



THE Cheshire Chatter

Cheshire Council on Aging
PO Box 507 • Cheshire, MA 01225

March / April • 2025

COA Offers Fun, Food, Entertainment, Education and More

The Cheshire COA has a lot happening over the next couple of months which includes dinners with shows, informative talks/presentations, crafting activities, and more, on top of the usual activities. Be sure to check out the calendars, community pages, special events page and, of course the COA Activities Page to get extra details, times, dates.

In March, the St. Patty's Dinner w/Entertainment will be on Saturday, March 15th; beginning with dinner at 5:30pm, followed by the very entertaining "TommyT & Black Velvet and Jackson."



TommyT & Black Velvet

Tom is also known as The Berkshire's Elvis and has been performing around the county for years. When not performing, he is fixing appliances and driving his wife crazy at Alliance Appliance. In the little bit of spare time he has, he enjoys spending time with his granddaughters and golfing with his wife.

Favorite Artists: Elvis, Neil Diamond, Tom Jones, Roy Orbison and Dean Martin.

Tommy T. & Black Velvet is Berkshire County's Premier Elvis Tribute Show, but that's not all. They perform a wide range of artists besides Elvis, ranging from Dean Martin to Tom Jones, The Supremes to Patsy Cline and Roy Orbison to Cher. And that is still only the tip of the iceberg. Also performing is Jackson Ducharme who is a young Elvis Tribute Artist.

Call the COA @ 413-743-1690 ext 107 to get more information, reserve tickets.

On Thursday, April 3rd, the next dinner & show will be with a troupe actors the do a performance called "Seniors Acting Up." Dinner is served at 5:30 pm, followed by the show at 6:30 pm.

With so many challenges facing the world daily, a little laughter is always welcomed. "Seniors Acting

Up", a group of talented local actors ranging in age from sixties to eighties, was formed by Milton Lestz. Short comedic staged readings are their specialty.

The group this year includes: Peter McCallion, Denise Roller, Tom and Laura Gardner, Linda Cantoni, Sylvia Allan, Karel Fisher, and Peter Podol.



"Seniors Acting Up"

The readings are directed by Milton Lestz. All in the group share a love of community theater and that makes the performances special.

Call the COA @ 413-743-1690 ext 107 to get more information, or to reserve tickets.

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Brenda's Thoughts

Well, well, well. While we have been having creative fun at the COA, we are gearing up for even more good food, fun, entertainment. Be sure to check out all the articles, picture pages, calendars, special events, etc. With spring just around the corner, it will be time to start up some long awaited outdoor activities; especially the ever popular shuffleboard games.

Over the past couple of months the center has hosted a variety of indoor activities; especially for the crafters that enjoy our events. In March, the COA will host a spring floral craft event on Monday, March 24th beginning at noon.



A bright & beautiful floral craft that screams SPRING!

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So, peruse the Chatter to see the fun we've been having, as well as what is still to come at the Center and in the community. If anyone has questions about any of the COA activities, don't hesitate to call; myself or one of the staff/volunteers will be glad to help you get the information needed. Call the COA @ 413-743-1690 ext 107.



Come join the eat-in lunch crowd. On this day they are enjoying one of the Homemade Meals.



A relatively new event at the COA is a monthly "Pop-up" Library. A service provided by the Cheshire Public Library which makes it easier for Seniors to checkout, as well as, return borrowed books. A variety of book and magazine titles are available.

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Cheshire Lions Club Holds Bingo Night Fund Raiser

The Cheshire Lions Club held a fun bingo night on Friday, February 7, 2025. The crowd of more than seventy players enjoyed more than two hours of a variety of different bingo games.

The evening was organized by Scott and Nancy Gajda with the help of Lions Club members and non-member friends. Joe Prince made space available at the Skyline Antique and Event Center; refreshments and food available.

The Cheshire Lions Club meets again on March 13 at the Harbour House Inn at 6:00 PM to continue planning events in support of community and educational organizations and eye research.

Membership in the Cheshire Lions Club can be a way for you to help keep Cheshire a viable, resourceful community.



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Cheshire Lions Club -

The Cheshire Lions Club remains an active contributor to the Cheshire community during these trying times. We are always looking for new

members. Among our contributions, we support ongoing eye research efforts. We have also supported numerous local organizations such as the Youth Center, the Friends of the Cheshire Council on Aging, the Cheshire Fire Department and various charitable organizations and athletic teams. We donate annual scholarships to Cheshire graduates from Hoosac Valley High School, McCann Technical School and BART. Every year, during the Christmas season, we conduct our Give A Gift program to provide those in need, local families and seniors, with Christmas gifts. Our club also installs and cares for the American flags located throughout the town. If you are interested in joining or would like more information or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Waterman at jen@watermanexcavating.com.

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Keeping Our Spirits Alive All Year Long

By Mary Lou Burdick

The cartoon on Facebook is what started the thoughts that led our Cheshire Ladies Reading Club along the path of participating in the town Festival of Trees this year. The cute cartoon showed a child lining up her stuffed animals holding onto books on her living room floor. Mom walked in and asked what she was doing. She shushed her mom and said, "we are having our Book Club meeting."

We noted we are celebrating our 145th year of the beginnings of the group that has been reading consecutively since 1879. Our members agreed it was a very good idea to join in the tree festival. The creativity was ignited. From then on we were in. We all contributed ideas on where the animals might find a home when we were finished.

We put a request out into the online community in our area who donate items and requested gently used stuffed animals. The response was immediate and generous. We picked up over 70 donations. Even though most were in great condition they were each given a complete cleaning first with an antibacterial wipe, then a ride in the clothes dryer and then another bath with a dryer wipe.

Since we are a reading club, and we wanted the animals to represent us, we made eyeglasses for them. We dressed some up with little hats and jewelry. We gave many a book cover to hold depicting the books and poems we had actually read. We had a most beautiful banner that read, Cheshire Ladies Reading Club 1879 - Present. They were finally ready to be placed on the tree for all the town to see. We were the very first ones to get to the Community Center. Decorating took nearly four hours. The tree top was called magnificent. When someone commented on the glasses Pat's husband Gene was quick with his answer, "if you've been reading since 1879 you would need glasses too."

And when Mary Lou thanked her husband Barry for renting out space for all the animals for the past several months he told her, "it was no problem they were very quiet." We were certainly all involved in the step by step process and surely enjoyed being part of such a great community event. We posted a picture of our tree on our local Facebook page and received 77 likes and comments of appreciation not only for our tree but for all of the many who participated.

It was time to firm up our plans to donate our fuzzy friends. We had listened to the suggestions about where to give them but we knew we found the perfect place. In making the decision some magical and miraculous moments were about to happen. Harriet's husband Bill had been living with multiple sclerosis in a nursing home and had died recently. We hoped to give the animals a home to other residents there in his memory. But when we called Harriet to be sure it was a good idea she saw the flier she received that day in the mail from AYJ. That is how we heard the story about how Kathy and her husband Joe were introduced to Harriet and



Anna and her pink bunny

Bill. Harriet and Bill have a cabin on their property on West Mountain Road where their niece Alison wanted to have a birthday party sleepover with her friends. The girls came knocking on the door of the main house that night asking for a bowl of warm water to give each other manicures. Bill was to agree only after the girls agreed to give him a manicure as well. One of the girls was named Anna Yanji. Sadly and unexpectedly Anna was diagnosed with a rare brain cancer a few months after the party. She died within three years of her diagnosis. Since that time Kathy and Joe, who are Anna's parents, have created the nonprofit organization AYJ Fund named after her. They bring support and comfort to other young people with cancer to thousands not only in our area but throughout the world. And now we became part of Anna's journey as well.

After taking down the tree we arranged a time that worked well to bring the stuffed animals to Kathy and Joe. It was a lovely sunny day. On our

ride there Harriet told us a few more stories and in the conversation mentioned an art class she had taken years back when Bill had first gone into special care. Kathy and Joe were there waiting for us with her cozy dining room table all set up for us to have a cup of tea.



Pictured left to right Carole Hilderbrand, Harriet Teichert and Mary Lou Burdick

We immediately began to feel the love. As Kathy opened the box the first animal she took out was a small pink bunny. Her eyes began to fill up with tears. She told us this was a replica of the same bunny Anna loved in her childhood. Joe showed us a picture of Anna holding that bunny. Kathy told us about Anna. We began to feel the love more. She was adopted from China as a baby. Joe has a twin brother. He and his wife also adopted a baby from the same agency. The two girl cousins were great friends growing up together. She still comes and spends time with Kathy and Joe.

As we were sitting around the table, Harriet received a text message she felt compelled to look at right away. It was from their granddaughter Haley. This message included a story and a painting. It was at the exact same time we were donating the animals in memory of her Bill. Haley sent a picture she painted that day. She painted it because she had a dream of it the night before. In her dream she saw Bill in his home in the living room. He was sitting in his favorite chair where he always sat. There was also their couch with kitty Duncan and their dog Buddy. Through the window shining on him were bright golden rays of light. Nana Harriet was in the kitchen.

Bill told Haley he was happy where he was and was returning.

We truly felt that Anna and Bill both sent us a message. I do believe with tears in our eyes and joy in our hearts we each shared a rare and special gift of giving and receiving love. Being a part of Cheshire Town Festival of Trees was quite the experience. What a lovely way to begin a new year. And definitely in our hearts we won first place!

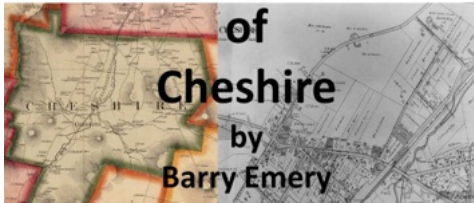


*Cheshire Ladies Reading Club
Christmas Tree 2024*

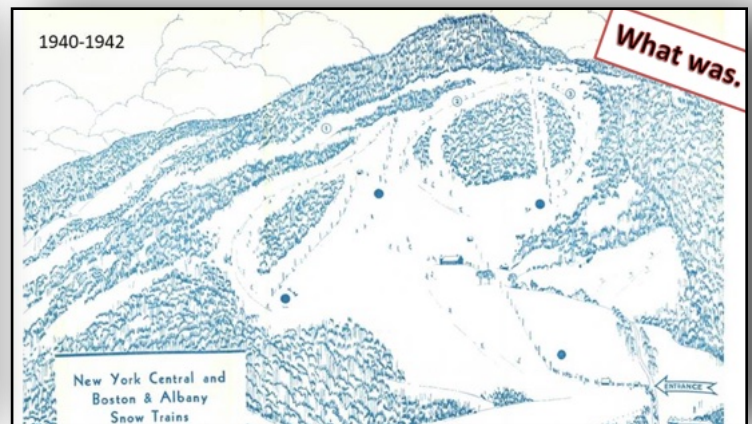
A Look at the History of Farnam's Ski Area

By Barry Emery

What Is and What Was Historic Virtual Tour



This article is from Barry's book that compares views of Cheshire's current locations with their historic appearance. The book was published in a manner such that the left page shows the current view and the opposite page has a photograph from 100 or more years ago of the same place. The section highlighted here is on the Farnam's ski area and the resulting 'snow trains' that brought skiers to the area from New York City. The ski slopes were just east of Rte 8 and accessed via Fisher Hill Road.



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Cheshire Public Library News/Notes

By Jennifer Luitjens

When it rains, it pours! Spring is coming soon, so it's timely to invoke reference to rain when describing recent events at the library. And we mean rain in the positive sense, as in "April showers bring May flowers." Ok, enough of idioms and riddles, what are we talking about?

Well, in January, the library was the proud recipient of a Children's Book Project grant award from The Pilcrow Foundation, a not-for-profit organization in Oregon, which provides new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries. The Foundation has a 2-1 matching grant model, requiring an initial contribution from our community. The Cheshire Lions Club generously provided these initial funds many months ago when we applied for the grant. However, when the books arrived in January, the packages literally poured out book after book after book, more than doubling our expected award. Not only did an anonymous donor from Massachusetts sponsor our Foundation grant, but individual donors from Colorado and California as well as Syncretic Press and Shout Mouse Press

provided additional, unexpected books. In total, we received \$1500 value in children's books, representing 85 new titles to our collection. These additions represent 40 books we chose from a published list of available titles, combined with books related to health/wellness and math/science,

and works by Spanish authors and illustrators and those from marginalized backgrounds. We are extremely grateful to all who contributed to this "rainstorm."

Please stop by the library to check out our new acquisitions and witness the many changes we are making to ensure we remain a valuable resource to this community.



And don't forget to follow us on
Facebook or Instagram

so you can keep informed of all of our programs and happenings. Check the Community Notes in the Chatter for what to expect over the next two months.

3rd Annual Cheshire Bazaar & Tag Sale fund-raiser

As the cold embrace of winter melts away, you may be looking forward to clearing out some household treasures. Perhaps you spent the winter months crafting, carving or creating desirable objects you plan to market. The 3rd Annual Cheshire Bazaar & Tag Sale provides you with the opportunity to lighten your load and make a little cash!

The Cheshire Bazaar & Tag Sale is a community-wide event scheduled for Saturday May 10th from 9AM until 2PM. Last year, we hosted over three dozen vendors and tag sale participants - Tastefully Simple, Sincerely Sam, Brittina's Treasures, Cookie's Cupcakes, Shan's Artistic Creations, O'lo Creek Farm, Bobby's Bees, Ginger Knot Owls, Stampin' with Lorraine, the Cheshire Methodist Church, Cheshire Youth Center and many others.

If you are seeking hand-made or crafted items to give mom for Mother's Day you will find them here, along with vintage and 2nd hand treasures, baked goods, foods and niche items. The Mason's Lodge will have their food trailer operating in the back courtyard alongside the outdoor vendors so you can enjoy a tasty breakfast or lunch while you shop.

The Cheshire Bazaar & Tag Sale is organized by Jenny Gadbois, who has partnered with the Cheshire Food Pantry, LLC to make the event a



fund-raiser for this important local organization. The Cheshire Food Pantry and their small army of committed volunteers serve our community by providing pantry staples, select fresh food and paper goods to individuals and families in need. One hundred percent of the registration fee is awarded to the food pantry. There will also be an event fund-raising raffle for the pantry with generous prizes (winners need not be present to win). Although the pantry is

not accepting food donations, they welcome your generous support at the event raffle or through participation as a vendor.



Vendors can register for a booth space (\$25) or single table (\$10) and we have rental tables available for \$10 each. Our main indoor/outdoor event venue is at the Cheshire Community House, 191 Church Street, Cheshire MA 01225.

Indoor and outdoor spaces are available on a first come-first serve basis. Registration ends April 30th or when spaces sell out. Local residents can participate by registering their at-home tag sale with the event for \$10. A map of participating tag sales will be available at the event. The event is marketed through a variety of local media sources, including newspaper, radio and social media sites.

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Pictures Speak A Thousand Words - COA Craft Events



Loads of fun was had by all participants who attended the Snowman Hat crafting event at the COA. The hats served not only as decor, but were also a container that could house goodies. All were very creative.



Spring Floral Craft

Monday March 24th @
NOON
Call Brenda @ 743-9719
ext 107 to sign-up

Come Join the fun
and camaraderie.



Several ladies gathered at the COA to make Valentine jars with sweet treats for their sweeties.



Easter Greetings From Days Gone By



Here are a couple images of lovely Easter postcards from days of yore which were supplied by Barry Emery.

Happy Easter to One and All!



Community Paper Shredding Event

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3 Confidential Shredding Events in 2025

Saturday, April 12, 2025

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Saturday, May 31, 2025

9 am to 11 am • Town of Williamstown
671 Simonds Road (outside of transfer station entrance) • Williamstown, MA

Saturday, September 6, 2025

9 am to 11 am • Town of Dalton
Council on Aging parking lot, 40 Field Street • Dalton, MA 01226

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The Friends of the Cheshire Council on Aging provide financial and other support serving the needs of the senior population of Cheshire. By becoming a "Friend" you will be supporting the activities of our seniors. The fee for joining in 2025 will remain at \$10 and will be due in January of 2025.

All non-profits are receiving less money from the government so the need to provide financial support from other sources has become critical. The "Friends" support activities that the Town is unable to finance. Among the activities the "Friends" have financially supported in the past are:

- Cultural events such as a play at Barrington Stage and Millionaire Dollar Quartet at the Colonial Theatre.
- Sponsorship and funding for Sheryl Faye's presentations.
- The annual nonagenarian birthday party.
- Apple picking at Lakeview Orchard.
- Financial support of the Cheshire Food Pantry.
- Other social and craft activities.

Any support which you are able to provide would be most appreciated.

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Thank you.

News Bulletin From Cheshire Town Offices

Town Clerk's Office • Whitney E. Flynn: 2025 Town of Cheshire Election Calendar

FEBRUARY 5

Nomination Papers available at Town Clerk's Office.

MARCH 13 • 5 P.M.

Deadline to obtain Nomination Papers
(MGL c. 53, 9A).

MARCH 17 • 5 P.M.

Deadline for ALL candidates to submit
Nomination Papers (49 Days).

APRIL 2 • 5 P.M.

Deadline to withdraw or object to Nomination
Papers (33 Days).

APRIL 25 • 5 P.M.

Deadline to register to vote in Town Election (10 Days).

APRIL 28 • 5 P.M.

Deadline for filing Pre-Election Campaign
Finance Report with complete reporting of activity
up to April 21, 2025 (8 Days).

MAY 5, 2025 -

Cheshire Town Election 9 A.M. - 7 P.M.

Cheshire Community House Cafeteria

191 Church Street

JUNE 4 5 P.M.

Deadline for filing Post-Election Campaign
Finance Report with complete reporting of activity
from April 22, 2025 - May 21, 2025 (30 Days).

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Offices/Positions Available For Election

Nomination Papers will be available on
Wednesday, February 5, 2025. The deadline for
obtaining Nomination Papers is Thursday, March
13, 2025, by 5:00 P.M. **Nomination Papers must be
filed with the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M.
on Monday, March 17, 2025.** (20 verified signatures
are required for Nomination of each Office).

POSITION	#OPENINGS	TERM UP FOR
Selectmen	2	3 Years
Moderator	1	3 Years
Assessor	1	3 Years
Board of Health Member	1	3 Years
Water Commissioner	1	3 Years
Cemetery Commissioner	1	3 Years
Constable	3	3 Years
Planning Board	1	5 Years
HVRSD Member (Cheshire Rep)	1	3 Years
NBRVSDC Member (Cheshire Rep)	1	3 Years

News from Cheshire PD



The Cheshire Police Department is
pleased to announce They have
been awarded a FF 2025 Municipal
Road Safety Grant in the sum of
\$19,180.00. This grant allowed the
purchase of two new hand held radar and
one new hand held lidar unit for officers.
Along with the new equipment CPD has
received funding to conduct extra traffic enforcement
patrols over the next several months. If there are
areas of concern please feel free to send Chief
Alibozek an email at cpd@cheshire-ma.gov and CPD
will add it to the growing list areas being watched.
"Thank you for the continued support in keeping
our residence and streets safe."

~ Chief Alibozek

Michael J. Alibozek

Chief of Police, Cheshire Police Department



Rabies Clinic

Wednesday April 16th from 5
to 6 pm in the Cheshire Police
Station garage at 90 Church
Street. \$15 CASH for each dog
or cat. Bring a past rabies
certificate even if expired and

your pet will receive a 3 year vaccination, otherwise
only a 1 year certificate will be given. Vaccinations can
be done at your car for multiple or difficult dogs with
the help of the owner. Please bring cats in a carrier. The
clinic is open to all regardless of residency. Sponsored
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Gebaowski @ 413-212-1076

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

Monday, March 3rd • 9 - 11am

Senior Haircuts @ COA Center

Stylists from Meraki Salon of Adams. Discounted Senior cost is \$20. Call 413-743-1690 ext 107

Brown Bag 9am - 1:30pm

Pick up inside COA Senior Center

Wednesday March 5th • Noon

Native Plants Talk

With Master Gardener Margy Gwozdz explains the importance of native plants.

Tuesday March 11th • 11:30 am

Homemade meal

Check with Brenda or Dawn for what is being served

Wednesday March 12th • 11:00 am

Pop-up Library.

This is a once a month event which allows Seniors to check out books without having to make a trip to the Library.

Saturday March 15th • 5:30 pm

Tommy T and the Black Velvets

(Elvis Impersonator)

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner \$20 per person
Dinner at 5:30; Show at 6:30. 413-743-1690 ext 107

Wednesday March 19th • 11am

New Veterans Officer Kurtis Durocher

will be at the Cheshire COA for Lunch and to speak with veterans.

Wednesday March 19th • 11am - 12:30pm

BCC nursing students

will be at the senior center offering blood pressure readings.

Monday, March 24th • Noon

Spring Floral Craft

Call Brenda 413-743-1690 ext 107 to sign-up for the event. Seating will be limited.

Wednesday March 26th • 11am

Homemade Meal

Check with Brenda or Dawn for what is being served.
413-743-1690 ext 107

Wednesday March 26th 11:15-11:45

Youth Center Preschool Kids visit the COA

Monday, March 31st • 9am-1:30pm

Brown Bag

Pick up inside COA Senior Center

APRIL

Thursday April 3rd • 5:30 pm

Seniors Acting Up

performance with Dinner. \$15 per person Dinner at 5:30 show at 6:30. 413-743-1690 ext 107

Monday April 7th • 9 - 11 am

Senior Haircuts @ COA Center

Stylists from Meraki Salon of Adams. Discounted Senior cost is \$20. Appointments. 413-743-1690 ext 107.

Tuesday April 8th • 11:30 am

Homemade Meal

Check with Brenda or Dawn for what is being served

Wednesday April 9th • 11:00 am

Pop-up Library

This is a once a month event which allows Seniors to check out books without having to make a trip to the Library.

Saturday, April 12th • 9 - 11 am

Community paper Shredding Event

Located at Town of Cheshire DPW yard, 6 Main Street. Open to residents @ no charge; 5 box limit. See other information posted w/in Chatter.

Wednesday April 16th • 1:00 pm

Cardmaking w/Lorraine

Call Brenda 413-743-1690 ext 107 to sign-up for the event. Seating will be limited.

Wednesday April 23rd • 11:30 am

Homemade Meal

Check with Brenda or Dawn for what is being served.
413-743-1690 ext 107

Wednesday April 23rd @ noon

Dr. Ogiste, ophthalmologist

will be at the COA to speak on the importance of maintaining eye health.

Wednesday April 30th • 11:15-11:45

Youth Center Preschool Kids visit the COA

COMMUNITY NOTES

Cheshire Library - Calendar/Special Events

Monday and Thursday 10-2

Tuesday 12-7, with preschool story-time at 11am

Third Tuesday is Trivia Night @ 7pm

March 18th Boomer Trivia (Adults)

April 22nd Sports Trivia

Wednesday 12-5

Second Wednesday monthly event: 11am -

Pop-up Library at Senior Center

1st Saturday Noon - 2pm, with STEM activity for elementary-aged children at 11am.

Other special events include:

- ❖ Saturday, March 1st @ 11am: Lego-Time for children grades 1-5
- ❖ Monday, March 10th @ 6:30 Card-making with Lorraine (adults) - preregistration required.
- ❖ Saturday, April 5th @ 11am Donuts & Clues (grades 1-5).
- ❖ April 22, 23, 24 @ 11am - special programs for youth during April school vacation.

Cheshire Ladies' Reading Club is the oldest continually meeting reading club in the United States, carrying on a tradition first inspired by Emma Petittlerc in 1879. As we are a reading club, books are read at the meetings themselves. If you have an interest in helping to continue a long Cheshire tradition contact club president Carole Hilderbrand. Carole's phone number is 413-329-2212 for information.

Historical Commission - The Cheshire Historical Commission is again accepting donations of items or documents relating to our town's history. Please call 743-5423 for details.

The Cheshire Community Book Club March/April Edition. February's read *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt is about the positive and negative influences of mobile devices, social media, and internet accessibility especially on the development of younger generations.

Our March 13 book is *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore and the April 10 book is *On Call* by Anthony Fauci.

We continue to enjoy thoughtful discussions about the content and always think more critically about what we've read and what we've discussed.

Consider joining us at 6 PM at the Senior Center when we meet. There is always something to learn; discussions are informative whether or not you've had time to read or listen to a recording of that month's book. The Cheshire Public Library is where you can request and receive any books or recordings that interest you.

Cheshire Garden Club - The Cheshire Garden Club will be starting up for the year again on March 19th from 6:30-8:00PM at the Cheshire Senior Center. We will continue to meet on the third Thursdays of the month unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited to attend any meetings with gardening questions. One of our members, Margy Gwozdz will be giving a short talk on Native plants on March 5th at noon at the Cheshire Senior Center.

wgwozdz@roadrunner.com with any questions.

Cheshire Northern Berkshire Beekeepers Association meets at 6 p.m. in the Cheshire COA Center on the 4th Wednesday of every month except November and December. Interested parties are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Jeanne Davis. Email with any questions:

jeannedavis59@gmail.com.

Cheshire Lions Club meets once a month from September to June. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. Most meetings are held at the Harbor House Inn. If you are interested in learning more about ways to support our community, contact Lynda Bianchi, President at 743-5723 or 244-3420. Hoping to see you at our next meeting

Town Clerk, Whitney Flynn reminds residents that dog license(s) need to be purchased/renewed by April 1st to avoid a late fee charge.

In an effort to make things easier for dog owners, Whitney will be at the Rabies Clinic being held at the Cheshire PD on Wednesday, April 16th from 5-6 pm to issue dog licenses; one stop shop, vaccinations followed by dog license. If your dog has already been vaccinated, just bring a copy of the certificate for licensing.

See page 11 in this edition of Cheshire Chatter for news regarding upcoming Town Elections and Rabies Clinic.

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Cheshire COA Center For Active Living

CHP Mobile Health Van - Please follow our Facebook page for dates and times. Currently, there are no planned visits. The van may not be seen at the COA again until in the fall. You may also call Brenda with any questions at the COA office @ 413-743-1690 extension 107.



Cheshire COA Van - The COA Cheshire Center for Active Living van is available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Please call 24 hours before to schedule a ride. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. Call: (413) 446-2559.

The Café at 119 School Street, Cheshire - Hot Lunch for Seniors - The Elder Services lunches will be served Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays inside at 11:30am with the Grab n Go meals available five days a week, except holidays. To reserve your meal, call 413-743-1690 extension 107 at least 24 hours in advance. Suggested Meal Donation of \$3.00 for 60 and over.



Bingo - Every Tuesday at 12:15, \$1 per card

Brown Bag - Free paper bag of food is available between 9:30am and 1:30pm; Monday, March 3rd & Monday, March 31st and Monday, April 28th. Pick up at COA Center. Contact Brenda to sign up. 413-743-1690 ext 107

Aerobics - 9am -10am Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, no charge. Led by Jane Bryce.

Chair Yoga - 10am -11am Fridays, Led by Maryann Kuffs

Blood Pressure Readings - 10am -11am Mon., Wed., and Fri.; performed by Mal & Carol

Foot Clinic - The Foot Clinic will be scheduled for Thursday March 20th • 8:30am – 1:30pm. Sorry, no walk-ins - appointments only. It is held inside the Center. Call Brenda @ 413-743-1690 ext 107 to schedule an appointment and for protocol. There is a \$40 fee for this clinic.

Quilting - Quilting and all stitchers are welcome on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month (unless it falls on a holiday), 1pm-3:30pm led by Betty King. (\$5 suggested donation to benefit the Cheshire Pantry.)

The Community Book Club - meets at the COA Senior Center every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. If you enjoy discussing books you've read or just enjoy listening to discussions about books in the current orbit of attention, please join us. Bring a friend.

Senior Haircuts - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.. Haircuts by Meraki Salon of Adams. Discounted Senior cost is \$20. Call center to book your appointments for Monday, March 3rd and Monday April 7th.

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Shuffleboard - Usually begins in May at the Cheshire COA Center for active living and continues every Wednesday at 12:15 pm through November. Call the Center for more information. 413-743-1690 ext 107.

Pickleball - Whenever weather is permitting, the court will be available. Rules are listed on the back of the COA building, participants provide their own equipment (except for the net), and use the court at their own risk. Call the Center for more information. 413-743-1690 ext 107.


Biking - Whenever weather is permitting, the bikes will be available. Participants provide their own protective equipment (if using helmets, pads, etc), and use the bikes at their own risk. Call the Center for more information. 413-743-1690 ext 107.

MARCH

2025

Cheshire COA & Community Calendar of Events

February							April						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Blood pressure readings available @ Senior Center M-W-F 10-11					Cheshire Pantry 11-12 Lego-Time @ Library 11am
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	Aerobics 9-10 Hair Cuts 9-11 Lunch 11:30 Brown Bag 9am-1:30pm	Lunch 11:30 12:15 Bingo	4 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Native Plants Talk w/ Margy Gwozdz @ Noon	Grab-n-Go 10-12 Quilting 1-3:30	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	
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 Daylight Savings Time — Spring Forward	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Cardmaking @ Library 6:30pm	Homemade Soup & Sandwich Day 11:30 Bingo 12:15	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Pop-up Library @ COA 11:00	Grab-n-Go 10-12 Comm. Book Club 6pm	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	St. Pat's Dinner w/ Entertainment 5:30 pm Look for details inside Chatter
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	16 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Aerobics 9-10. Lunch 11:30	Lunch 11:30 Bingo 12:15	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 BCC Nursing Students 11a - 12:30p Veterans Talk @ Noon	Grab-n-Go 10-12 Foot Clinic 8:30am - 1:30pm Quilting 1-3:30	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	
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	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Spring Floral Craft @ COA ~ Noon	Lunch 11:30 Bingo 12:15	Aerobics 9-10 Preschool Visitors 11:15 - 11:45 Homemade Soup & Sandwich Day 11:30 Beekeepers 6 pm	Grab-n-Go 10-12	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	
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APRIL

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	April Fool's Day	April Fool's Day	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30	Grab-n-Go 10-12 Quilting 1-3:30	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	Cheshire Pantry 11-12
		Rabies Clinic 5-6pm @ Cheshire PD		"Seniors Acting Up" Dinner & Show 5:30p @ COA		
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Aerobics 9-10 Hair Cuts 9-11 Lunch 11:30	Homemade Soup & Sandwich Day 11:30 Bingo 12:15	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Pop-up Library 11a	Grab-n-Go 10-12 Comm. Book Club 6pm	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	Community Paper Shredding Event 9-11am @ Town of Cheshire DPW yard	
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Palm Sunday	Tax Day			Good Friday		
Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30	Lunch 11:30 Bingo 12:15	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Cardmaking w/ Lorraine @ COA 1:00	Grab-n-Go 10-12 Quilting 1-3:30	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11		
		Rabies Clinic @ Cheshire PD 5-6pm				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday	Patriots Day	Earth Day				
Senior Center Closed	Lunch 11:30 Bingo 12:15	Aerobics 9-10 Preschool Visitors 11:15 - 11:45 Homemade Soup & Sandwich Day 11:30 Beekeepers 6 pm	Grab-n-Go 10-12	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11		
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