



April 2018

# WATT'S NEW?



**Town offices will be closed on Monday  
April 16th for Patriots Day**



**Chester On Track**, coming up on May 19, is well along in the planning. Chester Station would like to hear your ideas and add you to the volunteer rolls. Please Email [dpiercedlp@aol.com](mailto:dpiercedlp@aol.com) if interested in participating in any way in this event, or come to the COT planning meeting on Tuesday, April 24, or Tuesdays May 8 and May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Railroad Station to sign on.

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**From the Town Clerk:**

**The Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 9am -5pm. The ballot is now set. All candidates running for office have been invited to a "Meet the Candidates" event which will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 1-2:30 pm in the town hall auditorium. This will be your chance as a voter to meet the candidates, ask them questions, and become an informed voter.**

The ballot for the town's Annual Election on Saturday, May 5 is now set. The following citizens have stepped forward to run for the following town offices for three-year terms. All candidates for these terms are unopposed on the ballot, though other citizens may choose to run a write-in campaign.

- Selectman - Barbara Huntoon, incumbent
- Treasurer - Cheryl Provost, incumbent
- Board of Health - Norma Macdonald, incumbent
- Board of Assessors - Gene Watters, incumbent
- Electric Light Commissioner- Deryk Savoy, incumbent
- Library Trustee - Mary Ann Pease, incumbent
- Library Trustee- Theresa Donovan, incumbent
- School Committee - blank

The following candidates will appear on the ballot for one-year terms:

- Town Clerk - Susan Kucharski, incumbent (unopposed)
- Board of Health - Morgan Jacquemin
- Board of Health - Gene Watters

**Anyone interested in mounting a write-in campaign for any of the above offices should contact the Town Clerk for more information.**

**The last day to register to vote in this election is Friday April 13. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 2-8 pm for those who need to register to vote, or conduct any other business.**

**The last day to request an Absentee Ballot for this election is Friday, May 4 at 12 pm. Absentee Ballots will be available starting on April 13.**

**Dog Licenses expired March 31. A grace period for new licenses will be given until April 15. After that a \$10 fine will be collected in addition to the license fee. The fine rises to \$50 on June 1. You can order your dog's license online, or by mail (postal or black mailbox outside town hall) if we have a current rabies vaccination on file. You can get a license in person during office hours, every Monday, from 6-8 pm (except the April 16 holiday), and any Wednesday from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. The office will be closed on Wednesday, April 11, but be open on Friday, April 13 from 2 – 8 pm**

**PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!!  
SIGN UP**

**Chester's Emergency Management team would like to remind everyone to take advantage of the ALERT system and sign up through the town website. [www.townofchester.net](http://www.townofchester.net) Sign-up is easy, it only takes a few minutes and will help ensure you get information quick and timely.**

**If you need assistance getting signed-up, please reach out to the Police Department.**

**THIS IS SO IMPORTANT**

**CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Annual Penny Social will be held Saturday April 14 at the Chester Town Hall with doors opening at 5:30 pm with bidding beginning at 6:30 –9:00pm. Light refreshments will be on sale. This promises to be a fun family night and all are welcome. Many items will be for sale and also includes gift certificates. To purchase tickets please call Annette at 354-6514. Donations will be greatly appreciated. As this is one of the major fund raising activities of the Society benefiting the Chester History Museum, we appreciate your continued support. The History Museum will be open Sundays during the months of July and August from 1 –to 3 pm. and visits may also be made upon request. Please watch Watts New, Country Journal, Facebook or contact members for additional special events to be held at the Museum. Additions have been made since the Open House and work continues on restoration with more items added to our collection. Donations of old pictures and items from the past are always welcome.

**Bits and pieces** – Did you know??? Back in the day --there was more than one school in Chester? They were located in Chester Centre, North Chester, Dayville, Littleville and Chester Village also known as Chester Factories. Students attending schools came from not only Chester but Middlefield, Becket, Washington paying tuition to attend Chester schools. First class to graduate from Chester High School was 1903 and last class to graduate was 1968.

**From the Office of the  
Chester Municipal Electric Light Department**

**The Winter Moratorium will end on April 1, 2018. Please pay any past due amounts on your electric bills so you can avoid any disruption in your service. Those who have not brought their bills up to date will be subject to a shut-off.**

- Zodiac signs for April are Aries, March 21 to April 19 and Taurus, April 20 to May 20.
- The daisy, which symbolizes innocence and the sweet pea are the flowers for the month.
- The diamond is the birthstone for the month of April.



**April Showers  
Bring May Flowers**

**Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center April 2018**

**All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents**

To register for a class, please call 413-685-1052 or email [Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com](mailto:Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com)

For a full listing of classes, see our website: [www.SHAEC.org](http://www.SHAEC.org)

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**GED/ HiSet: English Language Arts** with Free on-site childcare

**Hilltown Social Service Building, 9 Russell Rd, Huntington**

**GED/HiSet Test Prep:** Village Enterprise Center | 26 Main St, Chester

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18 10am - Noon

call for appointment

**Computer Classes**

**Beginner Computer Classes: Safe Internet Surfing** Taught by Elaine Gilmore

Village Enterprise Center | 26 Main St, Chester

Wednesdays 10:00am- noon

**Open Computer Lab** [Village Enterprise Center | 26 Main St, Chester](#)

Weekly: Tuesdays 10am to 12pm

**Power Point Workshop** Taught By Heather Morgan

Tues and Wed, April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm

SHAEC's Gateway classroom Room 152 GRHS, 12 Littleville Road, Huntington

**Classes for Small Businesses**

**Biztro: Drop-in small business support** Village Enterprise Center, 26 Main Street, Chester

Mondays, April 16 & 30, 4-7:00pm

Led by Economic Development Director Jeanne LeClair

**Business Plan Workshop** Led by Jeanne LeClair

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 6-8pm

Village Enterprise Center, 26 Main Street, Chester

**Jacobs Ladder Business Association (JLBA) Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm

Blossom Center, Middlefield Ma

**Sustainability and Special Interest Classes**

**Growing plans from Seed** The Village Enterprise Center 26 Main Street, Chester

Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm

Taught by Master Gardener Ken Conway

**Essential Oils and the Great Outdoors** Middlefield Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, Middlefield

Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm

Taught by Kay Judge, Certified Aromatherapist. Material fee of \$15 will be collected

**Blue Zone Group:** Middlefield, Public Library, Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA

Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:30am

**Perennial Vegetables** Village Enterprise Center 26 Main Street, Chester

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm

Taught by Master Gardener Ken Conway

**Seasonal Mushrooms:** Maya Greene , Village Enterprise Center 26 Main Street, Chester

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 5pm

**Fly Fishing and Casting,** Preregistration is necessary: Limit of 6, Meet at VEC, 26 Main Chester

Sunday, April 28, Meet at 8am

Taught by Tim Vogel, of Takoa Mountain Outdoors. All equipment provided- no fishing license necessary

**Hikes & other outdoor events**

**Hike Round Top Hill in Chester: Unkamt's Path**

Sat. April 21<sup>st</sup> 10:am - 12pm

Meet at old cemetery on top of Round Hill rd, off Blandford rd, at Chester/ Blandford line

**For more information on our classes, please visit our website: [www.SHAEC.org](http://www.SHAEC.org)**



**4/18/2018**

**Thank your Lineman**

**#thankalineman**

**National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our utmost appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day. It's our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of Electrical Lineworkers.**

**What falls but never gets hurt?** The rain!!!

**Why is everyone so tired on April 1?** Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!!!

**When do monkeys fall from the sky?** During Ape-ri! showers!!!

**What goes up when the rain comes down?** An umbrella!!!



**Spring Fever**

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

**The Chester Hill Association** will hold an old-fashioned square dance at the Chester Town Hall on Saturday, April 21, from 7 to 9 P.M. This family activity is free to the public, but donations are welcomed. No previous dance experience is required! The caller, Gene King, of Huntington, will provide instructions and music. Light refreshments will be served