



# Town of Chester

## Newsletter

July-September 2024 Summer [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov)

### TOWN CLERK

The Primary Election will be held August 13, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town Hall second floor. The Warning and Sample Ballots can be found on the home page at [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov). Absentee Ballots can be requested by visiting [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov), calling (802) 875-2173, or stopping at the Town Office.

Property Tax bills are due September 16, 2024. Please call the office at (802) 875-2173 to pay by phone.

Have a great summer!

Want to be Informed?

### Register for Chester's Notification System



**Connecting our community one message at a time.**

The Town of Chester is excited to introduce a new notification system aimed at enhancing communication and safety within our community. Whether it's important notices, critical safety information, or urgent updates Mass Notifications by Catalis ensures that you stay informed in real-time.



Phone  
Calls



Email  
Notification



Text  
Message

**Sign Up Today!** [chestervt.notify.catalisgov.com/Pubs\\_v2/register.aspx](http://chestervt.notify.catalisgov.com/Pubs_v2/register.aspx)

**Need help?** Call us at: (802) 875-2173



# CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



## National Night Out Cookout - August 6th

Join us in and commemorating one year since the 2023 floods and celebrate National Night Out with a community cookout! While nationally recognized as a way to bring the community and police department together, Chester has enhanced the National Night Out vision by including all of Chester Public Safety. Come meet the men and women who made your safety their career! This event will take place at the Town Recreation area on Lover's Ln on August 6th from 5-8pm. There will be free food, fun activities, and a chance to connect with your neighbors and first responders. Please note that while all are welcome to attend, we kindly ask that pets remain at home. Service animals, of course, are welcome to join us. Save the date and come out to enjoy an evening of community spirit and celebration!

### Chester Alerts

We are thrilled to announce a new initiative aimed at enhancing community safety and communication: Mass Notifications by Catalis. This service is provided free of charge to all residents and offers real-time alerts about emergencies, road closures, and important updates directly to your preferred devices. You can join or opt out at any time to suit your preferences.

To sign up, simply visit <https://chestervt.notify.catalisgov.com/Pub.../register.aspx> or use the QR code on the first page of the Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact town hall at (802)875-2173. Connecting our community one message at a time with Mass Notifications by Catalis!

### Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Initiative

We are also excited to share that Chester Police Department is actively working towards establishing a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). This initiative aims to empower residents who are interested in assisting our community during events and emergencies. Police Chief Williams, EMS Chief Randzio, and Police Administrator Dipietro are undergoing certification to lead this effort. While still in the early stages, we envision CERT as a valuable resource for enhancing community resilience. Stay tuned for more updates on how you can get involved and make a difference!

*Thank you for your continued support and participation in making Chester a safe and inclusive community.  
We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming event!*

## Chester Recreation Department

### August Soccer Camp

GRADES K-7<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at GMUHS.  
Cost is \$50 for all five or \$10 per session.  
Sign up at Town Hall or  
[recreationinchester@yahoo.com](mailto:recreationinchester@yahoo.com)



### Youth Capoeira Classes

AGES 5-12

6 Week Summer Series  
Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the pool pavilion on Lovers Lane  
Cost is \$15 per session



Capoeira is a martial art developed in Brazil and played all over the world that combines dance, music, self-defense, and acrobatics. Classes are taught by Professora Jaci (Johanna Sorrentino), a graduate student of Mestre Urubu of Capoeira Ijexá. Professora Jaci has trained and taught Capoeira for over 15 years and is proud to bring the Ijexá tradition to students in Chester. For questions about the class, please feel free to contact Professora Jaci at [johanna.sorrentino@gmail.com](mailto:johanna.sorrentino@gmail.com) or by phone at (415) 385-1813.

## Chester-Andover Family Center News

The Chester Andover Family Center welcomes a new board member, a new slate of officers, and bids farewell to three board members. Polly Montgomery, a resident of Chester and longtime Family Center volunteer joins our Board of Directors. Polly brings a wealth of nonprofit experience to our board, and we look forward to working with her to enhance and carry out the mission of the Chester Andover Family Center.

Board officers for 2024 -25 were elected at our June board meeting. The new slate of officers includes Anne Lamb-President, Nancy Dourney-Vice President, Ruth Walker- Secretary and Suellen Slater- Treasurer. We acknowledge and thank outgoing president, Kris Winnicki for her leadership before, during and after the pandemic. Kris guided the family center during a challenging time to maintain and even grow our services to the community.

We also acknowledge the contributions of outgoing board members; Steve Rubino, Ann DiBernardo, and Nena Nanfeldt. Steve provided legal and financial expertise as we pursued capital projects. During her three-year tenure as a board member, Anne was a regular Thrift Shop and Food Shelf volunteer and organized successful fundraising events. Her leadership supporting our annual Empty Bowl Dinner and Christmas Under the Tent was instrumental in their success. Nena Nanfeldt, a past president and nine-year board member is also coming off the board. Nena has volunteered at the CAFC for over ten years. As Director of Development, she has been active in strategic planning and pursuing grants.

The board encourages and welcomes members of the community to consider joining our board. Please visit our website, [www.chester\\_andoverfamilycenter.org](http://www.chester_andoverfamilycenter.org) to learn about how we serve the community through our Thrift Shop, Food Shelf and Financial Assistance Program. Contact Anne Lamb, [cafc302@gmail.com](mailto:cafc302@gmail.com) for more information regarding volunteering or pursuing a board position.

We have two exciting initiatives coming up. The CAFC is collaborating with Chester Townscape and Terrigenous to design and implement a landscape project at the Center on RT 103. Our goal is to present a beautiful, welcoming scene as locals and visitors enter Chester.

Our second initiative is a community wide survey designed to gather information from volunteers, shoppers, recipients, and citizens about our services. Survey responses will guide our decisions going forward about how to best serve the community. Our mission, "To make a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritious food, affordable clothing and household goods," is important and we believe that community involvement is essential. We encourage all to participate in the survey this fall, as we look toward the future of our organization to sustain and grow our services.

## Whiting Library

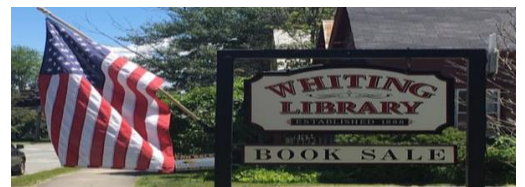
Whiting Library is thrilled to announce the launch of our annual Summer Reading Program, themed "Adventure Begins at Your Library." This summer, we invite readers of all ages to embark on a thrilling journey filled with books, activities, and events designed to inspire a love of reading and exploration.

"Our theme this year, 'Adventure Begins at Your Library,' aims to spark curiosity and encourage lifelong learning through the magic of stories and adventures," said Whiting Library's Youth Librarian, Carrie King. "We're excited to offer a diverse range of programs that cater to all age groups from babies to adults, ensuring that everyone can find their adventure at the library this summer."

The Summer Reading Program starts on Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m. at a special waffle-making and decorating event and runs through August 10. Registration is free and open to all community members. To sign up or learn more about the program, visit our website at [www.WhitingLibrary.org](http://www.WhitingLibrary.org) or stop by the library.

Join us for an unforgettable summer filled with books, creativity, and discoveries. The adventure truly begins at your library!

Whiting Library is dedicated to serving the community by providing access to various information, resources, and services. Our mission is to promote literacy, lifelong learning, and a love for reading in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
**FREE BLOCK PARTY**

Tuesday, August 6th, 2024  
 Celebrate Chester's Resiliency from the '23 Floods

Hamburgers! Hot Dogs! & more!  
 Bring your photos and stories to share  
 A Connected Community is a Safer Community

Meet the men and women  
 who made your safety  
 their career!

Fun games, local vendors, live music\*  
 and the pool will be open!

See you August 6th from 5-8pm  
 153 Lovers Ln, Chester Recreation Area

\*Don't forget to  
 bring a chair or  
 blanket

Please leave all non-service animals at home for NNO.

**CHESTER FESTIVAL**  
 on the green

**Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024**  
 9:00 am-5:00 pm

**Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024**  
 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Visit [chesterfestival.org](http://chesterfestival.org) for more information!

— **CHESTER** —  
**SUMMER MUSIC**  
 SERIES  
**2024**

Academy Building  
 Lawn, Chester Vt

5 Thursdays,  
 6:30-8:00 pm

Sponsored by  
 the Chester  
 Rotary Club



**July 11, 2024**

LUMINOUS CRUSH



**July 18, 2024**

DAVE KELLER BAND



**July 25, 2024**

YANKEE CHANK



**August 1, 2024**

CHAD HOLLISTER TRIO



**August 8, 2024**

STOCKWELL BROTHERS

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 CHESTER TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 556 ELM STREET.



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

**PATRONS:** Chester Telegraph, Leigh and Bill Dakin, Down to the Roots, Ferngully Farm, Fullerton Inn, Amanda George, Attorney, Newsbank.

**SPONSORS:** Barrett and Valley Real Estate, Heather Chase, Meditrina Wine Shop, Terrigenous Landscape Architecture, Sarah Vail, Vermont Hardwoods.

**SUPPORTERS:** Erskine's Grain & Garden, Robert Sartini and Judith Yogman.

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

Also big, big thanks 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.