

**POOL HOURS:** The town pool will open as school gets out Tentative hours:  
**OPEN SWIM: MONDAY 12-5PM \* TUESDAY-FRIDAY 12-8PM \* SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12-6PM**

\*Adult swim 5-6pm daily

Hours are subject to change

**DAILY & SUMMER FEES**

Residents of Chester & Andover FREE (Must show ID)

**Non-Resident** \$5 per day

**Non-Resident** Family pass for the summer if bought before July 15th - \$100

After July 15th - \$75

**Pavilion Rental:**

\$40 for 2 hours

**Pavilion & Pool Rental:**

\$100 for 2 hours

Director: Matthew A. McCarthy  
 email: recreationinchester@yahoo.com

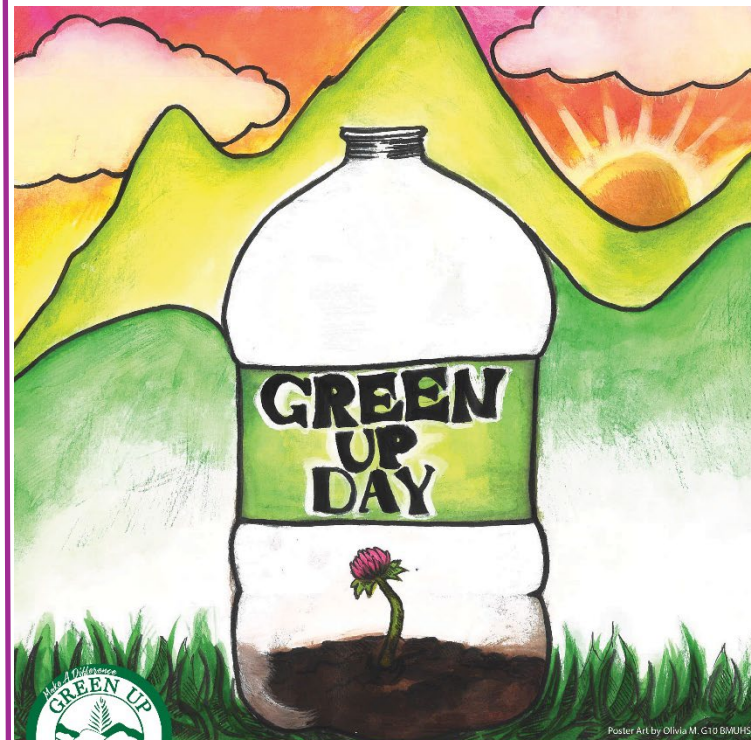
Website & Sign up online:

<https://www.chestervt.gov/recreation.html>

Join us on Facebook: **Chester, VT Recreation Dept.**



*Town of Chester*



**GREEN UP DAY**  
**Saturday May 2, 2026**

2026 Challenge - Help Us Make It Happen  
 100% of VT Roads

Partners: Subaru, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Walmart, Casella, East Rise Credit Union, Shaw's, Greenbacker, Lawson's, WCAX, Efficiency Vermont, DARN Tough, Dealer.com, M&T Bank, VGS, front porch forum, Vermont Tire, Union Mutual, Co-operative Insurance Companies, Vermont Glove, Cabot, Husky, National Life Group, Ski Vermont, Sheehey, Green Mountain Power, Med, American Chemistry Council, National Life Group, Vermont Mutual, Schwab, The History Channel.

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greenupvermont.org  
 #togetherwecan #greenupvt

2026 Spring Newsletter  
 April + May + June  
 www.chestervt.gov

**Town Clerks  
 Office Closed**

**Clerk Training - April 7th**

**Memorial Day – Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Please keep an eye out for the Green Mountain Unified School District budget informational meeting and re-vote\***

**Dog License were Due April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Town Projects**

- Heads up starting mid-APRIL**
- **SPRING CLEAN UP**
  - **ROAD GRADING**
  - **SIDEWALK CLEAN UP**
  - **STREET SWEEPING**
  - **PATCHING the roads will start on North Street. (on dry days) Depot Street, South Main, Maple Street & Main Street are the road that will be getting worked on.**
  - **BRIDGE Construction started April 1<sup>st</sup> Thompson Road & Jewett Road Bridges**

**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN TEE-BALL:**

Must be at least 4 years old by April 1st to participate. Practices and games are held at either Cobleigh field or at the Chester Little League fields. All parents will assist in running this program. They will meet once a week during the season. (Most likely Fridays at 5:00 at the LL fields) If enough interest we will keep Pre-K and K at separate times.

**ROOKIE LEAGUE BASEBALL:**

This program is for boys in 1st & 2nd grade. Practices and games are held at the Chester Little League fields. They meet typically 2 times per week. Rookie League is focusing on skill development and play of the game. They will also learn the basic rules of the game. There may be an occasional Saturday game/practice. They travel to other towns for games. Depending on numbers we may also do an 8u kid pitch team towards the end of the year.

**9-10 YEAR-OLD BASEBALL:**

We are part of the Valley Youth Baseball League and we go by Cal Ripken rules. There will be travelling and games versus other towns. They will practice or have games 2-3 times per week. This is your age by May 1st. If you turn 11 after May 1st you are eligible to play in the 9-10 Division. We use the 46' pitching distance and 60' bases in this age group.

**11-12 YEAR-OLD BASEBALL:**

We are part of the Valley Youth Baseball League and we go by Cal Ripken rules. There will be travelling and games versus other towns. They will practice or have games 2-3 times per week. This is your age by May 1st. If you turn 13 after May 1st you are eligible to play in the 11-12 Division.

**ROOKIE LEAGUE SOFTBALL:**

This program is for girls in 1st & 2nd grade. Practices and games are held at the Chester Little League fields. They meet typically 2 times per week. Rookie League is focusing on skill development and play of the game. They will also learn the basic rules of the game. There may be an occasional Saturday game/practice. They travel to other towns for games.

**3rd & 4th GRADE SOFTBALL:**

This is open for all girls in 3rd & 4th grade. They will travel to play some games. Home games and practices are held at Cobleigh Field. They will have practices/games 2-3 times per week. In this division the girls will start to pitch during games.

**5th & 6th GRADE SOFTBALL:**

We are part of the Valley Youth Softball League. This is open for all girls in 5th & 6th grade. They will travel to play some games. Home games and practices are held at Cobleigh Field. They will have practices/games 2-3 times per week.

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**DISC GOLF LEAGUE:**

**Thursday's at 5pm starting in mid-May. Visit Chester Disc Golf Club's Facebook page for more info or contact Chester Rec Dept for more information**

**YOGA:** February Yoga Series

(Limited Offering)  
 Join me for a free, all-levels yoga series every Wednesday in February (starting Feb 4) at 7:30pm. Each class is 45 minutes and concludes with a 5-minute Savasana to help you fully unwind and reset midweek. Classes are offered free of charge. Bring your own mat and any props you like (blocks, blankets). Come as you are and enjoy a supportive, welcoming practice.

**ZUMBA:** Alysia Redfield, Licensed Zumba Instructor, will continue doing Zumba on Saturday mornings at Chester Town Hall. It will be from 9:15-10AM. Come out and party with us! you don't even have to know how to dance. Fitness with some exciting Latin moves.

**PICKLEBALL:** For Indoor Pickup Night email Matt McCarthy- recreationinchester@yahoo.com

For Outdoor courts at the Pinnacle (on Lovers Lane) Monday's at 5:00pm from Spring - summer.



**CHESTER TOWN WIDE YARD SALE**

**MAY 23,24,25,2026**

Maps will be available early May

Register!! Send \$5 to Kathy Goodell, PO Box 101, Chester, VT 05143 before April 20th to get location on map. Include location!

Community Building Initiative

**DANCE PARTY**

Come shake and shimmy with friends and neighbors!

All Ages — FREE EVENT

Chester Town Hall  
 Friday May 1st, 2026  
 7:30pm

Any in kind donations will go to the Chester Teen Center. Teen center will be providing refreshments for sale.

**DJ TRACK-E**

## Chester-Andover Family Center

The return of spring brings growth and changes to the Chester-Andover Family Center. Our Food Shelf adds seasonal produce and our Thrift Shop offers new warm weather clothes along with special occasion outfits (think prom and weddings!). The Financial Assistance Program continues to serve families in need by helping with utility bills, home heating and rent.

The past months brought exciting changes to our CAFC board and Food Shelf management. Rylie Groves, our Food Shelf manager, is moving on to law school. She will attend University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law this fall. When asked what drew her to study law, Rylie said, "At some point in our lives we need a lawyer! I hope to be someone that is efficient, capable and kind in a line of work that doesn't often see enough of all three qualities." Promising to return to visit, Rylie shared, "I will do my best to ensure whoever succeeds me understands the importance that the food shelf has, not just as a resource, but as a way to help our community connect. It really is an amazing place, with the most wonderful people." Thank you Rylie! We will miss you.

CAFC has three new board members and one returning member. Jeff Nicholes joins us after a brief hiatus, and we are excited to put his technical skills back to work in the areas of marketing and media. Asked why he wanted to come back on board, Jeff stated, "I want to connect with my community, but in a meaningful way."

An attorney working for Vermont Legal Aid, Leah Burdick joins our board because she "is interested in joining an organization that improves the lives of so many members of my new community." She looks forward to working on the grant writing team as well as volunteering in the Thrift Shop and Food Shelf.

Another newcomer to the area, Chad Unger brings a wealth of experience in the areas of strategic planning, management and team building. "As I establish deeper roots in this community, I am motivated by the opportunity to contribute to work that directly supports neighbors facing food insecurity."

Also joining the board, Donovan Nichols shares, "Community is a collective story, one that can only be told when every individual has meaningful access to help shape it. As someone who is disabled, I have not always had that access. I look forward to sharing my perspective and fostering a stronger, more inclusive sense of community for everyone."

Last February CAFC partnered with the Chester Town Democratic Committee and the Andover Town Democratic Committee to sponsor the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Share Heat Fundraiser at Vermont Vines Vineyard and Winery. Through generous donations from members of the community, over \$5,000 was raised. These funds will support the CAFC home heating assistance fund for 2026. Thank you Chester-Andover community!

Come by the Thrift Shop for a new spring outfit or freshen up your home with new household items. Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> is Prom Day at the shop. Staff will be dressed up in gowns, tuxes and tails to show off the Prom Room outfits. Special prices and glamour! Join us. All sales help support the Food Shelf and Financial Assistance Program.

### Hours:

**Food Shelf:** Thursday 1pm –7pm Friday 10 – 2pm

**Thrift Shop:** Thursday 10am –7pm Friday 10am – 4pm

Saturday 9am – 4pm

CAFC 802-875-3236

Instagram: @chesterandoverfamilycenter

Follow us on Facebook: Chester Andover Family Center-Thrift Shop and Food Shelf

Visit our website: [www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org](http://www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org)



## Chester Monthly Memory Café Provided through Senior Solutions and VT Alzheimer's Association

Chester's Memory Café, which is a free service provided to the public through Senior Solutions and the Vermont Alzheimer's Association, takes place on the first Thursday of every month from 11AM to 1 PM in Willard Hall, located at the back and below St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the gray church at 313 Main Street, Chester, VT.

A Memory Café is a safe and welcoming place where caregivers can bring their loved ones and find support, social interaction, and enjoyment. While staff and volunteers attend to the loved ones, the caregivers can chat with others who are in a similar situation, thereby getting support and resources to help them care both for their loved ones and themselves.

Studies have shown that by engaging in social situations and activities, loved ones may often be able to slow down the progression of the dementia, Alzheimer's, or Parkinson's that they have been diagnosed with. In addition, those who are not yet diagnosed or are recently diagnosed are welcome to attend on their own. Every case is different, and there is no judgement at a Memory Café.

Caregivers often hesitate to take their loved one out to public gatherings, but at a Memory Café access is easy from the parked car to the bright and airy meeting place where participants and caregivers are in the same general area. This way, the loved one does not feel abandoned and can safely enjoy supervised, special entertainment while the caregiver's converse. RSVPs are required so adequate snacks and drinks can be provided.

For more information, please visit [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org) under Special Events. For questions, please call 802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 or email [memorycafe@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:memorycafe@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

### Join Summer Community Croquet at St. Luke's Church

As part of St. Luke's healthy living initiative, Croquet Games, which are open to the public, will be held on the lawn behind St. Luke's Episcopal Church – the gray church at 313 Main Street in Chester, VT – during June through August. Corn Hole and Badminton will also be available.

All outdoor activities are offered to adults and to children 10 and up who are accompanied by a parent. Children under 10, who can comply with the rules, may play if supervised by a parent. This is a great opportunity for families, and people are encouraged to participate and attend as many games as possible. Teams will be organized on site. No special skill or experience is required for this program for friends and neighbors, but players are asked to wear all white or a white shirt.

For more information, visit [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org) under Special Events in mid-May or contact [joannerenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:joannerenhouse@gmail.com) closer to the playing season.

## Chester Townscape Welcomes Spring!

Daffodils are emerging along the Brookside Cemetery wall in the center of town to show the first in a series of seasonal floral displays by Chester Townscape that make Chester a beautiful place in which to live, work, and visit. Volunteers and additional community waterers keep the flowers that are planted in many public locations around town fertilized, watered, weeded, and looking their best. Anyone who would like to become involved in Townscape's community projects is invited to contact Lynn Russell at 802-875-2707 or [chestertownscape@gmail.com](mailto:chestertownscape@gmail.com) to learn more.

### For those eager to beautify their own properties, Chester Townscape offers two different opportunities to bring instant beauty to their landscapes.

#### Deadline Extended to April 13 for CT Tree/Shrub Orders

Add something beautiful to your life by ordering a landscaping feature to your yard. But act quickly. Because of the long winter, Chester Townscape has extended to Monday April 13 the deadline for orders for its 2026 Tree and Shrub Sale. This event offers good-size trees and shrubs at below regular, nursery retail prices to help people beautify their properties. Choose from eight selections offered this spring: Snow Showers Weeping Cherry Tree; Dwarf Buttonbush, Easy as Pie Cherry Bush, Reminiscent Ginger Rose, Let's Dance Skyview Hydrangea, Let's Dance Can Do Hydrangea, Siberian Cypress, and Spilled Wine Weigela.

All specimens are hardy, low maintenance, and feature multi-season interest. Most sport beautiful blossoms and are native. All appeal to pollinators and/or birds. Proceeds from the sale support Chester Townscape's charitable civic projects, such as the floral pots and bridge boxes that beautify the town for residents and visitors.

Buyers do not have to be Chester residents; but they do have to preorder and pay by April 13 and then pick up the shrubs in early/mid May from Main Street in central Chester. For an informative order form that gives details about the shrubs, their botanical names and prices, and where to send the check and order form, please hurry and visit <https://www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html> or contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or [lwillisct@comcast.net](mailto:lwillisct@comcast.net).

#### Order by April 22 for CT's Hanging Baskets

To make sure you have blooming flowers to beautify your personal property, preorder a CT hanging basket by April 22. The baskets are designed for either sun or shade and in either hot or cool colors to suit your environment. They will be ready for pickup on Saturday May 9 (10-4) at the Information Booth on Main Street. For the order form and all necessary details, download the form at <https://www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html>. All proceeds from the sale help fund Chester Townscape's seasonal displays and its landscaping projects at public locations around town.

