and other items to tell the story of the Chester Fire Department in that historic structure. Anyone with donations or suggestions of persons we should contact is encouraged to contact CHPC Chair Lillian Willis at lbwillisct@comcast.net or at 802-875-1340.



← Three new piers with proper footings, finished in June 2019, replaced the inadequate ones that contributed to the former lean of the addition at the back side of the Yosemite firehouse.

## **Chester Townscape** *Welcome to Fall!*



Chester Townscape volunteers have begun the transition to autumn decorations. Arrangements of corn stalks, straw, kale, and pumpkins of various sizes are displayed in different combinations at public locations around town (Town Hall, the Library, Post office, Information Booth, and the Chester Railroad Station). Some of the

bridge boxes and planters that escaped heavy frost will remain while they still look good, but later on public locations around town will be enhanced by evergreens and red bows to welcome Christmas and the winter holiday season.

Chester Townscape thanks all who bought bulbs, hand-crafted walking sticks, and dried allium arrangements at CT's annual Bulb Sale at the Chester Fall Festival. That yearly fundraiser helps support Chester Townscape's many civic beautification projects. Chester Townscape is an all-volunteer committee of the non-profit Chester Community Alliance. For further information about Chester Townscape, its town projects, and contacts for them, please visit [www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape](http://www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape).

### *Holiday Wreath-Decorating Workshops* *November 21 through the 23*

For many people around Vermont and New Hampshire, the Wreath Workshops at St. Luke's Church on Main Street are an annual tradition that gives them a delightful start on the holidays. The workshops, scheduled for a variety of times on November 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, provide participants with everything they need to decorate a beautiful evergreen wreath while enjoying homemade treats, coffee, and great camaraderie. To learn more and reserve a wreath, contact Lillian Willis at 875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.



# CHESTER RECREATION

## 2019-20 WINTER BROCHURE

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Join us on Facebook: Chester, VT Recreation Dept.

Registrations for the winter programs will be from Monday, October 28th – Friday, November 15th. HOURS: Monday through Friday 8AM-4PM at Chester Town Hall. You can also pick up registration forms at CAES. COST: Basketball Registration fee is \$25 for Grades 1 and 2 & \$30 for grades 3-6. Take off \$5 for each additional child.

**1st/2nd GRADE BASKETBALL:** This program will meet 1-2 times a week throughout the winter starting in December. There may be some games vs other towns.

**3rd/4th GRADE BASKETBALL:** Boys and Girls Basketball for this age group will have practices/games 2-3 times a week during the season.

**5th/6th GRADE BASKETBALL:** Boys and Girls Basketball for this age group will have practices/games 2-3 times a week during the season.

**"MINI CHIEFS" BASKETBALL CLINIC:** Times/Date TBD

**START SMART:** This is for boys & girls ages 3-5 (not in Kindergarten). This is designed to introduce children to the FUNdamentals of a variety of sports possibly including soccer, basketball and baseball. Each evening your child will play a different sport. Let your child experiment in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. at CAES. Cost is \$10. Dates TBD.

**GYMNASTICS:** Kyla White from Dreamz in Motion will teach; explore tumbling, bars, intro to vault and so much more!! Ages 4-8 Tuesday evenings 5-6pm starting October 29<sup>th</sup>. Other classes-Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at CAES. Cost is \$40 per participant

**OPEN GYM:** We will be starting open gym at CAES at the end of October and will continue through the winter.

### **ADULT CLASSES**

**FOLK DANCING:** Melissa Lovell Post will teach international folk dancing Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Chester Town Hall. For more information, please contact Melissa at 802-875-4102 or [goodwood@vermontel.net](mailto:goodwood@vermontel.net).

**ZUMBA:** Licensed Zumba Instructor, Alysia Redfield will continue doing Zumba on Saturday mornings at Chester Town Hall. The class will be from 9:15-10am. Come out and party with us and you don't even have to know how to dance. Fitness with some exciting Latin moves. Cost is \$80 for a 10 class punch card or a \$12 drop in fee. Please call Alysia for more information: 885-6540.

**WEIGHT ROOM:** The Recreation Dept. will once again have open weight room hours. Please contact me for more details.

## Calendar

### **October:**

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>- Wheels in the Field. Visit [www.wheelsinthefield.com](http://www.wheelsinthefield.com) for more information

6<sup>th</sup>- Blessing of the Animals at St. Luke's

6<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Under the Tent at Chester Andover Family Center

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>- Haunted House at MacLoamainn's Pub

23<sup>rd</sup>- EMS/Town Garage Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- Haunted House at MacLoamainn's Pub

26<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Trunk or Treat at Chester Andover Elementary

### **November:**

4<sup>th</sup>- EMS/Town Garage Building Informational Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

5<sup>th</sup>- EMS/Town Garage building vote 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town Hall

21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- Holiday Wreath Decorating Workshop To learn more and reserve a wreath, contact Lillian Willis at 875-1340 or [lwillisct@comcast.net](mailto:lwillisct@comcast.net).

### **December:**

1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- Overture to Christmas

## *Whiting Library*

### **Youth Services Librarian**

The YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN supervises child and teen services and is responsible for the operation of the children and teen rooms and all child and teen programming.

A College degree preferred, background in library profession important, proficient computer skills, dependability, flexibility, considerable customer service skills, and willingness to learn new skills. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-6 and Saturday 10-2. Pay is commensurate with experience. Please submit resume to:

Whiting Library  
PO Box 68  
Chester, VT 05143