



FEBRUARY 2021

WATT'S NEWS?



Monday, February 15th is Presidents Day

All town offices will be closed

Town of Chester

15 Middlefield Rd, Chester MA 01011

Board of Assessors

Telephone (413) 354-6318 Fax (413) 354-2268

NOTICE TO BUSINESSES DBA'S

(doing business as) and SECOND HOME OWNERS

To All Individuals, Partnerships,
Trusts and Corporations:

Mass General Laws Chapter 59 Section 29 requires that the Board of Assessors give notice to all persons subject to taxation in their respective town regarding personal property. Businesses must file State Tax Form 2. If you own a second home located in Chester, the furniture and fixtures are taxable, and owners must file annually, unless it's a rental property. Second Homes must file State Tax Form 2HF. If you have **already been** an established business or a second home, an application will be mailed to you. If not, Applications are available on-line at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/property-tax-forms-and-guides>, or at the Assessors Office. These lists must be filed on or before March 1st of each year. Failure to submit this list may remove certain rights of appeal for the taxpayer.

HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY

DON'T FORGET YOUR SWEETIE ON FEBRUARY 14TH



What kind of horses go out after dark?

Night mares!!!

What kind of eggs did the wicked chicken lay?

Deviled eggs!!!

What did one fish say to the other fish?

Keep your mouth shut, and we won't get caught!!!

Why couldn't the leopard escape from the zoo?

He was always spotted!!!

What kind of bird carries the most weight?

A crane!!!

A grumpy man walks into a restaurant and asks the maître d':

"Do you serve crabs here?"

Maitre d' answers - "Why certainly, sir, have a seat"!!!

If your motto is "If at first you don't succeed" - don't take up skydiving!!—



From the Desk of the Town Clerk

The 2021 annual street census was mailed out on January 1 to each household in Chester. As of January 26th we have had approximately 52% returned. If someone didn't receive one, or if got lost in your house a blank printable one is available on the Town website. You can also call 413-354-6603 and request another one. Please when leaving a message repeat your phone number twice. Please list everyone who lives in your house, sign and return to Town Clerk 15 Middlefield RD Chester, MA 01011. You also have the option to drop it in the LARGE BLACK BOX- Town of Chester. This box is VERY secure and is out of the weather. It is important to have an accurate resident count for grants and federal funding. Example if applying for a grant and towns of 1200 get a certain amount and we only have 1000 that responded to the census we could lose a good sum of money even if we have 1250 residents. If you are a registered voter it keeps you active on the voting list. Residents that don't return the street census by April 15 become inactive on the voting list-the whole household- which WILL require more paperwork the next time they come to vote. General Laws of Massachusetts (Chapter 51.4) mandate an annual street listing of residents as of January 1, of each year. Please update and correct the information provided by adding, deleting or making changes on the form. Please check for mistakes spelling, birthdates, mailing address. **YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOUR PARTY FOR VOTING ON THIS FORM.** You have to go to mass.gov or call and request an application. Dog License are available and all dogs 6 months or older **MUST** be licensed in the town. Dog license applications were in each letter please fill out and return. In order to receive a 2021 dog license I must have a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination and copy of spayed or neutered certificate. Some Veterinaries mail them to the town clerk call to see if I have one or if you need to send one in. All dogs must be properly licensed by March 31st. If you purchased a two or three license last year you are okay. Any questions please call me. Nomination papers for the town election will be available on February 1st. You must pick them up in person so if you are running for office please contact me to make an appointment to get the paperwork. The letter in the street census has all important dates please check and mark your home calendar so you will not miss any dates.



Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center & Hilltown CDC

VIRTUAL Zoom Classes: February 2021

All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents

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

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

Learn more at www.SHAEC.org

GED/ HiSet

In Person GED/HiSet Writing Test Prep Tutoring: 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

Analyzing Data Part 1: Creating Graphs and Charts from Excel Data,

Analyzing Data Part 2: The magic of Pivot tables,

Collaborating with Google Docs

Google Calendar for Busy People

Thursday February 4th 6-8pm

Thursday February 11th 6-8pm

Thursday February 18th, 6-8pm

Thurs, Feb. 25th, 10:30am-12pm

Business assistance:

Organically Growing Your Following on Facebook with Robyn Miller of Morningbird Media, Wed, Feb. 17, 6-7:30pm

Ask the tax pro with Dorine Lasky. Email questions to MicheleK@hilltowncdc.org

Wed. February 24, 6- 7:30pm

To sign up for classes, please register at <https://shaec.org/registration-form/> You may put more than one class in the class/ date area if you would like to sign up for multiple classes.

GED/HiSet classes now have both in person and online, self- paced options. Please email for more information to learn more about our **flexible High School Equivalency programs.**

Interested in a career in Health care? SHAEC can now refer you to programs **with on-the-job- training**, or to online programs. Ask us about how we can support Hilltown residents who take **HCC's free 9 credit Community Health Worker Program.** Interested parties should register online at <https://shaec.org/registration-form/> with either "Community Health Worker" or "Health care On the Job Training" in the class line.



**PLEASE SIGN UP SO YOU WILL RECEIVE EMERGENCY
AND OUTREACH NOTIFICATIONS**

The Police Department is currently responsible for providing Emergency and Outreach notifications through the Blackboard Notification System. To help ensure you are included in future notifications and announcements, please go the Town of Chester website (townofchester.net) and click on the Emergency Alert System Sign-up. You will be prompted to enter your contact information. If already signed-up and want to update information, click on the Manage Account button. We use the system for emergency information and items of Town interest. **If you have difficulty with internet access, you may contact the Police Department where you can get help in adding your contact information. Please help us reach you for these important communications.**