



June 2020

# WATT'S NEW?



**The Chester Town Hall will be closed July 3rd for Independence Day  
Have a Happy 4th of July**



**Chester Transfer Station Permits** will expire June 30, 2020. Residents can purchase a 2020/21 permit at the transfer station after June 1st or get an application on the town website under the Transfer Station tab and either mail it in or drop it in the black box at Town Hall attn.: BOH. Payments are to be made by check payable to the Town of Chester for \$65.00 and they must be affixed to your vehicle, if you have more than one vehicle additional household member stickers are \$5 each. Questions? Call BOH 413-354-7781

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?  
Swimming trunks!!!

Why does a milking stool only have three legs?  
Because the cow has the udder!!!

Father: How were your test scores, Son?  
Son: Underwater, Dad.  
Father: What do you mean underwater?  
Son: You know, below C level!!!



Once I got angry at the chef at an Italian restaurant, so I gave him a pizza my mind!!!

Two wrongs never make a right.  
But what did two rights make? The first airplane!!!

## Congratulations to our 2020 Seniors

Emily Herman, Anthony Turgeion-Maddock,  
Alexandra Russell, Idona Dulude,  
Anna Jameson, Maria Pless, Sarah Camarco,  
Matthew Iacovelli and Autumn Marchetto

First day of  
Summer is  
June 20



## Don't Forget Dad—JUNE 21



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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.



## FLAG FUND



The Chester Municipal Electric Light Department is accepting donations to the Chester Flag Fund. Donations will be used to replace worn flags. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Chester Municipal Electric Light Dept., 15 Middlefield Road-Unit 14, Chester, MA 01011. Please make checks payable to the "Chester Flag Fund."

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## IMPORTANT NOTE:

For "AFTER HOUR"

power outages

Please CALL

413-447-0268

## Chester Historical Society

We wish to thank Jackson Harding for participating in the "Taps Across America" and playing taps at the Chester Factory Village on Memorial Day. We are proud of Jackson for not only participating in this Memorial Day tribute but in the past years Memorial Day services doing a great job playing taps.

**Bits and pieces:** Facts from the Natural Resources Program of Hampden County May 1972 Chester Massachusetts. Six emery mines located in the mountain from Round Hill Pond to Gobble Mountain. 1. Snow Mine – about 1100 feet southeast of the beacon on Gobble Mountain: Several pits and a vein that consists of a mixture of paragonite, chlorite and magnetite. 2. Sackett Mine ¼ mile northwest of big rock ½ mile 600 ft. vertical climb – 2700 feet north of the intersection of Walker Brook and Austin Brook on the side of North Mountain. Long open pit. Unusual minerals found in this mine consist of chlorite, talc, biotite and corundum crystals. (trail to Large, Little and Slant Rock. Big Rock – William Street.) 3. Mica Mine on Austin Brook 499 feet north of Rt. 20 a large slope 30 feet high, 50 feet long and 10 feet wide and a shaft that goes to a lower drift (now flooded). The lower drift extends under Rt. 20 and connects onto the "old mine". This mine once considered for use as an air raid shelter for Chester. 4. "Old Mine" – just above Walker Brook where the power line crosses Rt. 20. This is the largest of the six emery mines and consists of several adits, one was driven for about 2000 feet and pockets of emery were mined as they were found. Two other adits, one 700' and one 1354 feet long were also driven in this mine. One finds emery schist, small pads of serpentine. 5. Melvin Mine – 3000 feet south of Rt. 20 along the Round Hill Mt. range an open pit about 50 ft. long and 15 ft. wide. Magnetite and emery are the minerals found here. 6. Wright Mine- 500 feet south of Rt. 20 which is about 500 ft. down Blair Brook from Round Hill Pond you can see the remains of a 1 ¼ mile long open cut that was once 30 feet deep. The emery here was accompanied by serpentine (or talc) or an emery schist. Lead Mine on Route 20 - south of the iron bridge - large flat rocks and parking area. Cave is about 15 ft. deep with a 6' by 6' opening – on southwest side of Rt. 20, just southeast of the iron bridge and ½ way to Wildcat Springs Restaurant. This is the remains of an old galena mine and is of interest to geology students. Mica Mine on State Forest – About 500 feet west of the junction of the forest road and Gold Mine Brook – has a mine shaft and the remains of a surface mine with many waste piles scattered across a fairly large area. Sizable amounts of mica and quartz are along with ledge cut croppings. Quartz Mine – Chester Center Trail – This quarry was known as Black Pool Quarry. Parking lot of Chester Center Church road runs south along the ridge then west to Mica Mill Road." Note: Again this information was taken from the Natural Resources Program of Hampden County May, 1972, Chester, Massachusetts.

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### **FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK**

The town election will be **Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM MASKS MUST** be worn and please keep 6 feet apart-I will have tape on the floor marking the proper distance. No more than 3 voters will be allowed in the auditorium at one time. If you feel safer please bring your own pen. All early voting ballots/ absentee ballots are due back in the Town Clerk office by **noon on JUNE 12, 2020.**

Important dates. **September 1 2020** State Primary Voting (7AM to 8 PM) Deadline to register to vote and or change your party affiliation is Wednesday August 12, 2020. Tuesday **November 3 2020** State Election Voting (7:00 AM to 8 :00 PM) – Deadline to register to vote is Wednesday October 14, 2020. You can not make these changes on your annual street census. If you wish to check if you are a registered voter, check online at [www.ma.gov.us](http://www.ma.gov.us)- Secretary of State/ Election and Voting. There is a wealth of information regarding voting and elections that may be of interest to you – the voter. Check who your state and federal legislators are, what congressional district you are in, etc.

ALL dogs must be properly licensed by **July 1, 2020.** This is a state law that requires your dog to have an up to date rabies certificate and a Chester Dog License and Chester Dog tag on file in the town clerk's office. Please call me if you have any questions. Please let me know if you don't have a certain dog that you may have had a year or two ago so I can removed them from the list or if you have gained a dog. The clerks phone number is 413-354-6603.

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### **The Hamilton Memorial Library is offering Contactless Curbside Pickup!**

Select up to 10 items books/DVDs via our catalog at <https://masscat.bywatersolutions.com>. \*Limit of 6 fiction. Place a hold on the items by logging into your account with your 14 Digit Barcode library card. Your password will be the LAST 4 digits of your library card. Call the library at 413-354-7808 or email us at [directorchesterlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:directorchesterlibrary@gmail.com) to arrange the time to pick up your items. (Please allow a minimum of two hours for fulfillment of requests). All items will be left in a bag, labeled with your name, outside the library at your designated pickup time. You may order your books 7 days a week but the pick-up times will only be from 3-6pm on Mondays & Wednesday and on Saturdays from 10-1. We have chosen these limited on-site hours to protect the safety of our staff and patrons. This new procedure will begin Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> but pick-up date will begin on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will get through this together! Have questions or need an option instead of our online catalog? We will be happy to help you with the process when you call us at 413.354.7808 or email [directorchesterlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:directorchesterlibrary@gmail.com) If you do not feel comfortable handling material, please consider our on-line resource called **LIBBY**. You can use this App on your computer, Kindle or Iphone.

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#### **Accessing OverDrive:**

- Download the FREE OverDrive Libby app from the Apple/Google Play store

How to log in:

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- Search for **SAILS Library Network** and select it
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- Your PIN is the **LAST 4** numbers of your library card

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