



July 2021

WATT'S NEW?



****IMPORTANT**SAFETY MESSAGE****

WHAT TO DO IF YOU COME ACROSS
FIRE OR SMOKE NEAR OR ON A UTILITY POLE

STAY AWAY

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PUT THE FIRE OUT

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE OF AT LEAST
100 FEET OR MORE TO AVOID INJURY OR DEATH
THEN CALL 911



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."

How do you make a tissue dance?

You put a little boogie in it!!!

What do you call a cow with two legs?

Lean Beef!!!

Did you hear about the painter who was hospitalized?

He had to many strokes!!!

Who can shave 10 times a day and still have a beard?

A barber!!!

Did you hear about the paddle sale at the boat store?

It was quite an oar deal!!!

What kind of shoes do spies wear?

Sneakers!!!

How do baseball players stay cool?

They sit next to their fans!!!



Just a couple reminders from CMELD:

- Bills are always mailed the first week of every month.
- Payments received during the last week of the month may not be reflected on your new bill.
- Past due and shut off notices are based on the number of days of non-payment, not account balance. * Payments must be received **on or before** the discount due date in order to be eligible for the discount.
- The discount is like a coupon, once the expiration date is reached, it is no longer valid.
- Paperless billing is now available, email cmeldadmin@townofchester.net to request paperless billing.
- Include the email address you wish to receive your bill at, your account number, property address and a valid phone number.
- Payments can be dropped 24/7 in the black lock box on the Town Hall steps.
- Payments can be made on line by following the links on the WWW.TOWNOFCHESTER.NET website.
- CMELD works with customers to develop budget or payment plans.
- Springfield Partners for Community Action can help fuel assistance eligible customers with weatherization evaluations and upgrades. Their number is 413-263-6500.
- Energy New England provides residential home energy assessments for CMELD customers.
- CMELD pays for this service and there is no charge for the customer, ENE phone is 888-772-4242.

Have a Happy Fourth of July



NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

First quarter FY 2022 tax bills will be in your mail box shortly. The due date is August 2, 2021. If you fail to get a tax bill and you are expecting it, please call. Interest will begin accruing on any unpaid balances the day after the due date. Interest will not be waived anymore! Interest charged will reduce the amount of principal you are paying. Motor Vehicle bills are also going out periodically, **BRIGHTLY** colored demand bills as well. Please do not ignore these. There are over a 150 people who have not paid motor vehicle bills for years, until it gets time to renew their license or registration and then it is an emergency. Don't let this happen to you. Any questions please call 413-354-6357

Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center & Hilltown CDC

In person and VIRTUAL Zoom Classes: July 2021

All Courses are Free for Hilltown Residents

Sign up online at shaec.org

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

Learn more at www.SHAEC.org

We are open!

In person One-on-one computer and phone assistance now available at the Village Enterprise Center: 26 Main street, Chester. **By appointment only.** Please call 413-354-1055 and leave a detailed message, and we will call you back to schedule a time for you. You may also email your request for an appointment to southernhilltownsaec@gmail.com
Most of our virtual class topics are available to learn in person with one-on-one assistance.

GED/HiSet

In Person GED/HiSet Writing Test Prep Tutoring:

Russell Public Library 162 Main St Russell Call or email to schedule

In Person GED/HiSet Math:

Village Enterprise Center 26 Main St Chester

Wednesday, July 7, 2-3:30pm

Covcel Online GED/HiSet prep.

Work at your own pace, all topics, anytime. Call or email for more information

Community Health Worker Pre Apprenticeship program:

Call to find out more. Free college credit class 413-354-1055

Free Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Forms, and more:

Thursdays July 1st, 8th, 15th,m and 22nd 6-7:30pm Four-part Virtual class with Heather Morgan:

KEEP YOUR COOL AND SAVE MONEY TOO!



Setting the air conditioner just a few degrees higher, saves both energy and money. You can save 6 to 8 percent of cooling costs for each degree set above 78, and still be comfortable. A programmable thermostat is a smart way to control the temperature. Set the thermostat to 78 degrees when the house is occupied and turn the cooling system off when you are away.



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Thank you to all the residents who contributed to the Chester Flag Fund. Donations are always accepted, make your check payable to Chester Flag Fund and drop it off at the CMELD office, include it in with your payment or use the drop box in front of Town Hall.

Happy summer and remember permits renew July 1st at the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station is open Wednesdays 3pm to 6pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm for Chester residents. A yearly permit is required to use the transfer station, they can be purchased at the attendant's shed during operating hours for \$65.00, cash or check. Additional stickers for households are \$5.00 each. The permit gives Chester residents access to free cardboard/paper and plastic/glass recycling. Rubbish requires a bag sticker (\$3.00 each) use your own trash bag up to a 33-gallon size. We also accept demo/bulky items, metal, electronics, weed whackers, appliances and more. Please see the attendants or the website for the fee schedule. Check out our website: <https://townofchester.net/transfer-station/> for tips on recycling and more. Please call the Board of Health at 413-354-7781 or text 413-519-3396 or email boardofhealth@townofchester.net for any questions.

