



THE Cheshire Chatter

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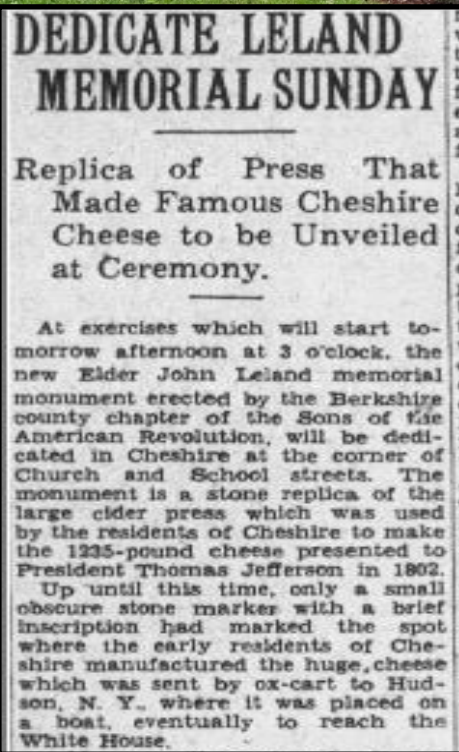
July / August • 2025

Rededication Scheduled for Cheshire's Leland Park & the Cheese Press Monument

By Barry Emery



The cheese press monument was originally dedicated as described in this 1940 Eagle article. It was restored in 1975 and then again just recently. This time the entire park has now been up-graded with landscaping, plantings, new stone work, a walkway, a bench, and several trees were removed whose roots and dead branches were threatening the monument.



Cheshire's then Baptist minister, Rev John Leland, as a way to celebrate the election of President Jefferson. After four months of curing, the mammoth cheese was transported to Washington, DC by Leland and Darius Brown and presented to the president at the White House on January 1, 1802. The entire process enthralled the nation and was covered by newspapers throughout the country.

***Details are in my book, The Mammoth Cheese Event, When America Watched Cheshire.*

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The project was partially financed by two very generous gifts, one from Ray Perault before he passed away, and another from the Lion's Club. **A rededication ceremony is scheduled for 3pm on July 12.**

It was on a Monday July 20, 1801 when dairy farmers in town brought their cows' curds to be molded into what became known as the Mammoth Cheese weighing 1235 pounds. The event was proposed by

Brenda's Thoughts

It's officially SUMMER! Well, it is according to the calendar. The weather, on the other hand is a little confused; although, on the Summer Solstice it definitely felt like Summer. We will enjoy it while it lasts!

The Center has some fun stuff planned over the next few months. Be sure to keep track of it all, using the handy/dandy calendars that come with each issue of the Chatter. Also, review the Events and Community pages for any events that might require a bit more explanation; such as crafting events.

Speaking of upcoming activities, there are a couple of new ones happening here at the Center! In particular, we will now be hosting Mahjong Mondays from Noon - 1 pm. If you like table games, I think you will enjoy playing Mahjong. Come check it out.

The Center will also be hosting CardMaking with Lorraine on July 21st, talks by Barry Emery regarding an Introduction to AI (Artificial Intelligence) on July 23rd, another outdoor concert on August 10th, and a crafting event to create a lighted mason jar with pressed flower decorations. Let's not forget Bingo is every Tuesday at 12:15.

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Feel like taking a bike ride on the rail trail but you don't have a bike? Stop by and "check out" a bike to use for your enjoyment. Don't forget about the pickle ball court that is available; just bring your own equipment. AND of course, there is Shuffleboard every Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 12:15. Come join in the fun!

Pressed Flower Lighted Mason Jar



Wednesday August 13th @ 12:30



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191 Church St
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Berkshire Bounty, Berkshire Grown, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Community Health Programs, Southern Berkshires Rural Health Network and Berkshire United Way.

BerkshireMobileFarmersMarket.org



Cheshire Hoedown

Saturday, July 12th
4-8pm
Cheshire Community House
191 Church Street

Activities
Cow Plop Bingo
Kids Activities by Youth Center, Inc. (face painting, balloons)
Pony Rides
Corn Hole Tournament
Mechanical Bull
Ball Drop to benefit The Cheshire Police Association
Entertainment
Whiskey City

Vendors
Berkshire Lodge
of Masons Food Truck
Two Sisters
Mobile Spirits Bar
Patriot Kettle Popcorn
Ice Cream and Italian Ice
Local Craft and
Business Vendors

This event is sponsored in part by the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and 



WHAT? Christmas in August:

Crafters Event • Flea Market • Tag Sale Vendors

WHERE? Cheshire Senior Center
119 School Street, Cheshire, MA

WHEN? Saturday, August 23rd
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OFFERING? Vendors who take pride in creating one of a kind items that come from the hands and the heart, as well as Tag Sale & Flea Market participants.

FEE to secure a space - NONE

The suggestion is a monetary donation that will support the Cheshire food pantry; no one should go hungry in the United States of America!

**Also being offered is a
Chinese Auction and we would
greatly appreciate a donation
of a handmade item.**

CONTACT INFO: Stephanie Bordeau
413-346-8498 - Please leave a message
bir404@yahoo.com

Space will be limited both inside
and outside the building
Flea Market and Tag Sale vendors
will be setup outside.

Level Up at the Library!

By Jennifer Luitjens, Library Director

Summer invites you to "Level Up at the Library"! Our 2025 summer reading program theme challenges you to expand your interests and to advance your abilities, in reading and beyond. Using gameboards we will track summer reading hours for our youth participants, providing various incentives along the way and chances to win prizes at the conclusion of summer. Adults will enjoy a game of Bookopoly, winning chances for gift certificates at Cheshire Glassworks, Common Table, and Whitney's. Registration for youth and adults begins June 23 and the program runs through August 21. Participants must register in-person at the library in order to receive gameboards and goodie bags.

The youth program also includes activities at 11am on Tuesdays from July 1 - August 19, covering a wide array of interests such as puzzles, space, magic, and painting. There are also a couple of dates with a 2nd time offering in late afternoon/evening. These programs have limited availability, and we request that participants pre-register, preferably online via the link on our website. The table below outlines our program, but more information can be found at [CheshirePublicLibrary.org](https://www.cheshirepubliclibrary.org/).



1 Kick-off: Puzzle Creation

8 Galaxy on the Go at CCH

11AM or
4PM

15 Escape Room

22 Ed the Wizard at CCH

29 Wizard Scavenger Hunt



5 Paint Pouring

11AM or
6PM

12 Rubik's Cube Fun

19 Finale: Carnival Games



All programs at 11am unless otherwise noted;
preregistration requested
CCH: Cheshire Community House

We are grateful for the financial support provided by the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and the Mass Cultural Council.

Special thanks to the Cheshire Lions Club for sponsoring the Galaxy on the Go event, and also to Cheshire Glassworks and the Common Table for their general support of our summer program.

Please note that our summer reading challenges are our main events for July and August, and we will resume many of our regular weekly and monthly programs in September. Our weekday hours will remain the same for July and August, but there will be no Saturday hours.

Hope to see you fishing around the library this summer where we're "Hooked on Books!"



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Lions Club Distributes Funds, Inducts New Board Members

The Cheshire Lions Club conducted its last meeting before their summer break. At that meeting they welcomed three new members to the club. The Lions also disbursed the funds that have been collected this year, as well as installing the flags in town and ran their annual duck race on Memorial Day, which was a huge success!! The donations that the Lions made this year were:

Massachusetts Eye Research - \$3,500.00,
 Emergency Sight and Hearing - \$2,500.00
 Lions Club International - \$1,000.00
 Michael Larabee Scholarship - \$500.00
 Cheshire Police Association - \$1,000.00
 Hoosac Hose Company - \$1,500.00
 Cheshire Food Pantry - \$1,000.00
 Friends of Cheshire/Council on Aging - \$500.00
 BFair - \$500.00
 Northern Berkshire United Way - \$500.00.



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:
 Stacey Gurney coachylady@aol.com.

The Lions Club appreciates all that have supported their fund-raising efforts. A reminder to residents that there is a trailer at the Cheshire Transfer Station and where they collect returnable bottles and cans all year long.

In January, the club also donated \$5,000.00 in to the Town of Cheshire for Leland Park restoration and landscaping.

In May, a donation of \$375.00 was made to the Cheshire Library for the summer program and \$1,000.00 was given to the Youth Center for their summer camps. Also awarded was a \$1,000.00 to a college student who received one of the Lions Club scholarships and she completed her first semester with excellent grades. The meeting ended with the induction of the new board members for the 2025-2026 Lions Club year.

President - Stacey Gurney

Vice President - Mara Wooley

Secretary - Karen Daigle

Treasurer - Dennis Clark

Membership Chair - Rick Gurney

Tail Twister - Doreen Aleshevich

Board members are Ed St. John, Lynda Bianchi and Nancy Gajda. The Club is always looking for new members to join. Meetings are from September to June on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Harbour House in Cheshire. Please reach out to any member if interested in attending a meeting.

The Cheshire Lions Club wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!

SOME CHESHIRE HISTORY

and

AN INTRODUCTION TO AI

BY Barry Emery

12:30 July 23 at COA

6:30 July 24 at COA



Octopus Garden Come Together For A Concert At The COA

by Patricia Gebarowski

Do You Want To Know A Secret? On Sunday afternoon, August 10, from 2-4 pm, you will be able to channel your inner Beatles fan as the group Octopus Garden plays an outdoor concert at the Cheshire Senior Center/COA located at 119 School St. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Cheshire COA and will be free of charge.

Octopus Garden is a group of six musicians who formed in December 2024 to perform locally and pay homage to the music of the Fab Four. These tunes will be familiar to most of us, young or old.

Octopus Garden, is named for a Beatles hit found on the Abbey Road album from 1969. It is one of two songs written by drummer Ringo Starr.

The members of Octopus Garden are all well known Berkshire residents and longtime musicians. They have played in various bands together or separately over the years.

Three of the members had done Beatles music in a band called Berkshire Beatlesque. That group disbanded for a while, ultimately transforming themselves into the current version with three additional members signing on.

Bob Balawender, a lifelong Cheshire native and a board member of the Cheshire COA is the group spokesman.

Bob plays the drums. His love for percussion began nearly 60 years ago as a young teen when he started playing on a borrowed set of drums and he has never lost the beat. He has performed with several groups in the years since. You may remember Bob in a popular band called Paraffin, touring the local scene, and playing in a number of other groups in the intervening years.

In addition, there is Jay Fruet of Pittsfield, lead guitar, Wayne Tremblay of North Adams playing bass, Jim Stankiewicz of Dalton on keyboard, Dan

Hamilton of Dalton on guitar, and Mark Parsons of Cheshire also on guitar. All the band members sing lead harmony and backing vocals.

Dan Hamilton performs as a solo artist outside the Octopus Garden, and Mark Parsons, with his wife Bonnie, form a duo, called Sky Full of Dippers.

So Please Please Me and mark your calendars for this fun outing August 10, 2-4 pm and take The Long And Winding Road to the Cheshire COA and don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. See you there, Don't Let Me Down.

Octopus Garden will appear at the Bounty Fare Restaurant in Adams on August 2 for a benefit fundraiser in support of the charity group AYJ Fund of North Adams.

Sky Full of Dippers will also open the event for them that night.

AYJ raises funds to benefit childhood sufferers of cancer and supports childhood cancer research.

More can be learned about them in the recent March/April issue of the *Cheshire Chatter* or on line at ayjfund.org and on Facebook.



CHESHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CRUZ NITE**Vendor Fair & Fireworks****FREE ADMISSION****Saturday, August 9th • 4pm****RAIN DATE SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH****The annual event includes:**

- FOOD • ICE CREAM • FRIED DOUGH
- LOCAL VENDORS
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- GAMES | ROCK WALL | BOUNCE HOUSE
- RAFFLES | DRAWINGS
- MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
- FIREWORKS @ 9:30ish

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For further information or direct sales vendor, go to:

<https://cheshirefiredepartment.com/vendors/cruz-nite/>
CheshirefireEvents@gmail.com

BE IN THE KNOW!

Sometimes events get added after publication, or for reasons beyond the control of the COA, dates or times get changed. **BUT**, you can always be in the know by visiting the Cheshire COA Facebook **PAGE**. While you are there, check out the pages of other local organizations and businesses! *Be in the know!*

Become a Friend of the Cheshire Council on Aging!

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.



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Dean Street; Down History Lane

By Mary Lou Burdick



"Dean Street in Cheshire MA is likely named after Zebedee Dean, a blacksmith and farmer who came to the town in 1798. While not explicitly stated in the provided information, it's a strong possibility that a street would be named after a prominent early resident like Zebedee Dean." This quote was found on Roots Web when I went on to Google and typed in my request to learn more about the street where I reside presently. As much as I love learning and thinking about the history of Dean Street, I also have such an appreciation for these past 19 years.

From day one I have been so happy to call Dean Street our home. As we were bringing our belongings and furniture into the house two neighbors, husband and wife knocked on our door, introduced themselves and asked if they could be of help. And help they did. Part of our conversation led to their perspective of the transformation the house had undertaken recently. We knew we had discovered just the right dwelling from the first time we saw it. From the inside out a great renovation had happened with new roofing, siding, landscaping, interior design with new flooring and fresh paint in every room. They called it a "miracle house". I was pleased to hear the description and even happier to feel that we were the ones moving in.

The next neighbors we met were just as pleasant but admitted their disappointment to learn how quickly the house sold because they were considering the thoughts of one of their grown children and family moving in. I guess it wasn't meant to be because eventually they moved to

where their children and grandkids were instead. Living there now is someone else. Seemingly just as content as we to be on Dean Street. Last summer they called us out to join others looking up into our huge tree to witness the rare occasion of several cubs climbing around up in "Ms. Maple". Very aware momma bear was likely close, we all got our pictures and went back inside for safety.

I've heard some town people say Dean Street Extension when speaking of our address. My tax bill only says Dean Street. When I hear it, I remind myself they must have been here longer than me. We do have a sign on the intersection of Dean and Richmond Street that says "Dead End". Actually it was one of the things that appealed to us when we were house hunting. We are the last house at the end of the street. We have less traffic and more privacy. A few tidbits I've learned just by chatting with neighbors is that many of the houses were built in the 1800's and a trolley likely traveled down Dean Street back in the day. I will continue my education in our Cheshire Ladies Reading Club as we often read from Barry Emery's books of town history.

This past winter on a cold windy day someone knocked on the door. By the time we checked to see who it might be there was no one outside. But looking down we saw a post card sized painting was left for us. The artwork was a winterberry tree with a few hearty birds and their nest held by the arms of the tree and also a bunny hiding in the grass beneath. It was more than the beautiful artwork of the design. It was more than the messages written on the front and the back that said, "In the bleak midwinter a bit of winterberry to cheer you in 2025. Our best wishes for a happy and healthy year." It was the realization that we lived on Dean Street and one of our neighbors cared enough to hand create this message of cheer and take the time to tell us in a very special way.

Since moving here the people have changed in several of the houses. We love that we can see and hear little ones playing outside in the snow now, shuffling autumn leaves, and swimming in their backyard pools. Even with their busy schedules one of those moms found the time for many years now to make the most delicious cinnamon buns and

and bring them warm from the oven to us on a Christmas morning. Does she really even know how they warm our hearts as well?

We might not speak with each other every day but we have taken care of each others pets, watched over grandma who was turning 100 years old while some went on vacation, offered meals when sick, laughed a bit when we saw a dad wheeling his grill in a wheel barrow down the street to share a meal with his son. There has been meals given when sickness hits, flowers given when loved ones died, snow blowing driveways early on Berkshire County frosty days, shared garden veggies, enjoyed backyard fire pits, and birthday wishes. We watch for UPS packages and we watch out for each other.

Over the 19 years we have experienced so many things living here that make us so thankful to be part of our community. Writing this reminds me of a song my daughters learned in elementary school long ago. A good song with words and true meaning to think about these days. "We live in a house in a neighborhood. The neighborhood is a part of the town. The town is in the county and the county is in the state. A part of the USA. And we all live together!"

I only can hope in this sometimes unsettling world today, others in Cheshire and everywhere in our world appreciate and feel blessed with the same gift of "neighboring" we have known here on Dean Street. I'm pretty sure Zebedee can be pleased he moved here too.

Tommy T & Black Velvet Revisit Cheshire COA6



The Friends of the Cheshire Council on Aging sponsored a free concert on June 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cheshire Senior Community Center on School Street in Cheshire. This concert featured Tommy T and Black Velvet, with Jackson Ducharme as Elvis. They also performed Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and "Rat Pack" music. The concert was held despite the threat of rain; fortunately they were able to complete the concert without getting wet. With the



sun popping in and out, spectators took advantage of the shade trees around the property.

The Best Kind of Teamwork



Kathleen Richards and Waylon Tinker, grandson of Betty King, teamed up to serve some sweet treats to Cheshire Seniors at the COA. Waylon was very helpful during his visit to the Center..

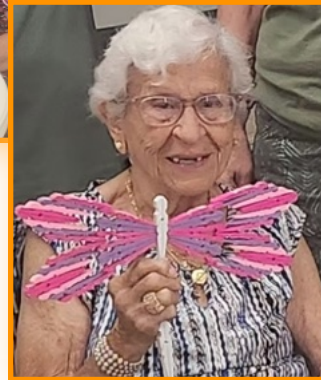


Dr. Ogiste, Ophthalmologist addressed a group of Cheshire seniors regarding eye health; taking and answering questions on the importance of proper eye care, especially as people begin to age.

Fun Things Happen Within the Walls of the Cheshire COA



A couple of hours later... there were some beautiful dragonflies taking flight at the COA. Spotlight on Genevieve (pink) and Margaret (red, white, blue). Everyone Made beautiful creations.



It's a beautiful thing when someone can look at some random object (like a clothespin) and say, "Hey! I think I can create a dragonfly out of that!" And that is just what a group of crafty crafters did at the COA. The group started with a pile of clothes pins and a glue-gun.

Coming in July

there will be another fun event

Card Making with Lorraine

Be sure to sign up by calling
413-743-1690 ext 107.

*This is a free event sponsored
by the Cheshire COA.*



Using dirt, moss, twigs and random things like legos, rocks, sequins, a group of about 10 people learned the basics of making terrariums. "Put in what makes you happy." There were so many requests for the terrarium class that two events were held at the COA. This event was sponsored in part by the Mass Cultural Council.



JOIN THE Cheshire Travelers

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Venue: Cruise on Lake Sunapee aboard the Sunapee Cruises MV Lake Queen

Date: Friday, July 11th, 2025

Bus Boarding Times:

Please be at designated boarding sites 15 minutes prior to departure for check-in.

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. - Leave Allendale Parking Lot, 5 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield
- ◆ 8:30 a.m. - Leave 5 Hoosac Street, Adams
- ◆ Noon - 2 hour cruise with lunch
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. - Arrive 5 Hoosac Street, Adams
- ◆ 5:50 p.m. - Allendale Parking Lot, 5 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield

Price per person: \$125

Lunch included. Payment due at sign-up. Checks payable to Cheshire Travelers. **NO REFUNDS.**

What to expect: Description of tour - The cruise consists of a private 2-hour cruise and features a delicious buffet lunch, soft drinks, dessert, and a Captain provided narration rich with the history and lore of Lake Sunapee. The M.V. Sunapee Lake Queen features two decks of enclosed dining and an open-air walkway around the top deck. As you dine on a delicious buffet lunch, you will learn about the sites and history of the lake and the beautiful New Hampshire scenery.

Reservations & Questions:

Peter Traub • 413.743.3496 or Doreen Aleshevich 413-446-8212

Lunch Menu

- ◆ Garden Salad GF, V, VG
- ◆ Rolls with Butter v
- ◆ Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast
- ◆ Home Made Mac & Cheese v
- ◆ Scalloped Potatoes GF, v
- ◆ Roasted Native Vegetables GF, V, VG
- ◆ Assorted Gourmet Cakes v

GF: Gluten Free V: Vegetarian Items
VG: Vegan

SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY

Monday, July 7th • 9 - Noon

Senior Haircuts @ COA Center

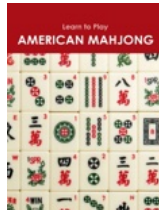
Stylists from Meraki Salon of Adams. Discounted Senior cost is \$20. Call 413-743-1690 ext 107

Please note: the stylist room at the Center doesn't have a hair wash station. It is only designed for hair cuts.

EVERY MONDAY • Noon - 1pm

Mahjong Monday @ COA Center

New weekly event at the Center. This is a fun game that all are sure to enjoy. The game will commence following. Call 413-743-1690 ext 107 for more information.



EVERY TUESDAY • 3 - 5pm

Farmers Market @ the Community House

Fresh Produce and more that is locally sourced. See page 3 inside this edition for more information.

Tuesday, July 8th • 11:30am

Homemade BBQ Meals

Serving up the tastes of summer and delicious homemade goodness. Reserve your spot or your grab-n-go by calling 413-743-1690 ext 107

Saturday, July 12th • 4 - 8 pm

Cheshire Hoedown

On the grounds at the Cheshire Community House 191 Church Street. See page 3 inside this edition for more information.

Monday, July 21st • 1 pm

Card Making with Lorraine @ COA Center

This card making event will allow crafters to create three all-occasion cards; all you need to bring is yourself and a friend (or come by yourself, but friends make it fun)! To take part in the class (space is limited), Call 413-743-1690 ext 107.

Wednesday, July 23rd • 11:30am

Homemade BBQ Meals

Reserve your spot or your grab-n-go by calling 413-743-1690 ext 107

Wednesday, July 23rd • 12:30 pm

Introduction to AI by Barry Emery @ COA

Join a presentation being given by Barry that includes some Cheshire History and an Introduction to the world of Artificial Intelligence. Call 413-743-1690 ext 107 for more information.

Thursday, July 24th • 6:30 pm

Introduction to AI by Barry Emery @ COA

Repeat presentation by Barry that includes some Cheshire History and an Introduction to AI.

AUGUST

Monday August 4th • 9 - Noon

Senior Haircuts @ COA Center

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

Saturday, August 9th • 4pm

Cruise Nite & Fireworks on the grounds of the Cheshire Community House.

Come enjoy an evening of entertainment; music, food, games, raffles, and CAR SHOW; topped off with a terrific fireworks display.

Sunday, August 10th • 2pm

Outdoor Concert @ the COA

Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy the entertainment of Octopus Garden Band. This is a free concert sponsored by the COA.

Tuesday, August 12th • 11:30am

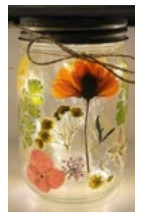
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Reserve your spot or your grab-n-go by calling 413-743-1690 ext 107

Wednesday, August 13th • 12:30pm

COA Crafting Fun - Pressed Flowers on a Lighted Mason Jar

Let's make something beautiful together; for yourself or as a gift. Learn the process, create more on your own. Seating is limited; reserve your spot by calling 413-743-1690 ext 107.



Saturday, August 23rd • 10am - 4pm

Christmas in August Crafters Market

Indoor/Outdoor Crafters Market, Flea Market and Tag Sale Booths. See info box on page 3 for additional information.

Wednesday, August 27th • 11:30am

Homemade BBQ Meals

Reserve your spot or your grab-n-go by calling 413-743-1690 ext 107



COMMUNITY NOTES



Town Clerk's Office:

CHESHIRE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION - Monday, August 4, 2025. *Last day to register to vote for this election is Friday, July 25th from 9am-5pm. Please see www.cheshire-ma.gov or call Town Clerk, Whitney Flynn, @ (413)743-1690 X104 or email townclerk@cheshire-ma.gov

*****PLEASE BE ADVISED:** If you DID NOT return a 2025 Census to the Town of Cheshire (and you did not vote in the last Presidential Election), your name will appear INACTIVE on the voter's list. This INACTIVE STATUS will require you to provide **proof of residency in Cheshire**. YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO VOTE, if sufficient proof is provided at the polling location.

Cheshire Library - Calendar/Special Events

Monday and Thursday 10-2

Tuesday 12-7: See article on page 4 of this edition for all the Summer Reading Program fun events.

Wednesday 12-5

Please note: Pop-up Library at Senior Center will resume in September.

1st Saturday activities will resume in September

Cheshire Ladies' Reading Club is the oldest continually meeting reading club in the United States, carrying on a tradition first inspired by Emma Petitclerc 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. 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 Travelers have a trip planned for July 11th to Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire for a luncheon cruise aboard the MV Lake Queen. See notice inside this issue of Chatter for more information. Cheshire residents eligible for additional discount.

The Cheshire Community Book Club meets monthly on the second Thursday at 6 PM at the Cheshire Senior Center.

We'll leave June, July, and August for individual reading pursuits and reconvene the book club on September 11 to discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin

Wall Kimmerer. On October 9, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Slood is the featured title.

Consider joining us at 6 PM at the Senior Center when we meet. Of course, we've identified the books we intend to read in future months, but they are not homework! 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. There's no quiz at the end. The Cheshire Public Library is where you can request and receive these and any books or recordings that interest you.

Cheshire Garden Club - The Cheshire Garden Club wishes to thank all of you who came to our plant sale and made it a success! For July and August we will be meeting at members homes at various times and planning some local trips to various Native plant growers. We also will be taking care of weeding the Senior Center, and the town monuments. If interested please contact

Margy Gwozdz at: wgwozdz@roadrunner.com for further information on times and places.

Cheshire Northern Berkshire Beekeepers Assoc. 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 Stacey Gurney President at (413) 743-4642 or by email: coachylady@aol.com.

Hoping to see you at our next meeting!

Start Thinking Ahead

Do you know of events, stories, or have pictures you would like to share? Remember the *Chatter* is published every two months. The next issue will be **September/October**, but gets printed at the end of August. **Let us know about your items of interest.**

Cheshire COA Center For Active Living



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, July 28th and Monday, August 25th. Pick up at COA Center. Contact Brenda to sign up. 413-743-1690 ext 107

Aerobics - 9am -10am Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays. Led by Jane Bryce

Chair Yoga - Fridays 10-11am, 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, July 17th • 8:30am – 1pm. 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 - The group does not meet in July and August. They will resume in September. Quilting and all stitchers are welcome on the first and third Thursday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday), 1pm-3:30pm led by Betty King. (\$5 suggested donation to benefit the Cheshire Pantry.)

Senior Haircuts - 9 a.m. – Noon. Haircuts by Meraki Salon of Adams. Discounted Senior cost is \$20. Call center to book your appointments for Monday, July 7th and Monday, August 4th. Please be advised that the stylist room at the Center doesn't have a hair wash station. It is only designed for hair cuts. The use of water spray bottles are used to dampen hair prior to cutting.



Shuffleboard - Begins in May at the Cheshire COA Center for active living and continues every Wednesday at 12pm 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.

JULY

2025

Cheshire COA & Community Calendar of Events

June							August						
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29	30						31						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Lunch 11:30 Bingo 12:15 Farmers Market 3-5 @ Community House	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Shuffleboard @ Noon	Grab-n-Go 10-12	 Happy Independence Day! COA CLOSED	Cheshire Pantry 11-12
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Aerobics 9-10 Hair Cuts 9-Noon Lunch 11:30 Mahjong 12-1	BBQ 11:30 Bingo 12:15 Farmers Market 3-5 @ Community House	Aerobics 9-10 Shuffleboard @ Noon	Grab-n-Go 10-12	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	Cheshire Hoedown 4-8 pm @ Community Center Grounds 191 Church Street
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AUGUST

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July							September						
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Outdoor Concert on COA Center Lawn @ 2pm w/ band Octopus Garden	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Mahjong 12-1	BBQ 11:30 Bingo 12:15 Farmers Market 3-5 @ Community House	Aerobics 9-10 Lunch 11:30 Shuffleboard @ Noon COA Craft, Pressed Flowers 12:30	Grab-n-Go 10-12	Aerobics 9-10 Grab-n-Go 10-11 Chair Yoga 10-11	
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