



March 2020  
**WATT'S NEW?**



**WELCOME SPRING, MARCH 20**



- **March's** flower is the daffodil, which represents hope.
- The birthstone of **March** is the aquamarine, which symbolizes courage and bravery.
- **March** comes from the name of the Roman god of war, Mars.
- The Zodiac signs are Pisces (until **March 20**) and Aries (**March 21** onwards).
- There is a famous quote about this month which states “**March** comes in a like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb”, which means that winter is ending and spring has started.
- One more name is given to this month which is “Hlyda” which means “loud” because of winds blow in this month.

**CHESTER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

**From time to time, we need to personally contact customers by telephone. We are finding lately that many of the phone numbers on file are no longer working numbers. Please provide us with your current phone numbers. The easiest way to do this would be to note it on the payment portion of your bill, or you can call the office at 354-7811. Thank you!!**

**Hamilton Memorial Library**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebrate Seuss with us we will be Seuss crafting from 4-6pm. Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> we offer an all ages Ukulele beginners class for beginners to learn a song from 10-11:30 am. Please call 413-354-7808 to reserve a seat. Our second ASL class is Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm or Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am. Please call to reserve your seat classes fill quickly 413-354-7808. Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> you are invited to explore for Sweet Finds at the library. Helen Keller workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-11:30 am. Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> will be our monthly meeting of Lego Club from 10-11:30 am.

Cant wait to see you at the Hamilton Memorial Library!

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY—MARCH 17**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
MARCH 8th**

**Don't forget to SPRING your clocks ahead!!!**

What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?  
A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day!!!

Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?  
You might press your luck!!!

What did the leprechaun say on March 17?  
“Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!”

Why didn't the lost hikers starve in the desert?  
Because of the sand which is there!!!

What time is it when 10 lions are chasing you?  
Ten to one!!!!

Why did the clock in the cafeteria run slow?  
It kept going back for seconds!!!

Which moves faster, Heat or Cold?  
Heat, because you can catch a cold!!!



**CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Penny Social April 4, 2020 at the Chester Town Hall. Doors will open at 12 noon with bidding 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. To purchase tickets in advance or to donate items please call 354-6514. Arriving at noon on the day of the Social also allows ample time to purchase tickets and to view the items to be auctioned before bidding begins. This event is a true sign that Spring is around the corner and time for an afternoon of enjoyment for the entire family. It is also to benefit the continued restoration of the Chester History Museum. Another project under discussion within the Society for 2020 is for the moving of the Veterans Monuments from the old Chester Grammar School property to Veterans Memorial Park. This will take addition funds and support from the Town. Please watch for additional updates. Bits and pieces: 1948 – Taken from Town Report - First year of the Chester Community Health Service with a Board of Directors consisting of 33 town residents, President Harold B. Swicker, Vice President Mrs. Alfred Salvini, Secretary Mrs. William McNally and Treasurer Mrs. Robert Hallock. Medical Board Dr. Milton Lowenthal, Dr. George Breit, Dr. John Huffmire and Dr. Charles Gill. Miss Esther McQuat, R.N. **DO YOU KNOW THESE THINGS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY NURSE?** Who is she? She is registered and graduated from an accredited nurses training school. She is sincerely interested in the well-being of you and your family and of your schools and the community. She is one of your best friends in sickness and in health, and is ready to help you at any time in any way. Who May Call Her? Anyone at all, rich or poor, of any color, faith, or nationality, who resides in the town of Chester. How to call her? By telephoning the office at the Town Hall between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. The telephone number is 42. The operator will know where to reach her during the day. When to Call Her? If anyone in your household needs bedside care, or health instructions. What She May Do? The services she offers are many. But of the things are: Bedside care for the sick, Crippled Children's Service, Tuberculosis Clinic and Home Visits, Infant and Pre-school Health Supervision, School Health Supervision, Industrial Service, Adult Health Service, Diphtheria Immunization, Clinic, Small-pox Immunization Clinic, Dental Health Supervision of School Children and instructing in Red Cross Home Nursing Classes. How Much Her Services Cost? A general nursing visit \$ 1.00, Mother and baby visit \$1.25, Delivery \$ 5.00 Home operations \$ 5.00. All services given by the nurse are in accordance with the orders of the attending physician or the standing orders approved by the Medical Advisory Committee.

## RABIES CLINIC

All Hilltown dogs and cats are welcome to the Chester Rabies Clinic  
There will be a Rabies Clinic, Saturday, March 21st from 1:00—3:00 at the Chester Fire Station on Route 20 in Chester.  
Dr. Sharon Lynch, from the Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic will be the veterinarian.  
Please bring your current rabies certificate if possible.  
Shots will be \$15.00 per pet.



Any questions, please call Chester Animal Control at 413-354-0975

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### Hilltown CDC/ Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center March 2020

**All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents** sign up online at [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

**GED/HiSet Writing Test Prep Tutoring:** Russell Public Library 162 Main St Russell  
**GED/HiSet tutoring/ testing and study skills**

Mondays & Fridays 3:30-5:30pm  
Call for appointment

#### Special interest/ Sustainability

**Writers workshop: for wannabe/need to be writers** w/ Mimi Ross VEC 26 Main St, Chester  
**CBD: Learn the Facts about Cannabinoid Oil** with Doreen Kruger: VEC 26 Main St, Chester  
**Landlord/ Tenant Clinic** Hilltown Law VEC, 26 Main Street, Chester

Tuesdays, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm  
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm  
Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm

#### Computer Help

**Google Photos Part 1 & 2 Keeping the memories, not taking up memory,** VEC 26 Main St Chester  
**Drop in Computer /phone help** Russell Senior Center, 65 Main St, Russell  
**Computer and Phone Help:** Huntington Public Library: 7 East Main St Huntington  
**Drop-in Computer/Phone Tech support** Stanton Hall, Huntington

Thursdays, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm  
Tuesdays: March 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2-4pm  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm

#### Small Business Support

**Quickbooks** With Doreen Lasky: VEC, 26 Main St, Chester  
**How and Why to Incorporate Your Business:** [Hilltown Law VEC, 26 Main Street, Chester](http://Hilltown Law VEC, 26 Main Street, Chester)  
**Starting an Airbnb** with Jeanne LeClair, VEC 26a Main St Chester  
**Jacobs Ladder Business Association (JLBA) monthly meeting** Maple Corner Farm, 794 Beech hill Rd, Granville.  
**Biztro: Drop-in small business support** with Jeanne LeClair. VEC, 26 Main Street, Chester

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30-8:30pm  
[Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm](http://Thursday, March 5th, 6-7:30pm)  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm  
Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am-noon  
Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-7 pm

#### Hikes

**Hike The Boulders, Dalton** Meet at Dalton Ave trailhead parking lot: Rt 8, across the Hubbard Ave intersection.

Sat, March 28, 10am - 12pm

#### The following classes are being offered at the Hilltown CDC 287 Main St Chesterfield

**Protecting your Brand and Business Name:** Hilltown Law Hilltown CDC 287 Main St Chesterfield  
**Understanding Small Business Taxes: The Schedule C** with Dorine Lasky Hilltown CDC 287 Main St Chesterfield  
**Quickbooks** with Dorine Lasky Hilltown CDC 287 Main St Chesterfield

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm  
Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

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### Free Tax prep in Chester:

Free Tax Prep and filing available in Chester: Friday mornings, March 6th, 20th, and April 3rd.  
Saturday mornings March 14th and 28th.

**Call for an appointment 413-296-4536 x 100.** Leave a message with your contact information

The Village Enterprise Center is an AARP Tax-Aide site, offering free tax prep to qualified residents of any age.  
No self employment, farm, or rental income please

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### Chester Hill's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Fest and Craft Fair

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., the Chester Hill Association will sponsor its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Fest and Craft Fair, on Skyline Trail, in old Chester Center. The first scheduled event of the day is a traditional Country Breakfast, served continuously from 9:00 A.M. to noon, in the community room of the First Congregational Church. The menu consists of pancakes (from scratch!) topped with maple syrup, fluffy scrambled eggs, honey ham, orange juice and coffee. This all-you-can-eat treat is priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. At noon, the Pioneer Valley Fiddlers will rock the church sanctuary with lively fiddle tunes. Always a popular feature of the Fest is the tractor-pulled wagon ride to and from High Meadow Sugar House, where guests may observe and members of the Jameson family can explain the process of syrup production. Across the road, in the historic Chester Center Schoolhouse, a dozen local artisans and craftspeople will be set up to display/sell their goods. A Food Cart will be open from late morning until closing for the purchase of lunch items such as hot dogs, hamburgers and the famous Chester Chili. Coffee, soft drinks and hot cocoa will also be available. In addition, a working fire truck will be parked at one end and furniture made from tree branches on display in another area of the church parking lot. Last, but not least, be sure to purchase raffle tickets – the prizes feature local products, businesses and events. The Chester Hill Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving local history and tradition, sponsors this event. The Chester Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, partially funds the Maple Fest.