THE SCARECROWS ARE COMING TO Chester THIS FALL

OCT. 3RD & 4TH
DELICIOUS FOOD
LIVE MUSIC
LOCAL VENDORS
FAMILY FUN

A CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY, All Season Long!

SAVE THE DATE!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL CHESTER, VT

TACO NIGHT!

OCTOBER 10th 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!
ADULTS: $15
KIDS (8+): $5
KIDS UNDER 8: FREE

CHESTER TOWN Hall
556 ELM STREET, CHESTER, VT

FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Enjoy Delicious Tacos, Sides, & Bring your family and friends for a

COME HUNGRY, LEAVE HAPPY!

OCTOBER 17-18

Quilt Show
Chester
Town Hall

10 AM - 5 PM

Sponsored by Six Loose Ladies

YOU'RE INVITED!

Raffles
Live Auction
Tasty Treats
Delicious Soups

EMPTY BOWLS

Chester Andover Family Center

October 24th | 4:30-7pm

American Legion on Rt. 103, Chester

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

BOO

OCTOBER 31ST
ON THE
CHESTER GREEN
CHESTER, VT
FROM 3:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Chester Andover PTG Presents

SATURDAY 10/31

2-3:30PM
Parade lineup @ CAES 1:45pm

TRUNK or TREAT

AND HALLOWEEN PARADE

Town of Chester

Newsletter 2026

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Wymans Falls Road BRIDGE 1

(off VT Route 103)

CAUTION
BRIDGE CLOSED

OCTOBER 13th – 30th

Detour goes over Baileys Mills Road to Lovers Lane Road

TOWN CLERK

General Election

November 3, 2026 from 9am to 7pm

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If voting in the polls, please bring the ballot that you received in the mail with you.

Ballot box on the porch

CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

October 12
Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
November 3
General Election
November 11
Veteran's Day
November
(1/2 day) 17, 18 &19
Clerk Training
November 26
Thanksgiving
December 24
Christmas Eve

THE OKEMO VALLEY

HOLIDAY EXPRESS

DECEMBER 19 + 20

A MAGICAL 1-HOUR TRAIN RIDE!
★MEET SANTA + HIS ELVES!★

ALL ABOARD THE OKEMO VALLEY HOLIDAY EXPRESS!

Departing from the historic Chester Depot in Chester, VT, this magical winter experience runs December 19th & 20th, offering families and friends a joyful ride through Vermont's snow-covered countryside.

TRAIN SCHEDULE: December 19 & 20

The train departs each day at:

9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm

For more information and to purchase tickets, please use this code

Hosted by the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
www.yourplaceinvermont.com

THE OKEMO VALLEY

Fall Foliage Train

& Pop-Up Fall Festival

Okemo Valley Foliage Train

October 3rd-4th

Photo by Steel Wheels Photography

It's the best of Vermont in fall — vintage rail, mountain scenery, and a festive gathering that's sure to become a lasting memory.

Step into Vermont's most enchanting season aboard a vintage foliage train, where nearly an hour of scenic mountain views, brilliant color, and old-fashioned rail charm create an unforgettable autumn adventure.

Before or after your journey, enjoy our **Pop-Up Fall Festival**, filled with local food, Vermont artisans, seasonal treats, and cozy autumn traditions Okemo Valley is known for.

DEPARTURE FROM LUDLOW, VERMONT

TRAIN SCHEDULE: October 3 & 4

The train departs each day at:

9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 3:00pm and 4:30pm

For more information and to purchase tickets, please use this code

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THE LONELY DAYS ARE GONE

FREE CONCERT AND SQUARE DANCE

WITH THE IDA MAE SPECKER BAND AND DANCE CALLER SARAH GIBSON

CHESTER

Saturday, Oct. 24

Chester Town Hall
556 Elm St. Chester, VT

6–6:30pm Concert
6:30–8pm Square Dance
with guest caller Sally Newton

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED! LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

PEOPLE OF ALL GENERATIONS AND BACKGROUNDS WELCOME. NO PARTNER OR PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL!

DONATIONS COLLECTED FOR THE CHESTER-ANDOVER FAMILY CENTER
COME ON OVER AFTER THE CAFC EMPTY BOWL DINNER

With support from: VERMONT HUMANITIES, nefa, Vermont Public, AND GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL DONORS.

More information at: www.idamaespecker.com/square-dance-tour

MATILDA and THREE BEARS

Matilda's "Not-So-Scary" Pet Costume Parade

★ Saturday, October 31st ★

Art Off the Wall

presented by
Whiting Library &
Stone Village Art Guild

Participating Artists:

Beverly Boke
Len Emery
Kathaleen Giurtino
Judy Hallberg
Bryce Honeywell
Heather Kelly
Phil Mosciski
Nena Nanfeldt
Robert O'Brien
Gene Parulis
Gil Perry
Melody Reed
Dindy Reich
Marianne Shaughnessy

September 18th - October 29th

Opening Reception with artists:
September 26th
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Come to the library to enjoy this remarkable display of local art and consider supporting the artists and library by making one of these pieces your own. Artwork can be purchased via silent auction or off the wall for full price, with 50% of the purchase price donated to support Whiting Library.

Artwork will be available to view online at whitinglibrary.org/art-off-the-wall

Whiting Library
117 Main St in Chester, Vermont
(802) 875-2277

Vicarious Visit to New Zealand on October 13

Yearn to visit New Zealand, but held back by time, health, or cost? Here's a chance to visit that faraway country vicariously. St. Luke's, the gray church at 313 Main Street in Chester, VT, is offering a free slide-show tour of the South Island on Tuesday October 13 from 2 to 3:30 PM in Willard Hall, located underneath and behind the church. Presenter David Carey was smitten by the island's mighty snow-capped mountains with glaciers running almost into the sea; large areas of untamed, unspoiled wilderness; and beaches that stretch far into the distance. Plus, two very distinct cultures living side by side in an area the size of Illinois. No reservation is necessary for this free program, which is open to the public and offers refreshments. For more information, visit https://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org/specialevents.

Walking Tours Highlight Main Street Fires

On the Sunday afternoons of October 11 and October 25, Friends of Yosemite Firehouse Museum will host a walking tour featuring details of the historic fires that took place on Main Street. Members of the public are invited to meet at 1 PM at the Cobleigh Field parking lot for the program, which will take approximately 90 minutes and be led by Friends Board Member Shawn Cunningham. In order for people to hear the presentation well and be able to view the photos that will accompany the talk, the number of participants needs to be limited. Therefore, those interested in attending should email yosemitefirehousemuseum@gmail.com in advance to make a reservation. Donations to Friends of Yosemite are requested to help make the future museum a reality.

Fall Changeover Has Begun!

Fall is officially here, and the seasonal changeover by Chester Townscape has begun. The cemetery wall near the Hearse House shows the first step, as pumpkins were added to the top of the wall above still thriving begonias. Before a killing frost turns the flowers sadly brown and hard to clean up, they will disappear. Elsewhere pumpkins already surround hardy grasses in barrels while the bridge boxes soon will be removed to be re-stained for next spring. With memories of glorious summer flowers in mind, thanks go to all the volunteer planters, waterers, and weeders who made all that beauty possible. Shortly CT volunteers will replace the fall decorations with evergreen wreaths and swags to welcome the long snowy weeks of winter that residents and visitors enjoy. Anyone interested in being part of CT's seasonal beautification efforts is encouraged to contact Lynn Russell at chestertownscape@gmail.com.

Board Games Mania
St. Luke's Church

For people fascinated by Board Games and looking to play with other enthusiasts, St. Luke's Church, the gray church at 313 Main Street in Chester, is offering members of the public, ages 13 and up, the opportunity to play a variety of board games on Sunday November 8, from 3 to 5 PM in Willard Hall, located behind and below the church. There is no charge for the program, and reservations are not required. Card tables will be set up, and games such as Qwirkle, Rummikub, Cribbage, Sorry, and Monopoly, plus packs of cards, will be available. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own favorite games, find new partners, and make new friends. If this free activity is popular, additional sessions may be added. Visit https://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org/specialevents.

Wreath-Decorating Workshops November 19 to 21

Wreath Workshops at St. Luke's Church at 313 Main Street are an annual tradition that gives participants a joyful way to prepare for the holidays. The number of wreaths and workshop sessions is always limited, so participants **must** register early to be assured of a wreath and their preferred workshop session. The workshops, scheduled for a variety of times on Thursday November 19 through Saturday November 21, will provide participants with everything they need to decorate a beautiful, pre-made evergreen wreath with an amazing array of natural embellishments, as well as their choice of bow material. To learn more and to reserve a wreath, contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net as soon as possible.

Chester Historical Preservation Committee (CHPC)

While current grant-funded insulation still needs to be added at Town Hall, the Library, and the Academy Building, over the past months an immense amount of work has been accomplished under the same grant by the Town and its subcontractors.

Academy Building. Heat pumps and a new furnace were installed, with two heat pumps also added to the basement. The fallen ceiling over the stairs and upstairs hall that precluded public use of the second floor has been repaired. New storm windows have been created for all the repaired windows and now need to be installed.

Whiting Library. The building's heating was updated.

Town Hall. Leftover grant money allowed replacement of the old heating system.

2026 - 2027 WINTER BROCHURE

Director: Matthew A. McCarthy
e-mail: recreationinchester@yahoo.com
Website: http://www.chestervt.gov/recreation.html Join us on Facebook: Chester, VT Recreation Dept.

Registrations for the winter programs will be from
Monday, October 26th – Friday, November 20th. ($5 late fee after 11/21)
Sign-up Monday through Thursday 8AM-4PM at Chester Town Hall or online
COST: Basketball Registration fee is $35 for Grades Pre-K - 2 & $40 for grades 3-6.
$10 off for 2nd child & $20 off for 3rd or more

Open Gyms

CAES
Soccer Grades 3-6
3 - 4pm Monday November 2; 9 & 16
Basketball Grades 3-6
3 - 4pm Wednesdays November 4; 18 & Mon. 2´
GMUHS
Soccer 3 - 4pm Tuesdays November 3; 10; 17
Basketball 3 - 4pm Thursdays November 5; 12; 19

CLINICS

ELKS HOOP SHOOT: Saturday, December 5th at the Springfield Community Center 139 Main St @ 9am
GM BASKETBALL CLINICS: We will run youth clinics with the Green Mountain varsity boys' and girls' team. Dates TBA
BASEBALL CLINIC: February break
SOFTBALL CLINIC: February break

YOUTH WINTER SPORTS

Pre-K & K Basketball: Info TBA
Ok 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.

ADULT

PICKLEBALL: Saturdays from 9 -11AM at GMUHS in the cafeteria. Running from December - February. Dates TBA

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

OTHER INFORMATION

2027 WINTER CARNIVAL: The Winter Carnival will be Saturday, February 13th. Events include snowmobile rides; sledding; skating and a night hike.