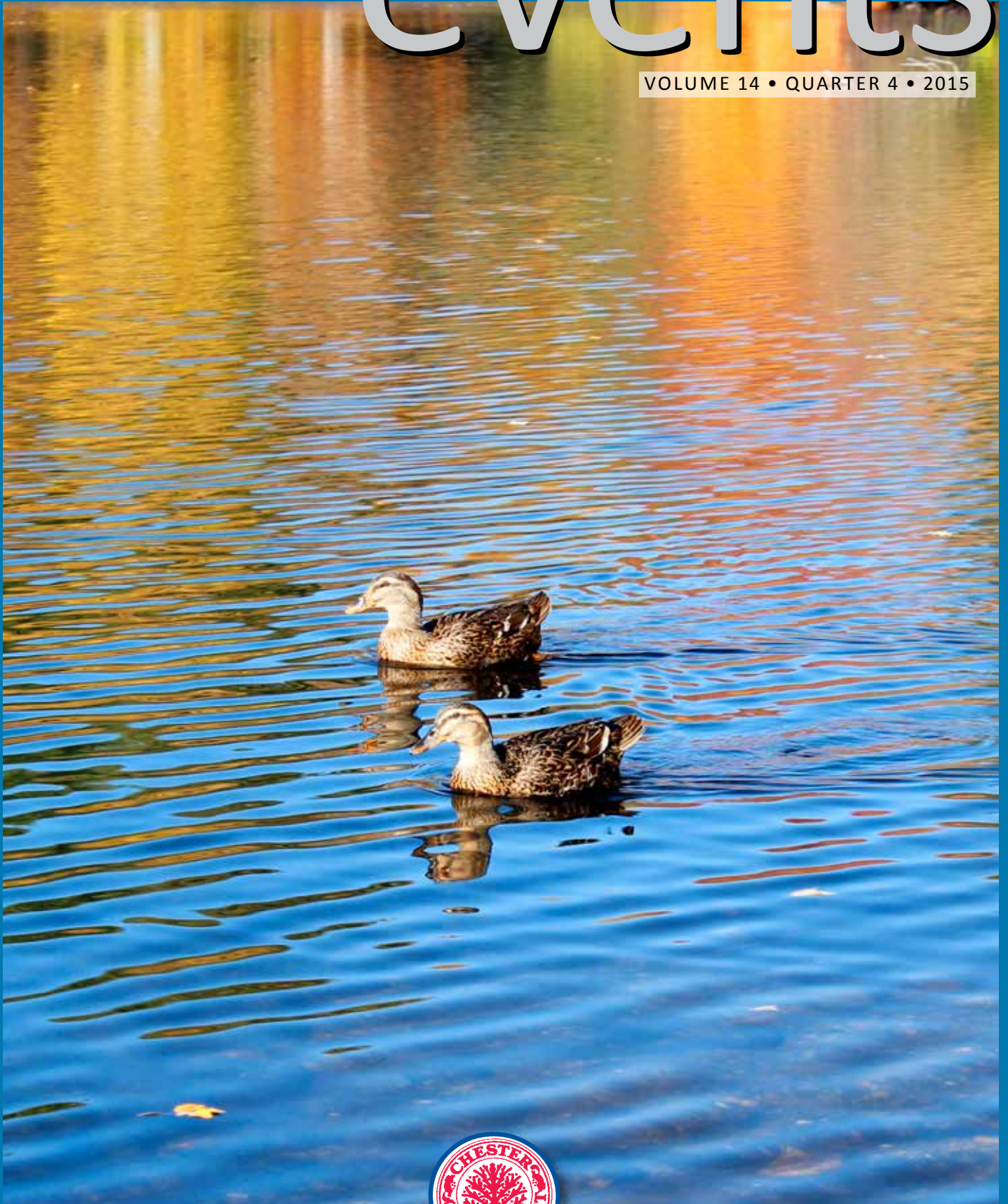


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# First Selectman's Corner

## Main Street East Reconstruction

The Main Street East contractor, Quality Associates, Inc., began work on June 15th. Good progress was made in June and July with installation of new storm drainage, sediment control basin in Laurel Hill Cemetery parking area, electrical conduit for parking area lighting, replacement of deteriorated brook culvert, and placement of new granite curbing. In August and September the existing pavement was reclaimed for the road's new sub base. This work was done for the entire length of Main Street from Laurel Hill to Middlesex Avenue. The section between School Lane and Middlesex Avenue will only be regarded, catch basin tops replaced and paved with new curbing installed where necessary. Final paving of the 1,800 feet of Main Street East will be done at one time for both cost efficiency and consistency of roadway surface. The majority of the reconstruction improvements will be substantially completed at the end of September, wrap up landscape work and traffic signage will be done in October. The cost of this project's construction, Laurel Hill to Middlesex Avenue is estimated at \$973,000, engineering design, administration and inspection at \$189,300, for a total cost of \$1,162,300. STEAP grant funds will pay \$983,088 and Town Capital funds the balance of \$179,212.

Thank you to the residents and businesses along Main Street East who have endured the disruption of construction over the past hot dusty summer months. Your patience is very much appreciated.



First Selectman Ed Meehan

## Main Street Bridge Replacement

The Department of Transportation awarded the Main Street bridge replacement project contract to Arborio Corporation of Cromwell. In advance of the January 2016 bridge closing, utility relocation work has been done by the Connecticut Water Company, Chester WPCA, and overhead services changes by Eversource, Fiberoptics and Frontier Communications. This work required the coordination of each overhead utility beginning with the setting of eight new poles and the transfer of all wires out of the crane work zone. In addition to the immediate bridge area new wires were extended to poles on Spring Street and along West Main Street. During October, November and December the contractor will begin getting materials ready for delivery, prepare the area around and under the bridge by installing sedimentation

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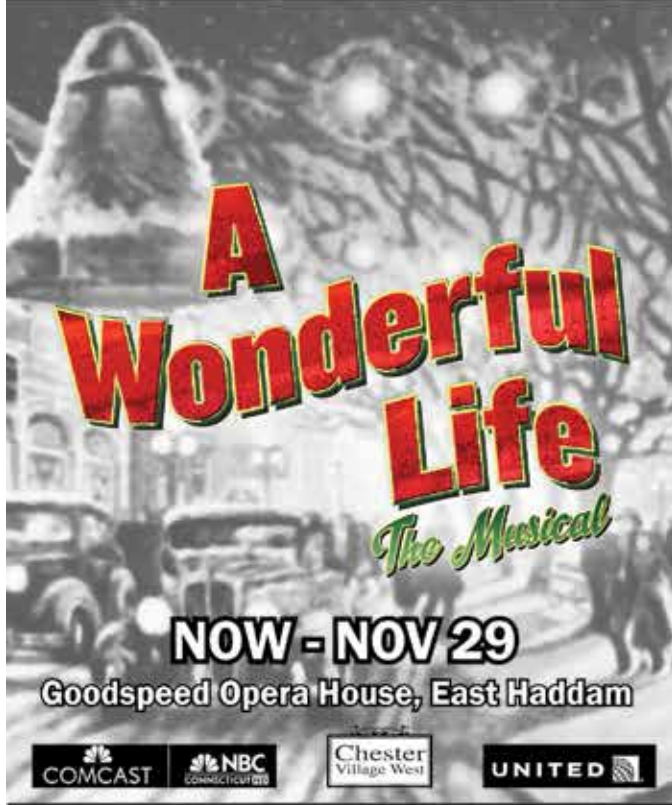
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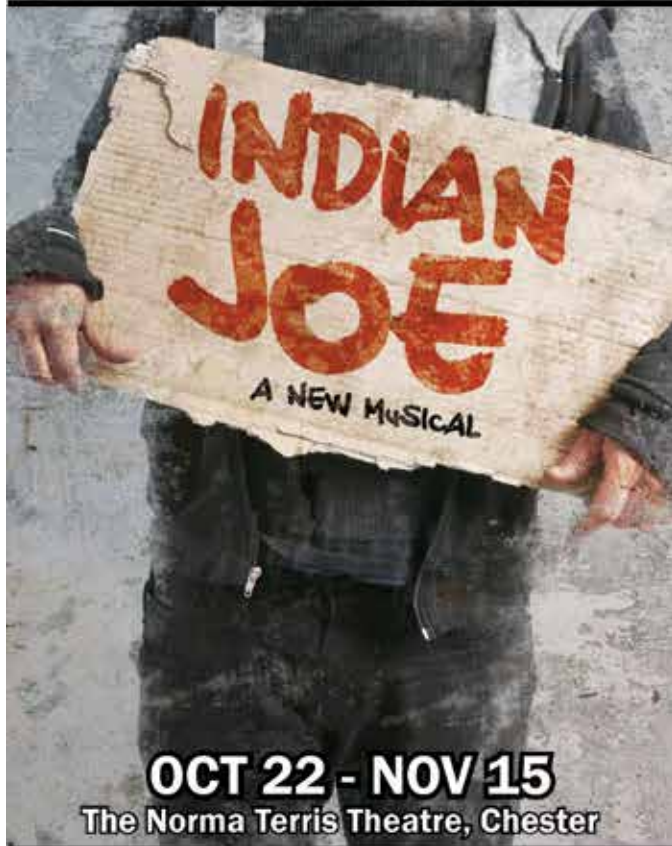
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control, abutment stabilization, new lateral sewer connections to adjacent buildings and set up of Chester Fairgrounds for off-site materials storage. The old water trough/flower planter on the west sidewalk will be relocated to the Chester Historical Society's Museum at the Mill for safe keeping and stone curbing and fencing will be salvage for reuse in the new bridge area.

The First Selectman, Economic Development Commission and Merchants Association are working with the Department of Transportation to install supplemental "Business Open" and public parking signage, as well as web site and print material to promote Chester Town Center during the anticipated five month bridge closure which is scheduled from January 16, 2016 to mid-May 2016, depending on winter weather conditions.

**New Welcome to Chester Gateway Signs**

New Welcome to Chester signs were installed in mid-September. The gateway signs present a fresh welcome to the 22,000 motorists who use Route 148 and Route 9, Exit 6 ramps each day. The gateway concept is part of the wayfinding hierarchy of signs envisioned in the Chester Village and Center District Master Plan, adopted at a Town Meeting July 23, 2013.

A uniform sign design was recommended in the Master Plan as strategy to guide visitors to the Center's attractions and public parking. This design is the generous work of Cummings & Good, whose creative talents have again produced a special image unique to Chester's character. Thank you Jan and Peter for all you do for our community!!!!

**Participate in Grow Smart Regional Economic Plan**

This fall RiverCOG (Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments) is preparing an economic plan tailored to the unique attributes and opportunities of lower Connecticut River communities. The purpose of the plan is to identify "grow smart" strategies appropriate for our small Towns that can be collectively implemented to strengthen the region as a whole.

Go to [www.rivercog.org](http://www.rivercog.org) to get information about this project, keep abreast of forums and participate in the preparation of the "grow smart" plan.

**Stay Informed**

Sign up for the Chester Townwide Email Blast! This list is used by the First Selectman's Office only and provides useful information and updates on town events. To have your contact information added please email [info@chesterct.org](mailto:info@chesterct.org) with the subject "town email list."

# Chester Rotary Announces 2015 Citizenship Award Winners

The Rotary Club of Chester is proud to announce the recipients of its 2015 Citizenship Award. Each year this award is given in the form of a scholarship to two graduating high school seniors who are residents of the Town of Chester. This year's awards were won by Kelly Feola, the daughter of Peter and Lisa Feola, and by Benedict Stevens, the son of Gary and Cynthia Stevens. Each recipient was presented with a \$2,500 scholarship at Valley Regional High School's Senior Awards Night held on June 3rd. The recipients and their families were also honored by the Chester Rotary at a dinner held on August 5th.

Both Kelly and Ben have displayed the principles and values of Rotary in their daily activities. These include community involvement, scholastic achievement and athletic achievement that exemplifies Rotary's "Service Above Self" maxim. The Rotary Club of Chester was pleased to recognize these two outstanding students.

Submitted by Debbie Alldredge, Chester Rotarian



## Tri-Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services has many programs lined up for fall. Please join us when you can!

### Mental Health First Aid Training

Tri-Town Youth Services, in collaboration with Rushford Center, will offer the 8-hour training certification course, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) in two parts from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Deep River Public Library, Community Room, on October 20. Teaching a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual, MHFA introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common treatments. This CPR-like program is effective in improving trainees' knowledge of mental disorders, reducing stigma, and increasing the amount of help provided to individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis or developing a mental health concern.

Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course – including first responders, faith community leaders, human resource professionals, teachers, individuals who typically work with the general public, parents, other concerned citizens, etc. – to help them identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness.

A fee of \$10 includes materials and certification. For more information or to register, contact Tri-Town at 860-526-3600.

### Babysitter Training

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, 12-17, 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 \$75 fee includes instruction, books, and certificate.

The winter session will be held on Wednesday evenings, January 20, 27 and February 3. All classes will be held 6-8 pm at Tri-Town, 56 High Street, Deep River.

### Let's Go Lego! Family Fun

We know it. You know it. Legos are the best toy, hands down. But do you play with them as a family? Each family will try out the following Lego stations: build a Lego marble maze, play Lego hangman, make a circle out of Lego Bricks, and more! We will provide the Legos; you provide the creativity and ingenuity.

**Meet:** Tri-Town, 56 High Street, Deep River. **Time:** 1:00-2:30 pm. **Date:** Sunday, October 25. **Tuition:** Free.

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## A Note from Public Works

Winter may seem a long way off, but the cold weather and snow will be here before we know it. Keep the following tips in mind as winter approaches:

- Salt and sand will be available at the Town Garage at 12 Grote Road. Bring your own pail and it's one pail per household.
- Please remember to move your vehicles off the streets during winter storms for efficient snow plowing.
- Please remove any basketball hoops from the roadside and town right of way – they could potentially be caught and destroyed by the plow going by.
- Please do not place your garbage receptacles into the street as the road crews will need to plow your street – keep receptacles at the inside end of your driveway otherwise the plow will have to go around and not be able to plow the snow completely from in front of your driveway. Remember – the trash pickup trucks have long arms and will be able to pick up your trash and recycling cans when they are in your driveway.

## Septic Tank Pump Out

Chester residents are reminded that the Town ordinance requires septic tanks to be pumped out and inspected every five years by a licensed sewage disposal company.

Pumping out and inspection of the septic tank is really preventative maintenance and can save on costly repairs later on. It is much cheaper to pump out the septic tank than to have to replace the septic system later on!

If you have questions, please call Lee Vito, Town Sanitarian, 860-526-0013 ext. 206.

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

## Visit Chester Museum at The Mill

Have you recently been through the Mill? There's still time this year! The Chester Museum is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm until October 25. The Museum then reopens specially for Thanksgiving visitors (it's a lot more fun than Black Friday) on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28, from 10 am to 4 pm. And don't forget, admission is free (though donations are welcome).

Your family from far away will get a kick out of listening to the stories about playing basketball in the 4 Water Street building in our "Pastimes" exhibit and seeing Bib's barber chair set up just the way it was in their childhood. And don't forget to show them the 275-year-old millstones in front of the Museum.

## More Fall Happenings

This fall is our 12th Annual Antiques & Jewelry Appraisal Day on November 7 and the Collamore Concert Series 42nd season (more info in separate newsletter articles).

## Help us Support Chester History

For 45 years, our all-volunteer organization, despite a modest operating budget, has preserved, protected and interpreted Chester's rich history. We depend on your support through memberships, tax-deductible donations, and participation in our two annual fundraisers. Our annual dues are just \$30 per family, \$20 per individual. Membership forms are on our website, [chesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://chesterhistoricalsociety.org).

Tax-deductible donations in any amount can be mailed at any time to: Chester Historical Society, PO Box 205, Chester 06412.

## Stay in the Know

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

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# Chester Public Library

## It's Story Time, It's Craft Time, It's Theatretime!

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

## Library Building Update

On September 2, Architects from Lerner Ladds Bartels, presented the Library Building Committee with preliminary floor plans for a one-story community library nestled into North Quarter Park, just off Main Street. Along with the floor plans came the architects first concept for the exterior. At this stage of development, the project is clearly a work in progress, undergoing close review as to space allocations, functionality and flexibility. Copies of the plans as they develop will be available for review at the library. As the committee works with LLB to refine the details of the proposal, it invites interested members of the community to attend its meetings, scheduled for 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Community Room at Town Hall.

## Halloween Boo!kmarks

Children who love Halloween are invited to stop by the library's table at the Halloween Carnival on October 30th and have a photo taken. We'll make the photos into personalized boo!kmarks that can be picked up at the library at a later date.

## Upcoming Holiday Magic for Children

Gingerbread decorating has become a tradition at the library and plans are in the works for an early December program. We hear, also, that Mrs. Claus may be including Chester Library in her visits this December. Check the library website or call for details as the time gets nearer.

## Access your library account 24/7

It's late, you're in your pjs and that movie is due back at the library. What to do? Visit <http://chst-verso.auto-graphics.com/MVC/>. Log in to your account using the 14-digit barcode number on your library card and your password. When logging in for the first time, use the password "userpass" (without quotation marks). From this website you are able to renew items you have checked out, search the catalog, place reserves on items you'd like to have, and more. There are also lists of new books and movies and links to online resources such as Overdrive (for downloadable audio and ebooks), Mango Languages (want to learn Italian, or Pirate?), or JobNow! (polish up that resume). It's worth a look.

For more general information about the library, its programs and services, visit [http://chesterct.org/?page\\_id=286](http://chesterct.org/?page_id=286).

## Kudos

- to Erin and Jenna Lomonaco, Deborah Ringen, Sandy Senior-Dauer, Margie Warner and Leigh Basilone for sharing their considerable talents with children this summer.
- to Chester artists Sosse Baker, Sally Murray and Lisa Tollefson for donating their lovely creations to the Friends of Chester Library raffle.
- to Diane Lindsay and her merry band of booksellers for undertaking two successful summer book sales and raising more than \$2300 for the Friends' support of the library.
- to the Chester Rotary, R.J. Vickers Herbery, Lark, Sally Murray and the Friends for their generous support of "Escape the Ordinary", Chester Library's online summer reading program.
- to Patty Petrus who has welcomed countless children to the library and helped them develop a love of reading and appreciation of the world around them.
- to Janet Barrett who makes sure new books get covered and onto our shelves each week.

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- to Sally Murray for making required summer reading projects enjoyable for teens through thought-provoking book discussions.
- to everyone who exchanged Food for Fines this July, thereby helping our Chester neighbors.
- to the Friends of Chester Library who are responsible for our brand new bike rack.
- to Cary Hull who always manages to get library happenings in print and online.

## Library Hours and Holiday Closings

Veteran's Day (November 11): Closed

Thanksgiving: Wednesday, November 25, open 10 -2;  
Thursday & Friday, closed; Saturday, November 28, open

Christmas: December 24 & 25, closed; Saturday,  
December 26, open.

New Year's: December 31 & January 1, 2016, closed; Saturday,  
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Open hours are Mondays 10-8; Tuesdays 2-6; Wednesdays 10-6;  
Thursdays 2-8; Fridays 10-6; Saturdays 10-2.

Visit the library website anytime at [http://chesterct.org/?page\\_id=286](http://chesterct.org/?page_id=286).

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## Annual Christmas Bazaar – St. Joseph's Church

The hall is decked with the Spirit  
of the Season!

On Saturday, December 5th from 9 am - 2 pm, the Hall at St. Joseph's Church, Chester, will be filled with crafters and seasonal decorations for the Annual Christmas Bazaar. With more than 30 diverse crafters displaying their works of art, there will be an abundance of special discoveries for everyone on your list. The aroma of fragrant wreaths and greens will put you in the spirit of the season and provide you an opportunity to start your holiday decorating. You can grab a cup of coffee and dessert and continue shopping or sit down and make a selection from the delicious lunch menu. You can't go home without visiting the Dixie Baskets Raffle and there will be an abundance of special cakes, cookies, jellies, sweet treats and Freezeable Meals for Four to choose from on the Home-Baked Goods and Candy Table. Whether you tell a friend or bring one or two with you, it's guaranteed to be a day filled with holiday fun. Interested "new" crafters may contact Maria Bargnesi at 860-526-9084 for additional details.

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## Chester Hose Company

The season of change is upon us! With the upcoming town elections there is the potential for new leadership, much like the change of command here at Chester Hose Company, as our newly elected officers settled in on July 1st. We congratulate:

Chief	James Schaefer
Deputy Chief	John Brainard
Assistant Chief	Allen Alonzo
Battalion Chief	Kim Brainard
Captain	Sara Blaschik
First Lieutenant	James Grzybowski
Second Lieutenant	Jacob McNally
Medical Coordinator	Kim Tiezzi
President	Charles Tower
Secretary	Susie Carrier
Treasurer	Emily Masters
Steward	Bruce Sypher
Quartermaster	Karen Graham
Trustees	Dennis Jacobs (serves a 1 year term) Tom Miksa (serves a 3 year term)

While not stepping down, we thank James Grzybowski (Chief) for his service and look forward to his continued leadership in his new position. We would also like to thank the following past officers for their dedicated service to the Department over the last year: Jim Skeffington (Captain), Merry Berdensemey (Secretary/Treasurer), and Peter Tiezzi (Trustee). We will forever hold in our hearts the memory of Bruce Rayner, who passed away last October while actively serving as a trustee and member of the Hose Company.

In lieu of recent bicycling accidents, we would like to remind you to use caution and share the roads, especially as the leaves continue to fall. October is Fire Safety month. We ask that you rake leaves away from your house and not into the roadways to help prevent possible leaf and brush fires. Burn permits should be obtained for any burning to be done. Contact the Fire Marshal at (860) 526-0013 x212 or firemarshal@chesterct.org for permits. Only dry, seasoned wood should be burnt. Keep current with our upcoming events by logging onto our Facebook page, website, or watch our signboard.

Volunteers are the backbone of our community-consider joining today!

James Schaefer, Chief  
Chester Hose Company

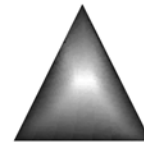
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# Medicare Savings Programs

If you are covered by Medicare, you may be able to get assistance to pay for your Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-payments. The programs that would cover these expenses are commonly referred to as the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP). Medicare Part B beneficiaries pay a premium each month. This premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security check. If you are eligible for a Medicare Savings Program, DSS will pay this premium and you will receive more income from Social Security each month. In determining eligibility, DSS examines your income. There is no asset limit for any of these programs and no estate recovery. The Medicare Savings Programs encompasses three separate programs. Each one has different income criteria. The three programs are:

- **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program (QMB)** pays not only your Part B premium, but all other Medicare deductibles and co-payments (up to the Medicaid rate for that service) to medical providers that accept both Medicare and Medicaid. For an individual, the gross monthly income cannot exceed \$2069.11 for a single and 2,802.08 for a couple.
- **Specified Low Income Beneficiary program (SLMB)** pays the Part B premium. Gross monthly income for one person cannot exceed \$2266.11 or \$3067.68 for a couple.
- **Additional Low Income Beneficiary program (ALMB)** pays the Part B premium. Gross income cannot exceed \$2413.26 for an individual or \$3266.88 for a couple. There is no asset limit for this program, but unlike the other two programs, it is not an entitlement so the program is subject to available funding. You are not eligible for this program if you receive Medicaid.
- **The Low Income Subsidy (LIS)** is an extra benefit from Medicare for someone who has Medicare Part D. If you have Medicare and MSP you are automatically eligible for the LIS. With the LIS you can get help paying you Medicare Part D monthly premium. You can get help with your Medicare Part D yearly deductibles and help paying your Medicare Part D co-insurance and co-pays for drugs on your plan formulary. This does not start until Social Security receives notification that you are on MSP.

To find out if you can receive this assistance, or to make an appointment to fill out an application, call Rosie Bininger at 860-526-0023 x213, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.



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## Chester Parks and Recreation

### Cedar Lake

There will be no longer be Lifeguards on duty at Cedar Lake for the remainder of 2015. Please display a resident public access sticker or non-resident pass on your windshield. Thank you to our summer staff!

### Autumn Youth Activities

**Deep River and Chester Parks and Recreation** will host a basketball clinic with Olympic Gold Medalist and former UCONN and WNBA basketball player Kara Wolters on Sunday, October 25, 2:30-6:00 pm at John Winthrop Middle School. The fee for the 3 ½ hour clinic is \$50 and includes a T-shirt and autographed photograph. The program is open to students in grades 4 through 10. Contact us to be put on the list.

**American Red Cross Babysitter's Training** for Grade 5 through age 15 on March 23 & 24, 1:15-4:30 pm (2 spaces remain) will be held at the Chester Town Hall for \$40. School bus transportation from Chester Elementary School is available for the March session, following the early dismissal.

**Early School Dismissal Sports Clinics & Camp Activities** for grades K through 6 on are available on October 22, 23, November 6, January 15, February 12 following the 1:00 pm early dismissal until 4:30 pm at Chester Elementary School. The registration fee is \$10 per child, per day or \$5 for those registered for Chester Youth Basketball.

**Youth Basketball Registration is Due November 3** for grades K through 6! Forms are available on our website or outside the Parks and Recreation office.

Please contact us if you have a comment or a concern regarding any one of our parks!

### Adult Programs This Fall

**Yoga And Mindful Meditation** meets on Tuesdays, October 20, 27, November 10, and 17 in the Community Room at the Chester Town Hall with Annette Babek. An optional meditation session begins at 5:30 pm and the Yoga class is held from 5:45 until 6:45 pm. There is a \$10 drop-in fee per evening and students are welcome to participate on any date.

**American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED** will be offered at the Chester Town Hall on October 26 & 28 or February 16. First Aid Class will be held from 6:00 until 9:00 pm on Monday, October 26 and CPR/AED on Wednesday, October 28. A second session, on Tuesday, February 16 will feature CPR/AED in the morning, 10:00 am until 1:00 pm and First Aid in the afternoon, noon until 3:00 pm. The cost for either session is \$35 for one class or \$45 for both First Aid and CPR/AED.

**Adult Basketball** meets November 17 through March 31.

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## Town Clerk News

### Debra Germini Calamari, Town Clerk

This is a reminder that absentee ballots became available on Friday, October 2 for the Municipal Election, which is on Tuesday, November 3. Anyone is eligible to acquire an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk's Office who a) absent from town during voting hours, b) is ill, c) is physically disabled d) has religious tenets e) working at the polls in another town or f) is in active service in the Armed Forces. Please know that there is an application process that has to be filled out first before you can be given an absentee ballot.

## The Meeting House Players Present...

The Meeting House Players are pleased present Edward Albee's dramatic masterpiece "Who's Afraid Of Virginia Wolf?". Directed by Chester resident Debbie Alldredge, the production opens on Friday, November 13 and continues on November 14, 20 & 21 at the Meeting House located on 4 Liberty Street in Chester, CT.

George, a professor at a small New England college, and his wife Martha, the middle aged daughter of the college's president, return home, drunk from a party. Martha announces, amidst general profanity, that she has invited a young couple to stop by for a night-cap. The guests, an opportunistic new professor at the college and his naïve new bride arrive and the charade begins. Before the party's over, the sharp banter that is cross-fired between both couples exposes dysfunctional relationships and tragic secrets.

The curtain rises each evening at 7:30 pm and at 2 pm for a matinee performance on Saturday, November 21. Reservation requests for both Preferred and Open seating are available by calling 860-526-3684 or by e-mail at [TheMeetingHousePlayers@gmail.com](mailto:TheMeetingHousePlayers@gmail.com). The play contains mature subject matter and may not be suitable for all audiences. **Please note the 7:30 pm evening performance start time for this production.**

The Meeting House Players is a not-for-profit, all volunteer community theatre organization. We pursue the theatre arts with the talents and interests of individuals throughout Connecticut.

Submitted by Debbie Alldredge, The Meeting House Players



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## Blues, Gypsy Jazz and Classical Guitar This Fall at Meeting House

Three more concerts in the Robbie Collomore Concert Series will be presented this fall at the Chester Meeting House. But if you're assuming they'll be classical music, you'll be surprised. As Martin Nadel, chairman of the Concert Series, said in a recent Valley Courier article, "Audiences have come to appreciate a variety of musical experiences [from us], even in areas with which they were unfamiliar. Whatever we present represents the highest level of musical accomplishment. People tell us even if they don't know the ensemble, they know whatever we have will be terrific."

Jerron "Blind Boy" Paxton takes center stage on Sunday, October 18. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Paxton, age 26, is "virtually the only music-maker of his generation—playing guitar, banjo, piano and violin, among other implements—to fully assimilate the blues idiom of the 1920s and '30s."

The Hot Club of Detroit, a jazz ensemble specializing in the Gypsy jazz sound made

famous by guitarist Django Reinhardt, performs on Sunday, November 8. The band has taken Reinhardt's sounds and spun them in an electrifying and visionary way that's both reverent and refreshingly contemporary, resulting in an unforgettable, energetic and unique acoustic-electric show.

On November 29 classical guitarist Jorge Caballero comes to Chester. He is the youngest musician and the only guitarist to win the Naumburg International Competition, one of the most prestigious and coveted awards given to performers of any instrument.

Tickets should be bought in advance; see [www.collomoreconcerts.org](http://www.collomoreconcerts.org). All ticket-holders are invited to stay for a reception after each concert to meet the performers. For more information, check the website or call 860-526-5162.

## Chester Cub Scouts Pack 13

Chester Cub Scouts Pack 13 serves boys grades 1 to 5. Lead by parent volunteers, Cub Scouting offers boys an excellent opportunity to learn new things in a fun environment designed to help them succeed. From building his own pinewood derby car to learning outdoor skills and citizenship lessons, your son will LOVE being a Cub Scout. This year Chester Cub Scouts are planning on holding a Scouting for Food Drive for the Chester Pantry, Cleaning up the Chester War Memorial grounds, Singing Christmas Carols at the town nursing homes and attending a sleep-over event at the Boston Science Museum. Pack Meetings (all dens) are held at the United Church of Chester the 2nd Thursday of most months. Den Meetings (grade specific) are held 1-2 times per month.

Any boy in grades 1-5 is welcome to join Pack 13. There is plenty of fun and adventure to share.

If you would like to support Pack 13, please consider purchasing Trails End Popcorn from your neighborhood Cub Scout.

### Information

To learn more information about joining Pack 13 please contact our Cubmaster, Jason Lamark @ 860-526-1243. Or our website: [www.ctrivers.org/Pack-13-Chester-CT](http://www.ctrivers.org/Pack-13-Chester-CT) a complete calendar of events is posted there. For more information and videos on the Boy Scouts of America and why it is a great activity for your son, check out [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org).

## News from Chester Merchants

The Chester Merchants group is always busy attracting visitors to our picturesque Chester Center. We do this through our own businesses as well as organizing special events. Such as these:

**Halloween Carnival, Friday, October 30**, with Chester PTO: The Chester Fife & Drum Corps will lead a costumed parade for kids and their families from Chesterfields to the Center (step off at 5:45 pm). In the Center (where Main Street will be closed to traffic), the PTO will host a kids' carnival with games, popcorn, cupcakes and cider. The shops and galleries will hand out Halloween treats. DJ Gary Torello will provide music so you can dance in the street and Judy Potter will read scary stories at Maple & Main Gallery.

**Chester Holiday Market, Sundays, November 29 – December 20**, with Chester Sunday Market organizer Sue Hotkowski: From 11 am to 2 pm, enjoy holiday happenings throughout Chester Center shops, galleries and restaurants while you purchase from local farmers and food artisans. And watch for our 2015 pewter Chester ornament!

**Starry Starry Night Festival, Friday, December 5**, with Chester Rotary and more: From the Scouts to the Rotary and the school students, the whole town gets involved in this annual tree-lighting and caroling in Chester Center, beginning at 5 pm.

You are welcome to attend our Chester Merchants monthly meetings on the first Wednesday morning of each month. You can sign up for our email list for notification of meetings and more by writing to [chestermerchants@gmail.com](mailto:chestermerchants@gmail.com). Other ways to be informed are through our [visitchesterct.com](http://visitchesterct.com) website, [FindItInChesterCT.wordpress.com](http://FindItInChesterCT.wordpress.com), and [Facebook.com/visitchesterct](http://Facebook.com/visitchesterct).

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## Usage and Benefit Assessment Bills Are Due Now

Our new online tax look up is working out really well. If you have not tried it, try it! You'll like it! It has helped reduce the number of phone calls and emails into the office by more than half and the payments that have come in, have been more accurate, since the person can see the amount for themselves and not have to rely on hearing it.

And it's easy. Just go to [www.chesterct.org](http://www.chesterct.org) and look on the bottom of the home page, and the link for tax look up is there under the paragraph "New this year for tax information". Then just click on that link, and in the search area, be sure to type in the full last name and the accurate first initial. If you do not know the name that the tax bill is listed under, you can use the accurate address. Be sure to type in any unique part to the address, like 112-1 or 33A or what-ever is listed in the Chester Assessor's records for that parcel. Once it pulls up the information, then you can look at the information or create a pdf or view all bills under that one person, or that one address, or look at the payment history.

This year, there will NOT be last January's information, since this is a new process and it did not save information that

went into archive section of our computer. But that January info is indeed in our computer, so you still can find the information out by calling or emailing us. In the future, the previous January information should be available, just not this year! And of course, you should be in the habit of saving your tax payment history and you won't have to do any of this process. But it is available if you need it.

For those on the sewer line, in the center of town, the Usage bills and Benefit Assessment bills are due during October and become delinquent after November 2nd. I do NOT plan on being in the office on that last day, so mail your bills early or have them postmarked no later than November 2nd, or they will be delinquent and will incur 3% interest. Good luck with all this and enjoy the rest of the fall and pretty foliage. Take care.

Madaline Meyer, Tax Collector

## Important information regarding DMV clearances from the Tax Collector

With the new DMV program, a delinquent MV clearance will not be in paper form, but will be done by computer. Please plan for 24 hours after paying before you are cleared at DMV. A word to the wise: Pay your taxes on time, or as soon as possible now, so that you do not have this problem. You might be ready to go to DMV, but you won't be instantly clear in some cases, causing you to have to wait another day!

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## United Church of Chester

### Pot Roast Supper

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### Thanksgiving Baskets

The United Church of Chester needs your help in providing gift cards and turkeys for Thanksgiving which will be delivered to local families this holiday season.

- Gift cards in any amount to Adams in Deep River are welcome.
- Turkeys can be donated on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 am to noon at the United Church of Chester. We will have strong arms to assist you.

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## Christmas Fair

The United Church of Chester's Christmas Fair is going to be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Pick up some delicious holiday foods: breads, jellies, cookies, fudge, muffins, etc.

– take a stroll through “Grandma’s Attic,” or just enjoy shopping for hand-crafted items, decorations, toys, knitted goods or Christmas greens and so much more – either for yourself, or to give as gifts to those special people on your list. While

you’re shopping you can also enjoy coffee and a hearty lunch of soup and sandwiches all home-made by the outstanding cooks of the UCC Women’s League. (Lunch will only be served between 11 am and 1:00 pm.)

## Autumn News from the Chester E-Team

Consolidating Chester’s position as a CT Clean Energy Community, the E-team continues to work to reduce energy usage throughout town by conducting energy audits of municipal buildings and evaluating all the options relative to changing the streetlights to LED.

Two years ago, the E-team did a streetlight survey in anticipation of reducing the town’s energy costs by changing streetlight wattage, reducing lighting times, and even eliminating some lights. We have been soliciting comments from the residents on these options.

In the meantime, surrounding cities and towns have been pursuing the option of purchasing all their streetlights and converting them to significantly lower cost LED. This option

offers lower long-term operating costs with no upfront expenses. The E-team with the Selectmen’s help have explored outside vendors to provide installation and maintenance services. Just recently, Eversource reversed its policy of not providing LED lighting, so we are now also reviewing this option. There is a consensus that LED street lighting is here and that Chester will participate. It is not often that towns get an opportunity to lower electricity costs, provide better lighting and reduce maintenance costs.

All residents are reminded that the E-team provides energy-saving tips through Facebook.com/ChesterCTEnergyTeam and the weekly townwide e-newsletter. The team meets the second Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at town hall; residents are welcome.

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# Synagogue to Honor Children's Advocate Martha Stone

Celebrating its 100th year, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, honors its past and its legacy by presenting its first "Pursuers of Justice Award" this fall. The public is invited on the morning of November 6, at 10:30, when the award will be given to Martha Stone, founder and executive director of the Center for Children's Advocacy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the legal rights of poor children.

Candidates for the award were nominated by members of the congregation, and the overwhelming favorite became obvious. Andy Schatz, chair of CBSRZ's social action committee says, "Martha has devoted her professional career to social justice, first as legal director for the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union (now the ACLU of Connecticut) and for the past 20 years as probably the most intense and effective legal representative for children's rights. She remains legal counsel to the plaintiffs in

the Sheff v. O'Neill case which she helped initiate while with the CCLU."

The award itself was inspired by the social action work of the congregation as well as the name given to the synagogue established early in the 20th century that bore the name Rodfe Zedek, which is Hebrew for seekers of justice. For more, please see [www.cbsrz.org](http://www.cbsrz.org).

She is an adjunct professor and teaches an internship course in Child Advocacy as well as an interdisciplinary course entitled Law and Medicine in Child Protection. She received her B.A. from Wheaton College and her J.D. and L.L.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. She served as Associate Director of Children's Rights, Inc., a national organization engaged in foster care litigation around the country, and for 18 years previous to that, she was Legal Director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. She is responsible for bringing the class action lawsuits resulting in Consent Decrees involving the Department of Children and Families, and the juvenile detention centers. She is the recent recipient of the "Phoebe Bennett" Award from the Connecticut Association of Mental Health Clinics; the "Public Citizen of the Year" Award from the Ct. Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers; and the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Connecticut Association of School Superintendents.

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## Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

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A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to support the programs of the Estuary Council and consequently supporting Seniors along the Shoreline. In addition to special events, we hold BINGO every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. Join with friends and family for a fun evening out and try your luck on the progressive jackpot. All ages are welcome and cash prizes are awarded. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Our next special event is the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21st. Each year, the Estuary Council brings together local crafters who display an incredible array of hand crafted items for sale. In addition, the wonderful "Bake Shop" is filled with homemade dessert and candy. The Fair will be open from 8 am until 1 pm. Contact Judy or Mike for more information, (860) 388-1611 extension 203.

# Menunketesuck - Cockaponset Regional Greenway Sign Posted at Cedar Lake

The Chester Conservation Commission, with help from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments and the CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection has erected a new informational sign about the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway. The sign is located on the kiosk just as you enter the town beach on the south side of Cedar Lake. Next time you're there, be sure to take a minute and learn about this important greenway that covers a large part of Chester.

Greenways are often thought of as linear open spaces but they can be much more. They can be the links from city to country, from village to village, from state to state. They help connect people to their communities, to rivers, fields, and hillsides, enhancing the sense of place that helps define the quality of life in Connecticut. Greenways connect the places we live with the places we love.

The critical element of all greenways is connectivity. The 18-mile long Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway functions as a wildlife and multi-use corridor connecting the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge - Salt Meadow Unit in the Town of Westbrook to Cockaponset State Forest, the Quinimay Trail, surrounding private forest land, and public recreational resources throughout the municipalities of Westbrook, Clinton, Deep River, Killingworth, Chester, and Haddam. The greenway formally was established as a CT State Greenway under the authority of Public Act 95-335.

Keeping the Greenway alive and relevant will need a strong commitment at the local and regional level. You can support these efforts through Chester land trust and land use commissions.

A special thanks is due Margot Burns, Environmental Planner, RiverCOG and Chester Conservation Commission member for all the work she done to help make this greenway a reality. Thanks Margot!

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# The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments: RiverCOG

## GrowSMART: A Lower Connecticut River Valley Economic Growth Strategy

If you haven't heard about the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments, also known as RiverCOG, we are an association of seventeen towns represented by their chief elected officials. Our purpose includes facilitating solutions and planning between the seventeen towns, the State of Connecticut, Federal agencies, and nonprofits for land use, transportation, agriculture, emergency management, conservation, and economic development. One of our foremost goals is to encourage a safe and open venue to discuss shared regional options and projects.

**GrowSMART**, a RiverCOG project, is looking for how the region can collaborate to attract workers and retain

and grow businesses while also conserving our natural resources that are so vital to the region's infrastructure, housing values, and tourism industry.

As you drive, walk, or bike around our region in September and October, you may notice signs, posters, and banners around town. You may see an advertisement while reading a local newspaper or local on-line news. The signs or advertisements may ask a question, such as: "Why can't you find qualified help?" or "Who is going to buy your house?"

Why are we asking these questions? Our Regional Strategic Economic Growth Committee is working with Ninigret Partners to create a regional economic growth strategy. We invite you to visit the project website, [www.GrowSMARTregion.org](http://www.GrowSMARTregion.org), and learn about our travelling mobile workshop and public forums. There is also an opportunity at the [www.GrowSMARTregion.org](http://www.GrowSMARTregion.org) website to submit your ideas.

## News from Friends of Chester Library

### Holiday Book Sale

Because it was a great success last year, the Friends of Chester Library will host a Holiday Book Sale again this year.

It's a great way to purchase gift-quality, new, and like-new books in a wide variety of genres at reasonable prices for your holiday gifts. You may be able to buy books from Chester authors. We'll even offer free gift wrapping! The sale will open late Thursday, December 3 at the library and will end at the Holiday Market in Chester Center on Sunday, December 6.

Please help us by donating books, audiobooks, movies and even games that are new or like new (they need to be gift quality). Please leave them at the library during open hours or call Cary Hull at 860-558-4701 for more information. All proceeds support Chester Library's programs and services.

### More Holiday Shopping Ideas

Friends of the Library are offering Book Bags! The new bags designed by the Friends of the Library are water-resistant, zippered, and hold at least 4 books (or whatever else you want to carry in them). The Friends are selling them for \$10 each at the library. The bags were created in memory of Helen LaFlair, longtime Chester resident who was an avid reader and active Chester Library volunteer. Helen's comment, "I'm never alone if I have a book," reflected the companionship provided by her reading materials.

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## 9 Town Transit Unveils New Slogan

This spring, 9 Town Transit (9TT) asked the public to help with a new slogan for the region's bus system. After reviewing the nearly 50 submissions, the district now has the new tag line "connecting your Connecticut".

"We wanted something that conveyed the impact public transit has on people's lives," explains 9TT Chairperson Leslie Strauss, "We think 'connecting your Connecticut' does just that."

The winning entry came from Alejandro Callirgos, a local freelance copywriter. He stumbled across the contest on Google. "I liked the idea of public transportation that connects so many Connecticut towns and neighbors", explains Callirgos.

The district plans to use the new slogan to help promote public transit, and will use it on most marketing materials. As the winner, Callirgos received forty transit ride tickets which he will be donating to a local charity to make transportation a little easier for those in need.

9 Town Transit provides service to all parts of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook, with connections to New Haven, New London and Middletown. All services are open to the general public. Additional information, route maps and schedules are available online at [www.9towntransit.com](http://www.9towntransit.com) or by calling 9 Town Transit at 860-510-0429.

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is sign up and remember to make your purchases through AmazonSmile (we've found it works best to just bookmark AmazonSmile and use it as the way we regularly get to Amazon). Your account remains just as it has been (no new account number or password to remember), purchasing is the same as always, but a bit of philanthropy is added to the mix. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com>.

### What is 2-1-1?

It is Connecticut's free information and referral service. By dialing 2-1-1, a toll-free number throughout CT, callers can reach knowledgeable, multilingual staff and get information, referrals or seek help in a crisis. 2-1-1 operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year. TDD access is available.



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# The Chester Land Trust

The Chester Land Trust's Women's Walks will resume this fall. Routes vary from one to five miles. For further information please contact : probinson02@snet.net. Good idea to bring water.

## The Chester Land Trust Annual Meeting

The Board of Trustees invite our members and friends to the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, October 25th at The Chester Meeting House (Goose Hill and East Liberty Street) at 4 pm. Members are encouraged to bring their children, their friends and family to this interesting event that will include: "Observations" a very fun interactive program by Sandy

## Energy Assistance

### Rosie Bininger, Human Services Director

As the weather turns colder, statewide energy assistance programs that help residents with heating bills and conserving energy will begin. Programs are available from September 1 through March 30. Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) helps income eligible households pay their heating bills. State Appropriated Fuel Assistance (SAFA) helps the elderly and disabled individuals with their heating bills. If you received assistance last winter, you must reapply each year to receive additional assistance. Deliverable fuel applicants, (oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood) are urged to apply early, as deliveries will begin November 15th. To make an appointment to fill out an application, please contact Rosie Bininger at 860-526-0013 x213, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings or leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time to reach you.

Sanstrom featuring Chester's new family of Osprey and other hidden treasures that Chester offers and so many of us miss. This is part of our Huckleberry Adventure Programs that we launched last May. We are appealing to children from four to four hundred.

If our two NOVICE "bee-keepers" have not been overly stung, there will be a short presentation on "The Trials and Tribulations/ The Stinging and Swarming" involved in becoming a new Bee Keeper. Kids will love the gear and the story telling...all will love the need to preserve our honey bees!

A short business meeting will precede our programs. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to make reservations or need further information, please email: jennykitsen@sbcglobal.net /probinson92@snet.net or call CLT President: Dick Harrall (860) 526-5920.

## Operation Fuel

Operation Fuel is a statewide private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to: low income and moderate income, elderly, and disabled households, which are either ineligible for government energy assistance or have exhausted their benefits. Eligibility is determined by Chester Social Services and is based upon review of a client's completed application and satisfactory documentation of household's income, liquid assets, and crisis situation. For the 2015-2016 program year, household income for a 12-month period must fall between 151% of the federal poverty guidelines and 100% of the state median household income.

The Operation Fuel season begins December 1, 2015 and runs through May 30, 2016 or when funding runs out. Contact Human Services (860-526-0013 X213) to see if you qualify.

## Chester - Community Listings

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Chester Land Trust . . . . . (860) 526-2619  
Chester Fair . . . . . (860) 526-5947  
Chester Democratic Town  
Committee . . . . . www.chesterctdems.com  
Chester Garden Club . . . . . (860) 526-2998  
Chester Historical Society . . . . . (860) 526-5781  
Chester Merchants Association  
. . . . . www.visit-chester.com  
Lions Club . . . . . deepriverchesterct.lionwap.org  
Deep River and Chester VFW . . . . . (860) 526-3521  
Tri Town Youth Services Bureau . . . . . (860) 526-3600  
Chester Meeting House . . . . . (860) 526-0013

### LIBRARY

Chester Public Library . . . . . (860) 526-0018

### POST OFFICES

Chester Post Office . . . . . (860) 526-2780

### SCHOOLS

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

### USEFUL NUMBERS

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

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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# Calendar of Events for Boards and Commissions

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

October 19	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Library Board of Trustees	Library	7:30 pm
	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9:00 am
October 20	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
October 21	Board of Fire Commissioners	Chester Hose Co.	7:30 pm
October 27	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 2	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 3	Election Day – Town Offices Closed to Business		
November 4	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Park and Recreation Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 9	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development	Town Hall	7:15 pm
November 10	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Board of Selectmen Meeting	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 11	Veterans Day – Town Hall Offices Closed		
November 12	Planning and Zoning Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
November 16	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Retirement Committee	Town Hall	5:30 pm
	Library Board of Trustees	Library	7:30 pm
November 17	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Board of Selectmen Meeting	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 18	Board of Fire Commissioners	Chester Hose Co.	7:30 pm
November 19	Citation Review Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Board of Finance	Town Hall	7:30 pm
November 24	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
November 26 and 27	Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday		
December 1	Harbor Management Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Board of Selectmen Meeting	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 2	Conservation Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
	Library Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 7	Inland Wetlands Commission	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 8	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
	Workplace Safety	Town Hall	9:30 am
December 10	Planning and Zoning Commission	Town Hall	7:30 pm
December 14	Energy Task Force	Town Hall	9:00 am
	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall	7:15 pm
December 15	Water Pollution Control Authority	Town Hall	7:00 pm
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	Library Board of Trustees	Library	7:30 pm
December 22	Main Street Project Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
December 25 and 25	Town Offices Closed		
December 31	Town Offices Closed		



# Preparing for a Hurricane

Hurricane readiness should begin long before the event occurs. If you live in a hurricane-prone area, you can prepare far in advance for the possible dangers to health and safety resulting from a hurricane by learning about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters.

- identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage
- install a smoke detector
- buy a fire extinguisher and make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it
- conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home
- provide escape ladders for multi-story structures
- establish an assembly point where the family meets in the event of fire or if a disaster occurs when the family is not together at home
- give your relatives and friends the name of a contact person who will know where you are and how you are doing
- know the location of your important papers, such as insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.
- instruct family members about how to shut off the gas, water, and electric mains
- post emergency phone numbers at every phone; inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability
- properly dispose of all chemicals, pesticides, and solvents not being used

You should stock your home with supplies that may be needed during the emergency period. These supplies should include:

- several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person)
- a 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food
- a first aid kit and manual
- a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- sleeping bags or extra blankets
- water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach
- prescription medicines and special medical needs
- baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers, and other baby supplies
- disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes" for the whole family to use in case bathing facilities are not available
- alternate heat and cooking sources, such as a kerosene heater and a camp stove - use these only in well-ventilated areas
- shovels and hand tools
- candles and matches
- a mop, bucket, and towels
- one or more rolls of plastic sheeting, a staple gun with staples, and duct tape

- plastic trash bags and ties
- an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.
- a citizens band radio or a cellular phone, if possible
- extra cash
- pet food
- insect repellent
- rubber boots/rubber gloves

## During the Storm

To get through the storm in the safest possible manner:

- monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible
- do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed – the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume
- expect the loss of electricity, gas, and water
- stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement.
- prepare to evacuate to a shelter or to a neighbor's home if your home is damaged
- if you should lose electrical power, eat perishable food first

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# Troop 13 – Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts

Troop 13 Boy Scouts serves the boys ages 11-18 of Chester and Deep River. The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to help young men develop their character and life skills all while having fun. There is much emphasis placed on assisting these young men to develop into strong healthy citizens who will lead our communities and country in the years ahead. The Boy Scout methods help to promote these ideals through the challenge of putting them into practice with the Troop Program. This is done in a way that is both challenging and fun.

## Summer Camp 2015

Troop 13 attended June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT for Summer Camp on July 19-24. The boys enjoyed swimming, boating, archery, rifle & shotgun shooting, sports, and camping. The 28 Scouts earned 110 merit badges during the week in topics such as: Archery, Canoeing, Citizenship in the Nation, Swimming, Geocaching, Metal Working, Welding, Camping, Shotgun Shooting, and Wilderness Survival plus many more. In addition to attending camp with the troop three scouts served on National Youth Leadership Training course staff at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation and two scouts worked at the Cub Scout Day Camp in Westbrook, CT.

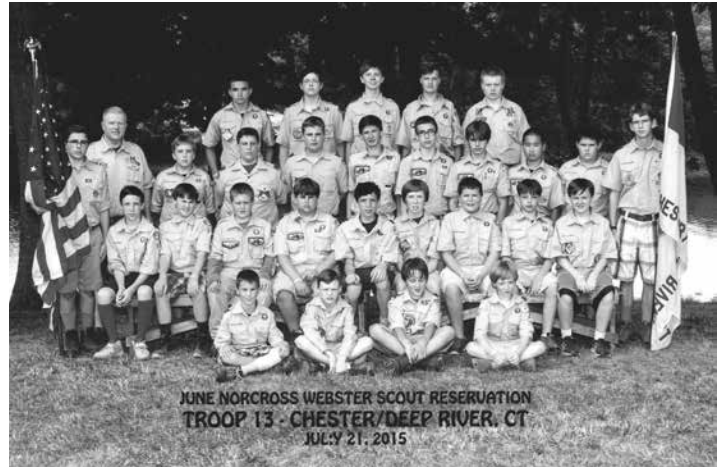
## Troop Connecticut River Canoe Trip

Twenty-one Boy Scouts and leaders went on a CT River Canoe Trip June 26-28. After putting the canoes in the water at the Haddam Meadows boat launch they headed south toward the Salmon River and were invited to make camp at a private island. The next morning they headed south to Selden's Creek and Pettipaug Yacht Club where they set up camp and enjoyed some sailing.

## Our Community Rocks!

Once again, members of the Chester business community gave back to help out Teenzone.

The stylists, and staff from A Style Above gave their time and talent to give make overs to young ladies in the Teenzone Self Esteem program. The program runs for 8 weeks, and the haircare session is always one of the most popular. The girls learned how to take care of their hair, and which styles were best suited to them. The Chester business community has always been willing to help out when asked, and the Teenzone program is very thankful for their time and effort. With the advent of ICRV Radio downtown, Chester has even more to offer! For more information [www.teenzonect.com](http://www.teenzonect.com).



Chester/Deep River Boy Scout Troop 13 at Summer Camp. June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation – Ashford CT, July 2015. Photo by: TOP Photography: Bow, NH.

## Eagle Scout Projects in Progress

You may have noticed several groups of Boy Scouts working around town during the summer months. You will see more of these young men also working during this fall. These young men are working on their Eagle Scout Projects. Feel free to wave or stop by and ask them what their project involves, they are making a difference in our town today and preparing to make a difference in our nation tomorrow.

## Information

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



# Chester Fife and Drum Corps

## Celebrating 147th Anniversary

Welcome to the fall of 2015. We, the members of the Chester Fife and Drum Corps, have had a very busy parade and muster season, participating in over 20 events with 4 more to close out the year. 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 planning our fourth (or fifth) uniform in 147 years. We now sport a colonial white shirt, colonial vest and Tricorn with medallion on it. Our new look will be more colonial. We will have our new uniforms on the street by Moodus Muster time.

At the Deep River Muster, we honored Leo Reinhauzens, former Major of the Chester Fife and Drum Corps who passed earlier this year. We invited all alumni of the Corps to join us on stand where we played his favorite piece, "Guilford Polka".

We are also proud of one of our fifers, Kaila Moonan, who joined the U.S. Army and completed Boot Camp recently. She is currently attending Music School in Virginia to become a member of the U.S. Army Band.

Our drum line is well staffed; however our fife line needs more players. If you are interested in joining us, but do not wish to play an instrument, we also need members for the Color Guard to march at the front of our Corps and carry our Colors. We provide drum and fife lessons free of charge and also teach our members the ins and outs of marching in unison. We also provide the uniforms needed. We practice on Thursdays 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. The rest of our schedule is noted below.

**October 17:** Moodus Muster

**October:** Chester Halloween Parade

**November 19:** Chester Annual Meeting

**December 12:** Torchlight 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](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 till 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you at a muster or at a parade. Until next year, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Thanksgiving and a great start to the New Year 2016.

Frenchy Cordeau, Business Manager and Drum Major  
Barbara Pynn, President

## Golf Tournament at Fox Hopyard to Benefit Nathan Hale-Ray High School Class

On Thursday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m., the Nathan Hale Ray-High School (NHRHS) project graduation committee will host a "Fall Fest Golf Tournament" at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam to benefit NHRHS's Class of 2016 Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Night Party. Golfers, business and community sponsors, and volunteers are encouraged to participate by contacting Susan Waide at [Srwaide@cs.com](mailto:Srwaide@cs.com).

This golf scramble outing at Fox Hopyard Golf Club begins at 11:00 am and costs \$160 per golfer and includes a BBQ lunch, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, golf prizes, and a pasta & carving station dinner. Sponsorship opportunities include gold sponsor

(\$2,500) which includes a foursome, silver sponsor (\$2,000) which includes a twosome, lunch sponsor (\$1,500), dinner sponsor (\$1,500), cart sponsor \$500, golf ball sponsor (\$500), tee-to-green sponsor (\$150), and prize sponsor (\$25 and up). To register to golf or sponsorship opportunity, please call 860-873-1015 or email [Srwaide@cs.com](mailto:Srwaide@cs.com) by October 15th. Mail checks to NHRHS Proj Grad Golf, PO Box 317, Moodus, CT 06469.

NHRHS Project Graduation is sponsored by East Haddam Youth & Family Services. A drug and alcohol free event.

# Historical Society Antiques Appraisals

## Chester's Own "Antiques Roadshow" on November 7

Hope you have some valuable treasures in your attic or jewelry box? Need to do some weeding out? Want to know what's worth hanging onto?

Get the answers on Saturday, November 7, when the Chester Historical Society holds its 12th Antiques & Jewelry Appraisal at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Chester, from 8:30 am to noon.

Over the past years, people from all over the state have taken advantage of the expertise offered by our 12 appraisal experts to learn if they've got anything worth hanging onto or selling. The appraisers see everything from jewelry, silver, paintings, clocks, books, tools, coins, stamps, glassware to quilts and textiles and furniture from every century.

Details about all the appraisers are at [www.ChesterHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.ChesterHistoricalSociety.org). Have questions? Call 860-558-4701 or email [ChesterCTHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:ChesterCTHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).



Chester native Tom Perry, owner of One of a Kind Antiques, has been an appraiser for the Chester Historical Society's Antiques Appraisal since its inception.

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