

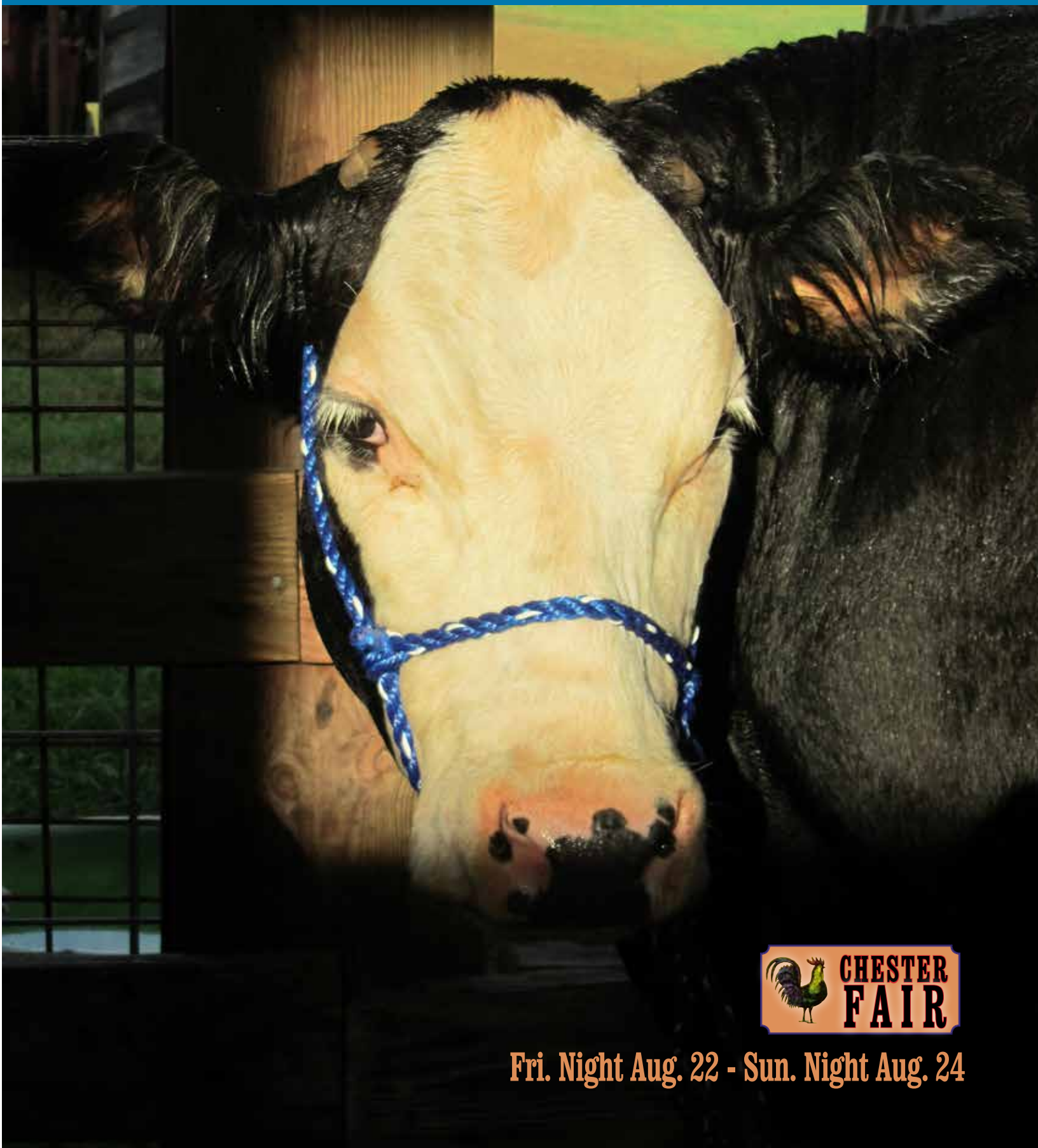
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First Selectman's Corner

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Approved. At the Special Town Meeting on May 22nd, residents unanimously approved a \$12,507,736 fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 budget. Following the Town meeting the Board of Finance voted to set the new mil rate at 24.82 mils. This is an increase of 2.87 mils to offset the \$60 million decline in the Town grand list that reflects the results of the October 1, 2013 revaluation. Total spending increases were held to \$178,796, a net increase of only 1.45 percent over current year expenditures. The 2014-2015 budget will allocate \$3,649,681 for town general expenditures, \$4,150,677 appropriation for Chester Elementary School, \$4,364,580 for Chester's share of Region 4.

The 2014-2015 Capital Budget will be funded at \$629,000. Major capital items are the continued funding for highway and fire departments truck replacements, the purchase of a new police vehicle, second year of the three year information technology project, roads and sidewalks repairs, Main Street reconstruction and repairs of Town buildings. The capital budget will be partially funded by using 2014 surplus allocation of \$200,000 and a redistribution of \$86,130 from current capital project balances.

The strategy that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance used to guide the formulation of the 2014-2015 budget was to limit expenditure increases, maintain real estate tax collection

at the 2013-2014 level and partially fund capital items from the 2014 surplus. This approach will impact each property owner differently based on their new October 1, 2013 revaluation. Overall the grand list values declined by 12 percent. The majority of Chester tax payers, 57 percent, will see a property tax decrease.

Main Street Reconstruction Project. During the past spring, the Main Street Project Committee held two public informational workshops and several public meetings to discuss the proposed schematic plans for reconstruction of 1,800 feet of Main Street, from Laurel Hill Cemetery to Middlesex Avenue.

The assessment of existing conditions identified significant storm drainage problems, deteriorated curbing, broken sidewalks, substandard pavement, poor sight lines at the School Lane crosswalk and restricted lane width for safe on-street parking. To address these deficiencies the Main Street Project Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen a small roadway realignment between the Post Office to Laurel Hill



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Students Make a Difference

Lessons learned in civics class transformed into tangible help for local families in need when three 10th grade students from Valley Regional High School held a "Civics in Action Stuff-A-Truck" food drive for The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP) at Deep River Adams Supermarket.

The students, Alex Tiezzi, Sam Armenia and Ben Toles, all of Chester, explained their project and asked shoppers to donate groceries for the drive. In a single afternoon the boys had filled the SSKP truck with 1,751 pounds of non-perishable food. The food was delivered to SSKP's Westbrook Pantry, which distributes over 15,000 pounds of food every month to hundreds of local families in need. Deep River Adams Supermarket manager Jeff Prindle also helped in the effort, by providing food "at cost" for a \$1,000 donation made by supporters of the food drive.

"What a wonderful example these three young men have set for their fellow students," said Patty Dowling, executive director of SSKP. "On behalf of those we serve, who experience a community that cares deeply each time they attend a pantry, I thank these students and all those who donated food during the drive."

Founded 25 years ago, The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries provides food and fellowship to people in need and educates the community about hunger and poverty, serving the Connecticut shoreline towns of Chester, Essex, Clinton, Madison, Old Saybrook, East Lyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, Killingworth, Westbrook and Deep River. Last year with a small staff and over 900 dedicated volunteers, SSKP served over 908,000 meals worth of food to shoreline neighbors in need.



(l-r) Valley Regional High School 10th grade students Sam Armenia, Alex Tiezzi and Ben Toles.

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Cemetery to correct drainage and provide space for on-street parking. At School Lane the Committee endorsed the continuation of the sidewalk on the north side connecting to North Quarter Park.

On May 7th the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the Committee's recommendations and directed the project engineer to prepare the construction plans for cost estimating and review by utility companies. The schedule is to have the project ready to advertise for public bidding in late fall and begin construction in early spring 2015.

This project will be paid for by State STEAP grant awards and Town Capital Improvement Program funds. The project's preliminary cost estimate is approximately \$1.2 million, \$980,000, 82 percent of the project costs will be funded from STEAP grants.

North Quarter Park Master Plan and Library Building Committees Project. During June the North Quarter Park Committee met to prepare a long range master plan with recommendations for the conservation, recreation activities and possible library-community building uses on this 22 acre parcel.

Preliminary concept designs were prepared by the project's landscape architect, Richter & Cegan, Inc. The Committee evaluated these options and held a public informational meeting in early July. The Committee's preferred master plan design was submitted to the Board of Selectmen by July 15th.

Concurrent with the North Quarter Park Committee's master plan work, the Library Building Committee issued Request for Qualifications for architects who will be tasked with preparation of schematic concepts for a new library. The proposed library building will be located at North Quarter Park based on the master plan layout. This design process is being used to ensure that the Park's multiple functions of open space conservation, active recreation areas and the proposed library-community building uses as well as necessary parking, site driveway, utilities and storm drainage control are coordinated and properly phased.

During July both committees will be working together to complete the master plan-library building design report and submit a request to the Connecticut State Library for a construction grant. This application is due by August 29th.

First Selectman Ed Meehan

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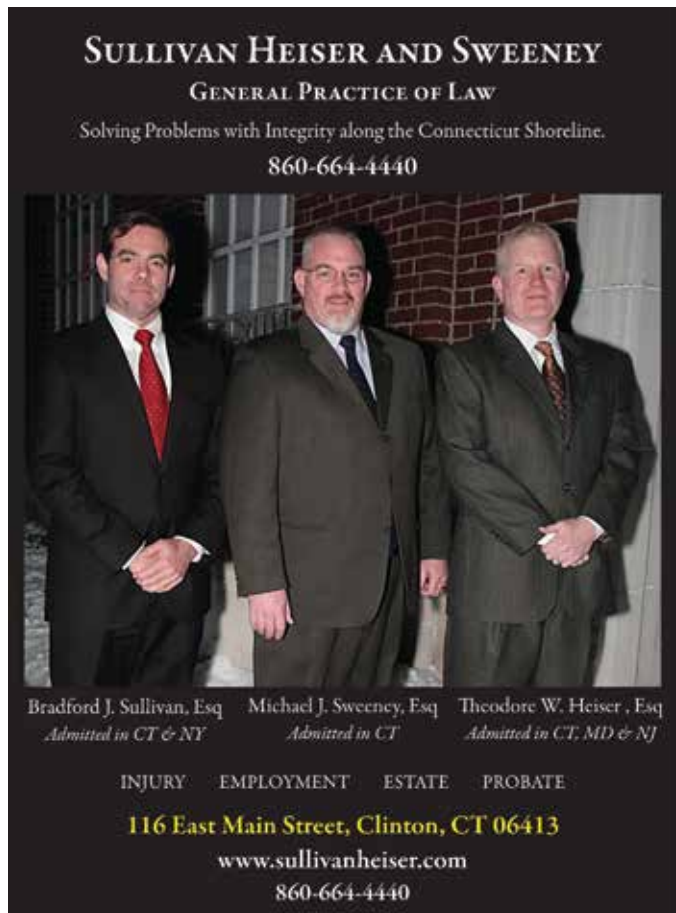
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Collomore Music Series Celebrates 41st Season



Jazz pianist Fred Hersch. Photo by Michael Jackson.

The Robbie Collomore Music Series celebrates its 41st season in 2014-15. Four concerts featuring internationally recognized musicians are scheduled for Sundays at 5 pm in the Chester Meeting House.

The Collomore Committee carefully selects two classical and two non-classical performers for each season. Speaking for the committee, chairman Martin Nadel said, "Whatever kind of music it is, we want it to be the very best of its type. People have told me even if they don't know anything about the group or the music they are playing, they come to the concerts because they trust the kind of groups we select."

On October 12, young violinist Sean Lee, whose performances have been described by the *New York Times* as "breathtakingly beautiful," will perform, accompanied by pianist Peter Dugan. Lee, a new member of the faculty of the Juilliard School, has been broadcast live by WGBH (Boston) and WQXR (New York).

Six-time Grammy nominee Fred Hersch, called "the most arrestingly innovative pianist in jazz over the last decade or so" by *Vanity Fair* magazine, will bring his trio to the Meeting House stage on Nov. 23. Hersch has collaborated with an astonishing range of instrumentalists and vocalists throughout worlds of jazz (Joe Henderson, Stan Getz and Bill Frisell); classical (Renée Fleming, Dawn Upshaw, Christopher O'Riley); and Broadway (Audra McDonald).

Jim Kweskin and Geoff Muldaur bring the blues to the Meeting House on April 12, followed by the Chiara String Quartet on May 10.

Subscriptions are available for the season, and information about buying a subscription will be mailed to everyone on the Collomore Series mailing list in the summer, or you can email tickets@collomoreconcerts.org. A subscription to all four concerts is just \$63 (that's four concerts for the price of three). Individual concert tickets cost \$21. For students from elementary through graduate school, a subscription for the four concerts is just \$15. A student ticket for just one concert is \$5. All ticket-holders are invited to stay for a reception after the concert to meet the performers.

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Chester Hose Company

On March 29th the Chester Hose Company held our Annual Banquet, moving it back to the Hose Company headquarters, utilizing our new addition space. Each year we hold our banquet as a way to thank all the volunteer men and women of our department for all they do to keep our community safe. We also invite as a way of thanks our mutual aid departments, as well as public officials and local businesses that support us throughout the year. The Chester Hose Company is fortunate to have some of the oldest and longest term members as part of our current membership.

Chief Charles Greeney Jr., proudly presented the following members for their years of service: **5 years:** Karen Graham, Sylvia Miksa, Denise Sypher, Michael Whaples. **10 years:** Toni Myers, Charles Tower. **15 years:** John Brainard. **25 years:** David Masters. **30 years:** Edward Calamari. **35 years:** Chief Charles Greeney Jr.

Chief's Award for outstanding achievement, going above and beyond went to Kimberly Tiezzi.

Top Ten (10) responding member awards went to: Scot Mills, Peter Tiezzi, John Ahearn, Mike Ahearn, James Schaefer, Brian Ahearn, Karen Graham, Vito Nanni, Dan Roschko and Bruce Sypher

Member of the Year Award was presented to: Scot Mills and Sara Blaschik.

We look forward to continuing our longstanding partnership with local organizations. Look for us as we provide medical support at the Rotary's 4 on the 4th Road Race and the Chester Fair, both time-honored traditions here in Chester.

We will be holding our annual department elections on July 2nd.

With that said, as I reflect back to my 35 years in the department, I feel a multitude of emotions. It has been my distinct honor to be a member of the Chester Hose Company. I have served my current position as Chief with the knowledge, guidance, and camaraderie of members past and present with an overwhelming sense of pride. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many men and women, both past and present that I have had the distinct honor to serve with including the town's governing boards especially the Board of Fire Commissioners. After 17 years of serving as Chief of the Chester Hose Company, I am stepping down. I stand in awe of the tireless dedication of all the volunteer members.

Charles F. Greeney, Jr., Chief, Chester Hose Company



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Tommy Saitta Retires from Town Crew

Long time Public Works employee, Tommy Saitta, retired in July. He began his job on the Town Crew in June of 1972. Tommy has been a reliable and dedicated worker, cheerfully carrying out his duties.

First Selectman Ed Meehan stated "The Public Works Department's personnel does a multitude of tasks that together insure the safety and quality of our community. This is tough, physical outside work. We appreciate Tommy Saitta's work ethic and wish him good health and a restful, well deserved retirement."

Chester Rotary's 44th Annual Lobster Festival

The Rotary Club of Chester will host its 44th Annual Lobster Festival at the Chester Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 6. Tickets are on sale now!

Admission tickets for twin lobster or twin steak or surf and turf dinner tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 for remaining tickets at the gate. Single lobster or steak dinner tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate. Children's hot dog meal tickets are available at the gate for \$5. Each meal comes with corn on the cob, coleslaw, rolls and a baked potato. Beer, wine and soda are available for additional cost.

Access to the Lobster Festival is restricted to dinner ticket holders. Seating is limited, so please purchase early. The gates open at 4:00 pm; dinner served 5 pm – 7 pm with live music until 10:00 pm.

Visit <http://www.ChesterRotary.org> for more information and to purchase tickets on-line. Tickets can also be purchased at Century 21 Heritage Company, Chester Package Store, Chrisholm Marina, from any Chester Rotarian, or call Susan Wright at (860) 526-3294.

Chester Rotarians are dedicated to providing funding and service to local, national and international charitable organizations. All proceeds from this event support these causes.

Debbie Alldredge, Chester Rotarian

Septic Tank Pump Out

Chester residents are reminded that the Town ordinance requires septic tanks to be pumped out and inspected every 5 years by a licensed sewage disposal company.

Pumping out and inspection of the septic tank is really preventative maintenance and can save on costly repairs later on. It is much cheaper to pump out the septic tank than to have to replace the septic system later on!

If you have questions, please call Lee Vito, Town Sanitarian, 860-526-0013 ext. 206.

Animal Control Officer's Summer Report

Money Saving Tips

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Enjoy your summer and let your pets do the same. During the summer I know you like to be cool on hot summer days, and so don't your pets. Don't leave your pets in your car in the summer, as the heat builds up very fast. If I am called and I can't find you fast I may have to break your car window to save your pet. This will also cost you money to have your car window repaired. I am legally allowed to save your pet and charge you with cruelty to animals. The cruelty fine is extremely heavy and could cause you time in jail.

Here are a few reminders.

- Dog licenses are due.
- If your dog has passed away, please contact the Town Clerk. We are sorry for your loss.
- All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed in the town they live in.
- Please attach the license to your dog's collar; this will make it easier for us to return your pet as quickly as possible if the pet decides to wander off on its own.
- Remember to keep fresh water available for your pets and a place for your pets to keep cool.
- Postal workers deliver the mail and packages and may come up to your door. Please be aware of where your dog is. Animal bites are painful and costly. If your dog does bite someone, please have your rabies vaccination records in a convenient spot for these will be needed for the officer's report and for the attending physician.
- Barking dogs can be annoying to your neighbors – be kind to your neighbors and keep it under control.

Thank you and have a nice summer!

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What Climate Change Means

I'm no scientist, but I recently heard a 6 hour lecture series on climate change and was impressed by the evidence it presented. The following provides a simple overview.

Carbon dioxide has a different opacity than other gases in the air. It inhibits the reflection of incoming solar energy from returning to space. This disrupts the normal balance that regulates Earth's climate. The more carbon, the more heat gets trapped. This begins a chain-reaction that increases global temperatures to dangerous levels.

The amount of carbon that humans add (about 7 gigatonnes per year) is not dangerous by itself. The problem is that carbon takes a while to recycle from the atmosphere. Water vapor recycles from evaporation to clouds to rain in about a week. It takes carbon about 5 years. That in itself would not be bad, except half of this carbon then returns to the atmosphere. It can take several hundred to over 1,000 years to completely disappear.

In 1860, global temperatures started to be recorded. In 1950, the recordings were expanded and refined. They show an unprecedented increase of carbon in the last century that coincided with the Industrial Age. It continues to climb.

For comparative data, scientists drilled bore-holes in the arctic to measure gases from hundreds of thousands of years ago. Other sources include layers of coral reefs, lake

sediments, and ancient tree rings. They all support the same conclusion. The Earth is rapidly warming in an unnatural speed and manner.

Scientists differentiated carbon from volcanoes, which does not contain isotopes. Measuring the ratio between these isotopes and fossil fuel carbon shows that the vast increase of recent history are the result of human activity. (We produce 30 billion tons; volcanoes only 500,000 millions.)

Seven years ago, our rise in global temperatures was about 1° Fahrenheit, or .7° Celsius. (That's a global average. It is higher over land-based areas.) Small shifts in global temperature make a huge difference. Only 6° Celsius separates us today from the last Ice Age, when Montreal was under 2 miles of ice.

The more carbon in the air, the more heat accumulates. Hotter temperatures cause more cloud formations, a major greenhouse gas. This process has started and cannot be remedied during our lifetimes. All we can do now is slow it down in the hope of finding ways to stop it completely.

Politicians have concerns about the economic cost of corrective action, which is projected at 1% of the world's economy. The financial impact of not responding, however, is estimated at a staggering 20%.

Climate factors are so complex and interconnected, it is impossible to predict all the damage. We do know that warmer

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Oceans contribute to major weather events, which will cause extensive property damage and loss of life. Forest fires will be more intense and frequent. The rise of sea levels due to melting ice will force human migrations. Some species are already threatened by a rise in ocean acidity. What we don't know is what will happen on the microbial level, such as algae colonies that produce most of the oxygen that we breathe?

Although implementing new EPA standards is a positive step, much more needs to be done. Political gridlock prevents the federal government from responding as it should. Citizens have to mobilize themselves. 320 million people in the U.S., conserving energy, can make a positive difference.

We start by consuming less energy. Cut corners when you can. Shut off unnecessary lights. Moderate indoor temperatures. Use energy-saving bulbs. Insulate your home or business. Take an energy audit and follow its advice. Avoid unnecessary travel. Use mass transit. Whatever vehicle you drive, keep it well-tuned with correctly inflated tires. Make sure your next vehicle is energy efficient.

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Speak out. Inspire others. Contact your representatives and demand action.

On the national level, there is no silver bullet that will solve the problems of climate change. We need to combine a variety of actions, such as replacing fossil fuel with either natural gas, nuclear energy, wind turbines, bio-fuels or solar energy. We have to plant more trees to remove carbon from the atmosphere and stop deforestation,

If we do these things now, we may be able to curtail the growth of carbon increase at its present level. This will buy us time to find and incorporate better solutions.

If you have questions about climate change, please take time to investigate the evidence, which is available online. The consequences are too dire to leave to uninformed opinion.

*Dean Jacques
Chester Energy Task Force, Volunteer*

(The Chester Energy Task Force offers a comprehensive energy plan called A Roadmap to Clean Energy that is available on the Chester Website.)

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Chester Library Friends. Did you know that if it weren't for the Chester Library Friends, you wouldn't be able to borrow a DVD to take home to watch with your family? And your children wouldn't have a summertime reading program? And that pass that provided free admission for your family to the Wadsworth Atheneum wouldn't exist?

Just as none of us wants a life without friends, your Chester Public Library can't thrive without its Friends.

The Friends fund the programs and services for the Chester Library that are not paid for in the town budget. Book discussion groups for adults, materials for children's story hours and programs, museum and attraction passes, DVDs and the library's Netflix membership – they're all paid for by the Friends of the Chester Library.

Now the Friends are organizing more programs for the library, they're forming a Human Library, thanks to Sue Zirlen. They help with the Facebook page for the library and they write a monthly e-newsletter to keep everyone informed about library happenings. This summer they're running the paperback book sale at the Chester Fair and they're sponsoring a raffle to raise more library funds.

Are you a Friend? Leave your name on the Friends list at the library desk. Help sell raffle tickets, run the book sale, plan a program or supply refreshments, spread the word about the library's future...the possibilities are wide open!

The Human Library. Take a break from Google and check out a living book from the Human Library.

Have you always wanted to knit but don't know where to start or what to buy? Check out a living book on knitting and get a real live knitter's advice. Is your child doing a report on WWII and getting all their info online? Check out a WWII veteran from the Human Library and add the human experience to their research.

1. What is it? A Human Library is just that – a library where the “books” are living people who volunteer to share their stories, passion and/or life experience with “readers” – members of the community.

2. How does it work? Living books can be checked out of the library or online with a Chester Library card. You will be given contact information from a librarian for your “book.” You can then schedule a 30-minute, 1-on-1 session at the Chester Library. Parents must accompany children under 18. All ages are encouraged to both become living books and to check them out.

3. Why a Human Library in Chester? The Human Library is a way to connect people in the Chester community across generations, lifestyle, religion, ethnicity, etc., in order to increase understanding of community resources and awareness of differences, using our traditional library as a vehicle.

4. What the Human Library is NOT. It is not a resource for paid services but rather a place to have a 1:1 conversation and share a life experience (WWII) or hobby (gardening) to increase someone else's understanding of your specific experiences.

Intrigued? Leave your name at the library desk to get more information, courtesy of Sue Zirlen.

Paperback Book Sale - August 22-24. Book-lovin' fairgoers rejoice! Prices and selection are so good that readers fill entire bags with the paperbacks offered by the Friends of Chester Library during the Chester Fair. Most books are priced from \$.25 to \$1 and all proceeds benefit library programs and collections. Donations of paperbacks (no hardcovers, please) will be gratefully accepted at Chester Library from August 14 to August 21. Volunteers willing to help set up or work at the sale are encouraged to call Diane Lindsay at (860) 526-2443.

This Summer's Raffle. Remember the beautiful quilt the Friends raffled off last year? The quilt made by Sally Murray? This summer Sally's working on another

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quilt for a library raffle, which will also include a Sosse Baker basket and an Al Malpa framed photograph. It's going to be a fantastic raffle of three terrific Chester-made items. Look for raffle tickets starting in August; the drawing will be in late September. Last year enough money was raised to buy two comfortable reading chairs for the library; do you have a suggestion of how to spend this year's money?

First Annual St. Joseph's Church Carnival

Four spectacular days and nights – Wednesday, July 23 through Saturday July 26. For the first time ever, St. Joseph's Church in Chester is going to convert their parking lot into a four-day carnival.

Starting at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 23rd, the rides will start turning, kids will start screaming, and the Midway will be filled with game booths. And it's not a carnival unless you have food booths selling hotdogs, hamburgers, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and more. Locally baked goods and treats will top off a wonderful day with your friends, family and children. Another wonderful time in Chester.

Rain or Shine. This is New England where the weather can change with a snap of your fingers. If it rains, bring your rain jacket or step inside and play a few cards of BINGO or rummage through the multi-multi family rummage sale.

Tickets. Wrist bands are \$25 for all you can ride (Amusements provided by CT-based, Imperial Shows), including the Ferris Wheel; individual tickets are \$2 per ride.

Bingo, Rummage Sale and More... Friday and Saturday from 6pm-9pm, the Knights of Columbus will be calling Bingo in the Church hall. There will also be tables and tables of just what you need at the church-wide RUMMAGE sale. Come early and enjoy the fun. There will also be local folks selling handmade craft items of incredible beauty and function. Come and explore – you might find a surprise gift for someone special or perhaps a used tool that you always wanted. The fun is in the exploring.

Hours

Wednesday, July 23 – 4 pm to 10 pm

Thursday, July 24 – 4 pm to 10 pm

Friday, July 25 – 4 pm to 10 pm

Saturday, July 26 – 2 pm to 9 pm

Come on out. Bring the friends and family – it's the perfect opportunity for kids of all ages to have fun in the sun and in the rain. So plan on it. See you there!

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Welcome to the summer of 2014. Here is hoping that this summer is really a summer and not a winter that never ended. I would like to start off by giving

you a little bit of history about our Corps and Drum Corps in general. As you all know by now, Chester Drum Corps was established in 1867 but was put on the road in 1868. This Corps has continuously been playing our music since the beginning with no time taken off for good behavior. We have gone through many uniform changes and are now in our fourth or fifth uniform in 146 years. We now sport a more easily manageable colonial white shirt, colonial vest and Tricorn with medallion on it. We play on wooden colonial drums and 6-hole fifes in the key of B flat.

A little background on fifes and drums: A fifer and a drummer were officially and necessarily attached to each company in both European and American military forces in colonial times. While in camp, they sounded all the duty calls, such as dinner time, reveille, taps. In the field, on maneuvers or in battle, they signaled movements and actions ordered by the officers, such as forward, retreat, fire.

The earliest American reference to the massing of fifers and drummers under the leadership of a fife major or drum major occurred in George Washington's general orders for August 23, 1777, wherein he not only ordered the massing, but specified how they would look or act. So much for ANCIENT history, now back to the future.

Our drum line is well staffed; however our fife line needs more players. But if you do not want to play, we also need members in the Color Guard to carry our colors. We do teach drum lessons, fife lessons and how to march in unison. We also have a summer schedule as noted below.

Next Events

- July 3:** Canoe Club Middletown Concert from 6-8 pm
- July 4:** 4th of July Parade Provincetown, MA
- July 18-19:** DRAM

- August 10:** 53rd Annual VJ Day Parade
- August 23:** Westbrook Muster
- September 20:** Guilford's Citizens Day Parade 350th -
- September 21:** CT State Fireman's Convention – TBD

Other Activities

- July 12:** Bristol, CT – An Evening of International Fife and Drum.
- July 15 – 18:** Ivoryton, CT – Tuesday – Friday Junior Fife & Drum Camp.
- July 26:** Colchester, CT – Colchester Continentals' Muster.
- July 26:** Coventry, CT - Nathan Hale Muster
- September 14:** Sudbury, MA – National Muster

Practice Schedule

July 17	Cedar Lake Pavilion
July 24	North Quarter Park
July 31	North Quarter Park
August 14	Cedar Lake Pavilion
August 21	North Quarter Park
August 28	North Quarter Park

So please come and see what we are about, do and play. We will be spending some time at Cedar Lake and North Quarter Park, our regular summer practice area.

If you are interested in becoming part of history and are interested in joining our corps, please feel free to call me at 860-691-1735.

Just as a reminder, we are neither a Junior nor Senior Corps. We are a family oriented organization and intend on remaining so.

Better yet, come on down and see what we are about. We practice from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Hope you have a most enjoyable summer. Hope to see you at a muster or at a parade.

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Chester Rotary Announces 2014 Citizenship Award Winners

The Rotary Club of Chester is proud to announce the recipients of its 2014 Citizenship Award. Each year this award is given in the form of a scholarship to two graduating high school seniors who are residents of the Town of Chester. This year's awards were won by Claudia Gates, the daughter of Jeffrey Gates and Comer Rudd-Gates, and Sena Spinella, the daughter of Paul and Karli Spinella. Each recipient was presented with a \$2,500 scholarship at Valley Regional High School's Senior Awards Night held on June 4.

Both Claudia and Sena have displayed the principles and values of Rotary in their daily activities. These include community involvement, scholastic achievement and athletic achievement that exemplifies Rotary's "Service Above Self" maxim. The Rotary Club of Chester is pleased to recognize these two outstanding students.

Debbie Alldredge, Chester Rotarian

Volunteer Recognition

Brian Buckley and Randy Netsch. Chester Board of Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commission wish to express their appreciation to Brian Buckley and Randy Netsch for giving their time and effort to successfully complete the installation of the new storage shed at Pelletier Park. Their expertise in preparing the site and installing shelving in the new shed deserves recognition. Over the years both Brian and Randy have volunteered their time and talents to the Parks and Recreation programs improving our facilities for the enjoyment of Chester's residents. Thank you for your generous contributions to our community.

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New York City Trip. A trip to New York City on October 4 will leave the Chester commuter parking lot at 7:30 am, with a choice of being dropped off at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, or Rockefeller Center, or Battery Park. The bus will pick up passengers at 6:00 pm at a midtown location, announced on the day of the trip. The cost is \$30 for Chester residents, and \$32 for nonresidents.

Cedar Lake. The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to be open for the 2014 season from June 9 through August 20, 10:30 am until 6:00 pm. Hours may vary according to staff availability, training, weather, or special programs. Lifeguards will go off duty at 4:45 pm for a private event on July 24, August 7, and 21. Access to the Town parks, including the beaches on Cedar Lake, is by permit only. Non-resident passes are available at Pelletier Park during operating hours for \$65 per household. Chester residents may enter staffed facilities by showing a driver's license, or other proof of residency or taxpayer status with identification. Groups of 10 or more must make reservations in advance.

Youth Basketball Coaches and Referees Needed. Adults interested in volunteering to coach youth basketball are requested to contact the Director at 860-526-0013 extension 223 OR e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org by October 16. Applications are available on our website. Referees must be at least 14 years of age and may be compensated at a rate of \$12 per game. All coaching and referee candidates must meet reference and background check requirements, attend an orientation on Thursday, November 6 or Wednesday, November 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, and complete first aid training within one year of beginning to coach or referee. First aid classes are offered free of charge on Wednesday, November 19. Youth Basketball is scheduled to begin on November 17.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training. American Red Cross Babysitter's Training will be offered at Chester Elementary School on Thursday and Friday, October 23 and 24, from 1:00 pm until 4:45 pm, following the early dismissal from school. The training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid. The program is open to participants in grades 5 and 6. The fee is \$40.

American Red Cross First Aid and CPR Classes. American Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED will be offered at the Chester Town Hall on November 19. First Aid will be from 5:30 until 8:30 pm with the option to add Adult and Child plus Infant CPR and AED until 10:00pm (CPR/AED only meets 7:30 until 10:00 pm). The cost is \$35 for one class, \$45 for both classes. Classes are free to Chester Parks and Recreation employees and volunteers. Additional classes will be offered following the early school dismissals on March 19 and 20, from 1:00 pm until 4:45 pm at Chester Elementary School.

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Today is Tomorrow's History

What's New with Chester Historical Society

Love Chester? Want to learn more about its history? The Chester Museum at The Mill, now open for its fourth season, is the place to go. And it's free, air-conditioned and handicapped accessible! You can stop in on Saturdays and Sundays between 10 and 4 through October. There's something to interest everyone, even the kids. Our new exhibit is all about Chester's early transportation. How many trains a day used to take Chesterites to Hartford or Old Saybrook? Which roads were the first ones in Chester? You'll learn if you come to the museum. And that's only the first-floor exhibit – there's more on the second floor!

Membership. Approximately 400 people support the Historical Society's ongoing mission to share Chester's rich history through exhibits and programs for all ages. Annual

renewals have been mailed to current members. If you are not already a member, isn't it time to become one? Annual dues for members are \$30 (family) and \$20 (individual). New membership forms are at the museum or can be mailed to you by leaving your name and address at info@chesterhistorical.org.

Looking Ahead. We'll be at the Chester Fair with a small exhibit in our Society building. Our 10th Antiques Appraisal will be Saturday, November 9, at St. Joseph's Parish Center.

Staying in Touch. Our monthly e-newsletter gives information about Society activities and items in our archives of Chester history. If you'd like to receive the newsletter, send your email address to info@chesterhistoricalsociety.org. All addresses are kept confidential.

Food Safety During the Summer

Summer is a time for many outdoor activities including picnicking and grilling. The Chester Department of Health and the Connecticut Department of Public Health would like to remind everyone of the importance of preparing and cooking foods properly to prevent foodborne illnesses.

Here are some food safety tips for having a healthy picnic or grilling outdoors:

HAND WASHING. Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water and dry them with a clean paper towel after using the restroom, before preparing any food, after handling raw meat like hamburger, and before eating. It is especially important to wash hands thoroughly after handling raw meat or poultry products and before handling other foods. Hand washing will help prevent the spread of a potential illness causing a bacteria or virus.

RINSE. Rinse all fruits and vegetables with clean running water before cutting into them. Melons should be rinsed and scrubbed with a soft brush to remove any dirt or bacteria.

CLEAN. Clean all food contact surfaces, such as cutting boards, knives, utensils, and counter tops, with warm soapy water before and after food preparation.

SEPARATE UTENSILS. Be sure to use separate plates and

utensils for cooked and uncooked foods. Bacteria from raw meats and poultry or unclean fruits and vegetables can contaminate cooked foods if separate plates or utensils are not used. Discard marinade after the food is removed from it. Do not reuse the marinade for other foods or basting grilled foods.

PROPER COOKING TEMPERATURES. Cooking food thoroughly is the safest way to prevent a foodborne illness. Raw or undercooked foods can lead to illness. It is not possible to tell if food is properly cooked by simply feeling it or just slicing it to look. Use a food thermometer to check the temperature. Minimum internal cooking temperatures for some foods are 158 degrees Fahrenheit for hamburgers, 145 degrees for steaks and ribs, and 165 degrees for poultry.

COOLING. Keep cold food refrigerated until ready to be cooked or eaten. Do not allow cooked foods to sit at room temperature, especially not in the sun. Cooked hot foods should be kept at 140 degrees or warmer, like on the back of the grill. Cold foods should be kept below 45 degrees in a cooler with ice.

For more information, you may contact the Food Protection Program at the Connecticut Department of Public Health at 860-509-7297 or online at www.ct.gov/dph/foodprotection.

Teenzone for Boys Meets Bikes for Kids!

Recently the new Teenzone for Boys program visited Bikes for Kids in Old Saybrook. The boys helped assemble bikes which will go to needy children statewide. Dave Fowler, of Bikes for Kids and his volunteers instructed the boys on how the program works, and then showed them how to assemble

bikes for distribution. The boys learned teamwork, and respect for each other as they were paired up with another boy. For more information on Teenzone for Boys, please call Victoria Taylor, (860) 995-8238 or check out the website www.teenzonect.com or Bikes-For-Kids.net.

Chester Library

Library Expansion/Accessibility Project Moving Ahead.

Sometimes the whole library expansion/accessibility project seems reminiscent of a duck gliding across a pond; on the surface all appears calm, but underneath those webbed feet are paddling like the dickens. This spring and summer, two committees have been paddling like the dickens laying the groundwork for a new, fully accessible Chester Library. First, the North Quarter Park Master Plan Committee (NQPMPC) has retained Richter and Cegan, Inc., an architectural landscape firm, to assist with developing a master plan for the park. The NQPMPC is concerned with maximizing the park's possibilities, while retaining current amenities.

Most important to the library, the NQPMPC is determining the location in the park that is most suitable for a new library building. Over the summer, an architect selected by the Library Building Committee will develop a concept for that new library building. The concept will seek to maximize the advantages of the site and create a fully accessible 21st century library for Chester. This will be accomplished in time to apply for a \$1 million State Construction Grant, the deadline for which is August 29. It is important to meet this grant deadline as there is no guarantee that there will be any state funding for library construction in communities such as Chester after this grant cycle.

The NQPMPC and Building Committees are working closely with each other and each will create opportunities for community review and discussion of their work. A great deal of community input and feedback is needed before any concept can become a plan.

Both the NQPMPC and Library Building Committee meetings are open to the public. Your attendance and input are always welcome. Or, stop by the library and share your thoughts with us. Check the library and town websites to keep abreast of developments on this project.

Food for Fines. During the month of July, donate non-perishable food items, personal care or cleaning items to the library and receive credit toward unpaid library fines.

Especially needed are peanut butter, jam, condiments such as mayo and mustard, as well as cereal, cookies, and crackers. The pantry is overloaded with beans, soup and pasta, so please choose something other than these to contribute. Laundry detergent, dish detergent, Kleenex and toilet tissue are also needed.

All items collected will be given to the Chester Food Pantry, located at Town Hall and open to any Chester resident in need on Mon, Wed, Thurs from 9:00 am – noon. Donations may not be used to pay for lost or damaged materials.

Fizz Boom READ! at Your Library. Chester Library is bubbling with activity this summer. Here's what's coming up.

FIZZ BOOM...READ! (all ages, including those who are read to). Chester Library's summer reading incentive program runs all summer. Each week as kids come in for books, they may participate in a game that takes them on a discovery tour of the library. A lucky player's name will be drawn each week for a special prize. All children who register will receive a

reward bag of "cosmic" surprises in August.

John Winthrop Middle School has provided a raffle and prizes for their students who visit the library and read this summer. Chester Library has a copy of your recommended reading and a great selection of Junior and Young Adult books.

THE 'MOTION OF THE OCEAN' (ages 3-6). Create jellyfish, an ocean in a jar, and more at Monday story/craft sessions beginning July 7 at 10:30 AM. Crave the wave.

EINSTEIN'S COSMIC CAFE! (ages 7-10). Would you try Proton Pie? Madam Curie's Brew? Bet you'll like it if you do. Remaining sessions will be held Wednesday's July 30 and August 13 at 3:30 PM.

CRAFTING WITH MEGAN (ages 11-14). Girls and guys, learn some cool crafts with Megan Winslow on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Make colorful beads with Sculpey on July 23. Create cards with stamp art on August 6.

SCRAPBOOKING WITH LEIGH (ages 10-14). Bring your photos of vacations, sports, pets and theater tickets etc. to create special memory pages with Leigh Basilone. All crafting materials will be provided for this activity to be held on Thursday, July 24 at 4:30 PM.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS WITH SALLY (JW and Valley Students). Active participation in these popular discussions with Sally Murray will count toward summer reading requirements. A light supper will be provided.

John Winthrop students will discuss *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier on Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 pm. In this surprisingly dark novel, you will encounter the ultimate battle of good versus evil, who will prevail? Just try refusing to do the one thing "everyone" wants you to do and you'll learn the ramifications of swimming against the tide!

Valley Regional students are invited to discuss Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* on Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 pm. What if we got exactly what we wanted? What if our happiness was guaranteed? When the government gives us everything we want, we still come up with something missing.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS. Space is very limited. Stop in or call the library at 860-526-0018 to sign up. Programs are funded by the Friends of Chester Public Library

Literary Elements- A Summer Reading Program for Adults. Back by popular demand, this year's program is Literary Elements and it all takes place online, where participants (who must be at least 18 years of age) can register and log in the books they read between July 1 and August 31. Share pics and pans via reviews and earn virtual raffle tickets for a final prize drawing. Grand prizes this year are gift certificates to River Tavern and Otto, Chester's wood-fired pizza place. Ask for details at the library, or visit the library website for more information. Get into your element this summer! This program is brought to you by the Friends of Chester Public Library and the good folks at River Tavern and Otto.

Friends of Chester Library. The Friends have a busy summer ahead and there's just no knowing where they are likely to

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pop up. Here's a hint: look for them at the Sunday Market, at the Chester Fair, and elsewhere in this issue of Chester Events, where there is an entire article devoted to their plans. And what will they be up to? Well, there's a paperback book sale, a really exciting raffle... and have you heard of the Human Library? You're about to!

Library 'Passports' Lead to Winnings in September! Do you have a library card? If not, September, otherwise known as Library Card Sign-Up Month, is the perfect time to come get one. Your Chester Library card is valid in public libraries all around Connecticut and each has a unique flavor!

In celebration, Chester Library is participating in a month-long, statewide library 'passport' program. Drop by Chester Library during the month to pick up a passport. Travel to as many other libraries as you can during the month, collect their passport stamps and return your stamped passport to Chester Library at the end of September. Each participant will earn a raffle ticket for a statewide drawing to win a gift card (one for adults and one for children). In addition each library will select their participant who visited the most libraries and submit that name to a second drawing- again statewide. In all, there will be four gift card prizes (2 adult, 2 children). Passport to CT Libraries is sponsored by the Connecticut Library Association.

Fall Book Discussions. *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown, Wednesday evenings October 8 & 15, 7:30-9:00 pm. An inspirational account of how nine working class boys from America's west defied all odds to, well; we don't want to ruin the story. But it's got all the necessary elements to make a story unforgettable; struggle, courage, grit, and optimism. Participants may want to review a previous discussion title, *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, to find parallels in America's time period and the achievements of heroic proportions.

Dear Life by Alice Munro, Tuesday, October 21 Noon-1 pm. Munro's latest's collection of short stories, awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize in literature, showcases her true gift of capturing the extraordinary in our ordinary lives. Bring lunch- we'll provide dessert.

Books for both discussions will be available at the library in September. Please call 860-526-0018, or drop by to register.

Library Hours. This summer the library will be open Mondays 10-8; Closed Tuesdays July 8- August 26; Wednesdays 10-6; Thursdays 2-8; Fridays 10-6; Saturdays 10-2. The library will be closed on Labor Day, September 1.

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The Meeting House Players

The Meeting House Players is pleased to announce open auditions for Steven Dietz's laugh out loud comedy "BECKY'S NEW CAR." Auditions will be held on September 9 & September 11 at 7 pm in the Meeting House located at 4 Liberty Street in Chester, CT.

A friend of Becky Foster's had a theory: "When a woman says she needs new shoes, what she really wants is a new job. When she says she needs a new house, she wants a new husband. And when she says she wants a new car, she wants a new life." Becky seems to be caught in middle age, middle management and in a middling marriage – with no prospects for change on the horizon. Then one night a socially inept and grief-struck millionaire walks into the car dealership where Becky works. Becky is offered nothing short of a new life...and the audience is offered a chance to share the ride. "BECKY'S NEW CAR" is a delightful romp down the road not taken.

The play's seven member ensemble is made up of three women and four men. The cast of characters are as follows:

Becky Foster: a car dealership title clerk & office manager, mid to late 40's.

Joe Foster: Becky's husband, a roofer, mid 40's to early 50's.

Chris Foster: their son, a psychology student still living at home, mid 20's.

Walter Flood: a very wealthy businessman, widowed, 60's.

Kensington (Kenni) Flood: Walter's daughter, early to mid 20's.

Steve: Becky's co-worker, late 40's to early 50's.

Ginger: Walter's neighbor, late 40's to early 50's.

Those auditioning will be asked to read from the script. Directed by Debbie Alldredge, the production opens at the Meeting House in Chester on Friday, November 7 and continues on November 8, 14 & 15. For additional information please contact Deb Alldredge at 860-526-3684 or at Deb@DebAlldredge.com .

Debbie Alldredge, The Meeting House Players

"Simply Smiles" Painted Potty Project

Calling all artists – professional and amateur: Do you want to have some fun this summer? How about putting your creative energies to work by creating an original piece of artwork?

The Chester Rotary Club along with the International Committee of the Chester, Deep River, Essex and Mystic Rotary Clubs are looking for artistic individuals to create original pieces of artwork featuring a toilet seat.

Sound crazy? Well, this is simply for smiles. You can paint a standard wooden toilet seat or maybe create an artsy garden sculpture that will bring a smile or elicit a giggle to anyone passing by.

Provide your artwork to the Rotary for display at the Maple and Main Gallery in Chester from August 16 - 31. Select pieces will be chosen for auction. Upon request, artists may receive

20% of the selling price for their artwork. The remainder of the proceeds will go toward supporting "Simply Smiles" sanitation initiatives in Oaxaca Mexico.

Or, just bring your artwork to the "Painted Potty" Picnic to be held at the Chester Meeting House on August 31st starting at 5 pm. Share a picnic dinner with friends and neighbors while enjoying lots of music and laughter. The event will be free of charge but bring your checkbook so that you can go home with your favorite potty art!

For more details and to print out the artist sign-up form visit ChesterRotary.org. Mail the completed form to Chester Rotary Club, P.O. Box 111, Chester, CT 06412. For questions or more information contact Cheryl Archer at CherylArcher@comcast.net.

Debbie Alldredge, Chester Rotarian



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Estuary Council

ESTUARY COUNCIL OF SENIORS, INC. has been serving seniors in the nine-town Estuary region for 38 years. Call us to receive our *Gazette Newsletter* or go to www.ecsenior.org for our online newsletter, events calendar, menu, and more.

MEALS ON WHEELS – hot meals delivered to your home. Call Peg at 860-388-1611. A \$3 donation request for those aged 60+. Meals are supported by Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds available under the Older Americans Act.

CAFÉ MEAL SITES - Clinton, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook (Thursdays). Reservations required by calling 860-388-1611 by 11 am, 24 hours in advance.

STAN GREIMANN ESTUARY MEDICAL OUTPATIENT TRANSPORTATION. For medical appointments to any medical location beyond the nine-town estuary region. Suggested donation of \$35 for a roundtrip Doctor appointment up to 5 hours. Suggested donation of \$70 for appointments over 5 hours.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES: : Zumba Gold, Ballroom Dance/ Exercise Classes, Tai Chi, Board Games, Billiards, Ping Pong, Yoga, Stretch and Strength Exercise Classes, Mah Jongg, Wii, Cribbage, Writer's Group, Book Club, Quilter's Group, Needlecrafters, Hand and Foot.

New Instructional classes just added: Mah Jongg, Chess and Bridge. Check in the monthly Gazette for all of our programs. The Estuary Gazette is available online by following the link at www.ecsenior.org/news_gazette.php.

ESTUARY THRIFT SHOP: Open 10 am - 3:45 pm, Monday - Friday; and from 9 am - 12:45 pm on Saturdays. Clothes (men, women, and children), kitchen items, crafts, and more available. Donations are accepted and volunteers always needed.

THE GYM AT THE ESTUARY: Hours expanding-stop in for more information. There are seven different pieces of weight equipment and four cardio machines, including a NuStep. Member packages include a fitness assessment and three (3) training sessions on all machines (required). **Gym Membership Options:** Three months -\$50, Six months-\$90, Full year-\$150. To schedule an appointment with our Fitness Trainer, Skylar

Miers, ATC, call 860-388-1611. The gym is available for use only after payment of membership fees and completion of the required fitness assessment and training sessions. Gym Hours are posted at the Estuary.

THE MARSHVIEW GALLERY AT THE ESTUARY: Open daily 8 am - 4 pm, and from 9 am - 1 pm Saturdays. The art on exhibit changes monthly and highlights the talents of local artists from along the shoreline. The artists donate a portion of their art sales to the Estuary Council of Seniors. An artist's reception is held the second Friday of each month from 5 - 7 pm. Refreshments are served, and a door prize is drawn each month. All ages are welcome. Call 860-388-1611 for information.

DONATE YOUR CAR OR BOAT TO THE ESTUARY COUNCIL - Turn your car or boat into a tax deduction by calling: 1-800-716-5868. Proceeds benefit the vital services we provide for seniors in the nine-town Estuary Region.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Call Judy at 860-388-1611.

SAVETHE DATE: The M. Monica Eggert Senior Center turns 40 this year. Save the date and join us at The Kate to celebrate on September 20.

Town Hall Hours

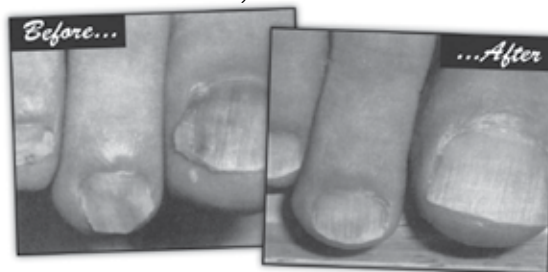
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Gov. Malloy: Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins Reminds Residents to be Prepared

With the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season beginning June 1, Governor Dannel P. Malloy today is reminding Connecticut residents to be prepared. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the principal threat period for Connecticut occurring between mid-August and mid-October.

“Every home should have a basic emergency plan that can be used for any emergency,” said Governor Malloy. “I urge residents to know what potential risks your community and neighborhood may face, such as storm surge, flooding, road or bridge closures.”

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Dora B. Schriro said, “I recommend that all Connecticut residents take three simple preparedness steps now: Get a kit, make a plan, and stay informed. Carefully monitor weather reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials if a storm approaches.”

Governor Malloy offers the following preparedness tips:

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help

- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- A manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Family Emergency Plan

- Identify an out-of-town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you’ve listed them as emergency contacts
- Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through
- Subscribe to alert services. Go to www.ct.gov/ctalert to register for emergency alerts.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit www.ct.gov/hurricane or www.ready.gov.

Chester - Community Listings

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Chester Land Trust (860) 526-2619
 Chester Fair (860) 526-5947
 Chester Democratic Town
 Committee www.chesterctdems.com
 Chester Garden Club (860) 526-2998
 Chester Historical Society (860) 526-5781
 Chester Merchants Association
 www.visit-chester.com
 Lions Club deepriverchesterct.lionwap.org
 Deep River and Chester VFW (860) 526-3521
 Tri Town Youth Services Bureau (860) 526-3600
 Chester Meeting House (860) 526-0013

LIBRARY

- Chester Public Library (860) 526-0018

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- Chester Post Office (860) 526-2780

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- Superintendent of Schools
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- Consumer Protection (860) 566-2294
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- St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church (860) 526-5495
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Chester Merchants Has New Website

Cummings & Good and the Chester Merchants are thrilled to share the news that the website, VisitChesterCT.com, is up and running. We encourage you to visit and peruse all that Chester has to offer visitors and residents alike.

The main initiative of the site is to reveal to non-residents Chester's allure and appeal for those seeking a great meal and a unique browsing and shopping experience. However, we are confident that the site will become a valuable reference and guide for locals. The site clearly highlights – and is a reminder of – our popular annual "Events," as well as "Attractions" in town and within the Lower Connecticut River Valley. Also for visitors planning more than a day trip, our "Lodging" page lists B&Bs in East Haddam, Deep River and Old Lyme, with more to be added as we continue to expand and develop the site.

The "Services & Links" page is already loaded with an impressive survey of accountants, architects, designers, builders, engineers, and photographers, as well as health & fitness advisors, marinas, and fuel & auto service stations. Those sections are a convenient and valuable resource for locals, and could expand to an even more extensive and thorough resource as more individuals and business are added to this section.

With that goal in mind, we invite and encourage all Chester-based professionals and businesses to be included. Contact Jan Cummings at Cummings & Good to discuss. (860-526-9597 or jcg@cgchester.com) All that is needed is a digital photograph, business name, address, phone number, short description, and a link to website, facebook, or email. A nominal fee will be requested, for file management, uploading, linking, and ongoing upkeep of the site.

Please note, also, that VisitChesterCT.com is a complement to three other Chester sites: ChesterCT.org, the town's municipal site; FinditinChester.wordpress.com, Trish Ginter's continually updated blog; and Facebook.com/VisitChesterCT, the merchants' new Facebook page.

We invite you to visit all the sites for relevant and timely information— whether a town meeting, a coming event, or a special offering in one of our shops, galleries or restaurants.



The Chester Merchants remind you that Chester's pewter ornament, made in 2013 by Peter Good with the tractor logo from Chester Carnivale, can still be purchased in stores or the Chester Museum at The Mill. The cost is \$15.

The Merchants' next major event is Come Home to Chester on Friday, September 19, beginning at 5 pm. Look for special happenings at the stores and galleries that evening. Information will be available through the Merchants' Facebook page.

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Calendar of Events

Reminder: Dates and times of events and meetings may change. Please be sure to check the town hall bulletin board or website www.chesterct.org before attending.

July 17	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
July 21	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
July 22	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 4	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 5	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Harbor Management	Town Hall	7:30 pm
August 6	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
August 11	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
	Energy Task Force E-Team	Town Hall	9:00 am
August 12	Chester Land Trust	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 14	Planning and Zoning	Town Hall	7:30 pm
August 18	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
August 19	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 20	Board of Fire Commissioners	Hose Company	7:30 pm
August 21	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
August 25	Retirement Committee	Town Hall	7:30 pm
August 26	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
September 1	Town Offices Closed		
September 2	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Harbor Management	Town Hall	7:30 pm
September 3	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
September 8	Energy Task Force E-Team	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
September 9	Chester Land Trust	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
September 10	Parks and Recreation Commission	Town Hall	7:15 pm
September 11	Planning and Zoning	Town Hall	7:30 pm
September 15	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Library Board of Directors	Chester Library	7:30 pm
September 16	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
September 17	Board of Fire Commissioners	Hose Company	7:30 pm
September 18	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
September 23	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm

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Life is too busy to wait to the last day, because something more important could come up, and you don't get to pay on time. There is always the chance of bad weather, power outages because of storms or sickness. Of course, there is always the chance of something fun like a trip to the beach or even a spur of the moment vacation get away. So a word to the wise – pay your taxes TODAY!

And a suggestion for second half payments: After paying first half, take the whole envelope and bill and hang it on your December calendar with tape, and then it is right there for you

to easily see and it will act as a reminder to pay that second half. It saves you from spending time looking for the bill, and also helps you remember to indeed pay that second half on time, too. Remember, you can pay that second half anytime up to the end of January. So you could pay in full in July or mid September or just before you head off for your winter vacation or anytime in January. We do not mail out second half bills unless you have asked us to put your name on our reminder list!

Enjoy the summer. Stay well. Thanks for making tax collecting easier by paying on time. Besides making it easier for us in the Tax Office, it also saves the town money since less delinquent statements need to be mailed.

Wow...a win win situation. Thanks again.

Madaline A. Meyer, Tax Collector

Community Classes at CTMS

The Children's Tree Montessori School will be opening a Toddler and Parent Infant program this fall for children 6 weeks -36mos.

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This class will also deepen your understanding of Montessori philosophy and its application in the home setting. Through both interaction and observation, parents and caregivers gain valuable insight regarding their infant's path of development. The class serves as a forum for parents to share and exchange information with each other. Each week will feature an overview and discussion of a topic pertaining to infant development and whole child parenting.

For more information contact The Children's Tree Montessori School at 860-388-3536 or visit us on the web at www.chidlrenstree.org.

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Troop 13 – Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts



Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts Troop 13 June Court of Honor. Photo by John Kollmer.

Troop 13 Boy Scouts serves the boys ages 11-18 of Chester and Deep River. The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to help young men develop their character and life skills all while having fun. There is much emphasis placed on assisting these young men to develop into strong healthy citizens who will lead our communities and country in the years ahead. The Boy Scout methods help to promote these ideals through the challenge of putting them into practice with the Troop Program. This is done in a way that is both challenging and fun.

A Busy Year for Troop 13: You have probably seen the Boy Scouts of Troop 13 at several functions since September. Maybe it was helping to park cars at the Lobsterfest, moving books for the Deep River Library Sale, splitting and stacking wood at Camp Hazen for the campers to use for summer campfires, helping at the district wide Pinewood Derby. Perhaps you enjoyed a hot dog or cotton candy at the Chester Carnivale; maybe you found a treasure at the Troop 13 tag sale.

The boys of Troop 13 have also been actively camping and enjoying the outdoors as well. They have camped as a troop and worked on earning merit badges in cooking, fishing and search and rescue. The troop attended the three district camporees with the themes of Survivor, Orienteering and the always popular Klondike Derby. Scouts from Troop 13 have also attended the Merit Badge Madness and STEM Merit Badge Days. You also might have seen them as they loaded into mini vans for their trip to Washington DC over the Martin Luther King weekend. The boys have certainly had a busy year of fun and learning leadership skills.

June Court of Honor: Troop 13 held their June Court of Honor at the Camp Hazen Pavilion on June 4, 2014. 100 merit

badges were earned by the boys since February 2014.

The following boys earned Rank advancements.

Life Scout: Matthew O' Keefe

Star: Dean Kollmer

First Class: Alec Hoehnebart, Jared Hart, Drake Peterson and Samuel Ruddy

Second Class: Kenny Peterson and Edward Lenz

Tenderfoot: Sean Davis and Gavin Hauswith

Scout: Axel Johnson

Gold Eagle Palm: Gregory Merola, awarded for remaining active in the troop and earning 10 merit badges after earning the Rank of Eagle Scout.

An Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony was also held for Eagle Scout Bill Brown.

Upcoming Plans for Summer 2014: A large number of Scouts will attend a Camping and Bicycling trip on Block Island, RI in June.

Troop 13 will attend June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT for Summer Camp in July. The boys will enjoy swimming, boating, archery, rifle & shotgun shooting, sports, and camping.

A crew of 12 Boy Scouts from Troop 13 along with Assistant Scout Masters Alex Toles and Rich Dalterio will be heading to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM this summer to hike in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the Rocky Mountains. We all wish them well and look forward to hearing of their adventures.

Information: To learn more information about joining Troop 13 please contact our Scoutmaster, Steven Merola @ 860-526-9262.

Lianne Rutty



Chester Hose Company Auxiliary Scholarship Awarded

The Chester Hose Company Auxiliary Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that they have awarded their 2014 scholarship to Elizabeth Lynde, daughter of Deb and Edward Lynde of Chester. Currently Elizabeth volunteers locally and internationally as a dental assistant with the University of Connecticut dental mission trips, as well as Mission of Mercy. Elizabeth additionally gives back to her local community as a Chester Hose Company Auxiliary member. Elizabeth, who was one of three applicants for the scholarship, will be attending Tunxis Community College in the fall where she will be enrolled in the dental hygienist program.

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Thursday, September 25th	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning service, followed by Taschlich at the Chester Ferry
	2:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah Family Program
	3:00 pm	Children's service
Friday, September 26th	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) service
Sunday, September 28th	1:00 pm	Cemetery service at Fountain Hill
	2:30 pm	Cemetery service at Rodfe Zedek
Friday, October 3rd	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre
Saturday, October 4th	9:30 am	Yom Kippur Morning service
	2:30 pm	Children's service
	4:00 pm	Yom Kippur Afternoon service and Neilah, followed by Break the Fast

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