

CHESTER

Public input needed for Hazard Mitigation Plan

CHESTER – Do you wonder if Chester can flood, experience a tornado, or have an earthquake?

What is the worst that can happen in Chester? What can prevent those natural hazards and others from wreaking havoc?

Fortunately, the town of Chester is developing an update to their Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan details all the natural hazard risks that may impact the town and includes a list of potential actions to mitigate those risks.

The town of Chester encourages all residents and business owners to come to a public meeting to share their ideas and gather their feedback regarding which hazards present the greatest risks, which areas of town are most susceptible to damage and what you would like to see done to mitigate these risks?

We cannot stop winter storms, heavy rains, high wind, or earthquakes but we do not have to suffer severe consequences. The town of Chester hopes residents will join the first of two Public Meetings on Tuesday, July 16 at 6 p.m.

Town leaders have formed a

Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and this committee is developing the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. A Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and adopted by the town, allows the town to apply for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funds. Development of this plan includes public participation.

Public participation is essential to the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan that represents the interests of all residents and mitigates risk to all natural hazards and the impacts of climate change.

On Tuesday, July 16 meeting from 6-7 p.m. will be held via Zoom by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85701269866?pwd=PNiDgPbgjElzCh6W9fMu31fU5yHidn.1>. Meeting ID is 857 0126 9866 and passcode 352998. In person is in the Select Board meeting room in Town Hall.

For questions regarding this plan, people may call Don Humason, Town Administrator, at 413-354-7760 or email TownAdministrator@TownofChester.net.

PLAINFIELD

Plainfield has new Fire Chief

PLAINFIELD – At the June 25 Plainfield Select Board meeting, the Plainfield Volunteer Fire/EMS Department transferred leadership of the department to, native son, Robert “Rob” Shearer at a “pinning” ceremony to start the Select Board’s agenda.

The ceremony included many of Rob’s extended family and members of the PVFD. At a previous Select Board meeting on June 11, retiring Fire Chief/EMT-B David Alvord recommended to the Board the PVFD’s membership request to appoint Rob as the town’s newest chief officer. They did so unanimously.

At the June 25 meeting, Chief Alvord passed the Fire Chief’s badge to Rob’s wife, Erica, who then “pinned” the badge onto her husband’s officer dress shirt. Rob took control of the department’s fire, emergency medical and rescue services effective July 1. He brings over 30 years of fire and EMS experience, most recently serving as a Captain and EMT-B for the department as well as a Board member of the Highland Ambulance in Goshen. Plainfield is in good hands.



Robert “Rob” Shearer is the new Plainfield Fire Chief. Submitted photo

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Goshen Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting

The Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act (M. G. L. Chapter 131 section 40) on **August 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM** at the Goshen Town Offices, 40 Main St., Goshen, MA to review a **Request for Determination** filed by Brandon Lagoy at 16 Overlook Rd. in Goshen, MA. The work to be reviewed is the placement of pre-cast concrete supports as a foun-

ation for a proposed addition and deck. 07/11/2024

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS 2024

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students at the Worthington School District’s intent to destroy the Special Education records of students who were no longer receiving Special Education services as of 2017. These records will be destroyed in accordance with the state law unless the

parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the School District otherwise by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**.

Special education records collected by the Worthington School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of Special Education in the district, must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of seven (7) years after special education services have ended. Special Education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates, moves from

the district or completes his or her education program at age 22.

After 7 years, the records are no longer useful to the district, but they may be useful to parents/guardians or former students in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request records by calling:

R.H. Conwell Elementary School at 413-238-5856 or emailing Emily Lak at elak@hr-k12.org 07/11, 07/18, 07/25/2024

MIDDLEFIELD

SENIORS CELEBRATE JULY BIRTHDAYS



Sharon Barry and Wayne Main who share July birthdays are shown with a cake at the Middlefield Senior Center. Submitted photo

COA lists lunch menu

MIDDLEFIELD – The Middlefield Council on Aging will serve lunch in the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, on Wednesday, July 24 at noon.

The menu is eat in or take out. The choice is chicken salad or couscous and chickpea salad, tomato and cucumber

salad, French bread and Mandarin oranges. People should call 413-623-9990 to reserve a meal by Monday, July 22. Suggested donation is \$3.

Following lunch, there will be a presentation by Ray Gero on car inspections.

SOUTHAMPTON

Robert Dragon Jr. retires as postmaster

SOUTHAMPTON – Robert worked as a clerk, letter carrier supervisor, office in charge and postmaster. He worked in Granby, Northampton, Easthampton, Westfield and lastly in Southhampton.

“I will definitely miss the staff and customers of Southampton, but look

forward to the extra time.” Mark F. Coppez from Westfield has been appointed as the new postmaster for Southampton.



Robert Dragon Jr.

News, photo publication policy

As a community newspaper our focus has always been local news. While we try very hard to run upcoming events as a public service whenever space allows, space does not allow us to run an upcoming event repeatedly. Our policy is to limit publication of upcoming events to one article in advance of the event and, space permitting, a second brief reminder article the week prior to an event, and to run those articles in only one section of the paper, and not in multiple sections simultaneously.

All such public service announcements and photos are subject to space limitations and deadlines, therefore publication cannot be guaranteed. Whenever copy for the week exceeds allotted space, news copy will take priority, and public service copy is the first area to be cut. We also reserve the right to edit for style and space, and are under no obligation to print lists of sponsorships, or articles that arrive after deadline, unless time and space allows.

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