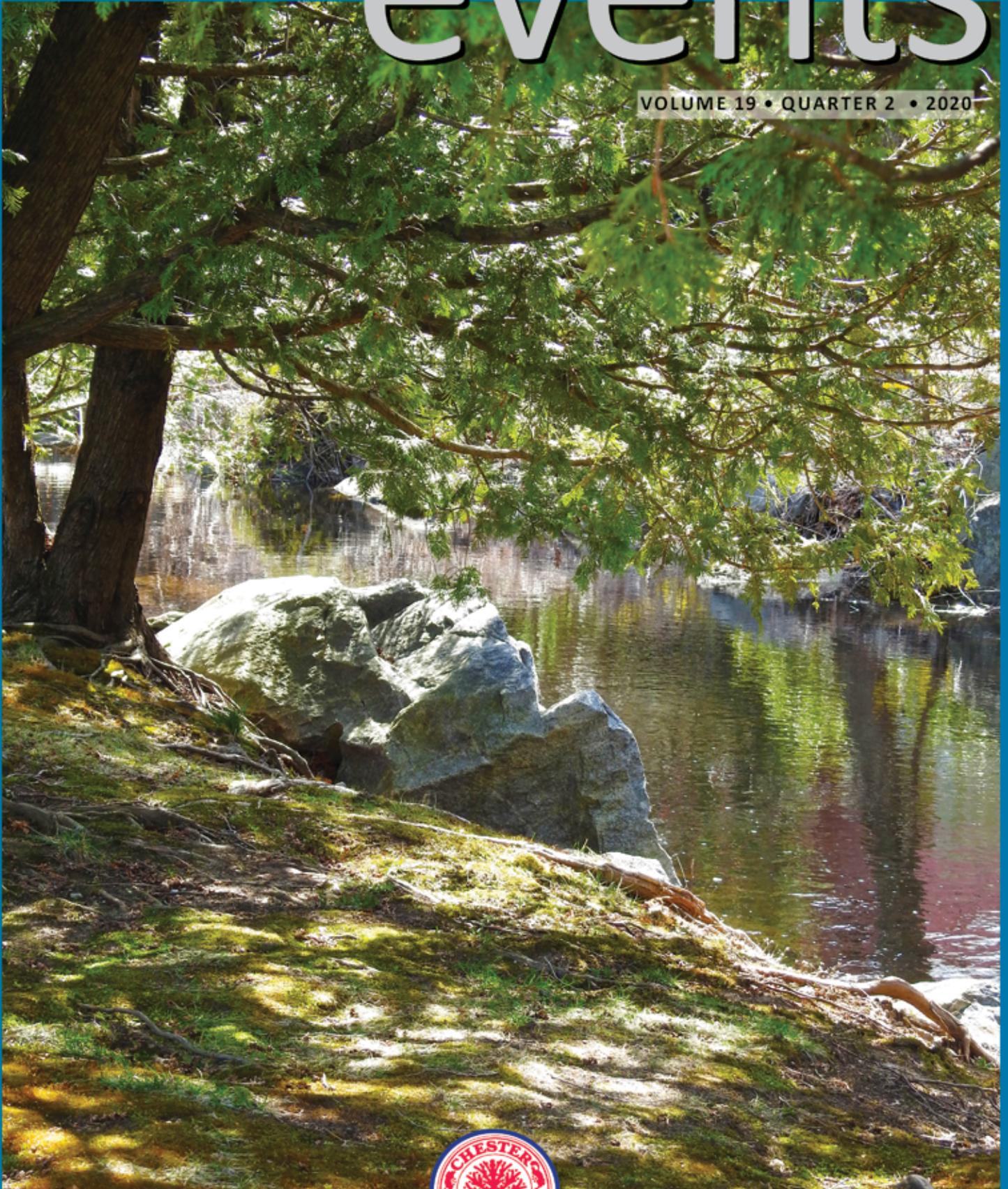


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First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Friends,

As I am writing this four weeks before you are reading it, it is hard to determine what to write about the situation in which we currently find ourselves. We have been dealing with COVID-19 in Connecticut for approximately four weeks, after watching from afar as it affected Wuhan, China and moved like wildfire through Europe. Although it sometimes seems like we are acting out a scene from a dystopian movie; COVID-19 is real. It deserves our close attention. We have very little control over where and how it spreads and who it affects. As of today (March 30, 2020), Chester has no confirmed positive cases, but we know that it is here among us and we are all getting used to living our lives very differently for a while in order to protect ourselves, our families, neighbors and colleagues. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the number of new cases of infection will be decreasing and we will have a better idea of what treatments may be effective and when social distancing will no longer be required.

Thanks to the internet, children are studying remotely, town government can still operate, sundries, entertainment and reading materials are readily available, and friends can communicate through email or social media and gather in video chats to socialize without infecting each other.



Lauren Gister,
First Selectwoman

Thanks to the dedicated and courageous health providers, first responders and clergy, we can get help when we need it and are cared for when we are ill, physically, emotionally or spiritually.

Thanks to the volunteers who have stepped up in a myriad of ways, seniors, immune compromised neighbors and shut-ins can be checked on or shopped for, masks can be sewn, and medicines and food can be delivered.

Thanks to the teachers and parents, education continues at all levels, including elementary through high school, post-secondary classes, music and dance, religious education, and online opportunities for adults to learn something new as well.

Thanks to all of you, messages of hope and resiliency are spread everywhere, from rainbow challenges to window "bear hunts" to bell ringing and singing in the street.

As we adapt to a rapidly changing world, we will settle into life in this new normal, for however long it takes.
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And eventually, of course, this will be over. It will be relegated to a chapter in our collective history, a memory to share with our disbelieving grandchildren. We will return, cautiously at first, to our old lives, more grateful for what we have and more appreciative of each other. Hopefully, we will learn whatever lessons this experience has to teach us and move forward, more resilient and prepared than ever. Our Chester community is strong and determined and we WILL get through this – together.

Be well, Lauren

Publisher's Note

As of press time, our country is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. These are, indeed, difficult times for all. Included in this issue of Chester Events Magazines is information regarding various programs and activities that span the upcoming quarter. Given the circumstances, some dates and times are subject to change. Please check with the applicable organizations for any potential changes and/or cancellations.

We hope that the situation resolves as quickly as possible and that we can all get back to some sense of normalcy! Our The Last Word feature (on page 18) celebrates the good that occurs in our communities when we band together in times of crisis.

We are pleased to be able to continue to provide you with Chester Events Magazines. Please stay safe and healthy. We look forward to celebrating better times ahead!

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NOTE: If you are a Season Ticket Subscriber please consider switching your ticket(s) to attend the Wednesday, July 8th evening performance. For an additional \$40 to BRAYCE you can join our pre-theatre reception and meet the four wonderful young Brazilians participating in the 2020 Cultural Exchange Program. Please call Krista May directly if you want to switch into the BRAYCE event. Telephone number: 860.767.9520 x 205 or email krista@ivorytonplayhouse.org with your contact telephone number and she will call you back.

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During the difficult times we are facing in dealing with the COVID-19 virus, so many things are cancelled or postponed. The Shoreline Soup Kitchen postponed its Firehouse Food Drive. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled. All current continuing education is cancelled or rescheduled to a later date.

What we do not see though, is any change in the care and compassion demonstrated by our members. As a team, we maintain continuous contact to stay informed of current situations and protocols. When called to duty, we continue to take enhanced precautionary measures for the safety of you and our responders. While you may not be seeing as many people at a response as you may have in the past, know that our members are still ready and responding to each call.

Recognizing how our members and the town have pulled together and responded to this recent health situation, we are pleased to invite you to join us on Sunday, June 14th for a Flag Day Community Picnic & Open House from 11:00 - 2:00 at the Fire House - it's our way of saying "Thank you!" for the support you have shown to us.

For the latest information on what is going on at the firehouse, check our Facebook page, website and signboard. If you're interested in learning more about what we do, please come visit us at one of our drills. We're at the fire house on Mondays at 7:00 pm and would be glad to see you. Chester Hose Company's members are proud to be your first responders and to serve this amazing community!

Chester Parks and Recreation

Please consider sending a child in your community to camp this summer.

Chester Parks and Recreation offers day camp during 7 weeks throughout the summer for children in grades K through 7. Chester residents are offered financial

assistance based on need, determined by the Chester Elementary School Counselor and the Town of Chester Human Services Director. The weekly registration fee of \$140 just covers the direct cost for each child. Any amount donated is greatly appreciated and allows a child to enjoy

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July 4th ~ Save the Date!

The 42nd annual Chester Four-on-the-Fourth road race sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club will start at 9 am, on Saturday, July 4. Early registration will be available Friday, the 3rd from 4:30 to 6 pm at the St. Joseph's Parish Center, 48 Middlesex Turnpike, Chester. Race day registration at the Parish Center will be from 7:00 to 8:30 am. Online registration is available through RunSignup.com anytime.

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Resident marine fishing licenses cost \$10.00. Also available are all waters inland and marine fishing licenses for \$32.00.

All licenses expire December 31st. Senior citizens age 65 and older may get licenses at no cost.

Dog licenses will be available starting June 1st in the Town Clerk's Office. A neutered or spayed dog will cost \$8.00 while an unneutered or unspayed dog is \$19.00. Beginning July 1st a \$1.00 penalty fee will be charged for every month a resident is late in registering a dog. Licenses can be mailed once proof of current rabies vaccination and a spaying certificate are mailed to the Town Clerk at 203 Middlesex Ave., along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you no longer have your

dog, please let us know so that we may update our records. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-526-0013 Ext. 510. The office is open 9 am to noon, and 1 pm to 4 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday the office is open until 7 pm and on Friday the office closes at noon.

Bulky Waste Transfer Stickers

Spring is here and it's time to clean the basement. If you need to get rid of bulky waste, you need to get a bulky waste transfer sticker, if you don't already have one, prior to using the transfer station, which is located in Deep River on Route 80. Those stickers may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office with proof of residency and the license plate number of the vehicle you plan to use for hauling the bulky waste. If you currently have a bulky waste transfer sticker, it does not expire year after year. It is good for as long as you own your vehicle.

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SENIOR PROM - Join us on May 16th from 6-9 for the Estuary Council's 3rd Annual Senior Prom. It's an evening of fun, live music, dancing, dinner, drinks, and even the crowning of a King and Queen. Visit the senior center at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook to get your tickets.

SUMMER COOKOUT - The Estuary Council resumes it's 5 at 5 dinner series on Wednesday, June 17 with a summer cookout. Tickets are required and can be purchased at the senior center.

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There are several items that have come to my attention which are worth mentioning! The first is DMV info that you might have already heard about. This really affects anyone who registers a motor vehicle (MV). Most registrations for MVs in the State of CT will be for a 3 year period of time. This will help delay you spending money to reregister but, of course, the amount will be a bit higher. The biggest problem I see is for all those people who don't pay their MV taxes on time! That means 3 year's worth of interest will accumulate before they are forced to pay in order to register. The amount will be so much higher, those delinquent people will have a much more difficult time collecting all that money to come in & pay before registering. A real positive suggestion - pay your MV taxes in the month they are due... do NOT wait... do not waste your hard earned money on interest... make 2020 the year you get into a good habit & mail in your taxes in July when they are due. The Tax Office will be forced to send delinquent MV bills to our collection agency sooner rather than later if you do not!

The next item worth mentioning is that some people have used the wrong phone # to reach Town Hall & the Tax Office, in particular. The only accurate phone number is 860-526-0013 & our extension to the Tax Office is 513. Do not use a wrong one suggested by Google. It results in you listening to our message but the "box" is full & the phone disconnects. Several steps have been taken to fix this error from the internet. So far, all the efforts to correct this have been to no avail. So be sure to put 860-526-0013 in your contact list & only use that number.

Lastly, "Tax Time" is just around the corner! Remember you can pay Town taxes online but it is through your own bank & saves you a trip into the office & saves you a stamp & saves you an envelope. Be sure to put info in the memo area, so we know how to apply your money. Your home address is great, or the unique ID of your home address found on all real estate bills, is great or plate number for MV bills you are paying. Also, list the business name if you are paying a PP bill!

Here's wishing for a healthy & great spring & summer,
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Our silent auction baskets and prizes will be sure to feature items that everyone- especially families- will love. Best of all, the funds raised at Boots & Bowties will enable an Early Childhood Specialist to work directly with families of young children in Chester, Deep River and Essex. This new part time position will help Tri-Town partner with our preschools more and host playgroups and parent nights that build community and offer support.

October 10th from 5:30 - 9:00 pm / Incarnation Center, Bushy Hill, 253 Bushy Hill Road, Deep River / Tickets are \$35 online (\$45 at the door) / Childcare is available for \$15/child thanks to the Nature's Playground team (must pre-register, online). For more information or to purchase your tickets, please visit tritownys.org or call 860-526-3600.



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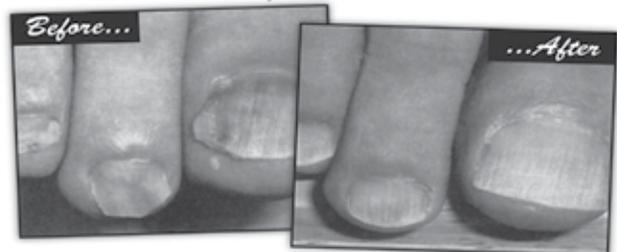
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- Chester Democratic Town Committee laclymas@gmail.com
- Chester Republican Town Committee (860) 398-0690
- Chester Garden Club (860) 526-2998
- Chester Historical Society..... (860) 526-5781
- Chester Merchants Association..... www.visitchester.com
- 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

USEFUL NUMBERS

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

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- Chester Public Library (860) 526-0018

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- 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

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

Welcome! New Chester Resident Trooper Luke LaRue



We would like to welcome our New Resident State Trooper Luke LaRue to the Town of Chester.

We are sad to see Resident Trooper Matt Ward retire but wish him all the luck in his new endeavors.

Trooper First Class Luke LaRue has worked for the Connecticut State Police since 2012. TFC LaRue began his career as a Trooper working out of the Troop D (Danielson, CT) barracks. In 2015 LaRue was selected as the Troop K (Colchester, CT) Salem Resident State Trooper. On March 13, 2020 LaRue was selected by Troop F (Westbrook, CT) to replace (soon to be retired) Matt Ward as the Chester Resident State Trooper. Throughout LaRue's CT State Police tenure he has served in several capacities before being selected as the Chester Resident State Trooper: Field Training Officer (FTO), DARE Officer, DARE Men-

tor, Recruit Mentor, Citizen Police Academy coordinator/instructor, Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) trainer, State Trooper Offering Peer Support (STOPS) volunteer, (TDY) Brooklyn Resident State Trooper, (TDY) Killingly Resident State Trooper.

Prior to TFC LaRue becoming a CT State Trooper he spent 6 years as a police officer in Norwich, CT.

TFC LaRue has a Criminal Justice Associates Degree from Three Rivers Community College, a Management and Leadership Bachelor's Degree from Goodwin University, and is currently pursuing a Public Administration (MPA) Masters Degree from the University of New Haven (UNH).

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answers are also on our web page.)

Visit one, or all six locations in one day. They are within walking
distance of Main Street. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather and
learn about our Town with an activity for all ages.

Capella Cantorum ~ 50th Anniversary Celebration

After hundreds of performances on stage, in churches and
cathedrals all over Connecticut and Europe, and several at
Carnegie Hall, the singers of Cappella Cantorum were rehearsing
with gusto for their 50th anniversary concert on May 3rd at Valley
Regional High School in Deep River. Unfortunately, that has been
put on hold to hopefully be performed in the fall. Although we
are on hiatus, we're still able to sing in our kitchens, showers, and
backyards. We can even rehearse as individuals online at learning
websites or with YouTube performances, giving us the chance
to continue doing what we love best – performing great choral
music.

Cappella, as most everyone calls this amazing chorus, was
the brainchild of Old Saybrook resident Barry Asch, who
was conductor and musical director for 47 years, and Phillip
Zimmerman, the first president. In December 1969, following a
performance of Britten's Ceremony of Carols by choir members
and friends of the First Congregational Church in Essex, CT,
Phil approached Barry with such enthusiasm for this gathering
of choristers that he hoped they could continue the fellowship of
singing major choral works, and thus Cappella was born.

The other singers in that augmented chorus felt the same way -
the fellowship, the coming together to perform magnificent music
has contributed to the longevity of this group for 50 years. Barry's
idea of a non-auditioned chorus would allow ordinary singers
the opportunity to learn and perform major pieces. This concept
remains today and is Barry's crowning achievement – “the joy of
conducting and bringing all those people together.”

Watch for future notices of our 50th Anniversary celebration and
our performance of Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle on our web
site: <https://www.cappellacantorum.org/>.

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Have you ever wondered what the sermon might sound
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United Church? Well, you can read Alan's each Sunday's
sermon at the church's website www.uccchester.org as well
as his weekly blogs, The Villager Voice & Simons Says.
Also there is information about groups that meet at the
church (including Chester Garden Club, Quilters, and scout
groups); about community services offered by the church
during the year (including a weekly soup kitchen dinner,
a Backpack Program providing food for children over the

weekend, and special Thanksgiving and Christmas donations to those in need); and other activities. The church has a Facebook page where you can follow the latest news and learn about upcoming activities.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Social Services Needs Your Help! Each Town's emergency relief fund allows them to provide food and financial assistance to local residents who are struggling to cover basic needs during this difficult time. The number of residents seeking support has DOUBLED in a few weeks and is expected to continue to grow. Let's work together to keep these resources available for our unemployed neighbors.

Chester Community Fund
c/o Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue
Chester, CT 06412

Deep River Community Fund
c/o Richard H. Smith Town Hall, 174 Main Street
Deep River CT 06417

Town of Essex Social Services Assistance Fund
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A Round of Applause for Chester, A Community That Cares.

Community is definitely different these days as we all work to find our footing in the current situation. With social distancing and stay-at-home, sometimes it can be very difficult to feel connected. Every day we see people coming together, talking across fences, stopping by someone's home to wave from a car, and finding new and fun ways to connect online. Individuals, businesses, and organizations are stepping forward to share important information and essential services that will get us through this together and help us remember we are not alone.

We'd like to share just a few of the wonderful organizations going that extra mile to help Chester - and the surrounding region - connect and thrive.

KEEPING COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN A VIRTUAL WORLD



Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau has always been a cornerstone organization of the community, providing programs and services to support the Chester community. Tri-Town Youth Services chose to continue being a community resource in the "virtual world." They have launched a special campaign to highlight the importance of community and moving forward together - Positivity Is Contagious, Too! They are offering information

and web links to a wide variety of ways to take time for ourselves, find help when we need it, and share the fun and good things going on in Chester, and the region, to keep us all smiling.

Through "Wellness Wednesday," Tri-Town will provide tips and activities that help us remember to take care of ourselves using simple steps and activities to stay present, stay healthy, and seek help if we are feeling overwhelmed. Staying true to their core mission of supporting families and youth, Tri-Town will provide resources for checking in with your children of all ages as they learn to navigate this online world of socializing and learning. You can find it on their website: tritownys.org, on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tritownyouth, and new Instagram channel: www.instagram.com/tritownysb.

COMING TO THE AID OF THE COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF NEED



When pre-schools, day care centers, and schools are closed indefinitely but essential businesses are open, families are faced with a dilemma - how to manage childcare. **Camp Hazen YMCA** is offering daily childcare for parents whose jobs are considered essential for the well-being of the greater community.

As an approved State of Connecticut's Office of Early Childhood center, Camp Hazen is ensuring our youngest children are provided with a safe environment while their parents are working to support our community. Children will be offered great educational opportunities throughout the day and outside physical activity on the beautiful campus of Camp Hazen YMCA. Children will go on hikes, get creative with nature art, and play individual sports. Activities will be selected based on the ability to practice social distancing and keep physical interactions between children to a minimum. There will also be reading time each day, so children are

encouraged to bring either a favorite book or any school work that needs to be done. Camp Hazen will also adapt their program to accommodate any online learning requirements by the schools, though children will need to provide their own computer or tablet.

The program is available Monday through Friday and will run indefinitely during this current situation. Childcare is available from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with Before Care starting at 7:30 am and After Care ending at 6:00 pm. Camp Hazen is providing lunch and snacks to the children in its care. The program is located at their facility at 204 W Main St, Chester, CT. There is a fee of \$65 per day and financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Camp Hazen YMCA at: 860-526-9529.

FILLING THE PANTRY ONE CAN AT A TIME

Town of Chester Food Pantry continues to serve our most vulnerable families and seniors. They are offering pre-bagged food for residents at the Chester Town Hall. With each bag of groceries they give out, they need to restock. If you can help with an extra few cans of vegetables, boxes of pasta, or containers of oatmeal, just think of the sense of safety and community you are sharing with your neighbors. A complete list of food needs is available on the Town of Chester's website under town services/ social services. And if you know of a family in need, please let them know that distributions from the pantry are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, noon. Please call ahead: 860-526-0013 ext. 213

With school closed indefinitely, many of our children are at risk of going hungry. Chester Elementary is providing **Grab & Go Lunches**, which include breakfast for the next day, at the Chester Elementary School, 23 Ridge Road on Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

IN TIMES OF GREAT NEED, YOU ARE NOT ALONE.



We are surrounded by Great People Doing Great Things every day. And this is never more evident than right now. We see it in the work of our non-profits that continue to find ways to serve their community and stay connected with those who need them the most. Our nonprofit organizations are on the frontline doing what they do best... meeting the critical needs of our friends and neighbors.

With generous support from Guilford Savings Bank and Pratt & Whitney, the Community Foundation launched the LIVE LOCAL GIVE LOCAL EMERGENCY FUND to give added support to those community organizations that are meeting the basic needs of local residents throughout our community. To donate, please visit www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org. 100% of your gift will be granted to our local nonprofits. Thank you for being GREAT People doing Great Things right here in Chester.

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