



November 2020

WATT'S NEWS



VETERAN'S DAY
IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
Town Hall Offices will be closed



**Our heartfelt gratitude to all of our veterans,
past and present who put themselves in harms way
for us and our freedom.**



THANKSGIVING IS THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 26

Town Hall offices will be closed

**Chester's Board of Selectmen
and
CMELD's Commissioners**

would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Please Take Note: To prevent your water meters from freezing up, potentially failing or possible flooding of the area where the meter is located; keep the area near the meter above freezing. The cost of a new meter is approximately \$120.00

ELECTRIC METER TAMPERING

Meter Tampering is not only illegal, it is dangerous. In the event that a meter or meter seal is found to be tampered with, service to that meter will be disconnected. **The meter tampering fine is \$500.00** plus the estimated cost of electricity that bypassed the meter. Instances of tampering may be reported to the Mass. Dept. of Telecommunications and the police for prosecution. Property owners are also reminded that electrical permits are required for most electrical work. John Vanheyningen, Chester Electrical Inspector, may be reached at 617-279-7800. Property owners are also reminded that if an electrician needs a meter seal cut, they should notify CMELD, **prior** to the work being done.

What's the difference between Election day and Thanksgiving day?

On Thanksgiving, you get a turkey for the day. On Election day, you get a turkey for four years!!!

Where do turkey's go to dance?

The Butterball!!!

What do you call a turkey after Thanksgiving?

Lucky!!!

What do you call it when it rains turkeys?

Foul weather!!!

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like to listen to?

Plymouth Rock!!!

Why was the Thanksgiving dinner so expensive?

It had 24 carrots!!!



CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Rich Small wants to remind all residents to please inspect your wood and pellet stoves for cracks and be sure that they and your chimney's are clean. Always dispose of ashes in METAL containers only. When you turned back your clocks did you also check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors? If not...Please do! All of these simple reminders can help to insure your safety during the winter months

CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police, Fire and Highway departments would like to remind everyone of several important winter public safety issues.

With inclement winter weather, our roadways can be affected and access to your home compromised by poor judgment. These departments would like to remind you that non-contracted private plowing of public ways, plowing or snow blowing material back into a roadway or obstructing snow plowing all affect public safety and are citable offenses.

The town by-law on winter parking is in effect during any storm where roadway treatment needs to be conducted. Failure to remove your vehicle during a storm, from the onset up to 12 hours after the end of the storm can result in parking citations.

Keep in mind that emergency vehicles may need to navigate through already constricted roadways. Having private vehicles or pushed snow in the way can impede prompt response that may affect life and property. Do your part, keep roadways clear and open during inclement weather. Making sure your driveway and walkways are also clear helps ensure everyone's safety.

Chester Fire Department will be updating the Community Forum with the plans for Santa in the Fire Truck. We are working on a plan to continue the tradition in a safe way. Please check the Forum for updates.

NOTES FROM THE ASSESSORS OFFICE

The Assessors office has sent out the Exemption Applications on October 23rd to the previous eligible applicants. If you have not received your application or feel you qualify for a Veteran, Senior, or Blind Exemption, please contact the Assessors office. The absolute deadline for all exemption applications is April 1st and cannot be accepted past that date. Once approved, your exemption amounts will be taken off your May 1st tax bill. If you have any questions, please contact the office (413-354-6318), Mondays and Tuesdays, 11am to 5pm. You may also leave a message with your name and phone number, I will call you when I am back in the office.

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOC.

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner to go

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Desert

November 12th, 5PM to 8PM

Adults \$12.00 Children \$7.00

Bottle of House Wine to go with your meal \$8.00

In collaboration with Chester Common Table

Meals will be delivered curbside

Register at Hilltownambulance.org

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please support your local ambulance service.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING/CAROLING

6:30 PM November 27, 2020

Rte. 20 Veteran's Memorial



Fun Facts about November

The birthstone for November is the topaz. - The zodiac signs for November are Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) - The birth flower for November is the chrysanthemum. - On November 2, 1769, a Spanish expedition reached San Francisco Bay. - On November 2, 1889, North Dakota became the 39th state of the United States. - On November 2, 1889, South Dakota became the 40th state of the United States. - On November 2, 1917, Arthur Balfour proposed settlement of Jewish people in Palestine. - On November 4, 1979, the U.S. Embassy was taken over by Iranian revolutionaries in Teheran and a group of U.S. citizens were seized as hostages. - On November 6, 1869, the first intercollegiate football game was played in the United States between Rutgers and Princeton. - On November 8, 1889, Montana became the 41st state of the United States. - On November 15, 1935, Manuel Quezon was inaugurated as the first president of the Philippines. - On November 18, 1883, standard time began in the United States. - Peanut Butter Lovers Month - National Good Nutrition Month - National Pepper Month - National Sleep Comfort Month - Aviation History Month - Election Day - first Tuesday after the first Monday in November - Thanksgiving Day - fourth Thursday of November - November 11 - Veteran's Day

Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center & Hilltown CDC

VIRTUAL Zoom Classes: November 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

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

Using google Photo w/ Heather Morgan

Increase Productivity and stay organized integrating google apps w/ Lyle Congdon

Selling on Ebay w/ Heather Morgan

Hosting a virtual Holiday gathering, w/ Heather Morgan

Adding PayPal to your WordPress website, w/ Heather Morgan

Call or email to schedule

Call or email for more information

Monday, November 9th, 6 - 8:00pm

Tuesdays, November 10th & 17th, 6-7:30pm

Thursday, November 12th, 10:30am-12pm

Monday, November 16th, 6 - 8:00pm

Monday, November 23rd, 6 - 7:00pm

Legal help

Estate Planning Basics w/ Attorney Emily Smith Lee

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

Monday, November 30th, 10:30am-12pm

Thursday, November 19th, 6 - 7:00pm

Small Business Support

YouTube for Business: Getting your message out w/ Heather Morgan

Thursday, November 5th, 6-8:00pm

Tax Planning for Businesses w/ CPA Caleb Harris

Monday, November 9th, 10 - 11:30am

Social Media using the MorningBird method: Four part series w/ Robyn Miller

Weds, November 11th, 18th, 25th, Dec 2nd 6-7:30pm

