



OCTOBER 2020

WATT'S NEWS



TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, **OCTOBER 12**,
FOR COLUMBUS DAY

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk will be available at the Chester Town Hall for early in person voting at the following times:

Saturday October 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday October 18th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Monday October 19th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday October 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday October 21st from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Thursday October 22nd from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM

Friday October 23rd from 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Saturday October 24th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday October 25th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Monday October 26th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday October 27th from 2:00 PM to 4:00PM

Wednesday October 28th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Thursday October 29th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday October 30th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The polls will be open on November 3rd from 7 AM – 8 PM.

If you choose to vote by mail please make sure you return your ballot in enough time to be counted. Postmarked November 3 and received Nov 5. The big black drop box is secure or you can turn your ballot in on any day of early voting. The last day to request a mail in ballot is October 28 and the last day to register to vote is October 24. Please take this time to check that you are an active registered voter. November 3rd is too late. October 25 is too late. If you voted early you can track your ballot online. No matter how you vote you can vote only once. Remember to wear a mask and bring your own pen if you wish. Social distancing will be enforced. Also no buttons, hats, stickers with candidates' names are allowed on your person or in plain sight. You must be 150 from the town hall entrance to have such items in sight.

EARLY WINTER SEASON REMINDERS

The Fire Chief reminds residents to inspect their chimneys before the heating season begins and to keep them clean through out the season. Also, if burning candles, please do not leave unattended.

FUEL ASSISTANCE BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2020

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin November 1 for the 2020-2021 season. If you are experiencing energy related financial difficulties please call Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. at **413-552-1548**.

CMELD reminds residents to make sure their house numbers can be read from the road. If your power goes out or you have a medical, fire or police emergency it is crucial for those responding to be able to locate your residence quickly.

CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE CHESTER HISTORY MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 – 2 ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 11 OF COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND AND ALSO FROM 10-2 ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7 LEADING UP TO VETERAN'S DAY. WE HOPE MANY WILL VISIT ON THESE DAYS. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING MORE DONATIONS ADDING TO OUR DISPLAYS AND ARE CERTAIN IT WILL BE A WELCOME VISIT. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR FUNDRAISERS AND DONATED TO OUR NEW HANDICAP ASSESSABLE RESTROOM IN THE MUSEUM AND ALSO TO THE HIGHWAY AND WATER DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE WATER TURNED ON.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 1**

Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.
Also It's a good idea to change your batteries
in your smoke detectors



Just a couple reminders from CMELD:

Payments received during the last week of the month may not be reflected on your new bill. Payments must be received on or before the discount due date in order to be eligible for the discount. For our customer's convenience, CMELD is always willing to discuss budget or payment plans and payments can be dropped 24/7 in the black lock box on the Town Hall steps. Past due and shut off notices are based on the number of days of non-payment, not account balance. Springfield Partners for Community Action can help fuel assistance eligible customers with weatherization evaluations and upgrades. CMELD provides a residential home energy assessment at no cost for its consumers. Call Energy New England at 888-772-4242 to schedule your appointment.

Town of Chester Halloween

The Chester Recreation Committee will be holding a Trunk or Treat at the Emery St Ball field on October 31 from 5-7pm. All treats must be pre packaged and handed to the kids individually. No digging in treat bowls. If you would like to set up a trunk please contact Kathy Engwer (kathyeee@gmail.com). All social distancing rules will be followed. Door to door trick or treat will be held also from 5-7 at the discretion of parents. Homeowners who wish to participate should leave their outside light on. Please respect the homes that do not have their lights on. Jack O Lanterns will be welcome again. Bring your carved pumpkin to the ballfield between 4-5. The Rec Committee will light them and spread them around the ballfield for viewing.



Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center & Hilltown CDC

VIRTUAL Zoom Classes: October 2020

All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents

Sign up online at <https://shaec.org/registration-form/>

Questions? call 413-354-1055 or email Southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com

Learn more at www.SHAEC.org

GED/ HiSet

In Person GED/HiSet Writing Test Prep Tutoring: at the Russell Public Library 162 Main St Russell

Call or email to schedule

Virtual GED/HiSet tutoring/ testing and study skills Work at your own pace- online

Call or email for more information

Computer Help - daytime classes

Google calendar for busy people w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, October 1st, 10:30am-12pm

Collaborating Using Google Docs w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, October 8th, 10:30am-12pm

Using templates in Google Docs w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, October 15th, 10:30am-12pm

Using Google Sheets: The free online spreadsheet w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, October 22nd, 10:30am-12pm

Free Group Chat Options: from zoom and beyond w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, October 29nd, 10:30am-12pm

Computer Help - evening classes

Excel Basics w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday October 8th, 6 -7:30pm

Using Formulas in Excel w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday October 15th, 6 -7:30pm

Excel Data Analysis: Creating Graphs and Tables w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, October 22nd, 6-7:30pm

Special interest

Estate Planning Basics w/ Attorney Emily Smith Lee

Monday October 5th, 10:30am-12pm

Ask the Lawyer w/ Attorney Emily Smith Lee

Monday October 19th, 10:30am-12pm

Bankruptcy Facts and Myths: What you need to know w/ Attorney Eric Kornblum

Tuesday October 20th, 6 – 7:00pm

Small Business Support

Common Sense SEO- Search Engine Optimization w/ Paul Stallman of Alias Solutions

Tuesday, October 6, 6-7:30pm

Business Accounting: Setting up your system w/ Dorine Lasky

Thursday, October 7th, 6-7:30pm

Protecting your Brand and Business Name w/ Attorney Emily Smith Lee

Wednesday, October 14th, 6-7:30pm

Add a super simple shopping cart to your Word Press Website w/ Paul Stallman of Alias Solutions

Monday, October 19th, 6-7:30pm

Photographing products for Online Sales w/ Lyle Congdon of Lyle Leigh Photography

Wednesdays, October 21, 28, November 4th 6-7:30pm

Covid for Business w/ Attorney Emily Smith Lee

Monday, October 26th 6-7:30pm

How and why to incorporate your business w/ Attorney Emily Smith Lee

Thursday October 29th, 6-7:30pm



****PUBLIC POWER WEEK** - OCTOBER 4-10 2020**



Community-owned electric utilities around the country and the American Public Power Association will observe Public Power Week, October 7 through 13. Public Power Week is a national celebration of benefits of hometown, community-owned electric utilities. CMELD has served Chester for over 90 years and looks forward to serving this community's needs for many years to come. CMELD is committed to more than delivering power. Because we are locally owned and controlled, we're accountable only to you, our customers. You can count on us for safe, neighborly, and reliable service.



Why don't skeletons like parties?

Because they have no body to dance with!!!

Why don't skeletons play music in church?

Because they have no organs!!!

What is a skeleton's favorite instrument?

The trombone!!!

Why didn't the vampire have any friends?

Because he was a pain in the neck!!!

How are vampires like false teeth?

They both come out at night!!!

Why do witches fly on brooms?

Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy!!!

Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?

They're afraid of flying off the handle!!!

Why did the witch refuse to wear a flat hat?

Because there wasn't any point to it!!!

