



# Town of Chester Newsletter

July-September 2021 Summer 2021 [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov)

## TOWN CLERK

The Town Office is open for business Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 2021-2022 Springfield Transfer Station stickers are available. The cost is \$25 for one, or \$30 for two. If you have not registered your dog, please do. There is no penalty for late registration.

The 2021 Tax Bills have been mailed out. The due date is September 15, 2021. If you have any questions, please call the office at (802) 875-2173.

*Have a safe,  
happy summer!*

## Exciting things are happening!!

The Public Safety building will be finished soon. An open house is scheduled for September 12, 2021, time TBD. The Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens Committee is looking for new members with fresh ideas. Please visit [www.chestergreenhouse.org](http://www.chestergreenhouse.org) for information on this project and how to get involved. With things opening back up, events are happening in town again. A new farmers market has started on Wednesday nights from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Baba A Louis Bakery. The Chester Summer Music Series is held on the Academy Building lawn every Thursday until August 12, 2021. The rain venue is at the American Legion hall on Route 103. On August 14, 2021, 6 Hours on Lovers Lane Trail Run will take place at the Pinnacle. Registration for this event can be found by visiting <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=85830>.

The Chester Fall Festival on the Green is back! The events will be held September 18 & 19, 2021. This year, the festival will feature local vendors, arts and crafts, music, and agricultural exhibits. More information can be found at [www.chesterfallfestival.org](http://www.chesterfallfestival.org). In October, Wheels in the Field will start Friday the 1<sup>st</sup>, ending Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event welcomes to town, from all over the country, BMW off road motorcycles. Bikers will enjoy the fall foliage on a 100-mile gravel ride, and off-road trial rides. Camping is available for those that are interested. Visit [www.maxbmw.com/events/2021/10/1/wheels-in-the-field-chester-vt-october-1-3](http://www.maxbmw.com/events/2021/10/1/wheels-in-the-field-chester-vt-october-1-3) to get more information on this event.

Events and information can be found on our website at [www.chestervt.gov/calendar](http://www.chestervt.gov/calendar).



## Chester Historic Preservation Committee

**Academy Building.** Earlier this year the Town received a grant from the State toward replacing the slate roof on the west side of the building, but Covid-19 put a wrench in the process. Health restrictions and economic policy changes set every company's schedule back during lockdown. Consequently, an extraordinary backlog is making it hard to contract with companies for the roof repair and for plaster repair in the stairway and upstairs hallway. Additional bid requests have recently been sent out again.

**Yosemite Fire House.** In spite of the coronavirus, some progress was recently made on the donation of a portion of the field north of the firehouse for parking for the future fire museum. The generous donation of 1/3 of an acre to the Town by Sarah Weingarten, the owner of the large brick house across the street on the corner of First Avenue, received approval of its Boundary Line Adjustment from Chester's Design Review Board and is awaiting the State's approval of an application for a Water/Wastewater Exemption on that gift property. As soon as that approval is received, the exemption number can be included in the deeds for the land gift and appropriate signatures secured.

Meanwhile, Architect Geoff Metcalfe, who was directed in March to create plans both for the building – per a CHPC design concept that had been given preliminary support by State Historical Preservation contacts – and for Yosemite's exterior landscape, including parking and the proposed new entrance area, recently committed to submitting finished drawings to the Town and CHPC for review by October 15, although he is aiming for a month earlier. Delays with engineers and others, apparently because of Covid, had pushed back the plan and State permissions CHPC and the Town had been seeking. The Town aims to apply this fall for two or more upcoming grants to move physical improvements forward and to see what other actions on the interior can be taken while awaiting State approvals affecting the exterior.

As people clean out their attics, please remember that CHPC continues to seek memorabilia and information to tell the story of the Chester Fire Department in that historic structure. Anyone with pertinent material is encouraged to contact CHPC Chair Lillian Willis at [lbwillistc@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillistc@comcast.net) or at 802-875-1340.

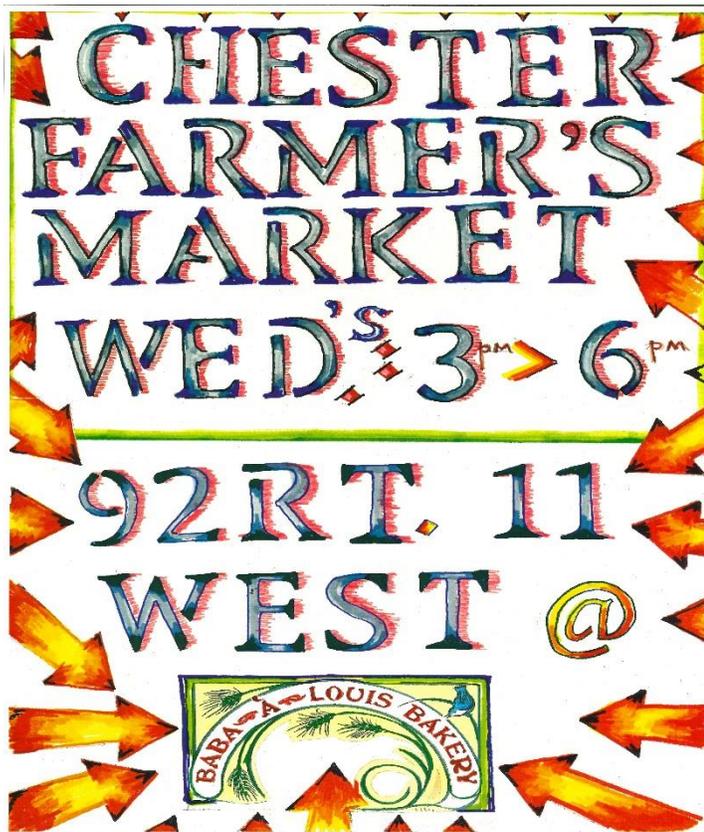


## Chester Townscape's Summer Profusion

Chester is becoming famous for its bridge boxes and planters that decorate public places around town; and hikers, bikers, and even drivers frequently stop to thank waterers who are at work. Townscape volunteers plant the containers with help from sourcing and planting and storage space provided by John McAweeney of Sunshine Acres Nursery and assistance with moving and placement by Chris Meyer and Town Public Works crew. After the preparation and placement come the daily watering and deadheading – all done by volunteers from the public and Chester Townscape. New this year is help from Allie Malone from HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitation Services) and inventive bridge watering by Nancy Rugg, former co-owner of the Fullerton Inn, who is watering all the bridge boxes and some Town Green planters two days a week from the giant vat she and her husband installed in the back of their pick-up truck. Evan Parks, whose big bicycle container for watering no doubt inspired the larger application, was also responsible for devising a new automatic watering system for the Information Booth on Main Street. Other CT improvements for this summer include new boxes on the bridges on Grafton Street and Church Street.

Chester Townscape thanks all those who contribute funds and help to make Chester welcoming and beautiful and, especially, the many volunteers who water and maintain the plantings.





## What's Happening at Whiting Library

Summer is in full bloom at Whiting Library, and we are back to normal operations. Come down to the library during our regular open hours which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-6pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm. We are excited to have people back inside the library and encourage everyone in Chester and Andover to come and sign up for their free library card to use all our services.

There are tons of new books to read and stacks of old favorites. We have public access computers with printing and copying available. The basement book sale room is overflowing with good finds and the community room is available to reserve for your next meeting. We just added three new Chromebooks to the library collection so that you can check out a laptop and bring it home with you. Don't forget our other interesting items for check out: a telescope, garden tools, cake pans, crafting kits, and more!

The Summer Reading Challenges for kids and adults are going on throughout July. Come to the library to sign up! Also, throughout July, The Nature Museum presents educational programs in the library backyard at 11:30am each Tuesday. On Fridays, there is outdoor Story Time with Carrie at 11am. This is a great opportunity for your young readers to be introduced to the joy of reading, meet new friends, and make fun crafts. The Whiting Library Book Club is now holding our monthly discussion in a hybrid online and in-person format on the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm. Check the library website for more information about library happenings [www.whitinglibrary.org](http://www.whitinglibrary.org) or give us a call 875-2277.



# CHESTER SUMMER MUSIC SERIES 2021

**JULY 15 STOCKWELL BROTHERS**

Bruce, Barry and Alan Stockwell's music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material replete with banjos, alternative rhythms and three-part harmonies. They cover straight ahead bluegrass songs, finger picked acoustic guitar ballads, full tilt breakdowns and traditional mandolin tunes.

**JULY 22 DAVE KELLER BAND**

Dave Keller is an award-winning, triple-threat: an outstanding singer, an intense guitarist, and a talented songwriter. Fueled by his love of deep Southern soul and blues music, his performances ring out with passion, integrity, and an ability to break down the barriers between performer and audience.

**JULY 29 PARTY CRASHERS**

Touted as Central Vermont's hottest band, this 5 piece, high energy, multi-genre dance band has been playing the New England music scene for nearly twenty years. From Motown to modern pop, this band will have you dancing and singing along from the down beat. The Party Crashers play your favorite songs and pride themselves on their ability to span the generations with their high octane infectious grooves.

**AUG 5 FRYDADDY**

Lead by Carlos Ocasio, the Frydaddy band has been serving up a spicy gumbo of rock'n' soul in the Upper Valley for close to 30 years. A few members have changed throughout the years, but the attention to musical styles has not. With influences and covers ranging from James Brown to Carlos Santana, in addition to soulful originals, Ocasio and the band have enjoyed opening for national acts as well as playing for private venues across New England. Pegged sometimes as a crooner, Ocasio and the Frydaddy band can set the tone for romance as well as turn it up with a foot stompin' good time!

**AUG 12 GYPSY REEL**

Gypsy Reel play high energy stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. Their music is an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from 3 continents. Their newest studio album, 'Red Red Rose' features music from the tradition and original material from the band. Their tours of the States, Canada and the UK have gained them rave reviews - 'Ended the set in a frenzy', 'Gypsy Reel rocks stage at Charleston Spoleto Festival' 'Fine spunky playing - bags of originality'.

5 THURSDAYS, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
THE ACADEMY BUILDING LAWN AT 230 MAIN STREET, CHESTER, VT

ALL OF OUR CONCERTS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM. OUR RAIN VENUE IS THE POST 67 AMERICAN LEGION HALL, LOCATED AT 637 VERMONT ROUTE 103 SOUTH, JUST BEFORE THE GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Chester, Vermont which brings the Summer Music Series to Chester.

**PATRONS:** Chester Telegraph, Corporate Lactation Services, Dakin and Benelli, The Fullerton Inn, NewsBank, SPOHONES, Chester Hardware, Cots and Cots, Fisher Financial Advisors LLC, Heritage Bakery, Meditrina, Sarah Vail, Springfield Hospital, Vermont Properties and Development.

**SUPPORTERS:** Barret and Valley Real Estate, Erskine's Grain and Garden, HB Energy, S.B. MacDonald Custom Instruments.

**FEASONS:** Music In The Meadow, Stone Hearth Inn, John Velt and Mary Slaughter.

Please support all these great businesses. We could not do this without them.

Also big, big thanks to The American Legion for being our rain venue, to the Chester Telegraph, to Evan Parks and Green Mountain Union High School for our stage, and to the Chester Historical Society and Town of Chester for the use of the venue.

# Chester Recreation

## 2021 FALL REGISTRATIONS

Registration starts August 16, 2021. Sign up at the first practice, on [www.chestervt.gov/recreation](http://www.chestervt.gov/recreation), or at the Town Hall. Email [recreationinchester@yahoo.com](mailto:recreationinchester@yahoo.com) or call (802) 875-2173 for coaching opportunities.

Cost: PreK-2nd grade: \$30, 3rd-6th grade: \$35  
Checks can be made to: Town of Chester

Pre-K SOCCER: Saturday mornings at the Pinnacle if coaches are found.

K SOCCER: TBD. Looking for coaches in this age group.

1st and 2nd GRADE SOCCER: The 1st and 2nd grade program will take place mostly on Tuesdays and Thursdays in September and October. FIRST PRACTICE: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Pinnacle.

3rd and 4th GRADE SOCCER: The 3rd and 4th grade program will take place mostly on Tuesdays and Thursdays in September and October. There may be other days/nights depending on the situation.

FIRST PRACTICE-5pm on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at Cobleigh Field.

5th and 6th GRADE SOCCER: The 5th and 6th grade program will take place mostly on Mondays and Wednesdays in September and October. There may be other days/nights depending on the situation.

FIRST PRACTICE (Girls) Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Cobleigh Field and (Boys) 6:15pm at Cobleigh Field.

1st-6th Grade INTRODUCTION/BASIC FIELD HOCKEY:  
Cost \$25 per player. First practice TBD meeting one day per week.

HIP HOP DANCE: TBA

## ADULT CLASSES

ZUMBA: Saturdays 9am-10am at the Town Hall hosted by Licensed Zumba Instructor, Alysia W. Redfield.

DISC GOLF: Recreation Disc Golf League Thursdays at 5pm into the fall. Late fall, because of shorter days, this gets switched to Sunday mornings at 10am. No cost

DANCE: West Coast Swing and other dance classes are offered by Karen Graham at the Town Hall. Preregistration is required. Please email Karen Graham for more information at [vtwestiebest@gmail.com](mailto:vtwestiebest@gmail.com).



On August 14, 2021, the trail run 6 Hours on Lovers Lane will be held at the Pinnacle starting at 9 a.m. The trails are lush, rolling, and somewhat hilly. This trail run is for runners of ALL abilities. Come run/walk one lap, two, or as many as you can, in six hours. There will be prizes for our top female & male finishers. After the race, we will have a raffle for all runners, family and support crews.

The Pinnacle has lots of parking. Families and friends who want to come and support their runners have plenty to keep them busy. The Pinnacle has a town pool (with lifeguard), skatepark, softball/baseball fields, tennis courts, walking trails, and an 18-hole disc golf. Have a swim & cheer your runner on. Swim passes for the whole family included with your race entry fee. For more information on how to sign up, please visit <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=85830>.

**The 2021 Chester  
Festival on the Green will  
be held (rain or shine) on  
Saturday, September  
18th and Sunday,  
September 19th, from  
9am to 8pm.**

**Please visit  
[www.chesterfallfestival.org](http://www.chesterfallfestival.org)  
for vendor information  
and events.**