

CHESTER

Hamilton Memorial Library hosts fun eventsssss

CHESTER – The Hamilton Memorial Library, 195 West Main Road, had a lively full house for their Thursday Story and Fun Time with 20 people in attendance.

The children and their parents are thriving with the social interaction and using their fine motor skills during craft projects. This week's book theme and craft was about snakes. Next week the theme will be giraffes and library staff has a cute stories and a giraffe craft planned.

Feeling overwhelmed with clutter in your space? Do you have trouble letting go of mementos or family keepsakes? Would you benefit from some clever ideas on how to store your belongings? Hamilton Memorial Library welcomes guest presenter, Keely Schoeny on Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. She will share her expertise

in helping others declutter and organize their home. RSVPs are appreciated! 413-354-7808.



Children learned about snakes at Story and Fun Time and made a snake craft. Submitted photos



Children enjoy socializing at the Thursday Story and Fun Time at the Hamilton Memorial Library.



This is a photos of the monthly movie night. The movie was "The Secret Life of Pets."

BECKET

Athenaeum lists March events

BECKET – The Becket Athenaeum, 336 Main St., will hold movie night for adults with book discussion on Saturday, March 29 from 5:30-10:30 p.m.

The new motion picture "Wicked" will be shown at 6 p.m. with discussion at 8:45 p.m. of the book Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West" by Gregory Maguire. Attendees are encourage to read, but not required, to read the novel prior to the event. Copies of the book are available

for checkout at the Becket Athenaeum.

Popcorn, candy and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Registration is appreciated by visiting bwlibrary.org/wicked.

"Spring Forward: Nature Journaling for the New Season" with Lara Tupper will take place Sunday, March 30 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Becket Athenaeum. In this nature journaling workshop, participants will celebrate spring and pause to consider the effects of the equinox

on the body and mind. They will briefly circle the library grounds weather permitting, hone their senses and discuss methods for keeping a nature journal at home. People should bring a notebook and pen and come prepared to go outside.

Refreshments will be served. Space is limited and registration is required by visiting bwlibrary.org/spring. This program is made possible by a grant from National Endowment or the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department LEGAL NOTICE

The Chester Municipal Electric Light Department has filed the following rates with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. These rates cancel previous rates filed with the MDPU March 25, 2020:

Residential Service:	
Customer Charge	\$6.60
Transmission Charge	\$0.02445/kWh
Distribution Charge	\$0.12246/kWh
Energy Charge	\$0.05748/kWh

- MDPU No. 53 Residential Service Schedule
- MDPU No. 54 Commercial Service Schedule
- MDPU No. 55 Municipal Rate Schedule
- MDPU No. 56 Large Power Rate Schedule
- MDPU No. 57 Street Lighting Rate Schedule
- MDPU No. 58 Purchases Power Cost Adjustment Charge Schedule

These new rates will be effective April 1, 2025. AIL rates are available at the CMELD office, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester MA 01011. (413) 354-7811.

Electric Light Board
Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

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TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG Zoning Board of Appeals Haydenville, MA 01039 LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearings will be held starting at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main St., Haydenville, MA to consider the following applications:

5:00 P.M.- The application of David Nehring and Susan Fortgang of 16 Walpole Rd., Assessors Map G, Lots 65.0 and 65.A and Map K, Lot 14 Williamsburg, MA for amendment of the Special Permit granted Nov. 22, 2016, specifically changing hours of operation.

5:30 P.M.- The application of Aruna Goldstein and James Law of 16 Pine St., Assessors Map K, Lot 113.0 to enlarge a pre-existing non-conforming garage on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot as required by Section 12.0e of the Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw.

6:00 P.M.- The application of National Grid on land owned by Jacqueline and Donald Lawton of 39 Goshen Rd., Assessors Map C, Lot 129 to install three wireless panel antennas on existing cellular tower and a new equipment platform within the existing platform.

Kelly Blaser, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
03/13, 03/20/2025

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 Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Goshen Town Offices to review a Request for Determination filed by Jeffrey Dan, 19 Lake Drive, Goshen, MA. The work to be reviewed is to modify rear porch and add deck

03/13/2025

Town of Williamsburg Planning Board Legal Notice

The Williamsburg Planning Board is herewith giving notice that it will hold a public hearing on Monday March 24, 2025 at 7:00PM at the Town Office Building, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA. The hearing is to consider proposed changes to Zoning Bylaw Section 9.1 on the topic of Accessory Apartments, also known as Accessory Dwelling Units. The changes are to align Williamsburg's zoning with Chapter 150, Section 7 and 8 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2024. These changes will make Accessory Apartments permissible by right in all zones and owner occupancy will no longer be required. The full text of the

proposed changes will be available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town website www.burgy.org

Stephen Smith
Planning Board Chair
03/06, 03/13/2025

Town of Chester Bids for Three Year Contract Chester Transfer Station

The Town of Chester is accepting bids for the Chester Transfer Station Three Year Contract for Rubbish Hauling and Disposal, Bulky Waste Hauling and Disposal and Recycling Hauling for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. This includes rental of a 40-yard rubbish compactor container and a 30-yard open top bulky waste container. Bids are also being accepted for providing an open top 30-yard container for scrap metal and the hauling of ferrous scrap. Please mail and/or email bids by March 31, 2025 to Boardofhealth@townofchester.net Town of Chester Board of Health, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011. 03/13/2025

TOWN OF CHESTER Public Hearing Monday, March 24, 2025 6:00 PM Town Hall 15 Middlefield Road Chester, MA Proposed FY25 CDBG Application

The Town of Chester, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY25 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will take place at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 24th, 2025, in person at the Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011. If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the hearing will take place during the rescheduled Board of Selectmen meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss the town's FY25 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for up to \$850,000 in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will

have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011, Attn: Donald Humason.

The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. Projects currently being considered include an additional phase of infrastructure improvements on Prospect Street and Soisalo Road. Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the grant application. Additional community needs that can be addressed through the Block Grant program will also be discussed.

Persons who require special accommodations for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 354-7760. For further information contact Joseph Hagopian at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or jhagopian@pvpc.org. 03/13/2025

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON Public Hearing Wednesday, March 26, 2025 5:00 PM Town Hall 24 Russell Road, Huntington Proposed FY25 CDBG Application

The Town of Huntington, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY25 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will take place at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025, in person at the Town Hall, 24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050. If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the hearing will take place during the rescheduled Selectboard meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss the town's FY25 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for up to \$850,000 in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Huntington Selectboard, 24 Russell

Road, PO Box 430, Huntington, MA 01050, Attn: Jennifer Pelouquin.

The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. Projects currently being considered include the phase II construction of the Stanton Avenue Infrastructure Improvement Project, Blandford Hill Infrastructure Improvement Project, and a Town ADA Self-Assessment. Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the grant application.

Persons who require special accommodations for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 512-5200. For further information contact Sarah Maroney at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or smaroney@pvpc.org. 03/06, 03/13/2025

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold 2 public hearings on March 25, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm in Stanton Hall.

The first Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 pm for the Special Permit Application of Greyson Dice Lyon of 11 Circuit Road North, West Yarmouth, MA to operate a tattoo shop for select clients at property he co-owns at

25 Allen Coit Road, Huntington, Parcel# 508-83-0.

The second Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:15 pm for the Special Permit Application of Jonathan Groff of 38 Russell Road to operate a new trailer sales, repair, parts and possibly rental business at 38 Russell Road (former Smith's Sled Shop), Huntington, Parcel # H3-28-0.

Both Special Permit Applications will be available to view by appointment in the office of the Selectboard during regular business hours, as well as at the Public Hearings.

See a separate Planning Board Public Hearing Notice in next week's paper for a Public Hearing the same evening for Zoning Bylaw changes.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
03/06, 03/13/2025

NOTICE

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Country Journal OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.