



# TOWN OF CHESTER

## NEWSLETTER

July-September

Summer 2018

[www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov)

### Town Clerk

On August 14, 2018, the Primary Election will take place at the Town Hall (upstairs) from 9am-7pm. Absentee ballots can be requested by stopping in the Town Office or calling (802) 875-2173.

Property taxes are due September 17, 2018. The Town of Chester now accepts credit/debit cards by phone, through [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov), or stopping by the office. There is a 3% fee associated with the use of a credit/debit card. If you would like to set up an automatic payment from your checking or savings account, there is no fee for this type of payment, please stop into the Town Office or call (802) 875-2173.



### Town Manager's Message

There are a variety of new initiatives happening in Chester. After the conclusion of the Master Plan Steering Committee, an Implementation Committee was named by the Selectboard to put the ideas of the Steering Committee into actual completed projects.

Some of the first plans to take shape were the Pocket Park at the end of School Street and the Wayfinding Signage Program. The Pocket Park idea is simple; to clean up the end of School Street, install paving stones & several benches to make it an inviting spot for people to relax near the river. Planning is still underway, but construction should still happen sometime this summer.

The Wayfinding Project is much larger. It will create a unified signage system for the entire Town. This will include welcome signs as people enter Chester as well as directional signage to help visitors find their way around Chester. Information signs will also be installed as well as signs that mark trails and other recreational opportunities. This ambitious project will not be finished in one year; it will take several years to complete. Citizens have already had the chance to vote on what sign design they liked and make comments about what they would like to see.

Another idea coming from the original committee was to make better use of the Academy building. Over time there has been upgrades being done to preserve it and make it more useful. Just now, a painting project is concluding. All the windows were recently renovated and now the outside window framework has been painted.

Near the Academy building is the Information Booth. The Okemo Valley Chamber recently gave the facility to the Town which is in the process of renovating it as well. Under Town management the Information Booth has proven to be very popular with visitors so sprucing it up should enhance its value even more.

Design has started for a project that will replace the sidewalk from Town Hall to Bargfrede Road. This project will include new street lights and greenspace along the route and will be a major streetscapes enhancement for the Town. Residents are encouraged to attend a meeting to gather public input on July 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

## CHESTER AMBULANCE CORNER

Are you caring for an aging parent or ill loved one? It is important to remember to care for yourself as well. Finding balance is difficult, but a MUST. In order to give good care, you need to know your limits to avoid becoming "burnt out". Reward yourself for your efforts and take time for you. Find a hobby, exercise, meditate, read and take advantage of respite programs. Make sure that you keep up on your own health by eating well and getting plenty of rest.

Know the signs of Caregiver Fatigue and seek professional help.

- Anxiety/Depression
- Trouble concentrating
- Difficulty sleeping
- Helplessness/Hopelessness
- Cutting back on leisure activities

For more information visit:

- [www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/supportive-services/support\\_groups](http://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/supportive-services/support_groups)
- [www.helpguide.org](http://www.helpguide.org)
- [www.springfieldmed.org/support-groups](http://www.springfieldmed.org/support-groups)

Or contact your Primary Care Physician.



# DO NOT MISS!

## *Wheels in the Field*

### A Porsche And BMW Motorrad Event

### Columbus Day Weekend Oct. 6 And 7

### American Legion Field Route 103 Chester Vermont 05143



### Porsche Coffee Rally And Show

### BMW Motorrad Historic Scottish Trials And Guided Tours



### Porsche Show With Peoples Choice Judging.



PORSCHE

### Townwide Oktoberfest Theme

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# Chester Historic Preservation Committee (CHPC)

## Request for Information

The Chester Historic Preservation Committee [CHPC] is seeking input on uses for both the big Jeffrey Barn on Route 103, just past the Stone Village, and for the Yosemite Fire House. We want to follow all appropriate leads and suggestions to respond to community input and to secure what is both practical and best for Chester and its history.

CHPC is presently interested in the possibility of establishing a Chester Fire Museum at Yosemite and would welcome memorabilia, records, fire equipment, and other items that would tell the story of the Chester Fire Department. We would also appreciate suggestions of residents we should contact to see if they have any materials to donate.

Anyone with suggestions on uses for the two buildings or memorabilia is encouraged to contact Lillian Willis at [lbwillistc@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillistc@comcast.net) or at 875-1340.

Lillian Willis, Chair

Chester Historic Preservation Committee



The 44th Annual Chester Fall Festival will kick off the third weekend in September 2018 bringing arts and crafts vendors, artisan demonstrations, food vendors, and music to the Green in the center of beautiful Chester, Vermont. This event is sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club and is held annually to mark the beginning of Fall here in this charming New England town.

Chester Fall Festival 2018 will be held on Saturday, September 15th and Sunday, September 16th from 10am to 4pm. People from all over New England attend this annual community event with last years turnout being one of the best. This year, there will be many returning vendors in addition to some interesting new vendors.

This is a free outdoor event where you will find the Chester Green lined with vendors offering pottery, fine woodworking, fiber art, jewelry, photography, glass, and much more. There will be something of interest for everyone including a children's tent offering hands on projects and activities for kids of all ages. There will be opportunities to sample local foods while enjoying mid-day music showcasing Vermont musicians. Don't miss the famous Beer Garden held at the Fullerton Inn on Saturday afternoon, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, be sure to take a stroll through the village of Chester and enjoy its unique architecture, local studios, shops, and restaurants. For more information, please visit [www.chesterfallfestival.org](http://www.chesterfallfestival.org).

## Chester Disc Golf

### Pinnacle Picnic Pavilion Renovation



The dilapidated structure at the top of the sledding hill at the Pinnacle was restored and repurposed this spring. The original structure, built in 1972, was used as a warming hut for skiers and stored the motor that operated the old ski tow rope. The restorations to the building were made possible through a Recreation Facilities grant given to the Town of Chester by Vermont's Department of Buildings and General Services.

The newly renovated picnic pavilion is situated between holes #6 and #7 on the course and is open to the public. The pavilion features an open air feel with two picnic tables looking out over the beautiful town of Chester and the surrounding valley. The area also includes a unique bench for seating created by a local chainsaw wood carver. The community is encouraged to make the short hike up the hill and check out this great new town asset – the view alone is worth the trip!



## Chester Pool Information

Chester/Andover residents (a resident is someone who lives in Chester or Andover or pays property taxes in the towns of Chester or Andover) are free for pool use through the summer during normal hours of operation. Before entering the pool, you must show ID to the lifeguard on duty. The daily rate for non-residents is \$4 per person. Non-resident family season passes can be purchased for \$75 if purchased from now until July 16<sup>th</sup>, and \$50 if purchased after July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Chester Town Hall.

**SWIM LESSONS:** Swim lessons will be offered this summer at the town pool. We will be offering 3 two-week sessions with each one being 10 lessons. A variety of Red Cross certified swim level lessons are being offered including Stroke Development and Proficiency, and Advanced Skills, as well as others. COST: Levels 1, 2 & 3 will be \$30; Levels 4, 5 & 6 will be \$25. Session dates and times, and pool hours can be found at [www.chestervt.gov/recreation](http://www.chestervt.gov/recreation).

**SPECIAL NIGHTS:** TBA - Friday night swim for ages 12-15 at the Town Pool. On these nights the pool will close to the public at 7:30. Admission will be \$2 per child. There will be music & food!! Please be on the lookout for these dates.

**POOL/PAVILION RENTAL:** The pool and pavilion can be rented for birthday parties or other functions. The cost is \$25 for a 2-hour period for the pavilion only, and \$75 for a 2-hour period for the pavilion with the pool. The pavilion alone can be rented anytime; however, the pavilion with the pool can only be rented Saturday/Sunday during non-operational hours. Please call the Chester Recreation Dept. 873-3603 to check availability.

**Congrats** to Chester Police Dept's K9 Officer, Dutch, for scoring this load of drugs and paraphernalia recently in Chester. Dutch has been with the Chester PD for a little over 2 years, and this is just a small sample of what he has recovered. Chief Richard Cloud, Dutch's handler, partner, and best friend would like to remind the public, if you SEE something SAY something.



## Calendar

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** – First Friday: Triwizard Tournament  
5-7pm at Phoenix Books Misty Valley

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Book Club  
4pm at Phoenix Books Misty Valley

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** – 2018 Chester Summer Music Series:  
Fry Daddy 6:30-8pm on the lawn of the Academy Building

**July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** – Theater production of "Down Thieves Road" July 14 at 7pm and July 15 at 4pm at the Town Hall (upstairs)

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** – 2018 Chester Summer Music Series:  
Dave Keller Band 6:30-8pm on the lawn of the Academy Building

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – 2018 Chester Summer Music Series:  
Star Line Rhythm Boys 6:30-8pm on the lawn of the Academy Building

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 2018 Chester Summer Music Series:  
Party Crashers 6:30-8pm on the lawn of the Academy Building

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Book Club  
4pm at Phoenix Books Misty Valley

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – 2018 Chester Summer Music Series:  
Chris Kleeman Band 6:30-8pm on the lawn of the Academy Building

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Dog Cook-Off  
Stone Hearth Inn to benefit Chester-Andover Family Center

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** – Primary Election 9am-7pm at the Town Hall (upstairs)

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Labor Day Fireworks  
American Legion field at dusk

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Green Mountain Railroad Fall Foliage Dinner Train on Saturdays

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – Chester Fall Festival on the Green from 10am-4pm

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – Property taxes are due

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** – Wheels in the Field