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First Selectwoman's Corner

2018-2019 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 is fiscally responsible, prudent and responsive to the taxpayers: ensures the continued maintenance of our town services and infrastructure, and allows for improvement to some of our best loved treasures, such as North Quarter Park and the Meeting House.

We were able to retain much of our state revenue, although some portions are controversial and will likely be threatened in future years as well. Our overall goal with the budget is to have enough revenue growth and keep expenses low enough to avoid any large spikes in the mill rate. In the end, the Board of Finance set the mill rate for 2018/2019 at 27.11; an increase of .75.

Connecticut River Area Health District

I hope you will all join me in congratulating Chester's sanitarian, Lee Vito and our Health Director, Dr. Konrad Kotrady on their respective retirements. As a consequence, we have spent the past several months researching the best service possible to ensure Chester's continued public health protection and sanitary services. I am happy to announce that, as of July 1, 2018, Chester will become the newest member town of the Connecticut

River Area Health District, or CRAHD, currently headquartered in Old Saybrook. We will continue to maintain our sanitarian

property records at Town Hall and will have a dedicated sanitarian in the Land Use office on Monday and Wednesday mornings and at least one Tuesday evening per month. Watch the Chester website for more information about schedules. Additionally, the Health District is available to Chester on a full time basis for services such as emergent inspections, well and other types of contamination, public health education and emergency response public health coverage. The sanitarian can be reached in Town Hall at 860-526-0013 x206. Welcome CRAHD and best of luck to Lee and Konrad in their new adventures!



Lauren Gister,
First Selectwoman

Go away pesky weeds!

Recently, through the conscientious effort of our Cedar Lake Watershed Committee, we have completed hydro-raking in three major areas of Cedar Lake. The invasive weeds were not only unsightly, but were also creating an unsafe environment for
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An advertisement for Saybrook Country Barn. The background is a photograph of a poolside patio with white plastic outdoor furniture (chairs and a table) with blue cushions. The table is set with plates, glasses, and a hat. In the background, there is a swimming pool, a boat, and a house. The text "Outdoor Furniture Built To Last" is overlaid on the top right of the image. The Saybrook Country Barn logo is in a dark blue box at the bottom right. Below the logo is the address "2 Main Street - Old Saybrook CT". At the bottom left, there is a phone number "860-388-0891" and the website "saybrookcountrybarn.com". At the bottom center, the slogan "Home is better when you love where you live." is written in a large, white, serif font.

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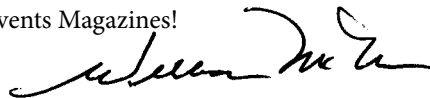
Dear Readers and Advertisers!

It is with great excitement that I announce the launch of Events Magazines' inaugural "The Last Word" segment.

What is "The Last Word?"

"The Last Word" is a new feature article that will appear on the last page of all of our 13 magazines (as you may know we currently publish Events Magazines in 13 Connecticut towns). Each quarter there will be a story about someone with Connecticut ties who has made major accomplishments not only in his/her professional field but also in the community. Our inaugural "The Last Word" segment for the third quarter of 2018 highlights NASCAR professional driver Joey Logano, who is a native of Middletown, CT. It touches on his racing career milestones as well as his work in Connecticut and around the country through the Joey Logano Foundation.

All of us at Events Magazines hope you enjoy our first-ever "The Last Word" feature. We look forward to continuing to serve the community through our Events Magazines!



William McMinn, Owner, Essex Printing & Events Magazines

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boaters and swimmers, and were contributing to the excessive nourishment of our beautiful watershed. We have put funding in our budget on a continuing basis to be able to keep a minimum level of maintenance over the years, and anticipate having to repeat this hydro-raking or a similar process every two to three years. Enjoy!

SustainableCT

As you are no doubt well aware, Chester's ETeam, Conservation Commission, Cedar Lake Watershed Committee, Chester Merchants and many others have been very active in working to reduce energy consumption, protect our natural resources and keep our town thriving culturally. With the recent formation of the Sustainable CT certification program, towns in CT will be able to learn from each other and have a roadmap for success. I am please to announce that Chester has joined this voluntary statewide initiative and is in the process of forming a Sustainable Chester Committee. To that end, we are seeking volunteers for this committee. If you think you may be interested, please go to the SustainableCT.org website and check it out. If you are interested, please submit a statement of interest to Jenny Watrous at jennywatrous@chesterct.org.

Plan of Conservation and Development update

We continue to work with Milone & McBroom on the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). A new survey is being developed to gather more public input about specific priorities for projects in our future, and we hope to have additional opportunities for public presentations and feedback. Please give us a hand by participating - more information from a maximum number of residents is always preferable. We expect to have this state mandated document complete prior to the end of the calendar year. Please go to www.weknowwhereitis.org for updates, schedules and more information. - including the results of the first survey and summaries of the public workshops.

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. 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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Our gallage off-loaded from boats here represents 8.65% of the total coastal (and Candlewood Lake) fixed stations and other mobile operations. In the last three years we have grown by 51%. In 2017, from the 115,623 gallons of waste we collected, we were able to eliminate 535 tons of material, including 96.49 pounds of nitrogen, (the pollution [illness and disease causing] agent) from entering the River.

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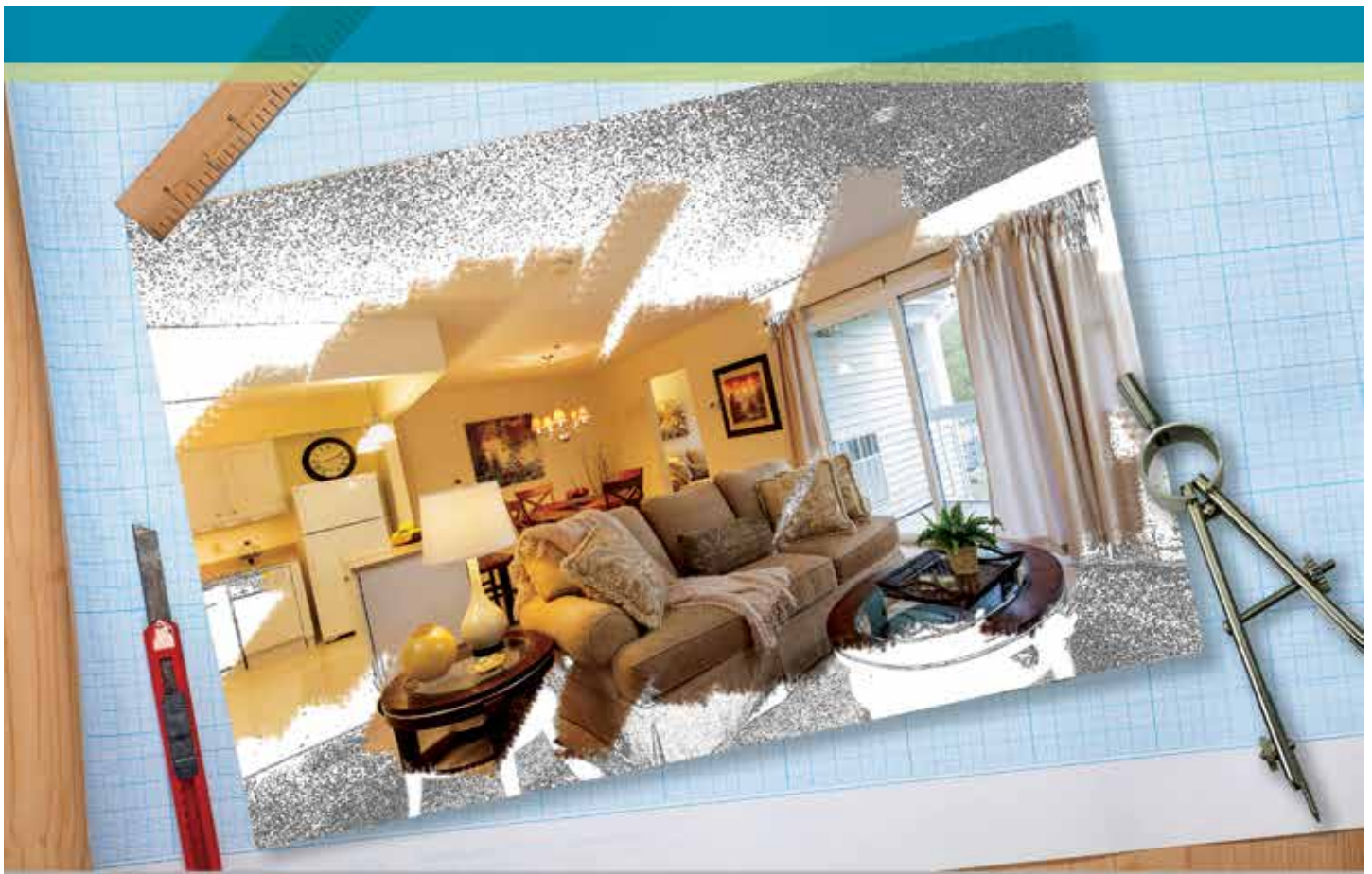
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Along with a new pricing model and more assistive services including a full-time wellness nurse, Masonicare at Chester Village is ready to be *your* senior living community.

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For more information go to our website at www.brayce.org.



L-R Luis 2018 recruit, Diana Brazil Coordinator, Claudio 2018 LEA recruit, Margot President BRAYCE, Thais 2018 recruit, Rafael Brazil Coordinator and BRAYCE Graduate

Chester Merchants Association - Keeping Chester Vibrant

The goal of the Chester Merchants Group is to bring visitors to Chester and, most especially, into Chester Center. Our town's eclectic balance of theater, history, shops, and memorable galleries and restaurants offers something for everyone, whether they are tourists or residents of Chester.

The Chester merchants pool talents and resources to organize, plan and execute activities and events that keep the downtown of Chester vibrant and in the forefront of people's minds.

Among these events are the monthly First Fridays, offered year-round, when stores and galleries stay open until 8 p.m. with drink, food and special offers.

All are welcome to join our Chester Merchants Group. For ideas, information and networking in a casual atmosphere of like-minded business owners and other lovers of Chester, join us at our meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. For more details, email chestermerchants@gmail.com.

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Chester Museum at The Mill

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Membership Opens Our Doors for Special Times

Having a gathering of family or friends? Wish to share Chester with others? Now Chester Historical Society members can

consider a visit to Chester Museum at The Mill at times other than normal museum hours (Sat 1-4, Sun 10-4). In season, off-season; we'll work with you to schedule a visit tailored to your needs and times. Call Diane Lindsay (860-526-2443) to start the process.

Not a member?

Stop by the museum, check it out, then download a membership form from our website, chesterhistoricalsociety.org. Annual dues are just \$30 per family, \$20 for individual. We are now offering a free copy of Kate Silliman's "Chester Scrapbook" (\$15 value) with every new membership.

Vintage Ball Game

On Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 pm, three teams will face off in the 5th Annual Vintage Base Ball Game presented by the Chester, Deep River and Essex Historical Societies

at Devitt Field in Deep River. In this free, family-friendly event, the teams will be playing base ball by the rules of the year 1857 (when "baseball" was spelled as two words), using replica bats and balls from the 1900s and wearing reproduction uniforms. Bring a chair to supplement bleacher seating. Raindate is Sept. 23.

Other Special Events

We are in the early stages of planning an old movies night with Deep River Historical Society. Thanks to our collaborative grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we have digitized old films of the area and will be editing them for group watching.

We are also working with the Deep River and Essex Historical Societies and area veterans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the World War I Armistice this fall.

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We celebrate all of you who share the same desire to work in partnership to help our local community thrive today, and tomorrow. We invite you to learn more by calling us at 860-347-0025 or visiting us online at MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

Please stay in the know through our Facebook page (Facebook.com/chestercthistoricalsociety) or our e-news (to receive it, please send your email address to chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com). You can also watch our website, chesterhistoricalsociety.org.

Tax Office

THE PERFECT STORM as related to taxes and the tax office!

At this busy time of tax collecting, I would like to remind all of you why it is so important to pay taxes on time, especially MV taxes. Here's why: Back in March, during our large nor'easter, a young lady was pulled over by the police since her car was not registered. She was polite to the police officer, and in turn, he was polite back to her. She explained that she did not know her MV was not registered since she had never received the paperwork from DMV. He informed her that she was also late paying her taxes, and again, she told him she had never received a tax bill. The tax office had just closed, and would not reopen until Tuesday.

Our office is not open most Mondays, but I happened to go into the office, and this very distressed but polite young woman came in with her "driver" since she could not drive her unregistered MV until things were cleared up. I was able to tell her how much her taxes were and she paid with cash, but I could not release her with DMV because even though the power had come back to Town Hall, one day after the storm, we had no internet, and that is how you release late paying taxpayers. She was going to have to WAIT LONGER & continue to have her "driver" take her places.

When we still did not have internet on that Tuesday, I was going to drive to Haddam Town Hall and use their internet to release her with DMV. You cannot use home computers for this technical process and you cannot let anyone else use your user name or password because of the very serious and restrictive contract that Tax Collectors signed with the DMV. So because her mail had actually never reached her, and we had 3 envelopes returned to us, showing they had been returned, she had not received either item. Therefore she had been driving an unregistered MV with delinquent taxes.

At noon on Tuesday, internet was restored, and so I did not have to go to Haddam. A word to the wise, pay your taxes on time and call the Tax Collector in July and maybe also in January. If you do NOT receive your MV taxes, to make sure you have no taxes due! Check online for MV registration info!

Do NOT get caught in the PERFECT STORM ruining your driving ability and maybe getting ticketed!

Sincerely,
Madaline Meyer & Kristie Valentino

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The Meeting House Players - Open Auditions

The Meeting House Players are happy to announce open auditions for Norm Foster's comedy "The Ladies Foursome" to be held on Tuesday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 29 at 7 pm at the Meeting House located at 4 Liberty Street in Chester.

The story unfolds on a golf course. The day after their friend Catherine's funeral, three women gather for a round of golf in honor of their recently departed forth. The foursome had been playing together for many years. At the first tee they are joined by another woman, an old friend of Catherine's they'd never met. Over the course

of 18 holes secrets and confessions unravel as the women discuss love, sex, children and everything in between. The ensemble cast of four ladies includes two women in their 50's, one a prominent, local business woman, the other a local television anchor woman as well as one woman in her early 40's, a stay at home mom married to a successful, local doctor. The fourth woman, who joins these three friends is mid 30's to mid 40's, the proprietor of a vacation lodge located upstate and, of course, a golfer.

All those auditioning will be asked to read from the script. Golf experience not

required! The performance dates for "The Ladies Foursome" will be November 2, 3, 9 & 10, 2018. Contact Debbie Alldredge at TheMeetingHousePlayers@gmail.com for more information.

The Meeting House Players is an all volunteer, community theatre group. In addition to actors we are looking for anyone interested having some fun and assisting behind the scenes with sets, costumes and more. Whether you have experience with a hammer or have never held a paint brush, we invite you to join us. Contact us at TheMeetingHousePlayers@gmail.com.

Summer News from the Friends of the Library

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 reduced admission for your family to Florence Griswold Museum 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 proceeds from the book sales, but also through monetary donations).

Once again the Friends will run the Paperback Book Sale at the Chester Fair (you can start leaving your good-quality paperbacks at the library on Aug. 1). If you would like to volunteer to help at the Fair, please call Diane Lindsay at 526-2443 or leave your name at the library.

Speaking of Diane Lindsay, she has single-handedly run all our book sales for many years, but she is stepping down after this year's sale at the Fair. Our town is in her debt for all the funds she has raised for the library. This year, for instance, our book sales raised just over \$3000.

We ask you for your support of our book sales, through book donations and purchases, and also ask that you consider making a monetary tax-deductible donation in any amount, payable to The Friends of Chester Public Library, and drop it off or mail it to the library at 21 West Main St.



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Town Clerk - Primary

There will be a Democratic and Republican Primary on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. However, as of this writing, we do not have the exact offices that will be involved in the Primary.

If you are registered either Democratic or Republican, you can cast your vote in the Primary. If you are going to be out of Town on that date, you can request an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk. For further information, contact the Town Clerk at 860-526-0013 Ext. 510.

Debra Germini Calamari, Town Clerk

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ACTIVITIES

Heritage Bus Tour - On Sunday, October 14th at 9:30 am the Heritage Bus Tour will be pulling out of the CBSRZ driveway. The tour will be seeing the original synagogue in Moodus, winding our way through the places where CBSRZ history was first made: the farms, resorts and (former) synagogues before lunching at the East Haddam Historical Society. After lunch, we'll make our way back to Chester and Deep River before disembarking at CBSRZ. Reserve your place for this trip back into time and place. Call CBSRZ (860-526-8920) and make your reservation. For more information visit www.cbsrz.org/events.

Challah Making Workshop on Sunday, October 21st at 10:30 am with Sam Kantrow / Channel 8 Meteorologist. Sam will demonstrate the art and technique of making the best challah. Call CBSRZ (860-526-8920) and make your reservation. For more information visit www.cbsrz.org/events.

Art Gallery - August, September and October, "Images Sous-Marin" by David Zeleznik
David Zeleznik, peer-pressured into scuba diving, loved the sense of exploring a magnificent world hidden from most eyes and started taking cameras along to share his sense of wonder with land-bound friends. "The art of capturing animal camouflage and spotting critters that others swim past unnoticed" are two of his greatest joys. David opens this color-filled and exciting water world to us in his upcoming exhibit. The Art Gallery exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information about the Art Gallery visit www.cbsrz.org/engage/events/art-exhibits/ or call the CBSRZ office at 860-526-8920.

What You Can Do To Help Keep Our Streams and Lakes Clean

Do you have any idea where stormwater and material that get into Chester's roadside catch basins and storm drains go? The answer is that they end up in our lakes and streams and may eventually discharge into the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound. The problem is that stormwater often carries all sorts of pollutants that wash off pavement and our lawns (pesticides, lawn fertilizer, road sand, salt, pathogens from pet waste, etc.) or that are "dumped" into catch basins (used motor oil, grass clippings, paint, etc.).

Polluted stormwater is called non-point source pollution. It's pollution that has many but not clearly identifiable sources. It is the most common type of water pollution and the most difficult to control.

In Chester there are over 500 stormwater catch basins. The town has mapped the locations of all catch basins and stormwater outfalls and is required by the State periodically to test the quality of the stormwater to insure there are no significant pollution problems.

Here are a few things we all can do to help minimize pollutants getting into stormwater and polluting our water bodies: Avoid using pesticides and herbicides that are harmful to aquatic life.

Don't over fertilize your lawn – the grass can't use the excess nutrients and it saves you money – apply fertilizer at the right time of year and use organic fertilizer if possible.

Have your septic tank pumped every 5 years as required by town ordinance.

Never ever dump anything into a catch basin and don't sweep grass clippings into the street.

Collect roof runoff in rain barrels and use it to water landscape plantings.

For more information about protecting water quality, see The Backyard Water Resources Guide published by the CT River Coastal Conservation District and available on the Chester Conservation Commission's website at: chesterct.org/town-government/conservation-commission

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Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley Announces 2018 Scholarship Award Recipient



Pictured above from left to right: Peg Lieberman (VNLV Board Member), Dan Tavares (VNLV Board Member), Jeffrey Riggio (Scholarship Winner), Judith Heiser (VNLV Board Member), Robert Sampson (VNLV President)

In honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murtha of Essex, Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley (VNLV) awarded their annual scholarship to one deserving local high school senior. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of academic achievement, volunteerism and motivation. Emphasis is placed on healthcare in the selection process.

Susan Maxwell, Executive Director, stated, "This year's deserving student, Jeffrey Riggio, really stood out to us for his hard work, commitment and passion for entering the healthcare field. He was an exceptional candidate and we were pleased to honor him as this year's sole scholarship winner."

Healthcare is growing and talented individuals such as this student will bring healthcare into the future. VNLV is proud to recognize Jeffrey's achievements and wishes him the best in his future healthcare endeavors.

About Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley is a not-for-profit, Medicare and Medicaid certified home health care organization serving the Lower Connecticut River Valley and eastern shoreline region. For more information, please visit their website www.visiting-nurses.org or call (860) 767-0186.

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries

Meal Site - Chester / Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 pm
United Church of Chester 29 West Main Street, Chester, CT 06412

Chester - Community Listings

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Chester Land Trust (860) 526-2775
 Chester Fair (860) 526-5947
 Chester Democratic Town Committee . . . www.chesterctdems.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

LIBRARY

Chester Public Library (860) 526-0018

POST OFFICE

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

Chester Rotary's 4th Annual Lobster Festival

SEPTEMBER 8 - SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, the Rotary Club of Chester will host its 48th Annual Lobster Festival fundraiser at the Chester Fairgrounds.

Join friends and family for a memorable evening of great food, good fun and live music. 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. The fabulous band *Someone You Can X-Ray* will be providing live music so plan to dance the night away!

Tickets will be going on sale soon. Seating is limited, so mark your calendars now and plan to purchase your tickets early. For event updates visit www.ChesterRotary.org, stop by the Chester Rotary table at the Chester Sunday Market or check your

local events calendars. The Chester Rotary is dedicated to providing funding, service and support to our local community as well as to national and international charitable organizations. All the proceeds from this not-to-be-missed fundraiser will support these causes. So, polish your dancing shoes and get ready to put on your lobster bib for this annual event that has become a Chester tradition!

Book a Bus Ride on Your Smartphone

9 Town Transit's new mobile app promises to simplify your travels throughout the valley-shore region. You can now book trips yourself in real-time right from your Android or Apple device without the need of calling, for the same flat \$3.50 fare.

The app allows users direct access to review and manage their transportation needs. Reservations are booked or canceled with a few taps. Notifications remind passengers when the pick-up time approaches, reducing the need to call and check on the bus arrival time.

Probably the biggest enhancement is the ability to see how far away the bus is. When you are the next trip, you can view the exact location of your bus on a visual map.

"The goal of this app is to make using the bus more like the ride-hailing services that have become a popular means of travel," says Joseph Comerford, Executive Director of 9 Town Transit. He adds that while trips must still be booked a day in advance now, they are looking at ways to do same day trips with this new technology.

The app, called Ecolane, can be download from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. It requires the customer to obtain login information from 9 Town Transit, which can be done by phone at 860-510-0429 or online at www.9towntransit.com. The service is open to the general public and is available for trips anywhere within the twelve town service area Monday through Friday.

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Chester Parks and Recreation - Summer News

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Cedar Lake 2018

The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to be open for the 2018 season from June 15 through August 19, 10:30 am until 6:00 pm. Hours may vary according to staff availability, training, weather, or special programs.

Access to the Town parks, including the beaches on Cedar Lake, is by permit only. Non-resident passes are available at Pelletier Park during operating hours for \$65 per household. Chester residents may enter staffed facilities by showing a driver's license, or other proof of residency or taxpayer status with identification. Groups of 10 or more must make reservations in advance and provide a certificate of liability insurance.

Fishing! To avoid hooks in swimmers' feet, do not fish in the swimming areas, even in the off-season!

If your child is in the water you should be too!

With the opening of Cedar Lake the Parks and Recreation Department would like to remind parents to please watch

your children while they are in the water, and do not leave them unattended at the facility. Drowning is the second leading cause of trauma deaths for ages 1-19 years old and the third leading cause of ALL deaths of children 0-4 years of age. There are 3,533 fatal (non-boating related) drownings annually in the United States. This is about 10 drowning deaths per day.

We would like all patrons to realize that no one is permitted in the water if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or while they are chewing gum or eating. Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70% of deaths associated with water recreation.

Please remember that head first entries are not permitted at our swimming facilities. This includes throwing children into the water. Head-first entries are the leading cause of sports related spinal injuries.

We hope you enjoy the Town properties maintained by the Chester Park and Recreation Commission.

They include:

Pelletier Park

Lake View Park

The Baseball Fields at Chester Elementary School

L'Hommedieu Park

Chester Creek Overlook

North Quarter Park

Parker's Point Boat Launch.

Contact us if you have a comment or a concern regarding any one of our parks! Call 526-0013 extension 223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org

Karate for Students ages 5 to 15

Karate classes for youth of all ages with instructor Tammy Marino, are held in the Community Meeting Room at Chester Town Hall. The program is held on Mondays, from 5:00 until 6:00 pm. The cost of the program is \$45, payable to "Tammy Marino", for each five class session.

Summer Session: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Session 1: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, Session 2: October 15, 22, 29, November 19, 26, Session 3: December 3, 10, 17, January 7, 14, Session 4: January 28, February 4, 11, 25, March 4, Session 5: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, Session 6: April 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3.

Field Hockey Clinics with the Valley Regional High School Coaches and Players

Field Hockey for grades 2 through 8 will be held at Chester Elementary School. Look for the dates in late August, after the high school games are scheduled. No previous experience is required. Learn a new sport or practice your skills. All levels are welcome. Sticks, balls, mouth guards and goggles will be provided, but students may bring their own equipment. The fee is \$10 per player or \$15 per family for the three sessions.



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\$35 for one class, \$45 for both classes - CPR/AED is on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. Add First Aid on Friday, October 12, 2018, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Collomore Concerts Begin 45th Season

For its 45th season, the Robbie Collomore Concert Series will offer all four of its concerts between Sept. 23 and Nov. 25. They will be on Sundays at 5 p.m. in our Chester Meeting House. Tickets and season subscriptions are available now.

The season begins on Sept. 23 with violinist Stella Chen and pianist Tomer Gewirtzman, playing concertos by Brahms and Beethoven in the Barbara and Edmund Delaney Young Artists Concert. These prizewinning young artists, who have performed worldwide, have won much acclaim. Stella Chen has been called by the Wall Street Journal a “rising star to watch,” while Tomer Gewirtzman has been hailed by the Washington Post as an artist of “formidable virtuosity and stylistic sensitivity.”

Jazz vocalist René Marie will sweep you off your feet at her Oct. 14 concert. She has been called “one of the more creative female jazz singers on the scene today” by All About Jazz, and JazzTimes ranks her “among the most dynamic jazz vocalists.”

Two more concerts wrap up the Collomore season: young Juilliard pianist Salome Jordania on Nov. 14, and Andes Manta performing the vibrant music of the Andes on more than 35 traditional instruments on Nov. 25 (they performed at the Meeting House in 2004 and people have never forgotten their incredible concert).

You can meet the performers at the reception that follows each concert.

Tickets and subscriptions can be purchased online at www.collomoreconcerts.org using PayPal. For more details about each concert, check the website (collomoreconcerts.org). The Collomore Concert series is under the auspices of the Chester Historical Society.



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Chester Public Library

Adult Programs

Jul – Aug – **“Libraries Rock.”** Our summer reading program kicked off in June but that doesn't mean you still can't participate. Register online (<http://chesterct.org/library/library-programs/>) start reading and don't forget to record your books. Read whatever you like in whatever format you prefer. At summer's end, you will be entered in our drawing for a prize. So get started and happy reading!

Sept. 6 – **“Bringing Turtles Out of Their Shells.”** Pamela Meier, state-permitted wildlife rehabilitator and local resident, will talk about CT's native turtles - many which live in our area – and bring along some chelonian friends, too. Learn how to identify difference species and genders, what to do (and not do) if you find a turtle, what rehabbing these ancient reptiles are all about, and how you can help. Suitable for ages 8+, registration encouraged. This program will take place at the Town Hall, 6:30 pm.

Sept. 13 – **“Essential Oils.”** Elena Bigio, wellness advocate and owner of Pure Gifts of Nature, a wellness company, will present and educate people on 10 essential oils. Elena will provide a description of the oils, its primary benefits, uses and directions for use. She will also educate people to be aware that although there are many oils on the market, they are not all created equal. The class will have an opportunity to sample the oils, and allow for questions and comments. This free program will take place at the library, 6:30 pm. Registration encouraged.

Oct. 10 – **“Woman in the Window.”** Facilitator and discussion leader Marsha Bansavage is back for our fall book discussion. This program will take place at the library from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and is free, but registration is encouraged. Call 860-526-0018 for more information and to register. Books will be available at the library on a first-come, first-served basis.

Oct. 11, 18 & 25 – **“Writer's Workshop in 3 parts.”** Local author Susan Strecker will present a 3 part writer's workshop. Part I will be The Seven Elements of Successful Novels, pt. II Sharing Work, Tightening and Cutting, The Art of Dialogue, pt. III The Art of the Perfect Query Letter and Publishing Options. This program is free and will take place at the library. Registration encouraged.

Children's Programs

Jul. 21 – **“Libraries Rock – Martha Herrle, Community Music School.”** Miss Martha from Community Music School will host a program of traditional and new sing-along songs for young children and their caregivers. Using rhythm instruments, scarves and lots of movement, we'll explore high energy songs that are full of fun – and we'll learn a thing or two about music along the way! Hope you can join us. As part of our Swingin' Saturdays Summer Events, submit a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Aug. 4 – **“Libraries Rock – Music with Margie.”** Singin' Round the Campfire with Margie, based on her acclaimed CD, Margie brings a portable campfire to help teach kids the lost art of campfire songs.

Aug. 18 – **“Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party with Jonathan from Corner Music.”** Raffle and Prize Drawing. Jonathan Kehew is a singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and for 12 years, owner of Corner Music in Old Saybrook, where he teaches children of all ages. His performances feature classic American folk and pop songs, with hands-on opportunities for children to try out the instruments he brings to the show!

Sept. 8 – **“Up & Down Roller Coasters”** (grades pre-K and Kindergarten). The Children's Museum of Southeastern CT presents Up & Down Roller Coasters. Students will learn about force, motion and gravity by building roller coasters out of variety of materials along with problem-solving what to do if their roller coaster tracks don't work.

Sept. 29 – **“Hogan's Hope, Kids Edition!”** Connie Bombaci will be in appearance for the Chester Public Library to offer young patrons a presentation on deaf dogs and information on her award-winning book, Hogan's Hope: A Deaf Hero's Inspirational Quest for Love and Acceptance. As a special treat for everyone, her sweet, deaf dog, Judea, will accompany Connie to demonstrate just how smart deaf dogs are and what great family members they can be!

Oct. 13 – **“Painting Class w/Leif Nilsson.”** Leif Nilsson is a Contemporary Connecticut Impressionist painter. His Spring Street Studio and Gallery here in Chester is a staple of the community. We are thrilled to offer our young patrons this unique artistic opportunity of instruction by Leif. The painting class will be “en plein air” if weather permits. Registration is required and limited to 12 participants. There is a \$10 materials fee payable in advance to secure your spot.

Oct. 31 – **“Haunted Library.”** Take a ghoulish tour of our library with tricks and treats galore. Visit the library anytime for a treat but the haunted library starts at 5:30 pm.

*****Children's Programs begin at 10:30 am**

Every Monday – Story Hour. Join Miss Trish for Story Hour with new props! Scarves, Egg Shakers, a Bubble Machine and sensory bins. Story Hour typically includes themed read-alouds, rhymes, fingerplays and craft. Caregivers are encouraged to check-out books while little ones engage in open-ended play in our children's area at the end.

Seeking Volunteers for Well Water Testing in Deep River Quadrangle

Residents of rural New England principally rely on ground water extracted from fractured crystalline and sedimentary bedrock for their domestic well water. Despite the importance and reliance on this critical resource, little is known about the water supply or background water quality conditions.

Currently, there is no statewide program that monitors or tracks domestic well development or water quality conditions in Connecticut; however, given the density of wells and the frequency of testing, this information will be crucial in providing a clear understanding of the subsurface and the quality of water delivered to our taps.

Dr. Metcalf from Eastern Connecticut State University, in cooperation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Geological Survey, and the Connecticut Department of Public Health, is seeking volunteers for water quality sampling at no cost to the home owner. This information will provide the most current background levels in water quality which will be analyzed and compared to mineralogical and lithological data obtained for the same study area. The knowledge gained from this approach benefit many and provides a unique means to understand the dynamic and complex fractured bedrock ground-water system.

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Well Water Testing ... continued from page 19

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Remember, it's your water and you're already drinking it! You MUST be a resident within the Deep River Quadrangle to participate in this water quality study (within the square).

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 Address _____
 Email _____ Phone Number _____
 Is your well a dug well or a drilled well? Dug Well Drilled Well
 Is your well water treated? Yes No If there is treatment, what type of treatment? _____ Can treatment be bypassed?
 Yes No If yes, where? _____
 Any other information you can provide about your well:
 For more information on private drinking water, please see the Connecticut Department of Public Health's Publication No. 24, *Private Well Testing*.

Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of severe vision loss in adults over the age of 50. This eye disease occurs when there are changes to the macula, a small portion of the retina that's located on the inside back layer of the eye. Commonly, older people develop macular degeneration as a natural part of the aging process. AMD causes loss of central vision and it can occur in two forms: wet and dry. With macular degeneration, you may experience symptoms such as blurriness, dark areas or distortion of your central vision, or permanent loss of your central

vision. It usually does not affect your peripheral vision. For example, with advanced macular degeneration you could be able to see the outline of a clock, yet you may not be able to see the hands of the clock to tell what time it is. The majority of people with macular degeneration experience the dry form, which does not have a known treatment, but many people benefit from a vitamin regimen. Unfortunately, vision loss cannot be reversed. The less common wet form may respond to lasers and medical injections if caught and treated early. Smoking and high blood pressure are often associated with the wet form of macular degeneration.

If you have been diagnosed with dry macular degeneration, you should use a chart called an Amsler grid every day to monitor your vision. Dry macular degeneration can quickly change into the more damaging wet form. If you notice any change of vision, you should contact your ophthalmologist immediately.

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The Chester Land Trust's First Huckleberry Adventure



The Chester Land Trust's first 2018 Huckleberry Adventure: The Recycle Raft Race was held Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Carini Preserve (located on Water Street, Chester). Rafts were engineered from an assortment of recyclable items. There were 4 races with the winner of each race sparring off for the

First Place title. Each craft, that was created by kids younger than five to kids older than eighty, floated, bumped and zig zagged down the creek to the finish line. BRAVO to all contestants and the members of the Chester Land Trust Board of Trustees. Results and photos will be posted on our web-site by the end of June.

AUGUST: CLT will hold its "Third Annual Osprey Outing." Date and time will be announced in Town of Chester email blast and posted to our website. The Chester Land Trust has two nests with two osprey families occupying residence in the Chester Creek across from the cemetery and the new nest that may be viewed from either Dock or Grote Road. We are seeking a location for our third nest to be installed for 2019. Thank you to all who donated to the materials for building these nests. The new 2018 nest was occupied within hours of installation.

SEPTEMBER: The Chester Land Trust will partner with Rob Miceli, teacher and life-long resident of Chester, who will share his expertise in creating a lively scavenger hunt for children in the Carini and Scudder Preserves. This will be followed by an

OCTOBER scavenger hunt for adults that will lead them to explore Chester perhaps like they have never seen it before.

NOVEMBER, The Chester Land Trust will hold its Annual Meeting at the Chester Meeting House. Dates, times and additional information for all fall events will be provided on our website

Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

Estuary Council Regional Senior Center
220 Main Street, Old Saybrook (860) 388-1611

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. is a community center for the region's residents over 50 years old providing meals, transportation, health services, educational classes, exercise programs, and socialization activities.

We have been promoting healthy and active lifestyles 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.

in early September. Questions please contact: Priscilla Robinson, President of the Chester Land Trust, probinson02@snet.net of 860-526-2775.

ON-GOING: The Chester Land Trust is always looking for help to maintain its properties. Please contact stewardship chairpersons: Jenny Kitsen / Bill Myers to volunteer your time, rake and clippers! jennykitsen@sbcglobal.net.

LAND DONATIONS: The Chester Land Trust is interested in preserving open-space. You might be interested in speaking with Attorney Steve Cline, Vice President, Chester Land Trust, to help understand the benefits of donating property to your local Land Trust. s.cline@cldcessex.com

Become a member of The Chester Land Trust. We are a non-profit organization which exists to conserve and preserve our town's fragile and unique environment. Being within the Connecticut River Valley, our charge is not only conserving land, but also our impact on the Connecticut River. Membership dues range from \$20 for an individual to \$1000 for a life member. All donations are welcome, dues and donations are tax deductible

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Middlesex Hospital Strengthens Breast Program

With the addition of nationally recognized breast surgeon Kristen Zarfos, Middlesex Hospital is investing in its breast program and enhancing the services it offers. Dr. Zarfos joins Dr. Andrea Malon, medical director of the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center, and Dr. Chia-Chi Wang, a surgical oncologist, as surgeons who treat women who have breast cancer. Together, the trio - with years of surgery experience between them - provide compassionate, individualized care, and they aim to strengthen an already robust breast program.

All three surgeons are part of the Middlesex Hospital Surgical Alliance, and their goal is to coordinate care in a way that helps patients better navigate cancer diagnoses and treatments - in a way that eases fears and makes the process a little easier.

Dr. Zarfos is no stranger to Middlesex Hospital. Her first job after residency was at Middlesex, where she worked from 1987 to 1999. During that time, she became a leader in the national fight to force health insurers to cover hospital stays

for mastectomy patients, and she remains a passionate advocate for women's health issues.

Since early detection is key when it comes to all types of cancer, detection technology is at the forefront of Middlesex Hospital's breast program. The hospital offers 3D mammography machines at all of its Radiology locations. These 3D machines detect 40 percent more invasive cancers than 2D machines, which are no longer used by the hospital. Middlesex also offers dual-head molecular breast imaging, which uses a radioactive tracer to better detect breast cancer cells in women with dense breast tissue.

In addition, services like genetic counseling are available to Middlesex patients, and caring nurse navigators at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center help patients throughout their experience. The Cancer Center has locations in Middletown and Westbrook.

Chester Emergency Management Assistance Request Form

In order to provide the highest level of assistance to the residents of Chester, the Office of Emergency Management is asking its residents to pre-identify themselves in the event of needing special assistance during an emergency. If you, or know of someone who, may be in need of transportation or any other assistance during an emergency, please fill out this special needs form and return the form to Chester Town Hall

Office of Emergency Management, 203 Middlesex Ave, Chester Ct 06412. In the event of an emergency, local emergency workers can contact you and provide assistance. This information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

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News from United Church of Chester



The Chester Tour of Homes is Returning!

After a nine-year hiatus, the United Church of Chester (UCC) is bringing back its popular Tour of Homes. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th. Featured this year are six Chester houses - both historic and modern, including Chester's own Recycle House, the Sol LeWitt-designed Temple Beth Shalom and the exhibits of the Chester Historical Society. Proceeds from the Tour benefit the outreach programs of the UCC and the Chester Fuel Assistance Bank.

If you are interested in helping with the tour, or wish to purchase tickets, please call the UCC office at 860-526-2697 or email unitedchester@sbcglobal.net. Put this event on your calendar, tell your family and friends and be prepared to enjoy the wonderful homes of Chester! Tickets will go on sale early September.

Beginning July 1st - August 26th, Sunday services will be held at 9 am to beat the heat. Special music and guest speakers will be featured throughout the summer.

August 18-25, the United Church's Youth Group will be traveling to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation in South Dakota. They will lead youth activities; through hiking, swimming, and games, they hope that the children will see the bright future they can have. They will also be leading community activities to bring everyone together, and will be working on community-utilized buildings.

September special events include:

Sunday, September 9 at 10 am: Rally Day and Potluck Picnic at Cedar Lake!

Sunday, September 16 at 10 am: Church School begins.

Saturday, September 29: The Chester Home Tour is back!

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Chester Fife and Drum Corps 1868

Welcome to the summer of 2018. If you're like me, you've had enough of rain and cold weather! It's time to think of more pleasurable and warmer outside activities. We, the members of the Chester Fife and Drum Corps, look forward to the parade and muster season. As you may know by now, Chester Drum Corps was established in 1867 by Daniel Silliman and went "on the road" in 1868. This Corps has been playing our music continuously since the beginning with no time taken off for any reason (good, bad, or otherwise!). We have performed in many different uniforms and are now wearing our fourth (or fifth) uniform in 150 years. Our new look is more colonial and modern.



We are also in the process of making plans for our 150th Anniversary Celebration/Muster to be held September 22, 2018 at the Chester Fairgrounds. We currently have 18 Fife and Drum Corps attending our Anniversary Celebration Muster and more to come. We have the venue set, vendors coming and lots of other fun stuff. So, keep looking for more information as we finalize our plans. Chester Drum Corps has released its Anniversary Muster T-shirt. See any member of the corps or look on Facebook to see how to get one. We have all sizes, and I mean all sizes. If you would like to advertise in our Muster Booklet please call or email us.



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

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march at the front of our Corps and carry our Colors. We provide drum and fife lessons free of charge and 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 remaining 2018 schedule is noted below.

2018 Schedule

- Jul 4 July 4th in Provincetown, Ma, and Concert at Monument
- Jul 7 4t July Fireworks and Concert at Canoe Club in Middletown
- Jul 14 EH Old Home Day Parade
- Jul 15 Breakfast Vets Club (Fundraiser)
- Jul 20/21 DRAM
- Jul 31 Concert at Company of Fifers and Drummers
- Aug 4 Spaghetti Dinner Vets Club (Fundraiser)
- Aug 11 East Great Plain Fire Company 75h Anniversary Parade
- Aug 12 VJ Day Parade Moosup and picnic
- Aug 24 Westbrook Muster Feature Corps
- Aug 25 Westbrook Muster
- Aug 25 Chester Fair Concert at 1845
- Aug 26 Chester Fair Concert at 1500
- Sep 8 8th Annual Sterling Family Day
- Sep 22 Chester F&DC 150th Celebration
- Sep 22 Guilford Parade

- Oct Moodus Muster
- Oct 7 110th Bridgeport Columbus Day Parade
- Nov 11 Tri-Town Veterans 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 meet the Corps. We practice from 6:30 until 8:00 pm on Thursday at the Chester Elementary School or at North Quarter Park and Cedar Lake.

Come on down. Hope to see you at a muster or at a parade.

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Chester Hose Company Auxiliary - Scholarship Awarded

The Chester Hose Company Auxiliary is pleased to announce that it has awarded its 2018 scholarship to a well deserving high school senior this year. Congratulations to Juliette Linares of Chester. Juliette is a graduating senior at Valley Regional High School in Deep River. She will be attending Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ in the fall as Speech

& Language Pathology major, and will additionally pursue certifications in Elementary and Special Education.

Linares additionally was the recipient of The Chester Ambulance Association Scholarship award given in honor of deceased founding Ambulance Association member Diana Grzybowski.

The Chester Hose Company Auxiliary as well as the department members would like to congratulate Juliette on her hard work and dedication to the communities she serves in and wish her continued success in the future.

Chester Hose Company Auxiliary
P.O. Box 214, Chester, CT 06412

Tri-Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services is offering programs and activities this summer that will help kids make new friends, learn new skills, feel safe at home alone or become a responsible babysitter. Additional details and online registration are available at www.tritownys.org. Please call 860-526-3600 for more information.

Babysitter Training & CPR Certification

Learn how to become a safe and responsible babysitter! Tri-Town is offering the American Heart Association's Pediatric First Aid and CPR course along with a babysitter training certificate program. This course provides an excellent opportunity to help youth, 11-17, to build self-confidence as well as job leadership and decision-making skills. Completion of this course is a plus on your Job Bank application. The 1-day Summer

Course will be held on Monday, July 9 from 9:30-3:30 at Tri-Town Youth Services, 56 High Street, Deep River, CT 06417. The \$75 fee includes instruction, books, and certificate.

When I'm in Charge

This American Red Cross class teaches kids how to be responsible when at home alone. Topics will include internet safety, gun safety, family communications, sibling care, basic emergency care & confidence building. Students ages 9 & up should attend. The 1-day Summer Course will be held on Tuesday, July 10 from 11:30-1:00 at Deep River Public Library. Fee of \$25 includes training materials and certificate.

Summer Co-Op Adventures

Summer Co-op Adventures are designed to foster friendships and promote teamwork through significant weeklong adventures. Open to incoming 7th, 8th and 9th grade students from Chester, Deep River and Essex. The program is conducted by credentialed Tri-Town Youth Services' staff in partnership with hosts and guides from participating venues on our itinerary. Tri-Town Youth Services is offering two sessions: July 9-12 and August 13-16. The program runs Monday-Thursday. Our bus will depart the Tri-Town Youth Services' Parking Lot at 9:00 each morning and return at 4:00 (56 High Street). Please arrive 15 minutes early to prepare for the day's adventure. The fees are \$235 per session. (Each additional sibling is \$200- please contact Tri-Town Youth Services directly to register more than one child.)

SESSION ONE ITINERARY

- July 9: Empower Leadership Sports & Adventure Center (Middletown)
- July 10: Spare Time Bowling and Lyman Allyn Art Museum (New London)
- July 11: Hammonasset State Park, including Meigs Point Nature Center Program (Madison)
- July 12: Brownstone Exploration and Discovery Park (Portland)

SESSION TWO ITINERARY

- August 13 Bushy Hill Nature Center (Ivoryton)
- August 14 Ocean Beach (New London)
- August 14 IT Ropes Course and Laser Tag (New Haven)
- August 16 Metacomet Canoe Tours and Mini-Golf (Farmington)



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Cruise Blues & Brews Festival

The young and the young-at-heart are in for a great time at the 4th Annual Cruise Blues & Brews Festival, to be held Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10 am to 4 pm (rain or shine), at the Chester Fair Grounds.

This festival features hundreds of antique and unique cars on display, performances by Connecticut's top blues bands, a food court with a variety of up-scale food trucks, locally brewed craft beer on tap, a marketplace of vendors, a kid's play area full of activities, trophies, games and prizes.

All proceeds from Cruise Blues & Brews Festival support the At-Risk Boys Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Established only five years ago, The At-Risk Boys fund has awarded over \$75,000 in grants to organizations throughout Middlesex County. These grants have helped hundreds of boys and young men achieve success and a better life.

The 4th Annual Cruise Blues & Brews Festival will be held Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10 am to 4 pm (rain or shine), at the Chester Fair Grounds.

To learn more about this fun-filled event or to make a donation please go to www.atriskboysfund.com.

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Joey Logano – Inspiring others to do for others

by Sigrid Kun

Professional NASCAR driver Joey Logano started his racing career right here in Connecticut racing quarter midget cars and quickly made a name for himself. Starting at the age of six, the Middletown, CT native started winning championship after championship – to the point that, by the time he was 15, he was already on the radar with NASCAR racing legends. Now, he's always to be reckoned with on the NASCAR racing scene, competing full-time in the Monster Energy NASCAR series and part-time in the NASCAR Xfinity series.

THE STATS ARE IMPRESSIVE.

- Youngest driver to win a NASCAR Xfinity Series race - winning at Kentucky Speedway in 2008 when he was just 18 years, 21 days old and in only his third Xfinity Series start.
- 2009 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Rookie of the Year
- Won the Daytona 500 in 2015 - Second youngest driver to win this race.
- 49 combined wins in NASCAR's top-three series

There is, of course, the glitz and the glamor that pervades NASCAR as a whole. And there's the occasional race-action controversy. And there are the ups and downs. After early successes (leading to the nickname, "Sliced Bread") and nearly winning a championship in 2016, Joey failed to make the playoffs in 2017. This year could mark a turnaround. Joey notched a win at Talladega Superspeedway in April, which ended a nearly year-long winless streak and, as of press time, he is fifth in the NASCAR Championship Point Standings.

But there's more to the 28-year-old than that. Joey and his wife Brittany, whom he married in 2014, welcomed their first child into the world this past January. Joey and Brittany have also been very committed to giving back. In a previous conversation, Joey mentioned, "If we can touch a few people's lives and help them become contributing members of our community and the world, it's really going to make a difference and it starts one person at a time." That's the crux of the Joey Logano Foundation that invests in organizations offering second chances to children and young adults during times of crisis and works to inspire others to live a life of generosity.

WHY SECOND CHANCES?

First, there was a life-changing visit to Joplin, Missouri in 2011 where Joey helped to rebuild a home for a local family following the tornado that devastated the area. That family needed a second chance. Little did Joey know that he would soon need his own second chance. He had been driving the No. 20 Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing since the 2009 season, but that ended in 2012. He received his second chance when he was picked up by Penske Racing in 2012. The following year, the Joey Logano Foundation was established.



Upper right: Joey Logano. Middle photo: Number 22 on the track. Bottom left: Joey and his wife Brittany at a Meet and Greet. Photos courtesy of the Joey Logano Foundation.

Since 2013, the foundation has invested almost \$2.7 million in various organizations across the country. Programs include inviting children who are facing tough situations (whether physically and/or emotionally) annually to a NASCAR race to be part of the crew for the day, supporting non-profit organizations during the 10-week NASCAR playoffs in each playoff race market, assembling and donating comfort care backpacks to foster and/or terminally ill children, and an annual fundraiser in Connecticut, called Driving Hope Home. A portion of the Driving Hope Home proceeds are donated to The Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut with the remaining proceeds donated to reputable charities the foundation supports to offer children in need a first or second chance. In its 5th year, Driving Hope Home will be held at Foxwoods Resort in Mashantucket, CT on July 18th and 19th. "It's our responsibility. You have to do it. If we're not going to do it, who else is going to be an advocate for these kids," says Brittany, who notes that first chances are important too. "They need a first opportunity in life. If we can shed light to this and inspire others to do the same, we can have a bigger impact than the two of us. That's our goal."

There is no doubt that Joey is a fierce competitor and a pure NASCAR racing talent. But don't overlook the other side. "When you are able to make a difference like that, you can see it in that person's face, how much it affects their lives - there's no better feeling than that," he observes. "I can talk about race wins as much as I want and how great that is but there's nothing better than that win - when you're able to affect something. That's a bigger win than any racetrack can get you."



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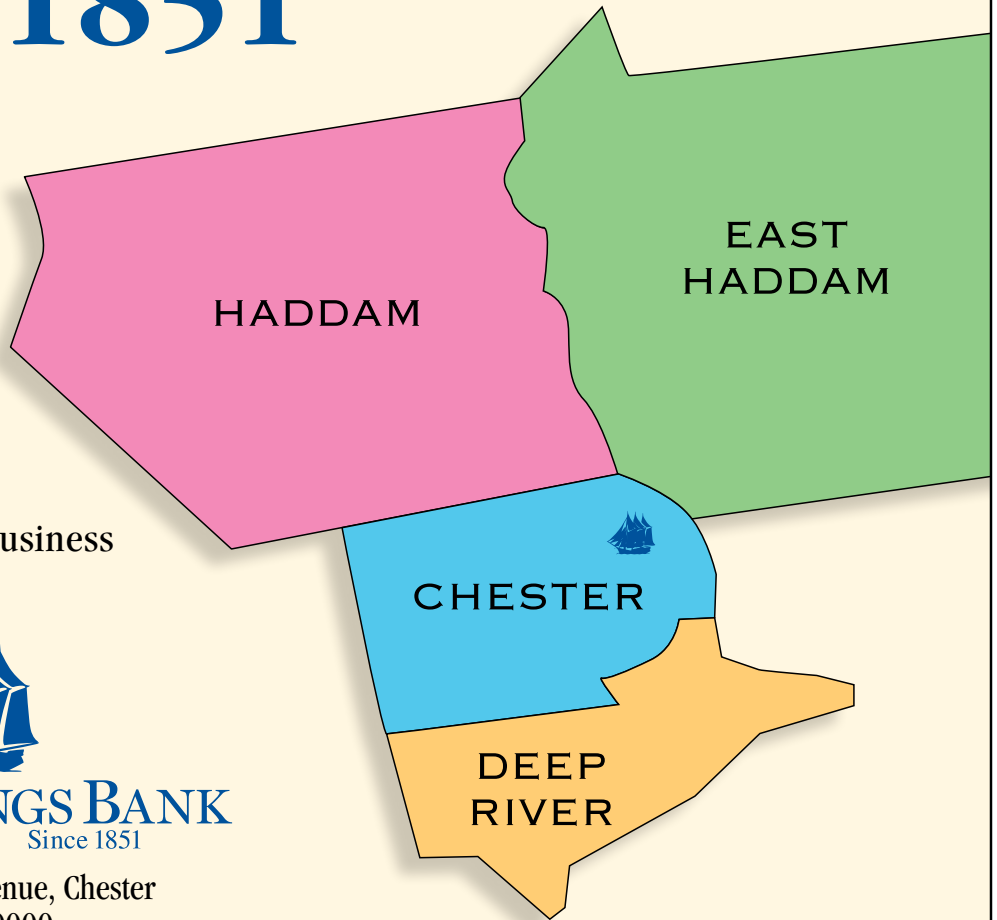
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