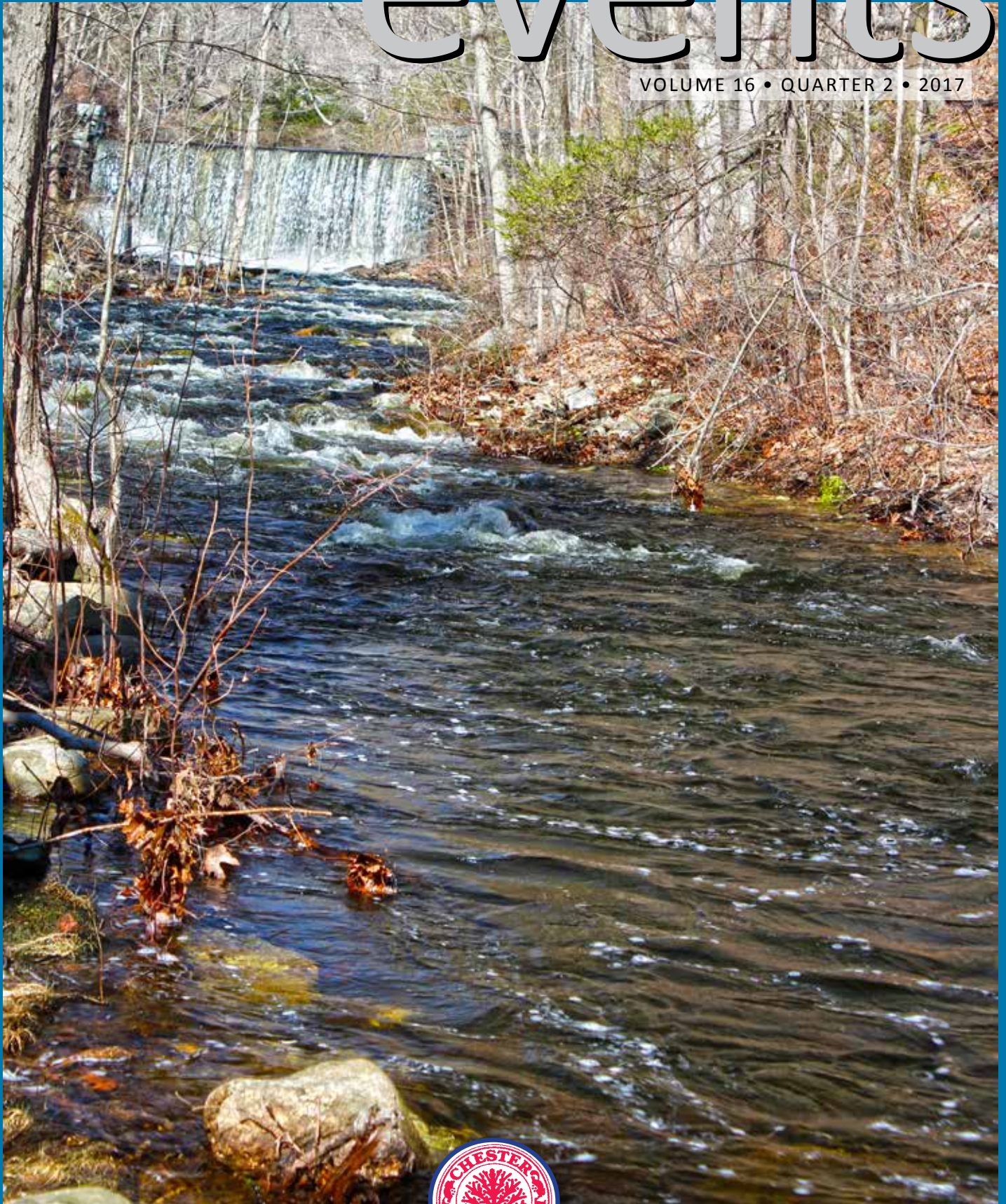


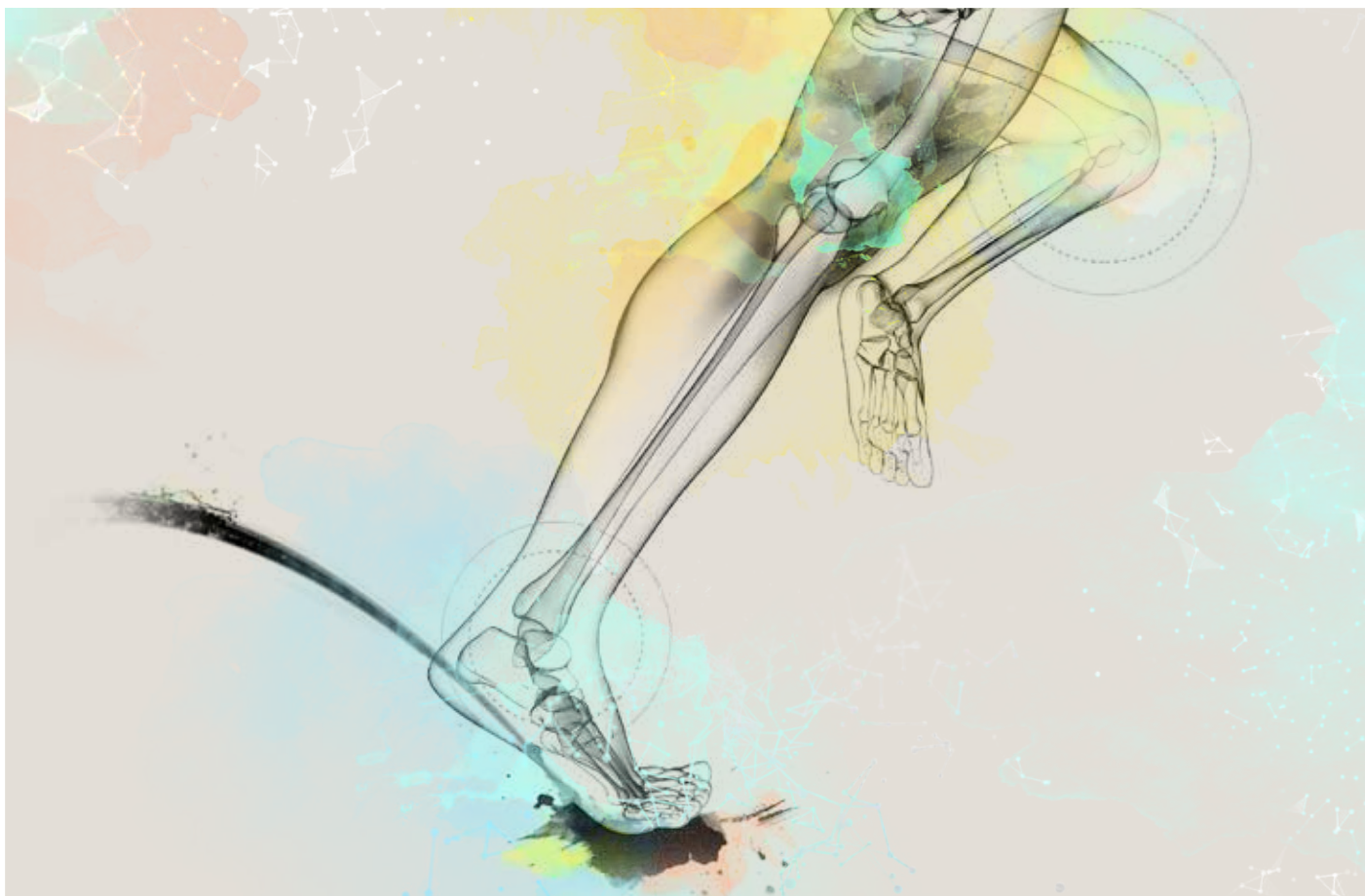
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# First Selectwoman's Corner

It's Spring! Unless Mother Nature changes her mind (again). Thank you to all of the people working in the background to get us through winter safely and in good spirits - our wonderful Public Works Department and many outside contractors for helping keep the roads clear, our Tree Warden for managing our urban forest, our Library for keeping the shelves full of good books, the Chester Hose Company for answering the call when a carbon monoxide detector goes off or we slip on the ice, and the organizations, volunteers and merchants who give us fun and productive events to keep us busy! This is a big part of what keeps Chester vital and charming.

## BUDGET REPORT

When Governor Malloy released his 2017-2018 Budget Proposal on February 8th, we realized that this was going to be our toughest budget year yet. After analyzing the cuts in Education Cost Sharing and capital projects funds, in addition to the announcement that one third of the teacher pension fund costs would be passed down to the individual towns, we were notified that our expected state revenue would be cut by 12%. On the other side of the balance sheet, expected expenditures are increasing, primarily due to increases in resident trooper costs, storm water monitoring requirements, and contract and salary requirements. The Boards of Finance and Selectmen are working hard to plan next year's budget wisely and carefully. We are looking critically at every line item and asking departments to look again at their budget requests. We are doing everything possible to rethink the way we have been spending money and finding as many ways to save as we can. As difficult as our

budget process is this year, there are many towns in Connecticut in far worse shape than Chester. We are making great efforts to think creatively and unconventionally, and welcome suggestions for saving money or restructuring how we purchase big ticket items. Some changes that we are contemplating include restructuring our police staffing, decreasing our energy consumption everywhere possible, postponing large projects that don't have safety concerns for residents, exploring new options for equipment and vehicle purchasing or leasing over time. Why am I telling you this? First, because we all need to be prepared for a difficult financial year. Second, because you deserve to know what is going on with your taxes and why. Third, and most importantly, because we need you to participate in the process! Below is a schedule of the budget workshops, school referendum, town budget hearing and final town meeting and budget vote. Please put these dates on your calendar and come get informed and let us know your thoughts.

- March 29th BOS/BOF Budget Workshop
- April 5th BOS/BOF with Region 4 & Chester Bd of Education Budgets
- April 12th BOS/BOF Budget Workshop
- May 2nd Region 4 Budget Referendum Vote
- May 4th Chester Budget
- May 25th Annual Town Meeting and Vote on Budget for fiscal year 17/18

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### LIBRARY TRUST

As you may have heard, we have been wrestling with a wonderful problem lately. . . In 1993, Gwendolyn Orton-Jones, a Chester resident and retired librarian, died and left a substantial amount of money in trust to benefit the Chester Public Library. The funds were placed in a not for profit corporation and the Trustee paid out the income from investment to the library and the librarians each year as directed by Ms. Orton-Jones' will. The funds were specifically intended to supplement the ordinary budget of the library, and to provide for items and staffing needs that would not otherwise be possible in the town budget. Recently, the Trustee became ill and was unable to continue, and a new Trustee was appointed by the probate court. In the process, there was a great deal of controversy about how the funds had previously been disbursed and a legal opinion was sought by my office to determine the proper way to handle this unique situation. It was discovered that the procedures needed to be updated to conform to proper ethical and transparency needs of a public library. Accordingly, a new fund is being set up with the Town of Chester which will restrict the use of these gift funds to those appropriate supplemental uses and provide transparency for reporting the income and spending of the trust income. Bottom line is, we are incredibly blessed to have received this gift and our library will be the better for it. Thank you, Ms. Orton-Jones!

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

I wrote briefly in the last Chester Events about the desire for long term strategic planning and the need to match town priorities with the money needed to accomplish them. I have been working with members of the Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning and the Economic Development Commission to work cooperatively toward this goal. The deadline for updating of Chester's Plan of Conservation and Development is coming in the near future, and we are hoping to coordinate our efforts to integrate these plans into actionable documents that reflect the goals of Chester taxpayers and coordinate the infrastructure, conservation, housing, natural resources, safety and other crucial elements of life in our small town. This planning process will begin with extensive public discourse and input into what YOU feel is critical in our town, and expresses the goals and expectations of all of our residents. We expect that this public conversation will begin in late spring and continue in various forms into the fall. Watch for announcements of the activities and come join in the discussion.

The merchants and local organizations have been busy planning fun things to do with the expectation of warmer weather, flowers and sunshine! I hope to see you there.

Best,  
First Selectwoman Lauren Gister



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## PLACE YOUR NAME ON OUR TAX REMINDER LIST

Since we had almost 100 people who did not pay their January RE installment this year, we decided to put out a form for you to fill out and that will let us add your name to our REMINDER list for the January installment of Real Estate taxes only. But you could fill out any piece of paper, or even email me with the info, and I will add you to our list.

My email is [TaxCollector@chesterct.org](mailto:TaxCollector@chesterct.org). We try for email reminders around January 15th each year, but if you want a phone call reminder, we do that around the 22nd of January, if your bill is not paid yet. We need just name, street address, email, or phone number or both... so fill out this form or any piece of paper will work. Drop it off to Tax Office anytime or even when you pay your bill in July, you could include it in your envelope with your payment! Hope this helps many!

## REMINDER LIST REQUEST FOR JANUARY RE TAXES

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hope this helps more people to not be late & not have to pay interest! Good luck and stay well, and hopefully we will be enjoying spring soon! Madaline Meyer, TC

## EVENTS PRESENTS ~ JACKSON CHEVROLET

Jackson Chevrolet located at 660 South Main Street in Middletown was founded in 1936 by Sam Jackson. Fast forward to today and this local small business is still family owned and operated. Sam's granddaughter Tamera "TJ" Jackson now runs the store after working for General Motors for 12 years. At Jackson Chevrolet you can buy new Chevy's or pre-owned vehicles of any make and model. The team at Jackson strives to deliver an exceptional customer experience - from a comfortable no-pressure buying process to a first class service facility.

"We are a relaxed, family oriented store and we work hard to give our guests the best possible buying and servicing experience," said Tamera Jackson. "Great prices, large selection and personalized attention is the focus of our sales team. On the service side, we focus on fixing your vehicle right the first time with our factory trained technicians. Our store is a comfortable, friendly place to handle all of your vehicle needs."

The team at Jackson Chevrolet is also committed to the community. They host numerous events throughout the year, from free and educational Corvette seminars in the spring and fall that attract car enthusiasts from all over the northeast to pet adoption events, blood drives, child safety seat inspection clinics, and more. There's always something happening and their support goes beyond their own events. TJ said: "We're not a large chain operation - we know that our success depends on valuing each and every customer and we give back to the community where we live and work as much as we can. We know we can't do everything but we can do something and we

are committed to supporting local organizations."

So if you're in the market for a new Chevrolet or any kind of pre-owned vehicle, call the team at Jackson Chevrolet! Their sales department is open 7 days a week and their service department is open 6 days for your convenience. Give them a call today at 860.346.9655 or stop in and be sure to say hi to TJ while you're there!



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Beginning July 1st a \$1 penalty fee will be charged for every month a resident is late in registering a dog. Licenses can be mailed once proof of current rabies vaccination and a spaying certificate are mailed to the Town Clerk at 203 Middlesex Avenue, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you no longer have your dog, please let us know so that we may update our records. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-526-0013, Ext. 511. The office is open 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday the office is open until 7 pm and on Friday the office closes at noon.

### BULKY WASTE TRANSFER STICKERS

Spring is here and it's time to clean the basement. If you need to get rid of bulky waste, you need to get a bulky waste transfer sticker prior to using the transfer station, which is located in Deep River on Route 80. Those stickers may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office with proof of residency and the license plate number of the vehicle you plan to use for hauling the bulky waste.

### FISHING

Fishing season opened Saturday, April 8th. Just a reminder that although the Town Clerk's Office no longer sells the licenses, if you have a computer you can go online to [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing) and purchase it yourself or you can go to a neighboring Town Clerk's office to purchase it.

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## News from Chester Merchants

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For ideas, information and networking in a casual atmosphere of like-minded business owners and other lovers of Chester, join the group at our meetings the first Wednesday morning of each month.

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## Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

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Estuary Senior Center annual Junk in the Trunk fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 this year! Vendors will be selling their wares for some bargain shopping! 220 Main St, Old Saybrook. Food trucks and more! Call 860-388-1611, ext. 211 for details.

The Estuary's Medical Lending Closet is downsizing and will only be offering smaller mobility equipment, such as walkers, canes, and transfer chairs. We will no longer be accepting larger medical items. Due to space limitations, call 860-388-1611 to arrange donations of smaller medical equipment.

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We are sad to announce that the Estuary Bingo on Thursday nights will not be starting in April and has been suspended until further notice.

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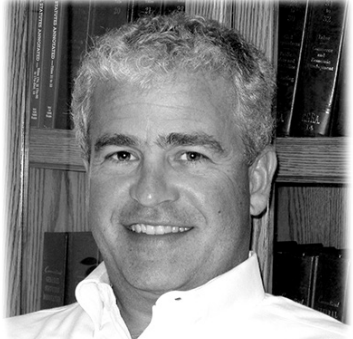
BRAYCE (Brazilian American Youth Cultural Exchange) will once again sponsor a performance at The Ivoryton Playhouse for its 2017

Scholarship Fundraiser. An evening performance of West Side Story is planned for Wednesday, July 12th at 6 pm. The original West Side Story screenplay conceived by Jerome Robbins was inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Robbins' 1957 film received 10 Academy awards including best film and to this day remains a favorite in the repertoire of musical theatre. The ticket price will include pre-performance cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Join us on the lovely Playhouse terrace for a fun event with friends to support a worthy and worthwhile cause. For those of you who are subscribers and would like to support the BRAYCE event, contact the box-office to exchange your tickets.

For updates of BRAYCE fundraisers, stories about our young participants and current events check out the BRAYCE website, [www.brayce.org](http://www.brayce.org) or contact Susan Wright at 860-526-3294 or email at [wrightbeantree@att.net](mailto:wrightbeantree@att.net).

Established in 2005 by Margot and Richard Calder, BRAYCE is dedicated to providing enriching educational opportunities for marginalized "at risk" teenagers from favelas (slums) in Brazil while providing opportunities for American college-age students to perform community service in these same neighborhoods.





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- 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](http://www.visitchester.com)
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- Deep River and Chester VFW..... (860) 526-3521
- Tri Town Youth Services Bureau ..... (860) 526-3600
- Chester Meeting House..... (860) 526-0013

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- Community Foundation of Middlesex County ..... (860) 347-0025

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## **Troop 13 Chester / Deep River Boy Scouts**

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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.

### **RECENT TROOP HAPPENINGS**

Boy Scouts in Troop 13 held their Winter Court of Honor Awards on March 15, 2017 at the Chester Meeting House. The Scouts were presented with rank advancement awards and more than seventy Merit Badges were earned by the Troop since returning from summer camp.

On January 20-22, 2017 Troop 13 proudly hosted and ran events at the Annual Mattabesett Trail District Klondike Derby held at June Norcross Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT.

Events for Troop 13 include assisting at the Mattabesett Trail District Pinewood Derby for Cub Scouts on April 22nd, attending the Merit Badge Madness at Xavier High School on April 1st and spring hikes and campouts. Please be sure to stop by and find some great bargains at Troop 13's Tag Sale during the Town Wide Tag Sale.

### **EAGLE SCOUTS**

Troop 13 has held 4 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremonies this winter. Matthew O'Keefe on December 4, 2016, James Ruddy on March 18, 2017, Samuel Ruddy on March 18, 2017 and Zane Bouregy on March 19, 2017.

### **INFORMATION**

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



# Tri Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services is here to support all families in Chester, Deep River and Essex. We provide the resources families need to solve difficult problems, make positive changes, reduce substance abuse and strengthen the relationships that matter most. Please call 860-526-3600 to reserve your space in these spring programs:

### Nourishing Nest: Mother & Baby Support Group

New mothers meet on Tuesday mornings for friendship, information and support. We'll talk about issues of concern and hear from guest speakers. 56 High Street, Deep River  
Fee: \$25 per month  
Dates: Tuesdays in April and May, 11:00-12:00

### Little Birds: Mixed-Age Toddler Playgroup

Children ages 1-3 enjoy free play and circletime while parents relax, connect, browse our library and discuss a variety of toddler topics with trained staff. 56 High Street, Deep River  
Fee: \$25 per month  
Dates: Tuesdays in April and May, 9:30-10:30 am.

### Earth Day at Bushy Hill!

Celebrate Earth Day and explore the great outdoors. Bushy Hill's expert staff will be on hand for tours and demos. 253 Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton

Sunday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Guided Hike @ 1:30 pm.

Bow Drill Demonstration @ 2:00 pm.

Suggested Donation: \$5 for the Camp Scholarship Fund

### SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Through poignant and funny stories, insights from psychologists and brain scientists, this documentary reveals how tech time impacts kids' development. Learn how to empower teens to navigate the digital world and find balance.

Where: JW Middle School Auditorium

When: May 8, 6:00 pm.

### Community Breakfast & Town Hall Meeting

Tri-Town's Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition invites residents to an important conversation about teen drug and alcohol use. Share your concerns, talk with neighbors about underlying causes and give your best ideas for connecting with youth and supporting healthy decisions.

Where: Camp Hazen YMCA

When: May 10, 8:00-9:30 am.

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## Spring News from Chester Library Friends

### NEW KIDS' LEARNING STATION

Thanks to the generosity of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County/River View Cemetery Fund, the Friends of Chester Library have been able to purchase an Early Learning Literacy Station (AWE) for the children's room. Now, children ages 2-8 (and older) have the chance to enjoy thousands of fun, engaging and interactive programs such as math, geography, reading, art & music and much more. As you probably recall, the Community Foundation of Middlesex County's grant last year enabled the Friends to purchase two new computers for adults. We're thrilled to now have this learning station (not connected to the Internet) for Chester's young children and we're very excited by their reactions to this colorful and enticing addition to the library.

### JUNE BOOK SALE

Starting in May, the Library Friends will welcome your donations of gently read books and DVDs for the annual June Book Sale, which opens June 9. When thinking about making a donation, remember that books that have spent time in basements and garages are often unfit for sale due to mustiness, water damage, etc. Volunteers interested in helping with the sale are encouraged to call Diane Lindsay at 526-2443. The sale is held during library hours with great items at rock-bottom prices (most are \$.25 - \$1). Please support this event, as the proceeds support all library programs and purchases not covered by the town budget.



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As a volunteer department we depend on your contributions to help us assist and protect you. Your donations are essential in supporting our services. Throughout the year we host several fundraisers both independently and along with partners from our community. Some of these fundraisers include our Holiday Wreath Sale, Chili Cook-off and Chester Fair Grinder booth. We provide medical support at the 4-on-the-4th Road Race and throughout the duration of Chester Fair weekend. Periodically, we send a letter asking for your help, while at other times we are honored to be named a benefactor of an estate or chosen as the recipient of monetary donation. However you choose to support us, we thank you!

We wish to extend a special thank you to Purification Technology Inc. & VWR for their recent generous \$5,000.00 donation. As an entire department, we are compiling a wish list and voting on what items we can afford to purchase with the combined funds from this donation and others. Nonetheless, the money spent will go towards purchasing valuable lifesaving equipment to help us better serve our community.

While the list is too long and we cannot thank each donor individually in this space, please know how much we appreciate your cards, monetary donations and the occasional personal visits we receive from a patient or homeowner, acknowledging our response to their business or residence. It is through these contributions, that we are able to provide the Chester community with the highest level of protection and care. Your expression of gratitude in any form is greatly appreciated by our volunteers.

Remember the gift of your time is the greatest donation of all. If you are interested in further learning about how you can help your community and the Hose Company, stop by 6 High Street any Monday night around 7 pm!

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#### UPCOMING LECTURES

MAY 4 | Dr. Karen L. Schiff: *Abstraction in the Public Sphere*

JUN 15 | Alain J. Picard: *Reflections of Hope*

Please note new times:

Reception at 5 p.m. Lecture at 6 p.m. | \$15

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## Today is Tomorrow's History News from Chester Historical Society

### Constance Baker Motley Program

The Historical Society with the Chester Land Trust will present a program about Judge Constance Baker Motley on Sunday, May 7 at 4 pm in the Meeting House. The Land Trust will be celebrating its acquisition of an open space parcel of land designated as the Constance Baker Motley Preserve on Cedar Lake Road and the Historical Society will present a program, by local author and historian Marta Daniels, about the important civil rights history of Judge Motley in America. Judge Motley was part of the Chester community for 40+ years, living in her seasonal home on Cedar Lake Road. The May 7 program will highlight her remarkable career with the NAACP, where she was lead attorney achieving Supreme Court decisions advancing civil rights cases. She was the first African American woman elected to the New York State Senate and the first to serve on the federal court. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

### Summertime Exhibits

We're very excited to show you what we've been working on this winter and spring when we open the Chester Museum at The Mill for the season on Memorial Day weekend. Our seasonal exhibit, on the first floor, will feature a large display of old Chester postcards and will also feature some Chester notable people from the past. Our permanent exhibit, "Streams of Change," on the second floor has been revised and refreshed. For instance, the Chester Center images are being changed and broadened, and the Silliman inkwell collection has been expanded to highlight its Civil War-era importance. We are also planning to add some old Chester home movies to the exhibit. Following an opening party for the new season on Friday evening, May 26, the museum will be open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm and Sundays from 10 to 4 until October.

### Preserving Chester History

For 46 years, our all-volunteer organization, despite a very modest operating budget, has preserved, protected and interpreted Chester's rich history. We were thrilled this past winter to help the Town acquire from Goodspeed Musicals the safe used by the C.J. Bates company in the early 1900s, and then create a display for it in Town Hall. We are very fortunate that no monies were needed for this project, but we do often need your support through memberships, tax-deductible donations, and participation in our annual fundraisers. Our annual dues are just \$30 per family, \$20 per individual. Membership forms are on our website, [chesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://chesterhistoricalsociety.org).

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### Stay in the Know

Information about Historical Society activities, as well as new gifts to our archives, is in our bimonthly e-newsletter. To receive the e-news (even if you're not a member of the Historical Society), please send your email address to [chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chestercthistoricalsociety@gmail.com). All addresses are kept confidential. We are also on Facebook at [Facebook.com/chestercthistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/chestercthistoricalsociety) and frequently post old photos of Chester.

## Chester Hose Company Auxiliary Scholarship

The Chester Hose Company Auxiliary will again be offering a scholarship to a well deserving student. For a complete list of requirements, visit the Chester Hose Company Website ([www.chesterhoseco.org](http://www.chesterhoseco.org)), stop by Chester Town Hall and see the Town Clerk or stop into the Guidance office at Mercy, Valley Regional, Vinal, and Xavier high schools or The Williams School. All applications and supporting documentation should be received by Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:00 pm to the address below. A decision of the recipient will be made by May 15th. If you have any questions please call (860) 526-0013 x203.

All applications are to be sent directly to:  
Chester Hose Company Auxiliary  
Attention: Debra Germini Calamari  
203 Middlesex Avenue  
Chester, CT 06412

## Chester Veterans

*Please mark your calendars for two events:*

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 29th - muster at St. Joseph's Church.

Veteran's Day Parade, Saturday, November 11th - muster at Devitt's Field in Deep River.

Special Note: The Department of Defense announced a policy change that will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military and will be effective this Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017.

Any questions, contact Jane Cable at [jcable491@gmail.com](mailto:jcable491@gmail.com) or 860-204-9473.

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# CALENDAR of Board and Commission Meeting Dates for April/May/June 2017

*Reminder: Dates and times of meetings may change.*

*Please be sure to check the town hall bulletin board or website – [www.chesterct.org](http://www.chesterct.org) – before attending.*

April 17	Library Board of Trustees	Library	7:30 pm
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
April 19	Board of Fire Commissioners	Chester Hose Co	7:30 pm
April 20	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
April 25	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
April 26	Board of Selectwomen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Park & Recreation	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 1	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 3	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 4	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	4:30 pm
May 8	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall	7:15 pm
May 9	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 10	Board of Selectwomen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 11	Planning and Zoning Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
May 15	Library Board of Trustees	Library	7:30 pm
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
May 16	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 17	Board of Fire Commissioners	Chester Hose Co	7:30 pm
May 18	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Citation Review Board	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 22	Retirement Committee	Town Hall	6:00 pm
May 23	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 24	Board of Selectwomen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 25	Town Meeting/Budget Vote	Town Hall	7:30 pm
May 25	Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day		
	Memorial Day Parade	Downtown	9:00 am
June 1	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	4:30 pm
June 5	Inland Wetland Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
June 7	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
June 8	Planning and Zoning Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
June 12	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall	7:15 pm
June 13	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Workplace Safety	Town Hall	9:30 am
June 14	Board of Selectwomen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
June 15	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
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June 27	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
June 28	Board of Selectwomen	Town Hall	7:00 pm

# Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

## Is it time for a Memory Screening?

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### According to the Alzheimer's Association, these are the 10 warning signs of dementia:

1. Memory loss that affects your daily life
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5. Difficulty with spatial relationships
6. Trouble finding the right words or calling things by another name
7. Losing things like your keys and inability to find them
8. Difficulty with decision making, poor judgement
9. Changes in usual activities such as withdrawal from hobbies
10. Mood or personality changes

For further information on these 10 warning signs, go to: [www.alz.org/alzheimers\\_disease\\_10\\_signs\\_of\\_alzheimers.asp#signs](http://www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_10_signs_of_alzheimers.asp#signs).

If you or someone you love are experiencing more of the 10 warning signs of memory loss, speak with your doctor or call Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley at (860) 767-0186 today to schedule your free memory screening with Deborah Ringen, MSN, RN-BC who is a certified dementia care practitioner.

### About Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Inc. is a not-for-profit, Medicare and Medicaid home health care organization serving Deep River, Essex, Chester and the Lower Valley region. Please check their website ([www.visitingnurses.org](http://www.visitingnurses.org)) or call (860) 767-0186 for service information.

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# Chester Public Library

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**April 24 - Some Like It Hot.** Movie Night and Talk with moderator Marsha Bansavage at the Town Hall 6 - 8:30 pm. Let's laugh and appreciate Billy Wilder's 1959 romantic comedy. Visit the website for further details.

**May 1 - Poetry Night.** In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Chester Library Board of Trustees is sponsoring its sixth poetry reading by Chester poets. The program will be held at 7 pm at the Chester Meeting House. The free program is open to all and will be followed by refreshments. More information at 860-526-0018.

## May 12 - CT Civilian Conservation Camps:

**History, Memories & Legacy.** Local historian Marty Podskoch of East Hampton, CT will present a Power Point presentation on his new book that records the CCC experience for the men who passed through its cleansing days of hard work, Army discipline, and camaraderie to help support their families during the Great Depression. This talk will take place at the Town Hall at 6:30 pm, please call the library to register or online.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**April - June - The Chester Library will be collecting new and used crayons** for the Crayons for Cancer project. See our website for further details.

**April 15 - Egg-cellent decorations** from 10:30 - 2 pm. Create eggs of all kinds and sizes, felted eggs (bring pantyhose), stickered eggs, paper eggs, painted eggs.

**April 22 - Earth Day at the Chester Library,** 10:30 - 12 pm. Make a small container garden, materials provided. Registration required by April 15th.

**May 13 - International Bird Migration Day,** 10:00 - 12 pm. Create your very own Hummingbird feeder, ages 7 and older. At 11:00 am Monique Hanson will teach us about Eastern Bluebirds and how to bring them to your yard. Registration required.

**June 16 - Summer Reading Kick-Off,** 4:00 pm. Music with Margie will be singing songs related to the theme BUILD A BETTER WORLD on the library lawn. Make sure you sign up for the reading program while you're there and receive a special gift along with your instructions. Registration will also be available online for those who can't attend the kick-off. Local Girl Scouts will sell refreshments for their nonprofit fundraiser. This is a family event. Bring your lawn chairs and pack a picnic basket.

**June 23 - The Children's Museum will present a hands-on program for students in 3rd - 8th grade on building simple machines** from 10:30 - 12:00 pm. Registration required.

**June 24 - Build a Monster Morning,** 10:00 - 12:00 pm, for kids aged 4-7. Registration required.

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APRIL is Easter! All are welcome. Easter Sunday will be "Family Sunday" - children stay in the sanctuary throughout service. It's also "Food on the Third" - please consider donating food to our pantry that day.

April 13: Maundy Thursday Pot Luck supper at 6:00 pm followed by 7:00 pm Service of Communion and Tenebrae.

April 14: Good Friday 12:00-3:00 pm "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Come for some or all of this special service of 20-minute segments. Six ecumenical clergy will join Rev. Lee. There will be time for quiet meditation throughout.

April 16: Easter Sunday 10:00 am at UCC with Sr./ Jr. choir & Communion. Sunrise Service will take place at Mt. St. John's in Deep River at 6 am.

April 24: House of Peace Mosque in Meriden. 6:00 pm: Inter-Faith Dinner & Discussions.

It's Rummage & Bake Sale Time! Saturday, April 29th - volunteers always welcome for set-up/cleanup, or donating baked goods. Please contact Judy Schondorf 860-399-7772 or Marie Ready 860-526-1487.

May 15: UCC is hosting our Inter-Faith Dinner & Discussion at 6:00 pm.

May 27: The Chester All-Town Tag Sale! Want to sell your items, but don't have the right location? The UCC is the perfect spot. We will be setting up tables outside with lots of parking. Suggested donation per table t/b/a.

June 4: Choir Appreciation Sunday! Enjoy! 10:00 am

June 11: Children's Sunday and Pot Luck Picnic- All welcome! 10:00 am, picnic following service.

Ongoing: We offer Monday morning Bible Study 11:15-12:30 pm. Singing Bowl meditation once/mo. Summer Camp opportunities at Silver Lake Conference Center are available. Inquire in the UCC office.

For more information on any of the above, call the UCC office 9:00 am-1:00 pm M-F 860-526-2697, and don't forget to Like us on Facebook!

## What's In a Flag?

In 2009, the United Church of Chester voted to become an "Open and Affirming" church (ONA), a designation given to a congregation making a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities. So why wait all these years to hang a rainbow flag? Simply, we felt the need to reassure all the people in our community that they are safe and loved here, especially during this climate of fear, hate crimes, and escalating threats in our midst. Though many associate this flag with the LGBTQ community, we look upon the many colors of the rainbow as the entire community: every single one of you is unique in your array of colors - not just skin color, but your culture, theological or political views, socio-economic background, age, gender, mental or physical abilities, or nationality. All are accepted here at UCC, and treated with love and respect.



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### **NEW! Children's KARATE**

Grades K through 6, after school on April 22, 27, May 4, 11.

**NEW DATES!** American Red Cross CPR/AED & FIRST AID will be offered at the Chester Town Hall. CPR/AED will meet on Thursday, April 27, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. Participants may add First Aid on Friday, April 28, 6:00 until 8:00 pm. The fee is \$35 for just CPR/AED and \$45 for both classes.

**YOGA** at the Chester Town Hall continues on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 pm through May 23rd. Participate on any Tuesday with a \$10 drop-in fee.

### **THE CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO GREEN**

**TEAM** will host a litter pick up at 9 am, Saturday, April 29th, the week after Earth Day! We'll meet at the parking lot across from Cedar Lake and clean from the Hazen cross walk to the corner of 145. Camp Hazen has generously agreed to provide gloves, garbage pails (to avoid plastic bags!), and cones for road safety. There will also be a rest room open for our use. We recommend you and your children wear long pants, long sleeves, and boots to protect against bugs, itchy plants, and water. Please bring reusable water bottles and snacks. All are welcome, please spread the word! Any questions, please contact anitadeeg@yahoo.com.

### **MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!**

We are an outdoor program specializing in waterfront activities! Our Camp Counselors are Certified Lifeguards. Our SUMMER CAMP rivals any camp in the area! We offer swimming, sports, science & nature, arts & crafts, team building, and more, but unlike many camps, children choose most of what they wish to participate in throughout the day from a variety of programmed activities. It is open to children entering grades 1 through 7 and the hours are from 8:15 am until 3:45 pm, the weeks of June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7, and August 14, at Chester Elementary School on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and severe weather days, and Cedar Lake on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If the camp meets at the school on Tuesday or Wednesday due to weather, Thursday camp will be held at the lake that week. The children take field trips on Fridays. The fee is \$130 per child, per week, and payable at the time of registration. The weeks of July 10 and July 24 (SEE KINDER-CAMP) are open to children entering Kindergarten, too! The weeks of July 10, 17, 24, and 31 include optional swimming lessons the days the program meets at Cedar Lake. All Kinder-Camp children participate in swimming lessons.



**KINDER-CAMP** for children ENTERING KINDERGARTEN has staff and programming designed specifically to meet the needs of younger children. Activities include games, sports, crafts, nature, teacher-led swimming and story time. The children have their own teachers, lunch time, and activities in their own group of 6 to 8 campers, running concurrently with our grades 1 through 7 camp, at the same location the weeks of July 10 (1 waiting list only) and July 24 (2 spaces remaining). Our camp fee includes all program and field trip expenses, except lunch. Children do not need to be Chester residents to attend.

### **CEDAR LAKE 2017 SUMMER SEASON**

The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to open for the 2017 season beginning June 15 through August 20 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 valid through June 19 of 2016. They are available at Pelletier Park during operating hours and at the Parks and Recreation Office during the off-season. 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 web page link of [http://chesterct.org/?page\\_id=7810](http://chesterct.org/?page_id=7810), a certificate of insurance to the Town, and pay a group fee.

## Changes to Shoreline Bus Fares

9 Town Transit introduced a new fare structure in January on all public bus service in the region. The changes were necessary to help offset a decrease in funding from the Connecticut Dept. of Transportation and meet new federal rules. Cash fares increased to \$1.75 on bus routes and \$3.50 on the Dial-A-Ride services and off-route trips. This is offset by the introduction of a senior and disabled fare, which allows seniors 65 or over and people with disabilities to ride any bus route for \$.85, or \$31 for unlimited trips with a monthly pass. To qualify for the new senior and disabled fare, a Medicare card or a Connecticut reduced fare I.D. must be shown on boarding. I.D.'s can be obtained by visiting [www.9towntransit.com](http://www.9towntransit.com). Seniors 60 and over residing in the region will still be able to obtain and utilize 9 Town Transit Senior Fare Cards as well.


Another new addition is the U Pass available to Middlesex Community College students. This pass allows students to purchase a monthly unlimited ride pass for only \$35. The pass can be used on any 9 Town Transit, CT Transit or Middletown Area Transit bus route. U Passes are sold only at the Middlesex Community College book store. 9 Town Transit provides four bus routes service the valley-shore region and Dial-A-Ride service to twelve towns. For more information or to purchase passes and tickets, visit [www.9towntransit.com](http://www.9towntransit.com).

## Middlesex Hospital

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Middlesex Hospital is consistently disease-specific care certified by The Joint Commission in hip and knee surgeries. It prepares patients for surgery by offering educational classes before they have a procedure. Nurse navigators are there to help patients throughout the process. For more information about anterior hip replacement surgery at Middlesex Hospital, call 1-800-548-2394.



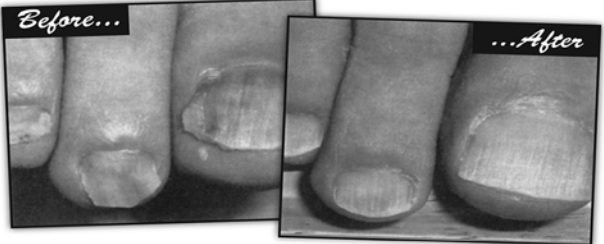
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This event is RAIN OR SHINE as the facility does have indoor space. Each rescue has their own adoption policies so please visit their websites for more information.

Rescues currently scheduled to attend are: Big Fluffy Dog Rescue, Angels Among Us Animal Rescue, One More Dog Rescue, Thank Dog Rescue, PAWS New England, Labs4Rescue, Pack Leaders Rescue of CT Protectors of Animals and 3 Bunnies Rabbit Rescue and Cat Tales.

Please watch our Facebook page where we will be posting animals that are planning to attend prior to the event! We will also be collecting food, supplies & toys for the rescues in attendance so even if you're not in the market for a new four-legged, please stop by and donate some much needed supplies!

Any questions please contact [Heather@jacksonchevrolet.com](mailto:Heather@jacksonchevrolet.com) or call 860.346.9655.

## Calling All Businesses

MARC Community Resources (MARC) has advocated for the rights of people with disabilities since 1955. Since that time MARC Community Resources has grown into a multi-service agency with nearly 100 paid staff and over 100 volunteers. Today we serve more than 200 people with disabilities throughout Middlesex County and the Greater Hartford area by providing choices for housing, employment, advocacy and social/recreational life.

MARC's largest program is its Group Supported Employment Program. Small Group Supported Employment crews provide a vast array of companies with eager and enthusiastic employees capable of a multitude of tasks.

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Hiring a work crew from MARC provides companies with many benefits including increased profitability, employees who happily accept repetitive tasks without complaint, lower insurance risks, and a richer work environment for their own employees. "The MARC crews are a valuable part of our stores, not only do they keep our stores clean and safe, they brighten the experience of our staff and guests. They bring inspiration, cheer and good work ethic everyday they are here," said Gino Pacitto, Facilities Maintenance Manager, Shop Rite East Hartford/Manchester.

No job is too big or too small for MARC's work crews. Work crews are available Monday through Friday from 10 am-1 pm. If you are interested in receiving more information on hiring a MARC work crew, contact Erin Gasparini, Vice President of Vocational & Leisure Services at (860) 635-5151.



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2. If you own a home, do you have extended dwelling coverage or guaranteed replacement cost in the event of a loss? What about for water or sewer back up, personal injury, or liable / slander claims from social media?
3. Consider optional coverage. You can add optional insurance to protect valuable, appraised items such as jewelry or fine antiques, expensive sporting gear, musical instruments, or to help cover loss or fees from identity theft.
4. Good service is key. Seek an independent, local agent who can be your advocate when a claim arises and help get you up and running again ASAP.
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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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# Chester Rotary's 39th Annual Four-on-the-Fourth



The 39th annual Chester Four-on-the-Fourth road race sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club will start at 9:00 am Tuesday, July 4. Early registration will be on the 3rd from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, and race day registration will be at the St Joseph's Parish Center, 48 Middlesex Turnpike, Chester from 7:00 to 8:30 am.

The race loops through the village of Chester and is USATF sanctioned. Timing will be provided by Super Race Systems. Team and individual awards will be presented. For more information visit [www.chesterrotary.org](http://www.chesterrotary.org) as the date draws near.



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# Chester Fife and Drum Corps



## CELEBRATING OUR 149th ANNIVERSARY

Welcome to the spring of 2017. If you're like me, you've had enough of winter! It's time to think of more pleasurable 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 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 149 years. Our new look is more colonial. Update on new uniforms: We are almost there with uniform upgrades. We are still working on getting bits and pieces to finish off the whole look. Just think old Chester and add a little flair of modern.

We are also in the process of making plans for our 150th Anniversary Celebration/Muster to be held September 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 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 2017 schedule is noted below.

- Mar 12 St. Patrick's Day Parade New Haven
- May 27 Chester Town Wide Tag Sale
- May 28 Cheshire Memorial Day Parade
- May 29 Chester Memorial Day Parade
- Jun 10 Gaspee Days Parade
- June 17 Mattatuck Drum Band 250th Anniversary
- June 25 Old Saybrook Historical Society
- Jul 4 Provincetown Parade
- Aug 13 VJ Day Parade Moosup CT
- Oct 8 108th Bridgeport Columbus Day Parade
- Nov 11 Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade 2018
- Sep 29 Chester F&DC 150th Celebration

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](mailto: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 until 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

A collage of various books and binders. At the top, there are spiral-bound notebooks in blue, red, and yellow. Below them, an open book with text is visible. In the center, there are several spiral-bound notebooks with colorful covers (blue, red, purple, yellow, pink). At the bottom, there are stacks of books with colorful covers (blue, green, yellow, red, blue, green, yellow, pink, red).

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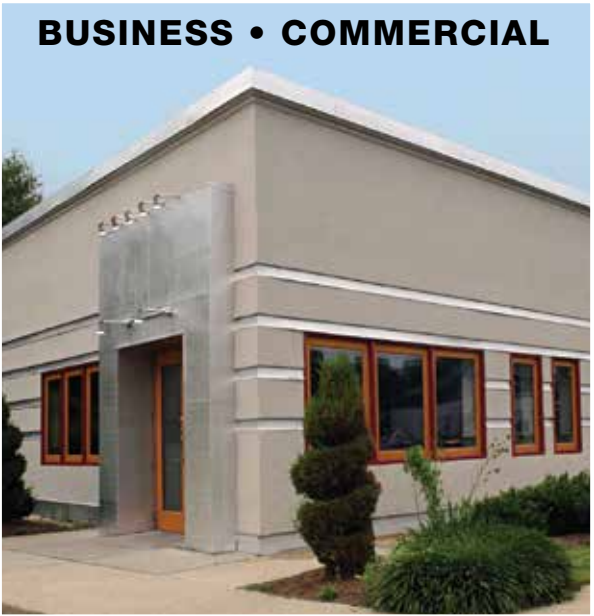
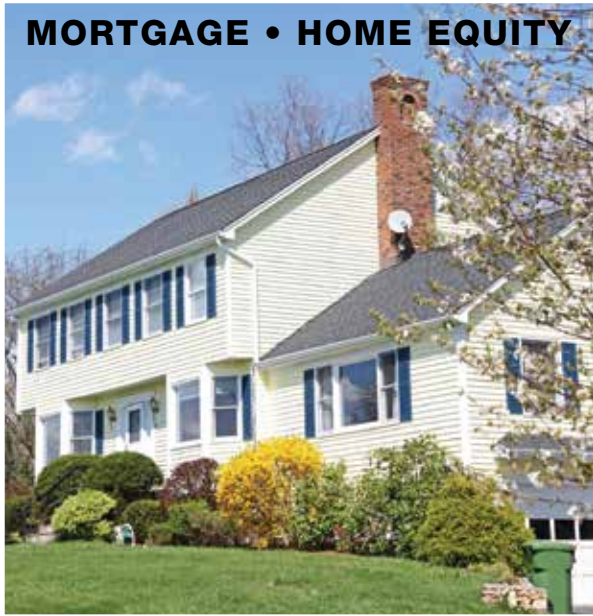
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