



WATT'S NEW?

Chester Electric Light Department December 2015



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



All town hall office are closed on Thursdays and Fridays

Scouting for Food Drive

Chester Cub Scout Pack 120 and Boy Scout Troop 120 will be collecting food and cash donations for the Huntington Food Pantry on December 12, 2015 from 10am – 2pm. There will also be a drop off location at the Chester Fire Department on Route 20. Please donate only non-perishable items. **ALSO:**

The Boy Scout Troop 120 wreath sale will be at the Chester Fire Station beginning Saturday November 28th from 9am - 1pm. and go until they are gone. You may call Nadine 354-2216, Chris 667-2229 or Dee 354-0231 to order or have questions. Thank you !

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa will be visiting the Chester Fire Dept. on Saturday, Dec. 12. Riding on the fire truck, Santa Claus will be visiting homes in the village beginning at 12:00 noon. Listen for the siren and bring children outdoors to see Santa and receive a gift. Santa will not be going to the Church on Skyline Trail this year but parents are encouraged to bring children downtown or to the downtown fire station at 2:00 pm.



Notice:

It is with great pleasure that the Chester Municipal Electric Light Department is expanding the number of residents who could benefit from the Solar Buyback Program. We are opening it up to 4 additional Residents. We will determine the 4 from a Lottery Pick if the number of interested parties extends over 4. Please send a letter of interest to CMELD, 15 Middlefield Rd. Unit 14, Chester MA 01011. We will in turn send out the application along with the Terms and Conditions. For consideration all applications need to be received in CMELD's office by March 31, 2016. For more information call Jill at 413-354-7811.

THE CHESTER FOUNDATION would like to bring your attention to the membership application enclosed in this months' CMELD mailing. Not only does it represent a great end-of-year tax deductible opportunity, but supports a local historic repository, educational setting, and event venue. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and we encourage visits and involvement. Dave Pierce, President

WATER METER REMINDER

To avoid a water meter freeze-up, potential failure or possible flooding of the area where the meter is located; keep the area near the meter above freezing.

What do elves learn in school?

The Elf-abet!!!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a dog?

Frostbite!!!!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Snowflakes!!!

What's the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight?

One slays the dragon, and the other's draggin' the sleigh!!!

Did you know Santa had only eight reindeer last Christmas.

Comet stayed home to clean the sink!!!



Here is a good Holiday tip?

Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter!!!

Cornerstone Cafe invites all in the community to a Christmas Party Friday December 18 from 6-8pm. Cookie swap- please let us know if you are participating by December 11. Yankee swap- bring a \$5-10 gift. Children's gift game- please let us know by December 11 your child's age (s) and gender (s) and other games and fun. Bring your favorite appetizer to share. We have extended our date to participate from the flyer.

Cornerstone Cafe located on the bottom floor of Cornerstone Christian Church, [1 Middlefield Rd.](#) Entrance to cafe is on Main Street. Cornerstone Christian Church invites all to Christmas Eve service December 24 at 6:30pm.

BE SEEN IN AN EMERGENCY



Is your house number clearly visible from the street?

If not, you could be hindering the CMELD crew or other emergency personnel from finding your house quickly in case of an electric outage or personal emergency; especially at night. Please take the time to install or enhance your house number.

The year end brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to express to you season's greetings and good wishes. May your holidays and new year be filled with joy.



The Town of Chester Selectmen
&
The Electric Light Commissioners



Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center December 2015

All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents

To register for a class, please call 413-685-1052 or email Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com
www.SHAEC.org

GED/HiSet classes:

GED/ HiSet English Language Arts: Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm SHAEC's Gateway Classroom, rm 152

GED/ HiSet Interested in finding out if you're ready to take the GED/HiSet test? Need to find out what's on the test, where to take it, and how to sign up? Call SHAEC at 413-685-1052, and schedule an appointment to discuss and develop a personal plan to obtain your High School Equivalency Test.

Sustainability Classes

Pressure Canning Workshop: Thursday, December 3rd, 6:00pm,
Trail

Middlefield Senior Center, 169 Skyline

Computer Classes:

Beginning Computer Class series Thursdays, 10-11:30am
December 3, 10, 17 Open to all Hilltown Residents. Instructor: Elaine Gilmore
Dec 3: Formatting your email; Dec 10: The internet. Dec 17 :Printing documents from your computer, email, or the internet.

Chester Senior Center: basement of the Chester Town Hall

Windows 10 Wednesday, December 2nd, 3-5pm,

SHAEC classroom, Gateway High School, room 152

One Drive and Office Online Wednesday, December 9th 10am – 12 pm,

Middlefield Town Hall, 188 Skyline Trail,

Buying on Ebay Tuesday, December 15th, 10-11:30am,

Russell Senior Center, 65 Main Street, Russell Town Hall, 2nd floor

Blogger Wednesday, December 16th, 3-5pm,

SHAEC classroom, Gateway High School, room 152

SHAEC would like to wish all a joyful Holiday Season, and a blessed New Year!

For more information, please check out our website: www.SHAEC.org To register for a class, Please call 413-685-1052, and leave a message with your name, phone number, and town you are calling from. If you have an email address, please drop us a note at Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com with your email address, and your mailing address, and phone number, and request to be added to our mailing list.

Chester Winter Parking Ban

Pursuant to the provisions and authority given the Police Department for the Town of Chester under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22D, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following regulations regarding the Winter Parking Ban.

During the period beginning on November 15 and ending on April 15 of each year the Chief of Police, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and/or Highway Superintendent may declare a Winter Parking Ban on all ways within the town for the purposes of snow and ice removal.

The Declaration of a Snow Emergency and subsequent Parking Ban will be effective at the onset of any inclement weather and will remain in effect for the 12 hours following the storm.

The Police Department may have any motor vehicle parked in violation of the Winter Parking Ban removed/towed at the owner's expense. The vehicle owner will be responsible for all towing and storage fees that may be incurred.

Further penalties for violation of the Winter Parking Ban may apply. This may include, but not limited to, non-criminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21D.

Public Ways will have snow removal conducted on any thru street, or will be opened to the point of the last established residence determined by Certificate of Occupancy records.

No shoveling snow into or across the street.

Any questions regarding these regulations are asked to please contact the Chester Police Department or Board of Selectmen.



Chester Historical Society

Snowflake Holiday Craft Fair proved again to be very successful with 16 vendors which included the local Cub Scout Pack 120 who always capture the hearts of all. We appreciate all who helped make this a joyful event and a total of \$758 was raised for the benefit of the Historic Museum restoration Fund.

2016 Calendars have arrived and may be purchased at the Chester Electric, Chester Village Market, Pease Store or by contacting Fay 354-7820, Janice 354-7778 or any society member. Price remains \$12.00.

Historic Bits and pieces – The first organizational meeting of the Chester Hill Association was held on December 21, 1983 at the home of H. Newman Marsh Jr. The purpose of the meeting was the formation and organization of the Chester Hill Association. The founding Directors of the organization were: H. Newman Marsh, Jr, James W. Gilman, Karen J. Savoy, Charles P. McCarthy, John R. Darrow, Jack Beaudry, David Clark, Grant Holland and Linwood Fisk.

1916 – Rate of Taxation \$22.00 per \$1000.00. Total value of assessed real estate \$671,026.00, value of assessed personal estate \$190,029.00 for total Valuation \$861,055.00. County Tax 854.66. State Tax 1,680.00, State Highway 331.00 Number of residents assessed on property 281, non-residents 118, assessed on poll tax only 202, dwellings assessed 365, horses assessed 172, cows assessed 229, sheep assessed 141, cattle other than cows 154, swine assessed 38, fowls assessed 1,500.