



AUGUST 2020

WATT'S NEW?



CMELD SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

Return check fee	\$30.00
Request of Turn on & Turn off fee	<u>\$25.00 each</u>
Temporary Service fee	\$150.00
Relocation of Meter fee	\$100.00
Non-payment of Electric Bill will result in your electric service being shut-off. Reconnection will be done <u>ONLY</u> after payment of the full amount due plus a reconnect fee.	
Reconnect fee (normal business hours) 8:30 am – 2:30 pm Mon – Fri	\$50.00
Reconnect fee (after normal business hours)	\$300.00

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The **CHSAA** recently made awards to Chester graduates of Gateway Regional High School. Sarah Camarco received the Chouffet award, Icons Dulude received the Amelia Jones award and Maria Pless the Permanent Award.

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NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Payers with outstanding balances for Fiscal Year 2020 and prior will be listed on the town web site on Monday, August 10th. Please call the tax collector at 413-354-6357 if you would like to make payment arrangements.

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Where did the sheep go on vacation?
The Baa-hamas!!!

What's the best day to go to the beach?
SUN day!!!



What do you call a dog on the beach in the summer?
A hot dog!!

What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?
I'm bacon!!!

What did the air conditioning unit say to its owner?
I'm your biggest fan!!!

Why did the robot go on summer vacation?
He needed to recharge his batteries!!!

Why did the summer school teacher wear sunglasses?
Because her class was so bright!!!



Call Before You Dig!

If you are planning an outdoor project that includes digging, remember that there may be buried utility lines that you need to avoid. Water, sewer, telephone, and cable television may be located underground, in addition to electric lines. Damaging or disturbing the underground utilities could cause power outages or interruptions of other utility services. Even worse, you could be seriously hurt. So, before you dig, call **1-888-DIG-SAFE (1-888-344-7233)** to find out what you need to avoid underground. Visit the **DIG SAFE website at www.digsafe.com**

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- The Romans gave this month its name in 8BC, after the first Roman Emperor Augustus who ruled from 27BC until his death in AD14.
 - Before then, the month had been known as Sextilis, as it was the sixth of ten months in the Roman Calendar, which began with March.
 - The Anglo-Saxon called August "Weodmonath" meaning "weed month".
 - The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx and the flowers are the gladiolus and poppy.
 - August was the 55th most common name given to a baby boy in Sweden in 2014
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PLEASE NOTE:
****AFTER HOUR POWER OUTAGES****
CALL 413-447-0268



Chester Historical Society

Because of COVID-19 most activities at the Chester History Museum have come to a halt this summer. Our Annual Penny Social Fundraiser was cancelled and we find our Annual Snowflake Holiday Craft Fair held at the Chester Town Hall in November is also cancelled. Both of these events have always been major fundraisers for the Society with the bulk of the money raised going toward the restoration of the History Museum. Donations for restoration continue to be appreciated. Monthly meetings at the Museum are held on the first Saturday of the month. Information may be obtained by contacting any Society member. BITS AND PIECES: Taken from the Highland Valley Highlights December 1979 Newsletter---

In the small rural Western Hampden County town of Chester, there are many activities for its Senior Citizens to participate in. This community with a total population of approximately 1,450 citizens, has about 196 seniors. The lovely rural town boasts a history in the tradition of granite quarries, calling for stone cutters and railroad personnel. Skilled stone cutters came, the immigrants, French, Scots, Finnish, Irish and Italian. With the event of diesel engines, the railroad families moved elsewhere, as the roundhouse and the massive steam engines were no longer required to haul the bounty of the quarries up the mountains. Now the largest industry is Bendix Corporation formerly the Cortland Grinding Company. The town has no doctor, and bus service is practically non-existent. There is, however, an excellent volunteer Fire Department, and a good community feeling among the people who live there. Early in the summer of 1974, a group of Chester people interested in the Senior Citizens, organized a Council of Aging. They started out small with day trips and potluck suppers. As plans progressed, they realized the need for a permanent meeting place. At that point the town fathers generously offered a room in the basement of the Town Hall. The room had a ground floor entrance, was next to the dining room and therefore ideal for use by the Council. Preparing the room required a great deal of time and effort, but members of the committee and friends began the project with enthusiasm. Green stamps were solicited, the Fire Department donated money for furnishings, and friends donated many other items. After much hard work, the Council on Aging completed what is now a most cozy and attractive room. The visitor felt the immediate warmth when joining a group of Chester seniors there. The furniture is bright and comfortable, there are tables for card games etc., the brightness of the entire room says "welcome". Since 1975, the council has expanded its activities. They now have special events for nearly every holiday. Hold blood pressure clinics, dinner theatre trips, and nine day trips to Hawaii and three day trips to Pennsylvania Dutch Country, etc. Cooperation between the Council on Aging and the town is exceptional. Council members assisted the Civilian Defense Committee in surveying nearly all the seniors in Chester. As a result of this, a large number of Chester seniors were able to purchase at a very low rate, emergency lights for their homes. (Chester is very vulnerable to blackouts during winter and summer storms.) NOTE: More on the senior population in the next issue of WATTS NEW. AS this group has far out grown the same space they occupied 1979 and still occupy, the need for a bigger space is warranted. Let's hope this will happen in the very new future.

****PLEASE**NOTE****

Remember if you plant...Follow the chart below....Thank you, CMELD

