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2016-2017 Budget

Thank you to all who came out and approved our 2016-2017 budget this year. The Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education worked together to put together a budget that:

1. Is fiscally responsible and accountable to the taxpayers;
2. Ensures that we maintain public safety, provide important town services, and continue to offer an outstanding education to our children; and
3. Plans and saves for future Capital expenses, including renovations to town buildings, large improvement projects such as the Main Street Project; energy efficient projects such as solar arrays and streetlight conversions; and timely replacement of town and emergency vehicles.

This year's budget process was particularly tricky, as the final state budget numbers were not finalized and we were unsure of our future revenue totals as a result. The Governor's plan cut our revenue substantially, then the legislature gave some funds back to the towns and removed some of the sting. The State Senate approved the budget on Thursday, the House on Friday. Chester's budget was passed on the next Tuesday evening.

The revenue numbers were higher than anticipated, so the Board of Finance was able to set a mil rate lower than originally proposed (proposed 25.75/actual 25.57).

Two days after Chester passed the budget, Governor Malloy used his line item veto authority and took an additional 20 million dollars in revenue away from the towns. By the time you read this we will know what that will mean for Chester, and will plan accordingly. We will still be responsible with your tax money. We will spend where it makes sense and where it will save us money in the long run. Luckily, Chester is in good financial shape – we have been cautious and prudent and it has left us in good shape to weather whatever the State will need to do to balance its own budget over the next couple of years.

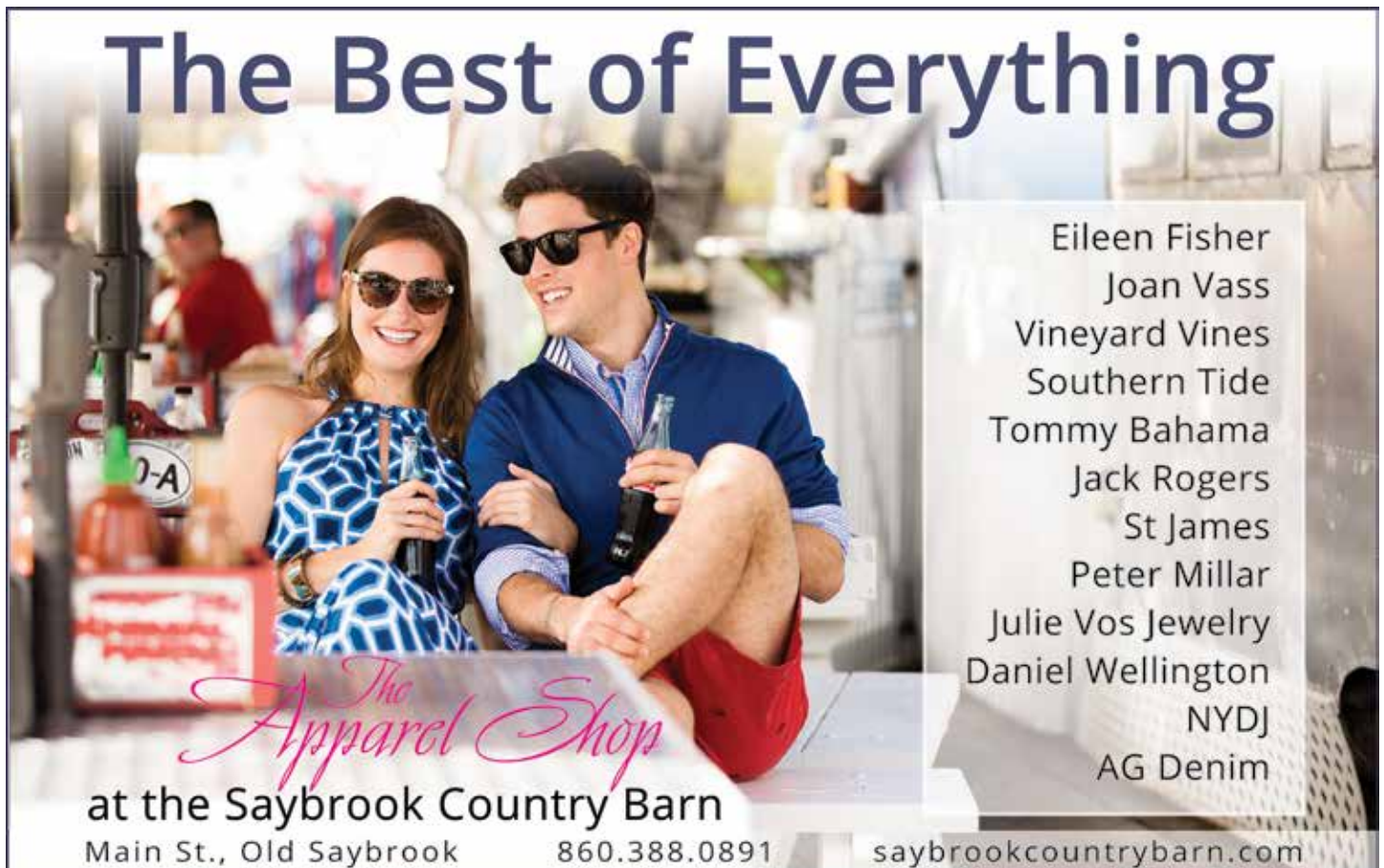


Lauren Gister
First Selectman

Communicate!

As you know, improving communication is a high priority for me. To that end, I am working to improve the quality and timeliness of our reporting from Boards and Commissions, have Town Talks

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Moon over town hall. Photo by Jared Morris.

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at least twice per month, and have been trying to use every available method of advertising the times and locations of important discussions, meetings or votes. In the next couple of months, I plan to institute a few new ideas for communication, both with and between residents and business owners. Here are a couple of things to watch for:

- **Business Sector Meetings.** These are meetings with particular sectors of the economy to discuss common issues and network. Sectors may include Retail and Restaurants, Professional Services, Real Estate and Commercial Property Owners, home businesses, manufacturing, and more.
- I will be visiting local businesses to learn more about who they are, how they got here and what they do and need. These businesses will be highlighted and/or showcased in some fashion.
- We are looking into ways to video or broadcast local government meetings to make them more accessible for individuals who can't be physically present, for whatever reason.

Summertime, and the livin' is easy...well, at least it is fun!

Summer is in full swing and it is nice to see so many people out and about – enjoying our summer activities and natural resources. Make sure to visit our beaches, state parks, shops, restaurants and events. Summer is a great reminder of how lucky we are to live in Chester. Don't forget, among many other things: Chester Sunday Farmers Market, Chester Rotary Four on the Fourth Road Race, Sunday evening music at Cedar Lake, and the Chester Fair. To stay abreast of the happenings, please send your email address to Jenny at jennywatrous@chesterct.org to get on the mailing list for the Townwide email on Thursdays.

Have a great summer!

Lauren

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My husband, Seth, and newborn son, Spencer, and I, look forward to meeting everyone in this beautiful area. We've already frequented a number of local establishments, and we hope to continue to learn more about the Shoreline. I'm originally from Skokie, IL, and Seth hails from Hewlett on Long Island. I've had the pleasure of serving in congregations in Manhattan and Long Island, and we are now excited to be part of the CBSRZ family.

Judaism is, by no means, monolithic. Our heritage includes an ability to question, refine, and evolve in our understanding of our tradition. As part of the Reform

movement, we are devoted to a pursuit of social justice, egalitarianism, spirituality, and communal responsibility. We follow a mandate for *tikkun olam*, the repairing of the world, and we see each person as created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God. These two fundamental concepts allow us to create an atmosphere of inclusion, equality, and action. We hope you'll feel comfortable coming by, learning more, and make yourself at home.

Just as my family has been warmly welcomed into this community, I know that anyone who wishes to join us on our spiritual journey will likewise be embraced with open arms. Together with Belinda Brennan, our Cantor/Educator, we offer meaningful worship and learning opportunities year-round. You are always welcome. Please contact our Temple Administrator, Wendy Bayor, for more information, at 860.526.8920.

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pleasure. As always, the event will be highlighted by classic double entree dinners featuring Twin Lobster, Twin Steak, or Surf and Turf and single entrée Lobster or Steak dinners. Please visit <http://chesterlobsterfestival.com> and <http://www.ChesterRotary.org> for event updates and ticket information.

Chester Rotarians are dedicated to providing funding and service to local, national and international charitable organizations. All proceeds from this event support the local and global humanitarian causes supported by Chester Rotary & Rotary International.

2016 Chester Hose Company Incorporated Auxiliary Scholarship Awarded

The Chester Hose Company Auxiliary is pleased to announce that they have awarded their 2016 scholarship to two recipients this year. Congratulations to Jacob Alonzo, son of Allen & Kimberly Alonzo of Haddam, as well as Acacia Bowden, daughter of Donna Bowden of Deep River. Alonzo is a graduating senior at Xavier High School in Middletown, while Bowden is a graduating senior at Valley Regional

High School in Deep River. Jacob will be attending Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT in the fall where he will also play baseball, while Acacia will pursue a Biology degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. The Chester Hose Company would like to congratulate both students on their hard work and dedication to the communities they serve in and wish them continued success in the future.



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We are also in the process of making plans for our 150th Anniversary Celebration/Muster to be held in 2018. So keep looking for more information as we finalize our plans.

Our drum line is well staffed; however our fife line needs more players. If you are interested in joining us, but do not wish to play an instrument, we also need members for the Color Guard to march at the front of our Corps and carry our Colors. We provide drum and fife lessons free of charge and also teach our members the ins and outs of marching in unison. We practice at the Chester Elementary School in the fall, winter and early spring. Summer practices are at North Quarter Park and Cedar Lake. So please come and see what we are about, do and play. Our tentative summer schedule is noted below:

- July 16 DRAM
- July 30 9th Annual Deerfield Valley Parade and Blueberry Festival, VT
- Aug 14 Moosup VJ Day Parade
- Aug 27 Westbrook Muster/Tattoo
- Aug 27/28 Chester Fair

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Sept 11 Sterling Family Day
Sept 17 Guilford Citizens Day Parade

Pending

TBD Depot Commemoration
Sept 10 Portland 175th Anniversary Celebration
Oct 09 Bridgeport Columbus Day Parade

If you are interested in becoming part of history and joining our corps, please feel free to call me at 860-691-1735. We are on Facebook, the Town of Chester website and our email address is chester1868@gmail.com.

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 pm. Hope you have a most enjoyable summer. Hope to see you at a muster or at a parade.

Frenchy Cordeau, Business Manager and Drum Major
Brian Schiller, President

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- Tickets \$75 each (includes pre and post-performance cocktails and hors d'oeuvres).

Purchase online from the BRAYCE website, www.brayce.org and clicking on the Chicago logo. Deadline for online purchases is July 16th. You can also call or email Susan Wright at 860.526.3294/wrightbeantree@att.net by July 16th.

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- Contact Mark Adam Rampmeyer, Goodspeed Costume Rental Manager, at goodspeed.org/pages/costume-rental to learn about their program.

CHICAGO (the musical) is a wonderful, toe-tapping musical guaranteed to entertain all the family. Music by Jon Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb and book by Ebb and Bob Fosse. Winner of six 1997 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival the show offers one fabulous song after another with the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. Set in the legendary city of Chicago during the roaring "jazz hot" 20s, this is the world of gangsters Al Capone, John Dillinger and Bugsy Moran. Join us on the lovely Playhouse terrace for a fun event with friends to support a worthy and worthwhile cause.

BRAYCE (Brazilian American Youth Cultural Exchange), is a Chester-based nonprofit which, in conjunction with partner, Camp Hazen YMCA, has been changing lives of "at risk" Brazilian youngsters from favela (slum) communities and providing community service opportunities for American students for eleven years.

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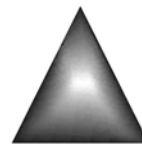
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Save your space in our American Red Cross Babysitter's Training classes on October 10 OR March 23 & 24 or CPR and First Aid classes on October 27 a& 28 OR March 30 & 31.

This school year we will hold Sports Clinics and Camp Activities on November 8 & March 10 as well as following the early dismissals on October 20, 21, January 13, February 17, and March 9 at Chester Elementary School.

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Park Information

Cedar Lake 2016 Summer Season

The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to be open for the 2016 season beginning June 13 through August 19 with scheduled hours from 10:30 am until 6:00 pm. Hours may vary according to staff availability, training, weather, or special programs. It is the policy of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission that access to the Town parks, including the beaches on Cedar Lake, is by permit only. Vehicles of residents parked at unstaffed parks must display a public access sticker, which is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Non-residents must display a park pass on their vehicles at unstaffed parks and show their pass and identification when entering a staffed facility. Non-resident passes are currently \$65 and are available at Pelletier Park during operating hours.

Chester residents may enter staffed facilities by showing a driver's license, or other proof of residency or taxpayer status with identification. Residents and pass holders may bring up to six people, but must accompany them. All other guests are \$3 each. Groups of 10 or more must make reservations in advance by submitting a completed group use application at the bottom of this page, a certificate of insurance to the Town, and pay a group fee.

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 Pataconk 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 in one corner during the spring. The park at the shore is named Robert H. Pelletier Park

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in memory of the Chester resident who was the Head Lifeguard for more than two decades. The area is 0.7 acres and includes seasonal lifeguard coverage, picnic tables, a pavilion, grills, and a food concession. The smaller beach is located on Cedar Lake Road. 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 an open 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.

Chester Creek Overlook

The overlook is a waterfront spot with a .4 acre 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.

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. An historical narrative is posted at the park.

Chester Elementary School Baseball Fields

Three baseball fields are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department at Chester Elementary School, on Ridge Road. This property was originally donated to the Town in 1928 by Jessie C. Bates, Hilton C. Brooks, and William P. Holden for athletic fields.

Please contact us if you notice a problem or have a concern regarding one of our parks.

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Chief's Corner – Chester Hose Co. Inc.

On April 23rd we recognized the volunteer men and women of the department as we held our annual banquet. Each year we hold our banquet as a way to say thank you for all they do to keep our community safe. We also invite as a way of thanks our mutual aid departments, as well as public officials and local businesses that support us throughout the year. Chief James Schaefer recognized the following members marking years of service:

5 years: Brian Ahearn, John Ahearn, Michael Ahearn, Sara Blaschik, Julian Norton

10 years: Jim Pelati

15 years: Susie Currier

20 years: John Brodzinski, Kimberly Tiezzi

25 years: Emily Masters

45 years: Thomas Miksa

Chief's Award for providing guidance, support and generally going above and beyond what is expected of a member went to Charles Greeney Jr.

Member of the Year Award (voted on by the membership) was presented to Sara Blaschik.

Top Ten Responders included: Dylan Grzybowski, Scot Mills, Aaron Mangan, Mike Ahearn, John Ahearn, Karen Graham, Jim Skeffington, Daniel Roschko, Brian Ahearn, and Vito Nanni.

As the warmer weather and summer season approaches, so does the increase of water related accidents and injuries. This is the busy season for foot traffic at Cedar Lake and in the area of Camp Hazen. Please exercise EXTRA caution while traveling through this area of town. The Chester Hose Company is prepared to respond when the call comes in, but in an effort to prevent the call we offer these water safety tips.

- Always refer to the "Buddy System"
- Wear approved floatation device when on or around any body of water
- NEVER dive into unknown waters
- Follow and adhere to ALL posted signs and water-related rules/guidelines

We look forward to seeing you at The Chester Fair, a time-honored tradition here in town!

Chief James Schaefer
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The Chester Hose Company is pleased to announce that due to the success of our craft fair last year, the Second Annual Craft Fair will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Center on October 8th from 10:00 – 3:00 pm, rain or shine. Numerous compliments were received after the event last year on the quality and variety of vendors and we are planning an even larger and more varied event this year. All that is needed for a successful event is YOU!

This event is timed for early gift planning and holiday decorations as well as end of season specials. Please support your local fire department volunteers by stopping by and enjoying a unique shopping opportunity. Crafters already committed include those selling homemade honey products, delicious homemade biscotti, hand-painted ornaments, candles, wood crafts, candles and many more.

For more information, please see The Chester Hose Company on Facebook, our email address at springaheadfallbehind7@gmail.com or contact Emily Masters at 860-526-3275! We appreciate your support!

Join in the Fun of Planning Winter Carnivale!

Big news! Chester will celebrate its **26th Winter Carnivale** on Sunday, February 19, 2017, complete with ice carvings, the Chester Hose Company's Chili Cook Off, and the tractor parade. And free Carnivale beads, face painting and street performers too!

Why are we telling you now, in the height of summer? This event, which draws 1000s of people to Chester in the winter, needs townwide support. It's much too large to be the sole responsibility of the Chester Merchants group.

Carolyn Linn has stepped up to be the chairperson of the Carnivale committee. The committee will be looking for monetary donations (to pay for the shuttle buses, porta-potties, ice blocks, beads and entertainers, etc.), as well as committee members and event-day volunteers. For instance, if you have a Scout troop, or are a high school student looking for a community service project, or are looking for an opportunity to try out your magic tricks, or have a yearning to do some face painting...You get the picture...there are lots of ways to be involved!

Email Carolyn at chestercarnivale@gmail.com with questions or suggestions, and keep an eye on [Facebook.com/ChesterCTWinterCarnivale](https://www.facebook.com/ChesterCTWinterCarnivale) or the townwide email for updates.



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43rd Season of Collomore Concerts Begins September 25

For its 43rd season, the Robbie Collomore Music Series will offer all four of its concerts in the fall, between September 25 and November 27. They will be on Sundays at 5 pm in the Chester Meeting House, and now is the time to buy your season subscription!

Beginning the season, on Sunday, September 25, is the Barbara and Edmund Delaney Young Artists Concert. Praised by "Classical Voice America" for their "sensational, powerhouse performance," the **Verona Quartet** has set themselves apart as one of the most compelling young quartets in chamber music. Winner of the prestigious 2015 Concert Artist Guild Competition, they are the Graduate Resident String Quartet at the Juilliard School, which sponsored their Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall debut on May 2016.

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On November 6, internationally celebrated pianist **Jeffrey Swann**, who has been called "a dashing virtuoso" by the New York Times, will play two of Beethoven's and Schubert's most iconic, monumental piano sonatas. Returning to the Chester Meeting House on November 27 is profound songwriter, **Chris Smither**, who draws deeply from the blues, American folk music, modern poets and philosophers. Reviewers continue to praise

his dazzling guitar work, gravelly voice and songwriting.

Buy a season subscription and save money, plus you'll be certain you will have a seat even when the concert is sold out. A subscription to all four concerts is just \$75 (that's four concerts for the price of three). Individual concert tickets cost \$25. For students from elementary through graduate school, a subscription is \$15. A student ticket for just one concert is \$5. Tickets can be purchased online at www.collomoreconcerts.org using PayPal. All ticket-holders are invited to stay for a reception after the concert to meet the performers. For more information, check the website or call 860-526-5162.



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Today is Tomorrow's History – What's New with Chester Historical Society

Visit Chester Museum!

No matter how many times you've "been through the Mill," there's always something new to see at Chester's museum. This summer, we're "Celebrating Chester Community Groups," a new exhibit curated by Keith Dauer and Sandy Senior-Dauer. We're featuring wonderful memorabilia about such groups as the Deacons Car Club and Cedar Lake Pleasure Club, as well as Chester Fife & Drum Corps and Chester Rotary, and lots more. It's a fun exhibit that's bringing back lots of memories for everyone. Come see!

With our free admission, it's easy to drop by and stay as long as you wish with family, friends, or visitors. Enjoy relaxing on our deck overlooking the waterfall or sitting on our ancient millstones at our front door.

The museum is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm and Sundays, 10 am to 4 pm, free, through the end of October for self-guided tours. It is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible.

Membership

The Society's ongoing mission is to preserve and share Chester's rich history through exhibits and programs for all ages. Annual memberships are the foundation to do so. If not already a member, isn't it time to become one? Annual dues are \$30 (family) and \$20 (individual). Send your name and address to chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com and we'll send a membership form to you.

Be in the Know

Information about our activities, as well as new gifts to our archives, is in our monthly e-newsletter. To receive the e-news (membership not required), send your email address to chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com. All addresses are kept confidential. We are also on Facebook and regularly post old photos of Chester. Check it out at [Facebook.com/chestercthistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/chestercthistoricalsociety)

Save this date

Bring your treasures to our 13th Annual Antiques & Jewelry Appraisals: Saturday, November 12 at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 8:30 am. Details at www.ChesterHistoricalSociety.org.



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Can you believe that it is TAX TIME already!

There are some really important things to pay attention to this year! Because the new program called Civils that was started by DMV, it is extremely important for everyone to double check that when their tax bills arrive, the mailing address is accurate and also that each and every motor vehicle, you or someone in your family, owned on Oct 1, 2015 is billed to you or to them from the correct town. What I am referring to is that if you owned a MV and kept it in Chester as of Oct 1st, 2015, then the tax bill should come from Chester. It is possible that there will be a few errors this year, since the new DMV system might have caught a wrong **ADDRESS, CODE or LISTING** in some cases. If you find a MV bill comes to you from a wrong town, please call the **Assessor** from that different town, and please ask them if they could **DELETE** that MV from their town and have it added to the correct town, which in this case, would be Chester. In 99.9% of the cases, all the MVs should be listed accurately, but whenever there is a large computer change or upgrade, it is very possible that a glitch in the system could occur. Many hours have been devoted to research and cross referencing by the DMV and Assessors and Tax Collectors all across the state, trying to be sure this does not happen, but it is still possible that one or two errors might occur. With a lot of scrutiny and patience on the part of all, the few problems that might occur will get easily corrected and resolved all in a timely manner.

But remember, if you do NOT receive a bill, but should have received a bill, it is still your responsibility to research why this happened so that you can indeed pay the bill and not incur any penalty

or interest. There is a state statute that reminds us all that not receiving a bill does **NOT forgive the tax** or the any **interest** for any reason whatsoever! And do **NOT** wait till the last week of July to call an Assessor to get this fixed. All Assessors and Tax Collectors are busy **all month**, but they are dealing with many taxpayers especially the last week, so problems should be resolved **EARLY** in the month, **not** the **END** of the month.

Next important item to realize is that we do **NOT** accept **CREDIT** or **DEBIT** cards in Chester, but you can set up an account with your own bank, and still pay online if that is your preference.

A lot of people have been doing this and it works well for all concerned. But it is extremely important for you to put the accurate information on the online process. Please use your home address for Real Estate bills or the Unique id that is **BELOW** the bill number. That Unique id stays with the property forever, and if you use that you don't have to update your account each year. Do not use bill number, unless you remember to update the information online each and every year. Use a full name for MV payments, please!

Thanks for reading all this and remember, if you have questions, afternoons tend to be less busy, and we will try to help in whatever way possible. Have a great summer and remember to jot down that we do **NOT** mail out bills for January taxes, and you must remember to pay on your own or ask us to put you on our **REMINDER** list which is thru email or a phone call. Stay well!

Sincerely,
Madaline Meyer, TC

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Celebrating 75 Years Of Community Outreach

The United Church of Chester was founded on April 15, 1941, with a decision to unite the Baptist and Congregational churches. The two buildings were later combined and re-dedicated on May 1, 1949. The covenant for this new church was simply "To Serve."

Pot Roast suppers, rummage sales, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas fairs and children's holiday gifts are just a few things that come to mind when people in the community think of the United Church of Chester.

What they may not realize is that for generations, the church has quietly served the whole community. Hunger & loneliness live closer than many of us like to think.

The church opens its doors for community services like the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, AA meetings, Bible study, Scout meetings, and meetings for other clubs and



organizations. It provides a Food Pantry for those in need and coordinates with a social worker to ensure area children have gifts at Christmas, and our elderly and shut-ins have food & visits. A Backpack program provides healthy food on weekends for Chester children.

The United Church is affiliated with United Church of Christ, and all are welcome. Come to any events mentioned here or visit the church office: hours are Tues-Fri 9 am-1 pm or call (860) 526-2697 to speak with the secretary or our interim pastor, Rev. Lee Ireland.

Upcoming Events

- **Summer Services** at 10 am on Sundays: special music from soloists.
- **September 11, 2016:** guest speaker, Kent Siladi, UCC Conference Minister & President.
- **September 18, 2016: 75th Anniversary Celebration Potluck Picnic at Cedar Lake**, following service, 10:00 am. Bring a chair and a dish to share! All welcome! In case of rain, service and party will be held at UCC, 29 West Main Street.
- **September 25, 2016, Rally Day!**

From the Chester Office of Emergency Management

Grilling Safety

Many people will be firing up their grills throughout the summer. With grilling season set to be in full force, take time to review a few safety tips from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to protect yourself and your guests from a fire or burn injuries:

- Only use your grill outside;
- Keep it away from siding and deck rails;
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill to keep kids and pets safe;
- Clean your grill after each use to remove grease, which can start a fire;
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled;
- Open your gas grill before lighting; and
- Keep an eye on your grill fire pit or patio torches.

Before you fire up your grill, check out USFA's animation on grilling safety.

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Calendar of Events for Boards and Commissions

All meetings take place at Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, unless otherwise specified. Dates and times may change. Please be sure to check the town hall bulletin board or website www.chesterct.org before attending.

July 11th	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9am
July 11th	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15pm
July 11th	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7pm
July 12th	Land Trust	Town Hall	7pm
July 12th	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7pm
July 13th	Board of Selectmen Meeting	Town Hall	7pm
July 14th	Planning and Zoning Committee	Town Hall	7:30pm
July 18th	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30pm
July 18th	Library Board of Trustees	Town Hall	7:30pm
July 19th	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7pm
July 20th	Board of Fire Commissioners	Chester Hose Co	7pm
July 20th	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7pm
July 21st	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7pm
July 21st	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30pm
July 25th	Republican Town Committee	Town Hall	7pm
July 26th	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7pm
July 27th	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7pm
August 1st	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7pm
August 25th	Democratic Town Committee	Town Hall	7:30pm
August 3rd	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7pm
August 3rd	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7pm
August 8th	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9am
August 8th	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15pm
August 9th	Land Trust	Town Hall	7pm
August 9th	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7pm
August 10th	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7pm
August 15th	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30pm
August 15	Library Board of Trustees	Town Hall	7:30pm
August 16th	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7pm
August 17th	Board of Fire Commissioners	Chester Hose Co	7:30pm
August 17th	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7pm
August 18th	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7pm
August 18th	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30pm
August 22nd	Retirement Committee	Town Hall	5:30pm
August 22nd	Republican Town Committee	Town Hall	7pm
August 23rd	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7pm
August 25th	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7pm
September 6th	Democratic Town Committee	Town Hall	7:30pm
September 7th	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7pm
September 7th	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7pm
September 8th	Planning & Zoning	Town Hall	7:30pm

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September 27th	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7pm
September 27th	Park and Rec	Town Hall	7pm

Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

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The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a community center for the Estuary region's residents over 50 years old providing nutrition, transportation, health support services, education opportunities and socialization. We have been promoting healthy and active lifestyles for adults 50 and better through quality programs and services in the nine-town Estuary region for over 40 years. Please visit us at www.ecsenior.org for additional information or call us at (860) 388-1611.

Bingo At The Estuary! Every Thursday evening at the Estuary! Games begin at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Admission, including game package, is \$12 per player. Cash prizes with the progressive jackpot maximum payout of \$1,000 (increases \$100 each week). **Open to all ages.** Snacks and food sold during the evening.


Shoreline Chefs To Benefit Meals On Wheels. Sunday, September 25 from 3 to 6 pm at Water's Edge Resort & Spa. Area restaurateurs, caterers, home cooks, and neighborhood notables will be cooking up their best dishes for sampling. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available for purchase at the Estuary. Admission includes your tasting of all our many chef's recipes, a silent auction and entertainment. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

The Estuary Thrift Shop offers the best bargains on the shoreline. Clothing, furniture housewares, decorations,

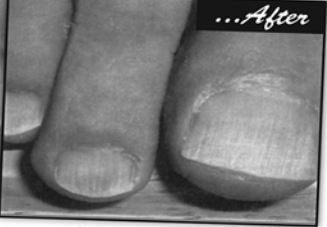
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Summer News from the Friends of the Library

On Thursday, July 7, we said goodbye to Linda Fox, who is retiring after 13½ years of serving as our Chester Library director, and help us welcome Stephanie Romano, as she becomes our new director.

Everyone who uses the Chester Library appreciates how Linda has made it such a welcoming place, while working tirelessly to improve its programs, materials and outreach. We will all miss her very much, but we are happy for her to begin retirement. We look forward to getting to know Stephanie this summer. Do come into the library to welcome her to Chester!

Who are the Friends?

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

The Friends fund all the programs and services for the Chester Library that are not paid for in the town budget. Book discussion groups for adults, materials and programs for children, museum and attraction passes, DVDs and the library's Netflix membership – they're all paid for by the Friends of the Chester Library (mostly through profits from the Book Sales, but also monetary donations).

Once again the Friends are running the Paperback Book Sale at the Chester Fair (you can start leaving your good-quality paperbacks at the library on Aug. 1). The Friends are also sponsoring their fourth annual raffle to raise more library funds (it will begin at the Chester Fair; watch for details to come).

Please participate in and support our efforts to make Chester Library a better place for you.

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Happy Summer Chester Friends!

Thanks to all who participated in the **Change Changes Lives fundraiser**. The baby bottles filled with generous change donations benefit pregnant women in crisis in Middlesex County through *A Better Choice Women's Center* in Middletown.

CCD registration for our 2016-2017 school year has begun. If you are new to Chester, know of a new family in town, or have a child in grades one through ninth, as of September 2016, please contact Joyce Leach at 860.767.2505 or dre@stjosephs-chester.org. Early religious instruction assists children in decision making and gives them the tools they need to live their catholic faith in everyday life.

Pope Francis encourages the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God and declared **2016 the Year of Mercy**. This is an invitation for us to show love, kindness, and unbounded generosity toward all. St Joseph's Parish would like to reach out to local residents with spiritual or basic needs. We will disclose a specific plan shortly.

Please join us after the 10:00 am mass on July 10th, August 14th, and September 11th for our monthly **Family Mass and Social Sunday**.

During the summer months remember to find time for each other, laugh a little, take pleasure in the beauties, and wonders of the earth, and be thankful for it all! On behalf of St. Joseph's Parish we wish you safe travels and a blessed summer season.

Tri Town Youth Services' Taste of the Valley 2016

Taste of the Valley is Tri-Town Youth Services' signature annual fundraising event, an event featuring local favorites in food and music. Save the date for this year's event, coming to a discerning palate near you on Friday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to get your tickets early and join us at the Deep River Historical Society, located at 245 Main Street.

Each year, our community gathers to enjoy delectable appetizers and desserts from area restaurants and caterers. Be prepared to cast your ballot for the restaurant who will take home the coveted Taste of the Valley fork this year. Music will be provided by Blues on the Rocks. *Note: This event is for adults age 21 and over.*

Please visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tasteofthevalley for the

latest event information. And please "like" us! For further information, please call Tri-Town at 860-526-3600.

Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau, Inc. is a nonprofit agency that coordinates, develops, and provides services dedicated to promoting the positive growth and development of youth and families in Chester, Deep River, and Essex.

Chester - Community Listings

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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
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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
Community Foundation of Middlesex County (860) 347-0025

WORSHIP SERVICES

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (860) 526-5495
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United Church of Chester (860) 526-2697

Chester Public Library

New Perspectives, New Energy

Perhaps you've noticed some new faces at the Chester Library; we're pleased to formally introduce them.

Kaylee Moen joined the staff as Circulation Assistant in April. Kaylee grew up in Deep River and is reported to have kept vigil at the mailbox waiting for her copy of Harry Potter to arrive years ago; she's always been a reader. You'll find her at the desk on Thursdays and Fridays; when you see her, ask her about her Princess!

July heralds the arrival of your new Library Director, Stephanie Romano. Stephanie comes to us from the Old Lyme Library where she has been Access Services Manager. Stephanie says, "I recently completed my Master's Degree in Library Science from Kent State University and am looking forward to the new direction my career is taking. I've enjoyed my time at the Old Lyme PGN Library and have made many friends but I'm looking forward to meeting the patrons of the Chester Public Library. When I am not at the library I enjoy walking, baking, camping with friends, hanging out with my four year-old grandson and of course reading!"

August is Food for Fines Month

This August the library will once again swap food for fines. Simply bring in non-perishable food, cleaning and personal care items; let us know the value of your donation; and we'll remove a corresponding amount from your accumulated late fees.

Especially needed are peanut butter, jam, condiments, cereal, cookies, and crackers. Laundry detergent, dish detergent, Kleenex and toilet tissue are also needed. The pantry is full-up with beans, soup and pasta, so please choose a different item to contribute. All items collected will be given to the Chester Food Pantry.

Check to be sure all items are within the 'use by' date. The food pantry cannot distribute items that are past date. Donations may not be used to pay for lost or damaged materials.

On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! At Chester Library This Summer. Registration is required for ALL of the following summer reading programs. Sign up now!

For Children

- **Monday Morning Story & Craft Hour, 10:30-11:30, Pre-K- 2nd Grade:** Upcoming programs include Honda's Surprise (7/11); Fish, Frogs, and Turtles (7/18); Bugs, Bugs, and More Bugs (8/1). It is all capped off with a Fancy Nancy party on August 8 (reading just one Fancy Nancy book earns you admission to the party). There is no story time on July 25.

- **Wednesday Afternoons, 4:30-6:00.** With programs called Garbage Archaeologists (7/13), Build Your Own Castle (7/20), Fractured Fairy Tales (8/3), and Charades (8/10), Wednesday afternoons will be creative and fun. There is no program on July 27. For more information about any program, visit the library website, or pick up an info sheet at the library.

For Teens

Tackle your summer reading requirement with a book discussion.

- **John Winthrop Middle School, July 14 at 5:00 pm.** Participate in a discussion of *The Dark Game* by Paul Janeczko: Intrigue and danger hit the Chester Library! From Eisenhower's cows to prisoner-moles to today's eyes in the sky, we'll decode several profiles of notable spies and their games. Pre-registration is required. Books will be available at the library while the supply lasts.
- **Valley Regional High School, August 11 or August 18, 5:30- 7:00:** Travel back in time with us as we explore the world of *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. There will be snails and shells (many kinds), towers and magical radio transmissions to guide us through the darkness. Pre-registration is essential as space is limited. Books will be available on a first come, first served basis.

For Adults

- **Exercise Your Mind: READ,** our summer reading program for adults runs through August 31. Sign up online, exercise your mind reading whatever you please, and you'll be eligible to win our 'Exercise Your Mind' prize bag. More details online.
- **Especially for Parents:** On Special Summer Saturdays (July 30 and August 27) from 11:00 to 12:00, Mrs. Applesauce will set out toys and board books for the tots so parents can meet and greet one another in a relaxed play time.
- **Borrow a Watt meter:** Is 'vampire load' sucking the life out of your energy budget? Is that 'free' freezer in the basement more costly than you thought?

Find out! Ask Chester Library about borrowing a Watt meter. Watt meters were provided by the Chester Conservation Commission through the Community Innovations Grant Program.

For the Whole Family:

Summer's End Celebration! Join us for the end of the summer reading program celebration on Saturday, August 13. All participants of the Chester Library summer reading program are invited. We will have a short presentation for the participants and a cool refreshment. Family members are encouraged to attend.

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Presenting your Summer Reading logs* at the circulation desk **before** August 10 gains you admission to the event.

*Summer Reading Log is either the stamp booklet handed out on June 18 or your Governor's Reading log filled out.

Looking Ahead to Fall

Book Discussions: Our fall book discussions for adults will take a look at two National Book Award winners, *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann and *Fortune Smiles* by Adam Johnson. Discussions are planned for Tuesdays, September 27 and October 25, respectively, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the library. Marsha Bansavage will be discussion leader. Please call the library to register and to obtain copies of the books.

News from Chester Merchants

The Chester Merchants group is considering renaming itself, and all suggestions are welcome. We're not just Chester "merchants." We're also Chester businesspeople and community organizations that love Chester. While showcasing our shops, restaurants and galleries, our ultimate goal is to attract visitors to Chester and encourage them to settle down here.

This spring we rejoiced in the opening of the Main Street Bridge while also celebrating the international award won by our "Chester Walking Song" video created by Annalisa Russell-Smith, of Local Planet

Productions (located across from our post office). You can watch our Chester video at vimeo.com/157448900.

This summer, we're fully engaged in the Chester Sunday Market and so appreciative of the efforts of Market Manager Sue Hotkowski, and we're planning our own Sunday activities at our shops and galleries. We're looking forward to celebrating First Fridays in Chester (look for special events in the shops and galleries on the first Friday evening of each month this summer). In August, during Chester Fair weekend, the shops in Chester Center are offering Summer Sales, and

we're planning the annual Come Home to Chester evening on Friday, Sept. 16.

Anyone interested in keeping our town vibrant and attractive to visitors is invited to attend our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday morning of each month. You can sign up for our email notification of meetings and more by writing to chestermerchants@gmail.com. If you have any questions, talk to Suzie Woodward at Lark.

Other ways to be informed are through our visitchesterct.com website and [Facebook.com/visitchesterct](https://www.facebook.com/visitchesterct).

Library Building Project

Keep up with the latest developments in the effort to create a new community library for Chester by attending a Building Committee meeting (1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm at Town Hall), checking the library website (look for **Library Building Project** in the drop down menu under **Library** on the town website) or stopping by Town Hall or the library to take a look at the project notebook.

Library Hours

Open hours are Mondays 10-8; Tuesdays 2-6; Wednesdays 10-6; Thursdays 2-8; Fridays 10-6; Saturdays 10-2. The library will be closed on Labor Day, September 5.

Visit the library website anytime at http://chesterct.org/?page_id=286.

Like Chester Library on Facebook.

'Tis the Season for Chester Sunday Market

Enjoy shopping and hanging out in Chester Center from 10 am to 1 pm every Sunday at the Chester Sunday Market now through Oct. 9.

The Chester Sunday Market is a weekly town-wide farmers' market that brings our community together. We invite local vendors to sell produce, meats, cheeses, breads and so much more. Our goal is to stay local so we can help the smaller farmers in the area. Having all these amazing vendors join us in our lovely little town is a great way to promote our community and see each other. Main Street is closed off for the market, giving the patrons the freedom to walk about town. Live music is provided every week along with a bistro area so you can sit and have a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza.

Each week a local nonprofit organization is featured at the Community Tent at the market. If you are a Chester business (even if it's in your home), we invite you to showcase the business at the Business Tent one Sunday. Check out the website at <http://chestersundaymarket.jimdo.com/> or [Facebook.com/ChesterSundayMarket](https://www.facebook.com/ChesterSundayMarket) for more information.

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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.

A Busy Year for Troop 13:

The Boy Scouts of Troop 13 have also been actively camping and enjoying the outdoors this spring. They worked on earning merit badges in Climbing, Crime Prevention, Communication, and Family Life. The troop attended an overnight Climbing Merit Badge program at Prime Climb in Wallingford and the Mattabesett Trail District Spring Camporee held at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds in April. In April scouts from Troop 13 also attended the Merit Badge Madness held at Xavier High School. The boys have certainly had a busy year of fun and learning leadership skills.



Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts Troop 13 Court of Honor, June 8th at Camp Hazen.

June Court of Honor:

Troop 13 held their June Court of Honor at the Camp Hazen Pavilion on June 8. 87 merit badges were earned by the boys since February 2016.

The following boys earned Rank advancements.

Junior Assistant Scoutmasters: Michael Berardis, Dean Kollmer, Cooper Robbins and James Ruty.

Life: Matthew Bourke.

First Class: Adam Carroll, Zach Gilbert, Jacob Kateley, Michael Roise, James Tedeschi.

Second Class: Brady Ingram, Benjamin Safran, Jack Whittaker, Zach Kirla.

Scout: Joshua Yumbla.

Upcoming Plans for Summer 2016:

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

A crew of 9 Boy Scouts from Troop 13 along with Assistant Scout Masters Alex Toles, Mike Ruty and Vic Hoehnebart will be heading to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM this summer to hike in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the Rocky Mountains. We all wish them well and look forward to hearing of their adventures.

Information:

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



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For more information please call the Epilepsy Foundation of CT at 860-346-1924.

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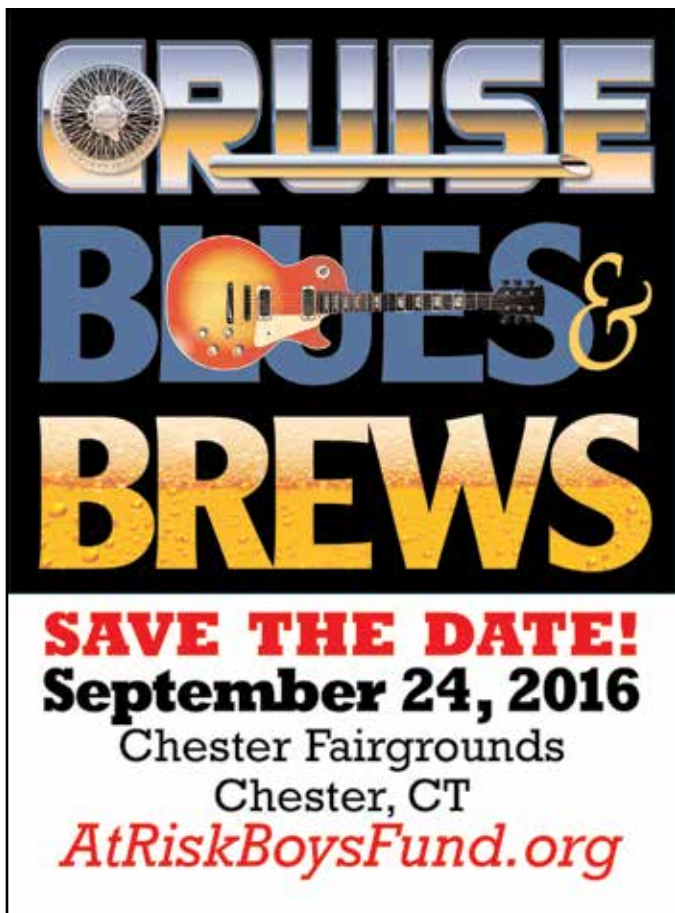
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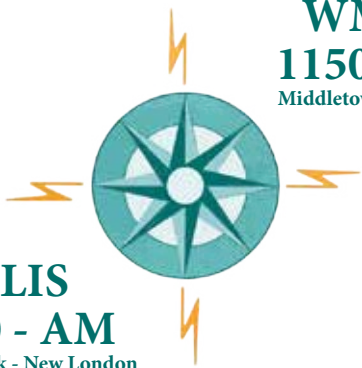
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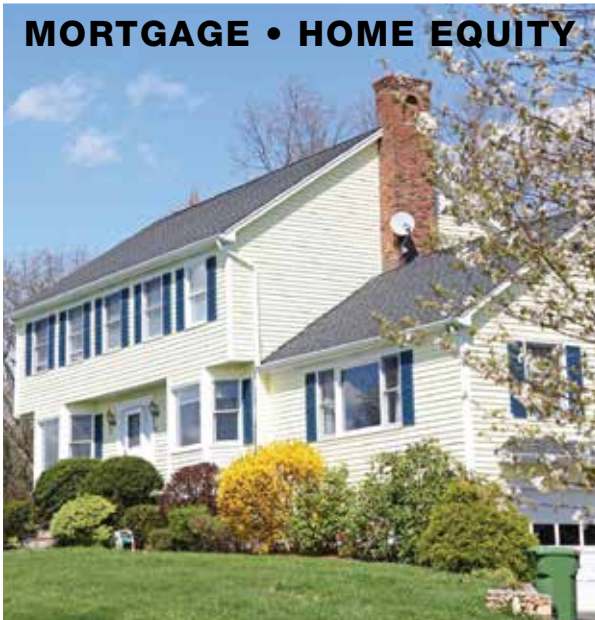
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