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First Selectman's Corner

Town Center Master Plan Approved

At the special Town Meeting held July 23rd, residents approved the master plan for Chester Village and the Center District. This adoption is the culmination of a year's work by the Main Street Project Committee. The Plan is a long range guide for the design and construction of drainage, pavement, curbing, sidewalks and lighting along the 2,300 foot section of Main Street from Water Street to Middlesex Avenue. The master plan recommends a phased approach to this streetscape work coordinated with the replacement of the Main Street Bridge by the Department of Transportation, now scheduled for January 2016.

Following the adoption of the master plan the Main Street Committee moved quickly to solicit the qualifications of engineering firms to prepare Phase I construction plans and bid documents. Phase I extends from Laurel Hill Cemetery to Middlesex Avenue, approximately 1,700 feet. This section of Main Street will be less complicated than the construction proposed within the commercial center. The goal will be to secure sufficient funding to begin construction of Phase I in late Spring 2014 and complete work by Fall 2015 prior to the start of the Main Street Bridge replacement.

Board of Selectmen Support Cedar Swamp Protection by DEEP

Cedar Swamp Road extends from Baker Road in Chester approximately 4,700 feet through the Cockaponset State Forest into Deep River at Shailer Pond. The majority of the road is under the control of DEEP's Forestry Division, approximately 1,200 feet is owned by the Town of Chester.

Cedar Swamp is a designated National Natural Landmark by the Department of Interior. The swamp's water level and water flow are being damaged by vehicles using Cedar Swamp Road causing rutting, erosion and sediment. On September 3rd the Board of Selectmen approved DEEP's proposal to regrade short sections of the unimproved road and construct low flow culvert crossings to allow the natural fill and drainage of the swamp's water level. The Chester Conservation Commission advised the Board of Selectmen to support DEEP's plan and



First Selectman Ed Meehan

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also install gates and signs cautioning that Cedar Swamp Road is suited only for 4-wheel drive vehicles. The project will be done by DEEP's Forestry Division in Spring 2014.

Summer Construction Projects Completed at Cedar Lake and Chester Elementary School

In July the Park and Recreation Commission completed the installation of a new 420 square foot storage building at Pelletier Park. Volunteers Randy Netsch and Brian Buckley donated their expertise and time to assist with the building's design, set up and relocation of the seasonal toilet facilities. Chester Public Works Department assisted with site preparation and the demolition of the old bath house structure.

At Chester Elementary School 7,565 square feet of the gabled roof was replaced and aluminum cover was applied to protect exposed wood rake and fascia areas. This work was funded from the Town's fiscal year 2013-2014 capital budget, the total project cost was \$43,620.

Also completed at the Elementary School was the installation of a 9.25 kW solar photovoltaic roof system. This project was funded by a \$32,000 grant from the Clean Energy Finance Investment Authority and an \$8,000 match from the Town. The solar system is estimated to produce about 6,300 kwh of power at an annual savings of \$1,500 off the school's electric bill, this is a 12.5 percent return on the Town's \$8,000 investment.

Remove Dangerous Road Obstructions

Residents are requested to remove dangerous obstructions from the edge of Town roads. Portable basketball stands and trash receptacles pose hazardous conditions for drivers along our narrow streets, especially at night time. Larger emergency vehicles, Town snow plows and box delivery trucks need wider and higher clearance. Please remove these dangerous obstacles and keep Chester's roads safe.

— *First Selectman Ed Meehan*

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Chester Joins C-PACE Program

At a special Town Meeting July 23rd Chester approved participation in the C-PACE, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program. This program is a partnership between municipalities and the State's Clean Energy Finance Investment Authority, CEFA, that facilitates loans to private business owners to pay for renewable and energy efficiency building improvements. CEFA works with private lenders to set up the loan financing to be less or equal to the cost of the energy saving improvements.

The Town of Chester's role is to collect and remit the loan payments to CEFA. The energy improvement loans are treated as a benefit assessment similar to a property lien for a sewer assessment. The Town is held harmless for delinquent loans.

The C-PACE loans are available to commercial property and residential uses with 5 or more dwelling units.

The energy improvements that are eligible for low interest loans include high efficiency lighting, HVAC upgrades and controls, high efficiency boilers, furnaces and chillers, solar systems and building energy management systems.

Chester businesses interested in the C-PACE program can contact the First Selectman's office or go to WWW.ctcleanenergy.com/cpace.

Town Clerk News

If you are going to be away during the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, absentee ballots become available from the Town Clerk beginning Friday, October 4.

Elections will be held at Town Hall on the second floor. Town Hall will be closed for operations on November 5. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Voters must bring proper identification. Remember, every vote counts!

Sportsmen licenses for 2014 should be available from the Town Clerk beginning December 1st.

— Debra Germini Calamari, Town Clerk

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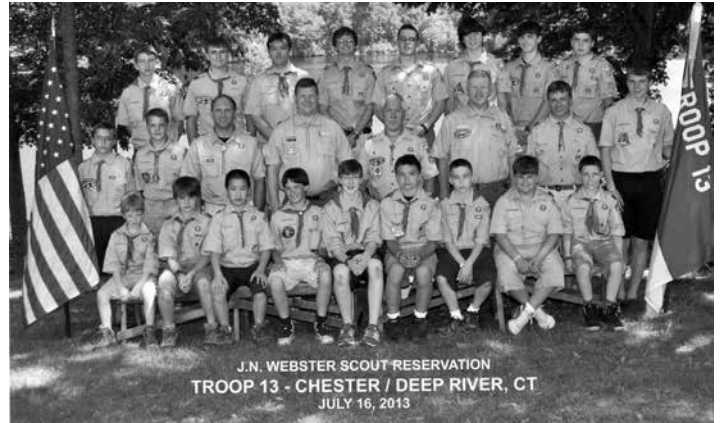
Troop 13 – Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts

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.

New Eagle Scouts: Troop 13 would like to congratulate our two newest Eagle Scouts: Tyler Johnson and Gregory Merola both of Chester. To become an Eagle Scout a boy must advance through the seven ranks by learning Scout and Life skills all while providing leadership to his Troop and service to his community. One of the final requirements for the Eagle Rank is to show leadership in and complete a service project that benefits the boy's community, school, or religious institution.

Tyler's project was at the Bushy Hill Nature Center in Ivoryton where he cleared a hiking trail and replaced a bridge to an island at the camp. Tyler wanted to give back to the camp where he spent many summers and was a counselor at the camp.

Greg's project was to rebuild an amphitheater used by hundreds of campers each summer at Camp Hazen in Chester. Greg led the Scouts in replacing benches, clearing the access trails, and installing new gateway and sign.



Summer Camp 2013: Troop 13 attended June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT for Summer Camp on July 14-19. The boys enjoyed swimming, boating, archery, rifle & shotgun shooting, sports, and camping. The Scouts earned over 100 merit badges during the week in topics such as: Kayaking, Canoeing, Citizenship in the Nation, Swimming, Geocaching, Welding, Camping, Cooking, Shotgun Shooting, and Wilderness Survival plus many more!!

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

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Animal Control Officer News

Well, it's that time of year, Fall followed by Winter, so let's all get ready for Mother Nature and Old Man Winter. Between the two of them, we could be in trouble. Mother Nature will either bring lots of rain, or nothing at all. Old Man Winter may bring a few inches of snow or two feet of the white fluffy stuff. So let's prepare our pets for anything and while we're at it, let's get ready ourselves.

Now is a good time to check around the house and out-buildings for small holes where any small animal could get in and make it their winter home; they may be doing that now before waiting for the last minute. And as we get set for Fall and Winter, we are also reminded that while fall clean up can be fun, it can be dangerous to our pets. Pets are playful in the leaves, so be sure to check your pets and yourself for ticks. Kids will be trick or treating and playing outdoors in all kinds of weather, so watch your pets.

One more thing I would like to address. As I watched the news on television the other day, an animal control officer was arrested for cruelty to animals in his care, caught on camera. This does not happen in our pound. I give loving care to all the animals in our pound. They are walked twice a day, they receive clean water and food, and when needed the animals receive medical care. So when you call for a stray dog that showed up at your home, rest assured they will be taken care of in the best possible way. All dogs that are picked up without tags are advertised in the newspaper and held in the pound. If they are unclaimed after seven days they are put up for adoption.

So, be mindful of your pets and have yourself some fun and safe holidays!

— Bob Jenkins, Animal Control Officer

Septic Tank Pump Outs

Property owners are reminded to have their septic tanks pumped out and inspected a maximum of every five years and sooner if there is heavy usage.

The Town of Chester does have an ordinance that requires all septic tanks to be pumped out every five years as a safeguard for the entire septic system and to also benefit the property owner from potential costs with repairing or replacing the septic system. It is much more economical to pay a small expense for preventative maintenance than to have to pay substantial costs for a repair!

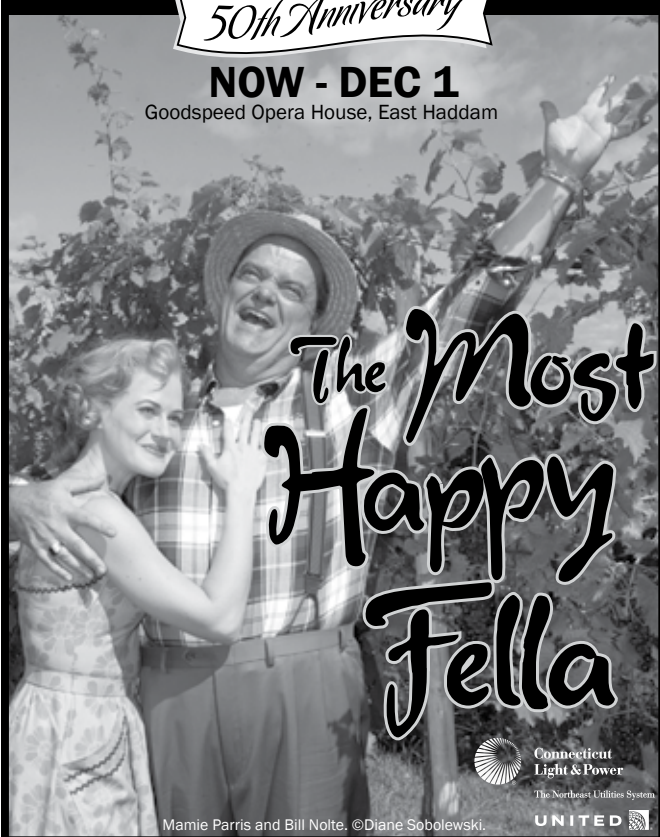
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Chester Parks and Recreation Commission: The next meetings of the Commission is November 12, 7:15 pm at the Town Hall. Members are Felise Cressman, Susan Hotkowski, James Ready, Matthew Sanders, Shaun Savoie, and John Williams, Chairman.

Camp Days at Chester Elementary School, 8:00 am-4:15 pm: Monday, October 14, and Tuesday, February 18, 2014 and Half Days 1:00 pm-4:15 pm: Friday, November 8, and Friday, February 14, 2014. Indoors or Out, Weather permitting. Games, Crafts, Sports, Science & Nature.

Camp Days at School are open to children in Kindergarten through grade 6. The program is offered for \$28 per child, per day and \$12 for the half days. Bring a lunch, a snack and wear sneakers.

Call 860-526-0013, x223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org for information, to reserve a space, or for a registration form. Or visit http://chesterct.org/?page_id=476. Registration required at least one week in advance.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training: American Red Cross Babysitter's Training will be offered at Chester Elementary School on Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25, 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. Registration must be received by October 7. Space is limited to 8 participants.

Fall Ball Youth Lacrosse Clinics: Lacrosse clinics for boys and girls in grades 1 through 6 will be held at Chester Elementary School on Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 3:00 until 4:15. Students will learn basic skills and rules with experienced high school coaches and players. All levels are welcome. Sticks, balls, mouth guards and goggles will be provided, but students may bring their own equipment. The fee is \$20 for the four classes. PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE!

Karate for Children: Three sessions of the Kempo style of Karate classes will be held in the multi-purpose room at Chester Elementary School by Valley Shore Martial Arts from 3:00-4:15 pm. Children who are in grades K through 6 will meet for four Tuesdays, October 29, November 5, 12, and 19. A second session will be offered on Mondays, March 17, 24, 31, and April 7. The final session will be Mondays, April 28, May 5, 12 and 19. Sign up for the number of sessions you

prefer. The cost of the program is \$32 for each four class session. PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

Youth Basketball meets at the Chester Elementary School multipurpose room, December 2 through March 16, 2014 for Chester residents in grades 1 through 6. Confirmation of all scheduled times will be based on enrollment. The schedule will be available as coaches volunteer. The children will be divided into equal skill level groups in grades 3 through 6, when more than one clinic is available for a particular grade. Unless notified otherwise, please have your child attend the first, grade appropriate scheduled clinic, beginning December 2. REGISTRATION IS DUE NOVEMBER 21.

A \$15 registration fee is required for participants in grades 1 and 2 and \$35 for grades 3 through 6. Please add \$15 if your child would like a shirt. Only 3rd through 6th graders must have a shirt. Shirts from previous years may be used. Return registration, with the fee payable to "Chester Park & Rec" to Chester Elementary School, the Parks and Recreation mailbox in the Town Hall or mail to: Town of Chester, Parks and Recreation, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412.

We gladly accept used Chester Youth Basketball shirts to pass on to other players at the Parks and Recreation or Chester Elementary School Office.

ADULTS

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 November 4. Referees must be at least 14 years of age and may be compensated at a rate of \$14 per game. All coaching and referee candidates must meet reference and background check requirements, attend an orientation on Tuesday, 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.

Adult Recreational Basketball. This program meets from December 3 through March 13 at the Chester Elementary School multipurpose room on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:15-9:00 pm. There is no basketball on school vacation days, when the school closes due to severe weather, or when there are special school events in the evening. Registration is required BEFORE playing. The registration fee is \$10 for Chester residents and \$15 for nonresidents.

American Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED Classes for 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 10:00 pm (CPR/AED only meets 7:15 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.

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Cedar Lake. The Town of Chester owns Cedar Lake and maintains two public beaches on its shores. The area of the lake is about 80 acres and is fed by two springs and two inlet streams with outflow into the Pattaconk Brook. The lake is about 60 feet deep in the middle. The Town owns approximately one third of the shore. Another third is owned by Camp Hazen YMCA. The remainder is private residences and State owned property, including a boat launch. Chester's main beach, on West Main Street, has a 50,000 square foot swimming area that is as deep as 20 feet. The park at the shore is named Robert H. Pelletier Park in memory of the Chester resident who was the Head Lifeguard for more than two decades. The park area is 0.7 acres and includes seasonal lifeguard coverage, picnic tables, a pavilion, grills, and a food concession. The smaller waterfront facility is located on Cedar Lake Road and was named Lake View Park in 2012. It is unstaffed and has no designated swimming area. The beaches require patrons to have a permit.

North Quarter Park. North Quarter Park is a 22 acre, multi-use facility, located at the corner of Main Street and Middlesex Avenue. It includes a playground, picnic area, volleyball net, baseball field, and a multi-use practice field in a wooded setting. The northern section of the park has a well-maintained .5 mile nature trail loop. The end of the trail offers beautiful views of the wildlife and habitat of the Chester Creek. A variety of water fowl, birds, and vegetation can be seen along the trail and in the creek.

Parker's Point Boat Launch. This .6 acre boat launch facility is located at the end of Parker's Point Road on the Connecticut River. It offers boat trailer parking and a picnic area with a beautiful view. The shore is a favorite winter eagle viewing location. A permit is required for parking.

L'hommedieu Park. This old mill site is located on Spring Street, along the Pattaconk Brook. It is a peaceful setting with a dam, rushing waters, a picnic table, and views of Mallards, Wood Ducks, Great Blue Heron, and beavers. A historic narrative is located in the park.

Chester Creek Overlook. The overlook is a .4 acre waterfront spot with a deck, seating area, and parking lot on the Chester Creek, just a stone's throw from the Connecticut River. It is located at the end of Railroad Avenue. The Town dock at the overlook houses marine rescue and law enforcement watercraft.

Chester Elementary School Baseball Fields. Three baseball fields are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department at Chester Elementary School, on Ridge Road. The property was originally donated to the Town in 1928 by Jessie C. Bates, Hilton C. Brooks, and William P. Holden for athletic fields. The fields may be available for group usage by submitting the Group Use Application for Chester Park Facilities form.

DOG OWNERS: Please abide by the statutes of our State and ordinances of our Town. Dogs are not permitted on playgrounds or beach parks, except guide dogs. Dogs in other areas of the parks must be controlled by a leash. Dogs may not roam on the property. Any waste material deposited by your dog must be removed before leaving the immediate area.

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Chester Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

The Town of Chester does a great job at keeping food available for our residents. In two weeks the food bank went from having full shelves to almost empty, which shows we have families in need. The call to action is asking that your organization/business plan a food drive during the month of October to support the Chester Food Pantry.

A culminating event will take place Sunday, November 10th, at the Chester Meeting House. At this time organizations, families, local businesses will gather to hand in donated items and celebrate their hard work. Felise Cressman, Manager of the Food Pantry and Rosie Bininger, Director of Human Services, will be sending out information which will include a list of items needed and details about the November event.

A Note from Public Works

FALLING LEAVES...

The Town of Chester does not have leaf pickup. Therefore, the options are...

- mulching your leaves for compost,
- raking them to a corner of your yard,
- or hiring someone to take care of your leaves.

Do not rake your leaves into the road way – this will only plug up the drains and the result will be water damage or flooding when it rains.

It is not too early to think about WINTER...

- Please remember to move your vehicles off the streets during winter storms for efficient snow plowing.
- Please do not place your garbage receptacles into the street as the road crews will need to plow your street—keep receptacles at the inside end of your driveway otherwise the plow will have to go around and not be able to plow the snow completely from in front of your driveway.
- Sand and salt will be available at the Town Garage on Grote Road. Please, only one pail per household.
- Please remove any basketball hoops from the roadside and town right of way – they could potentially be caught and destroyed by the plow going by.

Chester Hose Company

From all our volunteers here at the Chester Hose Company, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our Fall Frenzy in September. We would also like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

We are always looking for new department and auxiliary members to join us! Stop by the firehouse Monday nights beginning at 7 pm for our weekly drill and a chance to meet our members.

We invite you to please join us at the following upcoming fundraisers: **Apple Pie Night** - October 15 (at the Firehouse, 6 High Street). **Kids Night** - leave dinner and the kids to us! December 14 (firehouse). **Wreath Sale** - December 7 and 8 (firehouse). A Chester Tradition: **Santa Comes to Town by Firetruck!** - December 22 (Downtown).

Chester Hose Company would like to remind residents to please be mindful of your neighbors (especially the elderly). Stop by and check on each other during the winter months. Please keep your driveways and sidewalks accessible to emergency vehicles should you need fire/ems/police assistance as well as checking the oil tank levels. A great gift idea for the holidays would be 3" reflective mailbox and house numbers which would be visible from the street and aid responders in a time of emergency.

Do You Have What It Takes? Find more information on the activities of the Chester Hose Company and ways you can get involved at our website www.chesterhoseco.org.



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News from the Chester Historical Society

Transportation Exhibit & Steamboat Program. Many townsfolk and visitors have been stopping by to visit the Chester Museum at The Mill since it opened on Memorial Day weekend. As summer was turning to fall, we were welcoming nearly 50 visitors a weekend.

The museum will be open every Saturday and Sunday through October 27, from 10 am to 4 pm. It'll also be open on Thanksgiving weekend, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30, providing just the entertainment you need for your holiday visitors. The museum will then be closed until May 2014. And don't forget – admission is free.

Our first floor exhibit, "Over the River & Through the Woods," gives a picture of early transportation (roads, train, trolley, ferry and steamboats) in Chester. In addition, the award-winning permanent exhibit, "Streams of Change: Life & Industry along the Pattaconk," telling the story of how the Chester community lived and prospered throughout changing economic conditions, is open on the second floor.

In connection with our transportation exhibit, Brenda Milkofsky, currently Interim Director of the Connecticut River Museum, will address the checkered progress of steam navigation on the Connecticut River in an illustrated talk on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4 pm in the Chester Meeting House. The Connecticut Valley contributed more than its share of steamboat inventors and also developers of the commercial combinations that allowed this risky business to survive from 1823 until 1931. During that time, this important improvement in travel transformed American life by connecting people and places through easy, inexpensive and often elegant vessels that reflected constantly changing technology.

Other Fall Happenings. Also this fall, the Chester Historical Society is hosting its 10th Antiques Appraisal on Nov. 9 (see separate articles in this magazine). And the Robbie Collomore Concert Series will celebrate its 40th anniversary season with its first two concerts – in October and November (see separate article in this magazine).

Old Chester Family Recipes Needed. The Chester Historical Society is looking for old Chester family recipes.



The Chester Museum at The Mill has a variety of Chester- and family-oriented gifts for sale at very reasonable prices. When you're looking for stocking stuffers, consider a DVD of "It Happened to Jane" (just \$15), the children's book "Ferryboat" about the Chester-Hadlyme Ferry (\$12), a copy of the Silliman inkwells, and much more. Historical Society members get discounted prices on all items.

We want to publish a book of these recipes along with stories/photos/anecdotes about the Chester residents who made them. We have recipes for Kit Jones' potato candy, ravioli by Irene Radicchi Aronson, minestrone by Helen Zanardi, and potato doughnuts by Hattie Jones. We're looking for lots more recipes from more of our old Chester families. Do you have some? Will you share your old Chester family recipe with us? Please email us at chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Stay Informed. If you want to stay informed about historical society activities and Chester history, sign up for the monthly e-newsletter by emailing chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com (Email addresses are kept confidential.)



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Tax Collecting Responsibilities During the Fall

Looking forward to the fall, and cooler temps and beautiful fall colors, we will be continuing to collect the delinquent taxes and the taxes from people who have set up payment plans. To each of those, remember to continue to pay, because you cannot catch up unless you are paying toward your bill. We are rooting for each of them that paying becomes easier and not harder for them. Our office will also be busy preparing WPCA usage bills and the assessment bills for properties along the sewer line. These bills will be going out mid September, and due anytime in October. Pay attention to our hours of just Tues & Thurs from 9-12 and 1-4 and Wednesdays just 9-12 noon. Payments could be mailed to the Tax Collector, PO Box 314, Chester, CT 06412-0314. This year, the last day to pay without penalty will be Nov 1st, but that is a Friday. We do not plan on being in the office that day. But you certainly could stop in town hall and leave your payment in an envelope in the locked box on the second floor across from the elevator, and the box is clearly marked: TAX COLLECTOR. Be sure to place your check which must be signed and dated and recorded with the accurate amount, in an envelope.

Our duties, during October, also include registering approximately 110 aircraft and mailing out the decals for those same aircraft based at Chester Airport. All information must match the FAA formal registration and requires us to cross reference a lot of info.

So, as you can see, we are always busy in the tax office, but still willing to speak with anyone with a tax question or their plan for paying off late bills. We look forward to continuing to help any taxpayer that we can. But, this coming December, we might have to have some TAX SALES on properties that have back taxes. Good luck to each who are trying to catch up and trying to avoid losing their property. It is a process we do NOT want to have to pursue if at all possible. But, to be fair to the other tax payers in town, we cannot let taxes go unpaid, so a good working plan must be in effect with evidence that the bills can and will be paid in a reasonable amount of time - good luck to one and all. Please enjoy the fall and stay well!

— Madaline Meyer, Tax Collector
and Tracey Ohaus, Tax Clerk

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Garden Club's 15th Annual Tea

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Tables for four and eight guests will be decorated by Garden Club members. The tea menu will include savory sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, as well as an assortment of delectable desserts that will be served by members. Reservations: \$25. Tickets are available in advance, by returning your response with \$25 per guest, to:

Chester Garden Club, PO Box 415, Chester, CT 06412

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to have your tickets mailed to you, otherwise they will be held for you at the door. Seating is limited to 100. Please reply promptly.

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Public Service Announcement from the Town Clerk's Office

NEW LEGISLATION: Public Act 12-57, "An Act Concerning Permanent Absentee Ballot Status for the Permanently Disabled" created permanent absentee balloting status for certain individuals and became effective January 1, 2013.

IN GENERAL: to be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status, an elector must file with the Town Clerk an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. The doctor's note should be on letterhead. There is no prescribed form – the doctor's note and the absent ballot application would satisfy the requirement of the law.

Permanent absentee ballot status enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which they are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are available 21 days before a Primary and 31 days before an Election.

ELIGIBILITY: In January of each year the Registrars of Voters will send written notice to each elector with permanent absentee ballot status to determine if the elector continues to reside at the address on the permanent absentee ballot application. If the elector fails to respond to the notice, the permanent absentee ballot status will be removed, but the elector will remain on the voter registration list.

For more instructions and an absentee ballot application, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-526-0013 x 511.

Energy Assistance

As the weather turns colder, statewide energy assistance programs that help residents with heating bills and conserving energy will begin. Programs are available from September 1 through March 31. Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) helps income eligible households pay their heating bills. State Appropriated Fuel Assistance (SAFA) helps the elderly and disabled individuals with their heating bills. If you received assistance last winter, you must reapply each year to receive assistance. Deliverable fuel applicants, (oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood) are urged to apply early, as deliveries will begin November 15th. To make an appointment to fill out an application, please contact Rosie Binger at (860) 526-0013 x213, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings or leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time to reach you.

OPERATION FUEL

Operation Fuel is a statewide private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to: low income and moderate income, elderly, and disabled households, which are either ineligible for government energy assistance or have exhausted their benefits. Eligibility is determined by Chester Social Services and is based upon review of a client's completed application and satisfactory documentation of household's income, liquid assets, and crisis situation. For the 2013-2014 program year, household income for a 12-month period must fall between 151% of the federal poverty guidelines and 100% of the state median household income.

The Operation Fuel season begins December 1, 2013 and runs through May 30, 2014 or when funding runs out. Contact Human Services (860-526-0013 X213) to see if you qualify.

— Rosie Binger, Human Services Director

Registrars of Voters

The Registrars of Voters have finished the 2013 canvass. If you received a letter from our office and did not respond, your name has been put on the inactive list. If you wish to vote in the November election, you will have to fill out a reinstatement form which is available at our office on Tuesdays between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm or at the polls prior to voting. If you are inactive for four years, your name will be removed from the voter list.

November 5 is a local election. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 28. One of the most important rights we have as citizens of the United States, is the right to vote. Please don't forget to register. You can register at any of the following places: town hall, any DMV office, or the Secretary of State's Office. You can call our office and we will mail an application to you, or you can download the registration form and mail it to our office. If you have any questions or would like to check to see if you are registered please call us at 860-526-0013 ext. 211 or stop by our office in town hall on Tuesdays between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut is Connecticut's leading source of information for the thousands of people who have epilepsy. The Foundation works to ensure that people with epilepsy are able to participate in all life experiences through information, education, recreation, advocacy and support.

A seizure is an abnormal electrical discharge in the brain. Seizures can be caused by head injuries, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumors and other health condition. People often think of seizures only as jerking and shaking uncontrollably; however, not all seizures are convulsions. There are many different symptoms of seizures, which can include eye fluttering, staring and laughing. Recurring seizures can be a sign of epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut has many programs to offer those living with epilepsy. In particular, we offer seven support groups throughout the state. Our newest group is meeting in Guilford for adults living with epilepsy and parents of children with epilepsy. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Guilford Parks & Recreation 32 Church Street, Guilford.

Those interested in attending meetings are asked to please RSVP, to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut by calling 800-899-3745 or emailing Allison at Allison@epilepsyct.com. Offices are located at 386 Main Street, Middletown, CT.

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United Church of Chester Upcoming Events

On Saturday, October 19th, the United Church of Chester will once again host its popular **POT ROAST SUPPER**. The menu will include tender, flavorful pot roast, real mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, tangy coleslaw, rolls, beverage and a special dessert. There will be two seatings, one at 5:00 pm and the second at 6:30 pm. Tickets cost \$14 for adults, \$3.50 for children, (little ones under five are free) and may be purchased in the church office. Reservations are a must as space is limited, so get your tickets early.

The United Church of Chester's **CHRISTMAS FAIR** is going to be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Pick up some delicious holiday foods: breads, jellies, cookies, fudge, muffins, etc. – take a stroll through “Grandma’s Attic,” or just enjoy shopping for hand-crafted

items, decorations, toys, knitted goods or Christmas greens and so much more – either for yourself, or to give as gifts to those special people on your list. While you’re shopping you can also enjoy coffee and a hearty lunch of soup and sandwiches all home-made by the outstanding cooks of the UCC Women’s League. (Lunch will only be served between 11 am and 1:00 pm.)

DECEMBER 16th - BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE at 7:00 pm, for remembering those we have loved and lost.

DECEMBER 24TH - CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE at 5:00 pm, with children’s choirs, music and candlelight **TRADITIONAL SERVICE** at 11:00 pm, there will be lessons and carols, closing with candlelight and moving outside to sing “Silent Night” to ring in Christmas Day.

Chester Rotary Announces 2013 Citizenship Award Winners

The Rotary Club of Chester is proud to announce the recipients of its 2013 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 Anna D’Agostino, the daughter of Karen and Edward D’Agostino, and Margaret (Maggie) Calamari, the daughter of Kronkanok Ratanasaka and Paul Calamari. Each recipient was presented with a \$2,000 scholarship at Valley Regional High School’s Senior Awards Night held on June 5.

Both Anna and Maggie 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 Chester Rotary Club hosted a dinner on July 17 for Anna, Maggie and their families to celebrate the accomplishments of the two exceptional young women. Anna will attend



Fordham University based in New York City and Maggie will be attending Drexel University located in Philadelphia. The Rotary Club of Chester is pleased to recognize these two outstanding students.

— Debbie Alldredge, Chester Rotarian

Time Out!

Time Out! is a support group with a twist for the caregivers of special needs children. The program lasts for 6 weeks, meeting at the Deep River Library Community Room, on Main Street, from 6 pm - 8 pm on a Friday evening. The initial project has been funded by the Valley Shore Collaborative. The first session is an introductory one where the caregivers can tell their story, after that the sessions are all about giving them a break whilst having a good time. Some of the sessions have included aromatherapy, healthy cooking, hair and skin care etc. Jewelry making was a popular session, where everyone made wire work bracelets, some of us are craftily impaired, but there was a lot of laughter! If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Victoria Taylor, 860-995-8238 or email: vtaylor6@juno.com.



The Largest Organ in our Body

Do you know what the largest organ in the body is? It's the skin. It protects you from illnesses and infection, helps control your body's temperature and dehydration, protects and helps you feel everything from a hot kettle to a soft breeze.

The most important factors in caring for the skin are those that ensure good general health; proper nutrition and adequate circulation are vital to skin maintenance.

For your skin's health, it is essential to eat organically grown fruits and vegetables rich in antioxidants such as vitamin C (bell pepper, parsley, broccoli, strawberries, cauliflower, papaya, kiwifruit, lemon), vitamin E (sunflower seeds, swiss chard, almonds, spinach, olives), carotenoids (sweet potatoes, spinach, kale, carrots, roman lettuce, cantaloupe, bell pepper) and flavonoids (blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, plums, raisins, cranberries, celery, apples, lemon), as well as foods rich in omega 3-fatty acids including fish such as salmon, tuna, sardines and cod, in addition to flaxseeds and walnuts. Omega 3 inhibits the production of inflammatory compounds involved in the progression of skin conditions. Good hydration with high quality water is necessary for skin health.

To have beautiful, wrinkle free skin on your face avoid sugar and alcohol. Alcohol will lead your body to dehydration and dryness of your skin, eating too much sugar will lead to

wrinkles and sagging. Too much sugar in your bloodstream will start to attack your skin. All that sugar attaches to protein molecules, collagen and elastin, and it turns those beautiful supple skin cells into rigid things causing sagging and wrinkling, everything we don't want on our face.

Regular exercises and massage sessions will help with appropriate blood circulation.

The skin needs protection from continued exposure to sunlight to prevent premature aging and cancerous changes. If you can, do your outdoor activities before 10 am or after 2 pm, when the ultraviolet rays are less intense. In case of sunburn, use natural remedies to help the healing process of the skin. The fat content of milk is soothing, so milk makes a great compress for sunburn pain. To speed the process of healing, eat more foods rich in vitamin C. Keep an aloe vera plant in your house, when you get sunburn, break and open a leaf then apply the clear gel inside directly to your tender skin. Apply as often as needed for relief. Also a baking soda bath is great for soothing sunburn. Appropriate applications of sunscreen before and during time spent in the sun, especially after swimming, can prevent skin damage.

— Maryla Radziszewski, LMT, CPT
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Valley Regional High School Receives Grant To Travel Abroad

A \$2,000 grant for the bus transportation has been given to the Valley Regional High School World Language Department to help offset the cost of each trip to France and Costa Rica this year. The grant (\$1,000 for each trip) was presented to the students at each of their fundraising events. Chris's dreams of expanding his horizons were being fulfilled.

Christopher Belfoure was a 2005 Valley Regional High School Graduate. In his junior year he went on the foreign language department's trip to Italy. This experience opened his eyes to a new and vastly different view of the world. It inspired him to further discover what lay beyond the horizon and explore the possibilities. This was the beginning of his journey to learn about other people and their cultures. He went on to study Chinese at West Virginia University, and this afforded him the opportunity to study abroad in China. This is where he developed a passion for the Chinese people and their language. It ultimately led to employment at EMC Shanghai, China (a computer technology company) where he trained the Chinese employees in learning English, other cultures and customer service.

The Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County was established a year ago, after a tragic and fatal accident in July of 2011.

The fund will serve as a catalyst toward integrating multicultural experiences and a broader understanding of people around the world.

The 2nd Annual Run for Chris was held on Sat. June 22. It was a great success thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, runners and prizes donated to the raffle. The proceeds from this years run will continue to give others the same opportunities to expand their horizons as Chris' did. See you next year, June 21, 2014 for the 3rd Annual Run for Chris.

**Deadline for the next issue of
CHESTER EVENTS
DECEMBER 20TH**

Robbie Collomore Concert Series Opens 40th Season

In celebration of its 40th anniversary season in 2013-14, the Robbie Collomore Concert Series has once again lined up four remarkable concerts by world-class musicians.

All Collomore concerts are held in the Chester Meeting House on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m.

The first concert of the season will be on Oct. 20, with Attacca String Quartet, winner of the prestigious 2011 Osaka International Chamber Music competition. The New York Times said about one of their concerts, "The concert was, in a word, sensational." Their Collomore concert is this year's Barbara and Edmund Delaney Young Artists Concert, and is sponsored by Ceramica.

Lionel Loueke will come to Chester on Nov. 24 with his trio. Praised by his mentor Herbie Hancock as "a musical painter," Loueke combines harmonic complexity, soaring melody, a deep knowledge



Lionel Loueke, hailed as a "gentle virtuoso" by the New York Times, will play at the Chester Meeting House on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 5 pm. His concert is one of four in the 40th season of the Robbie Collomore Concert Series.

of African folk forms, and conventional and extended guitar techniques to create a warm and evocative sound of his own. He has played with many contemporary jazz greats.

Kuok-Wai Lio, a young international prize-winning pianist, comes to Chester on April 6, followed on May 11 by the world folk and jazz of TriBeCaStan.

A subscription to all four concerts of the 40th season 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 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.

For more information about purchasing subscriptions or individual tickets, and for links to each of the performers' websites to hear samples of their music, go to www.collomoreconcerts.org. You may also call (860) 526-5162 for ticket information.

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Holiday Events Planned by Merchants of Chester

On Friday, Oct. 25, the Chester Merchants will celebrate Halloween with the annual Festival in the center of town from 5 to 8 pm. Stores, galleries and restaurants will welcome children with treats (and some adult treats too). The Chester PTO is planning its annual Haunted Hayride in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

On Friday, Dec. 6, the Holiday Night Festival, co-sponsored by the Town of Chester,

Chester Rotary Club and the Merchants of Chester, will begin in the town center with the annual tree-lighting and carol sing-along at 6:00 pm. Most shops, restaurants and galleries will be open for the evening from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Details are still being finalized on both events. Watch the Merchants of Chester website, www.visitchesterct.com, for updates.

If you want to be on the merchants email list, write to chestermerchants@gmail.com. The merchants meet monthly, on the first Wednesday morning of each month, and all are welcome.

Pick up the brand-new edition of the Chester Brochure in town, in the shops and at town hall – it's your guide to Chester businesses.

Leaf Disposal

With Fall upon us, the Chester Inland Wetlands Agency urges that residents properly dispose of leaves. Leaves cannot be discarded in stream banks, lakes, or ponds where they cause filling and aquatic growth. Putting this kind of material in such areas adds phosphorus and other nutrients directly to waterways. Phosphorus is a fertilizer that promotes aquatic plant growth such as algae. In the past some residents have deposited their leaves on the top of the bank of Jennings Pond on the south side of West Main Street. In addition to adding nutrients to the pond, this type of disposal causes filling of storm drains. All Chester residents are encouraged to find more proper methods of leaf disposal.

Composting of leaves and other yard waste such as weeds and twigs is a good alternative. The finished compost can be returned to the soil in the garden, or can be used as mulch around shrubs and other plants. There are many sources of information about composting. The Cooperative Extension System has many pamphlets available. Many gardening books in our library have information about composting. Also in our library is a copy of the video, Home Composting: "Turning Your Spoils to Soil," produced by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Program, an excellent resource.

Leaves, as well as brush and grass clippings, can be disposed of at the Deep River Transfer Station on Winthrop Road in Deep River. You can call the transfer station at (860) 526-6047 for details.

For further information, contact Anna Sweeney at (860) 526-3671.



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A Note from the Assessor

The October 1, 2013 town-wide revaluation is well under way. Property inspections should conclude by the end of September. Notices of the new assessments will be issued in mid-November and will include information on opportunities to meet with representatives of the revaluation company in December. Also, the Board of Assessment Appeals will hold hearings in April of 2014. Applications to appeal must be submitted by March 20, 2014.

All persons having taxable personal property such as unregistered motor vehicles, horses and ponies, farm equipment, or any furniture, fixtures and equipment used in the operation of a business, must declare the personal property by November 1, 2013. Declaration forms are available at the Assessor's office. They will also be mailed to all businesses and residents who have declared property in the past. As per CGS 12-41 declarants filing a late or incomplete form will incur a 25% penalty. Please be aware that if you have taxable personal property and do not declare it, state statutes allow the assessor to add it at an estimated amount plus a 25% penalty.

Applications for Farm and Forest (Public Act 490) will be accepted from September 1 until December 31st, 2013. Forms are available in the Assessor's office.

Any person who acquired a new motor vehicle after October 1, 2012 will receive a supplemental motor vehicle bill for their new vehicle by January 2014. These bills will be prorated, based on the date of registration, for the twelve month period starting October 2012 and ending September 2013. Vehicle acquired in August and September do not receive supplemental bills.

New Veterans seeking exemption must record their honorable discharge papers (DD214) with the Town Clerk by October 1, 2013. Active duty military personnel who have served 90 days or more may also be eligible for an exemption and should contact the Assessor's office prior to October 1 for more details.

Please call the Assessor's office at 860-526-0013 ext. 512 if you have any questions.

Middlesex United Way Announces \$840,000 in Funding

Middlesex United Way Board of Directors has approved fund distributions in the amount of \$840,000 for fiscal year 2013-14. This funding includes support to 49 programs in Middlesex County, including \$15,100 for United Way 2-1-1 and \$15,000 in special one-time funding.

Funding will be distributed to programs* in the following focus areas, consistent with United Way's Five Year Goals for the Common Good:

- Education - to increase children's readiness to learn by school entry: \$135,671;
- Income - to increase the economic self-sufficiency of individuals and families: \$56,200;
- Health - to reduce the rate of risky behaviors among youth and adults and improve the health and increase the safety of individuals and families: \$498,451; and
- Housing - to increase the ability of individuals and families to attain affordable housing: \$119,578.

Middlesex United Way invests in the areas of education, income, health and housing because all four are necessary for a good quality of life. Middlesex United Way helps to meet critical needs and invest in long-term initiatives that create real, lasting change. This funding is made possible by 7,800 generous donors in Middlesex County.

Middlesex United Way is a locally based organization dedicated to strengthening lives, helping people, and improving community conditions in the fifteen towns in Middlesex County. Middlesex United Way serves the towns of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.

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Chester Historical Society Antiques & Jewelry Appraisal

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Do you ever watch the commercials for buying gold and wonder if there's any money in the gold necklaces in your jewelry box?

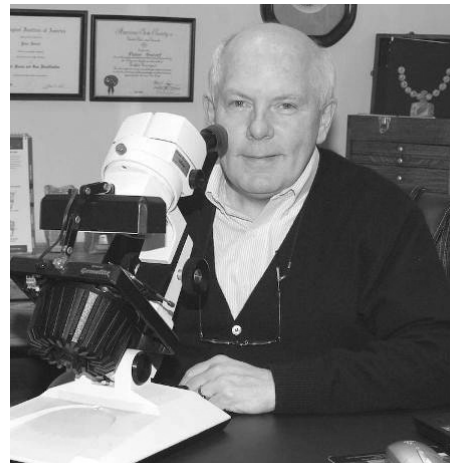
Have you wondered about the value of that old stamp collection your dad left you or the sterling silver flatware your kids don't want to inherit from you?

Stop thinking about it. Dig out your treasures and take them on Saturday, Nov. 9, to the 10th Chester Historical Society Antiques & Jewelry Appraisal. It'll be at St. Joseph's Parish Center from 8:30 am to noon.

A dozen (and maybe more) appraisers will be on hand to appraise everything from jewelry, silver, paintings, books, tools, coins, stamps, glassware to quilts and textiles and furniture from every century.

You may bring up to three separate items to be appraised. If the item is too large to carry, bring photographs (if it's a table or dresser, bring in a drawer too). Verbal appraisals will cost \$10 for the first item; \$20 for 2 items; or \$25 for 3 items. All proceeds will benefit the programs and museum of the nonprofit Chester Historical Society.

Information on all the appraisers will be at www.ChesterHistoricalSociety.org. If you have any questions or need more information, email us at chestercthistorical-society@gmail.com or call 860-558-4701.



Paul D. Indorf, a longtime Chester resident, is an independent jewelry appraiser and broker specializing in fine jewelry, gemstones and watches. He is donating his time and expertise to the Chester Historical Society's 10th Antiques & Jewelry Appraisal on Saturday, November 9.

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Chester Fife and Drum Corps 1868

A Piece of Chester History

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1868

The founder of The Chester Fife & Drum Corps was a local man by the name of Daniel Silliman. According to his grand-daughter's diary, the Chester Fife and Drum Corps was organized in 1867 but incorporated in 1868. The Corps is celebrating its 145th year and is making plans for celebrating the 150 Anniversary. They are one of the oldest continuous Fife and Drum Corps in the United States.

The Chester Fife and Drum Corps have had many notables amongst its membership. With respect to Daniel Silliman, entire families like the Watrous family and the Narducci family were noted for many years of membership as well as Acton Osling who was a distinguished drummer in his day. Oliver Buell, from the 1867 membership record, just happens to have one of his descendants still in the corps today. Don Buell is continuing the honor by following in the footsteps of his father; Ralph and Uncle Dave Buell.

The Chester Drum Corps would like to honor three of our members who will be attending college and to pursue their education: Megan Cordeau who will be attending Eastern Connecticut State University; Julia Beaulieu will be attending UCONN and Kaila Moonan who will be starting her teaching internship at a local school. Congratulations to all of them and see you at Torchlight and in the line-of-march in 2014. WOW.

The corps is led by Drum Major Frenchy Cordeau, President Brian Schiller, Drum Sergeant Don Buell, Fife Sergeant Mare Harlow, Color Guard Sergeant Carlos Uphold and Bass Corporal Frank Jasinski.

In 1959, a Hollywood movie was made in Chester CT, starring Doris Day, Ernie Kovacs, and Jack Lemmon by the name of "It Happened to Jane." The Chester Fife and Drum Corps had a cameo appearance at the end of the movie to celebrate an event and the piece that was played then is still being played the same way now.

During the Chester Fife & Drum Corps 145 plus years of continuous active service, the Corps has appeared at the World's Fair in Switzerland, had the honor of representing the United States of America as the 1st ever American Fife & Drum Corps to march and perform in the Scottish Highland Games in 1985. This particular honor led to a requested command performance at the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Argyle. The Drum Corps has also marched in presidential inaugural parades and has notably raised havoc with a particular chandelier while performing inside the White House.

One of the unique attributes of this corps is that they are neither a Senior Corps nor a Junior Corps, but rather a Combination Corps. Some of our junior members compete in their respective fields. This past month was the 2013 CT State Championships where Megan Cordeau, for the second year, won in the Junior Women's Division on Bass drum. She will be competing in the Northeastern Championships.



CONGRATULATIONS

So please come and see what we are about, do and play. We can always use new musicians, fifers and drummers, or you can participate in the Color Guard. 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.

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 till 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We are back in the Chester Elementary School for our winter practice schedule. Please call for further information prior to coming.

Hope you had a most enjoyable summer. See you on the field.

In the Ancient Spirit,

*Frenchy Cordeau, Business Manager and Drum Major,
Chester Fife and Drum Corps 1868*

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries provide food and fellowship to those in need. Serving the towns of Essex, Chester, Clinton, Madison, Old Saybrook, East Lyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, Killingworth, Westbrook and Deep River.

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www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org

The Meeting House Players Present...



The Meeting House Players are pleased to present Ken Ludwig's laugh out loud comedy "Moon Over Buffalo." The production will be held at the Meeting House located at 4 Liberty Street in Chester, CT on November 1, 2, 8 & 9, 2013. There will be five performances; one each evening at 8pm and a matinee performance on Saturday,

November 9, 2013 at 2 pm.

Charlotte and George Hay, an acting couple, are on tour in Buffalo in 1953 with a repertory consisting of Cyrano de Bergerac and Noel Coward's Private Lives. Chance has given these actors one more shot at starring roles in a film directed by Frank Capra. Capra himself is en route to Buffalo to catch their matinee performance. Will Charlotte appear or run off

with their lawyer? Will George be sober enough to emote? Will Capra see Cyrano, Private Lives or a disturbing mixture of the two? Hilarious misunderstandings pile on madcap misadventures in this backstage farce that is a valentine to thespians and theatre goes everywhere.

The production will be directed by Chester resident Debbie Alldredge. The play's eight member ensemble is made up of a talented troupe of area actors that include David Cardone, Nancy Sumner Williams, Maggie McGlone-Jennings, Daniel Nischan, Vanessa Vradenburgh, James Margelony, Jim Latimer and Tina Perrotti.

Tickets for "Moon Over Buffalo" will go on sale October 8, 2013. To reserve either open seating tickets (\$10 each) or limited reserved seating tickets (\$15 each) call 860-526-3684. For additional information please contact Debbie Alldredge at Deb@DebAlldredge.com or at 860-526-3684.

Good News for DSS Clients

There's a new way to get service and benefit information

By phone – it's quick, easy and available 24/7

Try the new DSS Client Information line & Benefits Center service. Here's how:

1. Call 1-855-6-CONNECT (1-855-626-6632) (TTD/TTY 1-800-842-4524 for persons with speech or hearing difficulties)

2. Follow the prompts to get the information you need

DSS's new automated "interactive voice response" telephone system will help you get the information you need without waiting to speak to a DSS worker. You will also have the option of speaking to a worker, if you choose.

Please use this new, toll-free service instead of the local DSS numbers you have been using. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also connect directly to a worker in our Benefits Center by following the phone menu prompts, Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The benefits Center is staffed with workers dedicated to answering your questions, processing change requests and providing you with information about other resources.

If you receive HUSKY Health, SNAP, TFA, SAGA, State Supplement, or Medicare Savings Program or other service, please call 1-855-6-CONNECT (1-855-626-6632) to receive information about:

1. Replacement EBT card
2. Your benefits or application status
3. How to contact Child Support, Social Work, Fair Hearings and Investigations
4. Application forms, redetermination forms and budget sheets
5. Your local DSS office
6. Local community resources

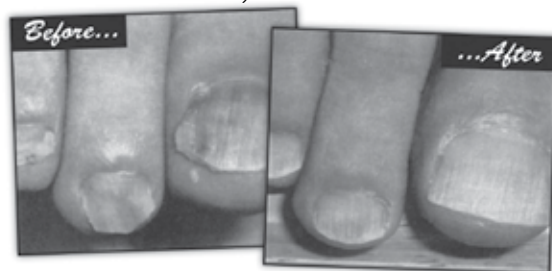
Hope you find the Client Information Line & Benefits Center a helpful service!

For town updates & information:

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Chester Public Library

It's Story Time, It's Craft Time, It's Theatretime! Preschoolers age three and up are invited to join the Monday morning fun at Chester Library. Story time takes place at 10:30 am and includes a creative experience in addition to the read-aloud story. Judy Potter presents It's Theatretime! on the first Monday of each month and other surprise visitors may drop in. No need to pre-register – just join us. Story time is held each Monday that school is in session.

Mark Johnston Book Discussion Series. Three separate options to explore books in the company of other readers are being offered on Wednesdays this fall.

October 2 & 9. First up is "A Classic Contemporary Revisited," a two-part program exploring the life of Harper Lee, reclusive author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. On October 2, is a discussion of Charles Shield's book, *Mockingbird*, which brings the reader intimately into Harper's personal life-past and present. Why is she so private? Why just this one novel? How autobiographical is her novel? How did Lee, as an author, develop such strong sense of time, place, and character that it is now part of our cultural heritage? Then, on Oct. 9, view and discuss the film *Hey, Boo*. It's an engaging documentary that explores important people in Harper Lee's life and writing. From photos of Maycomb to interviews with her sister Alice and fascinating members of the Maycomb community, the film is a visual walk thru Harper's life where... "Men's stiff collars wilted by nine in the morning. Ladies bathed before noon, after their three o'clock naps, and by nightfall were like soft teacakes with frostings of sweat and sweet talcum." Program time: 7:30-9:00 pm. Film will be shown at Town Hall.

October 16. A new twist for the series is a lunchtime program, to be held from 12 noon - 1:30 pm. Up for discussion is *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin, a fascinating character study of Ann and Charles Lindbergh. Layered and complex, the novel introduces Ann Morrow and Colonel Lindbergh, their courtship, adventures, hardships, and marital struggles and brings us to explore love and loyalty to spouse, country, family, and most importantly self. Bring a brown bag lunch; we'll provide beverages and dessert.

November 13. *The Yellow Birds*, a thinly veiled fictional piece by Kevin Powers brings 21-year old Private Bartle and 18-year old Private Murphy to Al Talfar, Iraq. Receiving critical acclaim, including the Pulitzer Prize for 2013, this poetically written novel takes us to a war never seen before, with an opening line "the war tried to kill us in the spring" that is sure to become a classic. Raw, honest, and insightful, a ground breaking novel showing the effects of a distant war on our soldiers, a nation, mothers and families at home. Unforgettable, both in content and style. Program time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Martha Bansavage, an educator who has taught Contemporary Literature among other English courses, will be leading the library's discussions this fall. Books are available for loan at the library. Registration is required for the programs; please call the library at 860-526-0018 to sign up.

Readers interested in receiving email notices about these and future book discussions should email the library at chesterclibrary@yahoo.com with their request. The Mark Johnston Book Discussion Series is generously funded by the Friends of Chester Public Library.

Health Care Reform- What You Need to Know NOW! Open enrollment for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act begins on October 1st. What do you need to know about the program and how it will affect you? Randi Redmond Oster, an independent health care advocate reports that there is "not all good news, but it isn't all bad either." On Tuesday, October 22, Randi will be presenting two programs intended to answer such questions as What are the top 10 changes I need to know about? How much will the new insurance cost? Will I qualify for the health insurance premium subsidies? What is the penalty if I don't purchase insurance? Does my employer need to offer me insurance? How do I find out more?

Sponsored by the Valley Shore Public Libraries, the programs will take place on Tuesday, October 22 from 1-3 pm at the Acton Library in Old Saybrook and from 7-9 pm at the Chester Meeting House.

And have you noticed the poster around town? It was created by Chester's own VRHS student, Erica Vaccaro. Thank you, Erica!

Howl-oween at the Library. Surprises? For sure! And treats galore. For a hauntingly good time, come 'check out' your library from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Halloween, Thursday, October 31.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating- It's a Bling Thing! Back by popular demand, children ages 6 - 10 are invited to express their holiday spirits in gingerbread and frosting at a cookie decorating workshop planned for Thursday, December 5 from 4:30- 5:30 pm. Space is limited. Call the library to register for this program.

Library Expansion. Discussion is still ongoing about expanding and making your Chester Library accessible to. In September, the Library Trustees are meeting with the architect and cost estimator to compare costs of two potential approaches to the project and hope to have a recommendation to the Town sometime this fall.

Library Hours: Monday 10-8; Tuesday 2-6; Wednesday 10-6; Thursday 2-8; Friday 10-6; Saturday 10-2; Sunday Closed.

Access your library account 24/7 at <http://chst-verso.auto-graphics.com>. Log in to your account using the 14-digit barcode number on your library card and your password. When logging in for the first time, use the password "user-pass" (without quotation marks). From this website you are able to renew items you have checked out, search the catalog, place reserves on items you'd like to have, request interlibrary loans and more. It's worth a look. For more general information about the library, its programs and services, visit http://chesterct.org/?page_id=286.

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.

October 1	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Harbor Management	Town Hall	7:30 pm
October 2	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
October 7	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
October 8	Chester Land Trust	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
October 10	Planning and Zoning Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
October 15	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
October 16	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Board of Fire Commissioners	Hose Company	7:30 pm
October 17	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
October 21	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
	Library Board of Directors	Chester Library	7:30 pm
October 22	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 4	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 5	Election Day – Second Floor Town Offices Closed to the Public		
November 6	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
November 11	Town Offices Closed		
November 14	Planning and Zoning Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
November 18	Energy Task Force E-Team	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Retirement Committee	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Library Board of Directors	Chester Library	7:30 pm
November 19	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 20	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Board of Fire Commissioners	Hose Company	7:30 pm
November 21	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
November 26	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:30 pm
November 28, 29	Town Hall Offices Closed		
December 2	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 3	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Harbor Management	Town Hall	7:30 pm
December 4	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
December 9	Energy Task Force E-Team	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
December 10	Workplace Safety	Town Hall	9:30 am
	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Chester Land Trust	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 12	Planning and Zoning	Town Hall	7:30 pm
December 16	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Library Board of Directors	Chester Library	7:30 pm
December 17	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 18	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Board of Fire Commissioners	Hose Company	7:30 pm
December 19	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
December 24, 25	Town Offices Closed		
December 31 & January 1	Town Offices Closed		

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MEALS ON WHEELS – hot meals delivered to your home. Call Peg at 860-388-1611. A \$3.00 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. Call Judy at 860-388-1611. 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: Board Games, Billiards, Ping Pong, Yoga, Exercise Classes, Mah Jongg, Wii, Cribbage, Writer's Group, Book Club, Quilter's Group, Needlecrafters, Hand and Foot, and more! Check the Gazette for all of our programs.

The Estuary Players drama club will present Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* on stage at the Estuary, October 17 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

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.

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

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.

Upcoming Artist Receptions: Friday, October 4 – Elin Larson from Old Lyme, November 8 – Art & Hilde Reichenbach of Essex and December 13 – Brock Graham from Old Saybrook. Join us 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.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR - Saturday, November 23 from 9 am - 1pm. Local crafters will display an array of hand crafted afghans, quilts, handbags, scarves, jewelry, photo cards and much more. We will also have a wonderful "Bake Shop" filled with homemade desserts and candy.

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.

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

POST OFFICES

Chester Post Office (860) 526-2780

SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools
 District 4 (860) 526-2417
 Chester Elementary School (860) 526-5797
 John Winthrop Middle School (860) 526-9546
 Valley Regional High School (860) 526-5328

USEFUL NUMBERS

Consumer Protection (860) 566-2294
 Middlesex Community Foundation (860) 347-0025

WORSHIP SERVICES

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (860) 526-5495
 Congregation Beth Shalom - Temple (860) 526-8920
 United Church of Chester (860) 526-2697

Middlesex Hospital and *Events Magazines* Partner to Support Breast Cancer

This October, Essex Printing and Events Magazines will go pink. In conjunction with the goPINK project and The Middlesex Hospital Comprehensive Breast Center, Events Magazine will help increase awareness about breast cancer and proudly participate in goPINK by contributing a portion of the advertising sold during the month of October to the Middlesex Hospital Comprehensive Breast Center.

The Middlesex Hospital Comprehensive Breast Center (CBC) promotes strategies for screening and prevention of breast disease and works hand-in-hand with the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center to coordinate treatment for women with breast cancer. The program provides clinical, diagnostic and support services to patients before, during and after their diagnosis and treatment. The Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

A sampling of the services provided includes radiological tests such as mammography, ultrasound and MRI; breast surgery, including reconstruction; radiation therapy and other treatments for breast cancer; nurse navigators who coordinate patient care; hereditary risk assessment; integrative therapies and a survivorship program; support services, including a social worker, dietitian and rehabilitation professionals.

For more information about the Middlesex Hospital Comprehensive Breast Center, call (860) 358-2082 or go to www.MHCancerCenter.org.
To learn how you can support goPINK, go to www.gopinkproject.com.

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Park & Rec Fiesta Day at Cedar Lake – Summer Camp Fun!

Town of Chester - Office of Emergency Management

Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Scientists can now predict hurricanes, but people who live in coastal communities should plan what they will do if they are told to evacuate.

PREPARE FOR HURRICANES

- Get a kit of emergency supplies and prepare a portable kit in case you have to evacuate.

- Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane.
- A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate.
- Monitor local radio and television news outlets or listen to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest developments.
- A hurricane warning is when a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.

PREPARE TO SECURE YOUR PROPERTY:

- Cover all of your home's windows with pre-cut ply wood or hurricane shutters to protect your windows from high winds.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed.
- If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.

PLAN TO EVACUATE

- Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- If you do not have a car, plan alternate means of evacuating.
- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
- Identify several places you could go in an emergency, a friend's home in another town, a motel or public shelter.
- If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate.
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Take your emergency supply kit.

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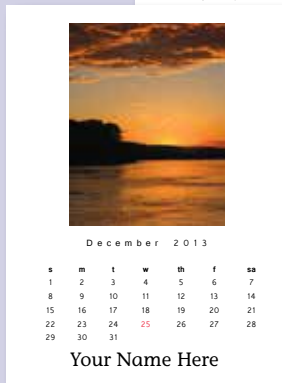
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