



SEPTEMBER, 2021

WATT'S NEW?



Board of Assessors

Telephone (413) 354-6318

CHAPTER LAND APPLICATIONS

DUE OCTOBER 1, 2021

The Board of Assessors would like to remind classified Chapter 61A Agricultural and Chapter 61B Recreational land taxpayers that their applications are due October 1, 2021. If you owned classified Chapter 61A or 61B land last year, an application will be mailed to you on or about the first week of September. Applications are also available online at: <https://townofchester.net/assessors/> under helpful links. Choose the appropriate Chapter Application and Acknowledgement form. Both forms need to be filled out and signed. The Assessors' Office is now open to the public on Tuesdays, 11am to 3pm. If you need any assistance, please call the office or email: llafreniere@townofchester.net

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The library will be moving to a temporary location while the building is being professionally cleaned due to the mold contamination. Our new location will be in Town Hall in the COA room. We will have a limited "New" collection and new DVDs. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00-3:00. Due to the health concerns with the rise in COVID-19 cases, we will be going back to the limited browsing time of 15-minute intervals. Please call 354-7735 to reserve your time slot. We will also have curbside available for those patrons wishing to not enter the building. Please check our Facebook page or the town website for any future changes. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



September 12th
is Grandparents Day



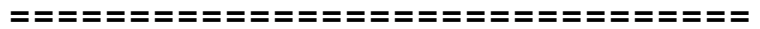
Happy Fall



PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY
SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION



- September has three **birth flowers**: the forget-me-not, the morning glory and the aster. Forget-me-nots represent love and memories, asters represent love as well, and the morning glory represents unrequited love. These are all very passionate flowers.
- The **birth stone** for the month is the sapphire.
- In the northern hemisphere, the **Autumn Equinox** occurs and fall begins. This takes place on September 22nd or 23rd, depending on the year
- September 9, 1776: The Continental Congress changed the name of the United Colonies to the United States.
- September 18, 1851: The New York Times published its first edition.
- September 24th, 1789: The US Supreme Court was established.
- September 1st, 1830: The poem "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published.
- September 2, 1666: The Great Fire of London occurred.
- September 5, 1774: The 1st Continental Congress was called to order.

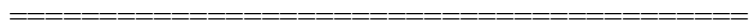


TOWN COLLECTOR INFORMATION:

First Quarter Tax Bill have been mailed and were due 8/2/21. If you did not get a bill please send an email to mpease@townofchester.net

THE TOWN COLLECTOR office will be closed from 8/25 and will reopen on Monday, 9/13/21. This is only 10 working days for the office to be closed. If you need help with a Motor Vehicle, issue, such as unable to renew your driver's license or registration please call Art Jones, Deputy Collector at 413-527-2388 for assistance.

IN ORDER TO ASSURE PROPER POSTING OF YOUR PAYMENTS, PLEASE ENCLOSE THE PAYMENT STUB AS INDICATED ON THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE BILL. CHECKS are scanned into a machine for deposit. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR CHECK TO YOUR STUB.



Autumn begins September 22



Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center & Hilltown CDC

In person and VIRTUAL Zoom Classes: September 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.

General interest/ Sustainability:

Preserving the Harvest: Virtual Class w/ Monique Trahan, NTP Tues, Sept. 21, 6-7:30pm

Property Taxes: Understanding your bill and your rights w/ author Patricia Baker Thurs, Sept 30th, 6-7:30pm

Community Health Worker Pre Apprenticeship program: Call for info Free college credit class 413-354-1055

Business Assistance: Register at <https://hilltowndirectory.com/events/>

Intro to QuickBooks: Two Part Class with Rosemarie Goyette, CPA Wednesdays, Sept 22nd & 29th, 6-7:30pm

Business Tax Basics: What to Keep and why w/ Deb Toomey, CPA Thursday, Oct 7th 6-7:30pm

Making the Most of your Hilltown CDC business listing w/ Paul Stallman Monday, September 20th, 6-7:30pm

Computer Classes

How to customize, update, and keep your computer healthy w/Heather Morgan Thurs, Sept 23rd 6 - 7:30pm

One-on-One computer/ phone help- in person or virtual. Call 354-1055 to make an appointment

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 Math: Village Enterprise Center 26 Main St Chester Tuesday/ Thursdays 3:30pm-5:30pm

Covec Online GED/HiSet prep. Work at your own pace, all topics, anytime. Call or email for more information

That bizarre moment when you pick up your car from the garage and you realize that the breaks are still not working, but they made your horn louder.

I had a dream where an evil queen forced me to eat a gigantic marshmallow.
When I woke up, my pillow was gone.

What makes fat male penguins such a hit with penguin females?
They sure know how to break the ice.

What do dentists call their x-rays?
Tooth pics!

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?
It had great food, but no atmosphere.

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
Nothing, it just waved.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?
One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.



Need help with your fuel bills?



Other VOC Services: Daycare-WIC-Homeless Prevention-
Housing-Daycare Transportation-Adult Education-
College/Career Readiness-Tax Preparation

FUEL ASSISTANCE



WE CAN HELP PAY YOUR HEATING BILL*

During the months of November 1st to April 30th -
Assistance is available for Oil, Natural Gas, Electric, Kerosene,
LP Gas, Firewood, Wood Pellets, Coal, and Water bills.

HOMEOWNERS, we may be able to assist you with heating system repairs!
*Household income cannot exceed 60% of the estimated state median income

We can help now, contact us today!
CALL US AT (413) 552-1548
OR LOG IN TO <http://toapply.org/VOC> to apply