



OCTOBER, 2021

WATT'S NEWS



TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, **OCTOBER 11**
FOR COLUMBUS DAY

News from the COA..

The COA and the Police Department will participate in Medication Drug Take Back Day on October 23rd from 10-2 being held in front of Chester Townhall. Unwanted/Expired prescription drugs. No sharps or diabetic strips.

Library News from the staff and the Trustees...

Unfortunately the Hamilton Memorial Library will be closed and out of service for the month of October and possibly November due to reorganization and cleaning of the building. This includes any children's programs as well as book services in the COA room. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

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, 2021

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.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 7**

Remember to turn your
clocks back 1 hour.

Also It's a good idea to change
your batteries in your smoke detectors



Chester Railway Station will hold our 2nd annual Hobo to Go dinner on Saturday, October 23rd. The menu includes homemade "Track Side" Beef Stew, Corn Pudding (recipe from New Haven RR cookbook), rolls, butter, and apple or pumpkin pie. Cost is \$12 for ages 12 and up, \$6 ages 6-12, FREE under 6. All diners will be to go, but the station will be set up for anyone who wants to eat inside. Bring your own drink. Reservations are REQUIRED and the cut-off date for making them is Wednesday, October 20th. Call the station at 413-354-7878 or email Dave at dave@chesterrailwaystation.net; be sure to leave your name, phone number, number of meal type (adult, child, under 6), pie choice for each meal, and time you would like to pick up. Meal times are in half hour increments beginning at 4:30 and running to 6:30. All meals will be cooked in the Station's Blue Caboose and delivered to your car by Hobo reenactors who will have a Hobo encampment set up onsite during the afternoon. Any bakers out there who wish to donate a pumpkin or apple pie should also contact Dave. We will gratefully accept either and can pick it up from you on the Friday before the dinner. This event is fundraiser for the Chester Foundation, the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Chester Railway Station and Museum. We appreciate your support!

MEDICARE ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15 through December 7 each year. Medicare beneficiaries should take this time to review their coverage, and make any changes for 2022. Plans change each year, so it's important to review your coverage to make sure it will still work for you next year. Certified SHINE Counselors are available to offer free, unbiased, and confidential help. If you would like to review your coverage for 2022 with a local SHINE Counselor, call the SHINE Program at LifePath at 413-773-5555 extension 2287.

Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center & Hilltown CDC

In person and VIRTUAL Zoom Classes: October 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:

Easy Cheesy: Cream Cheese, Chevre, Neufchatel, and Butter w/ Monique Trahan Tues, October 19th, 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/>

Making the Most of your Hilltown CDC business listing w/ Paul Stallman Tuesday October 5th 12:30-2pm

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

QuickBooks Beyond Basics: Two Part Class with Rosemarie Goyette, Wednesdays, October 13th and 20th, 6-7:30pm

Email newsletters: Staying in Contact with your Clients with Dee Dice Thursday, October 14th, 6-7:30pm

Business Payroll: Employee vs Subcontractor-rules and responsibilities w/ Deb Toomey Thursday, Oct 28th 6-7:30pm

Computer Classes

Email scams: How to protect yourself w/Heather Morgan Thursday, October 12th 6 - 7:30pm

Email Etiquette: How to sound Professional w/Heather Morgan Thursday, October 21st 6 - 7:30pm

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

GED/HiSet

Motivation wit Mimi: goal setting with Mimi Ross virtual class Wednesdays October 6, 13, and 20; 11am-12:30pm

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

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



****PUBLIC POWER WEEK** - OCTOBER 3-9 2021**



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!!!

