



June 2018

# WATT'S NEWS?



**The Chester Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day**

**Have a Happy 4th of July**



## Don't Forget Dad—JUNE 17



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Don't forget the Chester High School Alumni Association holds their 115<sup>th</sup> Reunion on June 30, 2018 at the Chester Train Station starting at 1 PM. Officers and Board Members will meet at noon. Additional information is available at:

<http://chesterhigh.wordpress.com> or from Robert Goewey, Secretary/President at 667-3354 or [rgoewey1@comcast.net](mailto:rgoewey1@comcast.net).

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The Board of Assessors will be conducting premise visits in June and July to comply with the DOR cyclical inspection of properties, and to visit all properties that have been issued building permits by the Chester Building Inspector. If you have questions, please contact the Assessors Office at 354-6318 or [assessors@comcast.net](mailto:assessors@comcast.net).

### Chester News- Cornerstone Christian Church

Thank you all for stopping by at Chester on Track on the 19th. Summertime will bring Family Fun Nights on Fridays (June 22- August 24). Look for the Events Calendar with more details, coming soon! We welcomes everyone to our Sunday morning services at 10 am.. Bring the whole family! Children church begins at 10:30 am. Ladies Night out with dinner and Bible Study each Tuesday at 6:30 pm. It's a mix of every age and status there is and more women are encouraged to join for some learning, love and laughter. Every Wednesday we will be having prayers at the church with Pastor Mike and "Kim Kunkle at 7:00 pm. You may contact the church anytime at 413-354-7832 or find us on.

Facebook, "Cornerstone Christian Church".

### Chester Annual Town

Meeting will be held Saturday, June 9th, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Chester Town Hall.

See you all there!!



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### Fun Facts about June:

- Birthstone:** Moonstone or Pearl
- Flower:** Rose or Honeysuckle
- Horoscope signs:** Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

June has the Summer Solstice, the day with the longest daylight of the year, typically on June 21st. June is often considered a "summer month", whereas September is not. This is despite the fact that September has twice as many summer days as June.

### What vehicle has 4 wheels and flies?

A garbage truck!!!

### What do you call a belt with a watch on it?

A waist of time!!!

### What kind of button will not unbutton?

A bellybutton!!!

### Did you hear about the astronaut who stepped on chewing gum?

He got stuck in orbit!!!

### What kind of driver never gets a tickets?

A screw driver!!!

lol = drowning man

\*lol\* = drowning cheerleader



First day of Summer is June 21st



# Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center June 2018

**All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents [www.SHAEC.org](http://www.SHAEC.org)**

To register for a class, call **413-354-1055** or email **[Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com](mailto:Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com)**

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

call for appointment

### Computer Classes

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

Weekly: Tuesdays 10am to 12pm

### Support for Small Businesses

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

Wednesday, June 6, 4pm-7p  
Monday, June 18, 4pm-7pm **Wednesday, June 27, 4pm-7pm**

**Ideas for Economic Development in the Hilltowns** with Jeanne LeClair

Monday, June 25, 6pm-7:30pm

### Sustainability and Special Interest Classes

**Seed to table: Gardening with Ken** Countryside Community Garden 665 Huntington Rd Russell

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00pm

### Hikes & other outdoor events

**Hike Windsor Jams** Meet at the former Windsor State Forest Campground at the intersection of River Road and Lower Road

Sat. June 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:am – 12pm

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

**Email: [Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com](mailto:Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com) - Call: 413-354-1055**

**Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernHilltownsAdultEd/>**

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### Chester Historical Society

Museum Update: Society President John Hultman reports construction figures are still being collected for our grant applications. We had approximately 25 people visit us during Chester on Track. We will be open on Sundays from 10 - 2 for July and August, and upon request.

Historical Society members met with Chester Elementary students for their annual visit to the Old Jail and their first of what we hope the beginning of many visits to the Museum.

May has also been a busy month planning with the Chester Firemen's Association for the Memorial Day services May 28. It is hoped we will have a large gathering to honor and show our appreciation and respect for all veterans past and present.

Bits and pieces: 1850 "THE EVOLUTION OF VETERANS BRIDGE" At a meeting of the inhabitants of Chester qualified to vote in Town affairs held on the 11th day of November, 1850 the following votes were passed. Chose Otis Taylor Clerk Pro tem, Article 1 Chose F. Kyle Esq. Moderator, Article 2 Chose David Cannon, Wm. Sheppard and E.G. Howe a committee to superintend the rebuilding of the Bridge at Chester Factories this coming season. Voted This committee be authorized to build such a bridge at C. Factories as they shall judge best for the Interest of the Town, but NOT to put a roof over the same. 1895 Contract was made with George W. Smith of Westfield, to build the abutments and piers for both the Main and Maple Street Bridges, according to specifications furnished by the engineers for \$ 3,745.00. Contract was made with R.F. Hawkins of Springfield, to build a two-span bridge at Main Street and remove the old Main street bridges to Maple street, according to plans and call for proposals for \$ 6,300. 1971 OUR NEW BRIDGE----Construction began in 1970 and was completed in 1971. The contractor was Puffer Construction Co., Sunderland, Mass. Total cost of bridge was \$217,460.00 The town's share of the cost was \$10,980.00. At the dedication ceremonies held on May 31, 1971 the bridge was named VETERANS BRIDGE."

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