



Greetings,

According to town records, you may be a new property owner / resident of Chesterfield New Hampshire. We are the Chesterfield Economic Development Committee (EDC) and we welcome you to our town.

Moving to a new town may be daunting: figuring out where things are, what is available for local businesses and services, and what to do. We hope the information provided in this packet will help you assimilate and enjoy all that our town has to offer. The EDC is currently working on developing a database of all businesses in town which will be posted on our web site in the near future.

The town staff does a fine job in providing services, maintaining the character of the town, keeping taxes low, and ensuring regulations are relevant and upheld, roads are maintained, and Spofford Lake, with its beaches, is safe and clean.

As is the case with many small towns, a lot of what makes a town enjoyable in which to live is the untold hours of many towns people that plan and implement social activities and work on committees such as Board of Selectmen, Zoning, Planning board, Conservation, Parks and Recreation, and Economic Development. Some of these committees are town-initiated while others are independent but approved by the town government. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know!

A recent survey by a national newspaper revealed that what counts the most in why people love their town is social interaction among its residents. Many towns have a "center" where shopping, hotels, and nice small cafes/restaurants are located. Chesterfield does not have such a "center," but that doesn't stop us from planning events such as Old Home Day, summer concerts, and summer Farmers' Market.

If you own a business in town or are planning to start a business (even a home-based one), the Economic Development Committee is here to help you; please visit our website at www.edc-chesterfield.com.

Another way to obtain more information on the town is to check out the minutes of the Board of Selectmen and other committees located on the town website. If you are interested in the long term goals of the town, check out the Master Plan, which can be found at www.swrpc.org/files/Chesterfield.

Again, we welcome you to Chesterfield and are here to help.

Warmly,

The Chesterfield Economic Development Committee (Ron, Fran, Julianna, John, Faith, and Rob)

Welcome to the Town of Chesterfield!

On behalf of the various Boards and Committees of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, we would like to officially welcome you to Chesterfield.

Chesterfield, West Chesterfield and Spofford are encompassed within the Town. Chesterfield is in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. The current population is 3,602 (2018 est. pop.).

Chesterfield functions as a Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator form of government. The county seat is in nearby Keene, NH.

To best serve the Chesterfield community, the Town uses a variety of communication platforms to share information about services, programs and resources. Quick links to news, notices and upcoming events and other information are available on the Town website www.nhchesterfield.com. If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates from the Town, please email office@nhchesterfield.com.

The Town of Chesterfield takes pride in its outstanding public education, town management, recreational opportunities, and high quality of life. Abundant with parks (both the largest and smallest NH state parks) and recreational spaces, farms, and orchards, the residents and visitors consider Chesterfield a great place to live, learn, work, play and do business. Our Town continuously seeks opportunities to identify and improve ongoing methods to meet the evolving needs of our community.

If you would like to be involved, the Board of Selectmen is looking for volunteers to serve on the following:


- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Economic Development Committee
- Conservation Commission

No prior experience is necessary. If you are a Town resident, have a desire to serve your community, and have a couple of hours a month to serve on a vital committee, please call the Board of Selectmen's office at (603) 363-4624, Ext. 10 or email office@nhchesterfield.com.

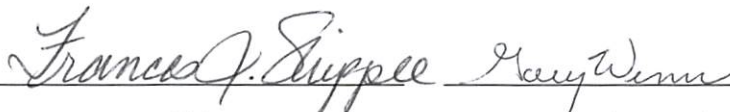
We hope you view the websites provided as a valuable resource and useful platform to stay connected with your Town.

Sincerely,

Chesterfield Board of Selectmen



Jeanny Aldrich, Chairman



Fran Shippee

Gary Winn

Town Information to Make Life Easier in Chesterfield/Spofford/W. Chesterfield

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Transfer Station – Recycling Center 603-256-3016	Closed	Closed	7:30 – 4:30	7:30 – 4:30	Closed	7:30-4:30	7:30-4:30
Chesterfield Public Library 603-363-4621	Closed	11-7	11-7	11-7	11-7	Closed	9-Noon
<i>Due to COVID: Pick up service only, check for dates and times at https://www.chesterfieldlibrary.org/</i>							
Town Clerk Office 603-363-807 Ext 11 (Car & dog registration etc.)	Closed	9-1 4-7	closed	9-1	9-1 4-7	Closed	Only open 9-1pm on the last Sat of the month
<i>Due to COVID: Walk-ins are only accepted on Monday 9am-1pm & 4-7pm until further notice</i>							
Tax Collector’s Office 603-363-8071 X 14	Closed	3-6	Closed	Closed	3-6	Closed	Closed
<i>Due to COVID: Walk-ins are only accepted on Monday 2 – 6pm until further notice</i>							
Selectman’s Office 603-363-4624 Ext 12	Closed	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	9-noon	Closed
<i>Due to COVID: No walk-ins allowed – please call Selectman: Jeanny Aldrich (chair), Fran Shippee, Gary Winn</i>							
Building Inspector 603-363-4624 Ext 12	<i>Closed to walk-ins</i>						
Code Enforcement	<i>building@nhchesterfield.com Primary resources: Zoning Ordinance, Land Development Regulations, Floodplain Ordinance and the Building Ordinance</i>						
Chesterfield Police 603-363-4233	<i>In the event of an emergency, please call 911 or Cheshire County Dispatch at (603) 355-2000. The non-emergency office line is (603) 363-4233. Chief of Police: Duane Chickering</i>						
Chesterfield School 603-363-8301	<i>Fax 603-363-8406 https://che.sau29.org/ The Principal: Sharyn D’Eon</i>						

Town Website: <https://chesterfield.nh.gov/>

Within that website there is a page for residents, <https://chesterfield.nh.gov/information-for-residents/>, which has information on **broadband options, community events, fire permits, building permits (including wetlands), parking violation ordinances, town policies**, and so much more. Please visit this page and peruse any relevant information.

Miscellaneous Information

The town puts out a monthly e-newsletter town committee/department information: *Chesterfield Happenings*
Sign up for it by sending an e-mail to: office@nhchesterfield.com

Facebook: A private citizen put together what has become a very active and informative group page. There you can ask questions about services, learn about events, etc. It is listed as *Chesterfield, New Hampshire*

Car Registrations: Changing car registrations are handled through the Town Clerk's office not the Department of Motor Vehicles. However, changing to a NH driver's license is done at the DMV; the closest one is in Keene.

The town has no town sponsored garbage pick-up: It is the resident's responsibility to take their waste/recyclables to the *Transfer Station* located on Pond Brook Road between where it meets Rt 9 and Poocham Road. Provide proof of residency on your first trip, and you will receive a sticker for your car. There is also a Swap Shack (currently closed due to COVID). Information on fees for certain items, what is accepted, and Holidays closures: <https://chesterfield.nh.gov/transfer-station/>

Lake Spofford has two beaches: *Wares Grove Beach* is open to the general public for a fee. It is located on 9A near Camp Spofford. Residency fee rate proof is mail or ID. *North Shore Beach* is for residents only and free. Proof of residency is the transfer station sticker on your car. Tickets are issued if you do not have a sticker. It is located on North Shore Road opposite Sunflower Road. Hours for both beaches, town wide sponsored activities, local parks etc. are listed on the Park and Rec website: <http://nhchesterfieldrec.com/>

Town Hall vs. Town Offices: The historical stone *Town Hall* building between the library and Historical Society on RT 63 is used only for events and can be rented out. The *Town Offices* are in a stone building two buildings south of the Town Hall. This is where you would register your car, dog, attend committee meetings, etc. It is also the location of the Police Department.

Chesterfield School: Chesterfield School is the largest elementary school in SAU 29 and maintains a current enrollment of 291 students in grades K-8 who reside in Chesterfield, Spofford and West Chesterfield. Students in grades 9-12 attend Keene High School. The district employs a total of 63 professional and support staff who are responsible for implementing a wide range of instructional/support programs and services in all major subject areas, Spanish in grades K-8, middle school health and unified arts (art, music, and physical education). Special Education and Title I reading support services are also provided for identified/eligible students. In addition, the school employs a full-time reading specialist and math specialist. A wide range of co-curricular/special programs are also available to students in selected grades.

SAU 29 requirements for registration:

- a. Birth certificates must be provided for all students. Proof of residency (i.e., bank/credit card statement, lease, pay stub, etc.) verifying physical address of the student's legal guardian(s) will be required by the school at the time of registration and annually thereafter.
- b. Parenting plans or court documents regarding custodial arrangements must be submitted upon registration.
- c. Entrance age – For kindergarten, children residing in Chesterfield must be at least age five by September 30; Grade 1, at least six by September 30, 2019.
- d. New Hampshire R.S.A. 200:32 requires "There shall be a complete medical examination by a licensed physician of each child prior to or upon first entry into the public school system."
- e. New Hampshire R.S.A. 200:38 requires "All children shall be immunized prior to school entrance according to the current recommendations of the state public health agency."

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

2-1-1 Access to state services

5-1-1 Road conditions

9-1-1 Emergency assistance ONLY

(603) 355-2000 Cheshire County Dispatch

***If you need additional information or guidance, leave a message for the Chesterfield Office of Emergency Management at 363-4133.**

Town Post Offices

Post Office	Mon – Fri	Sat	Sun
Chesterfield 03443 523 Route 63 On Street Parking	8:00am – 12N 1pm – 3pm	9am – 11:45am	Closed
Spofford 03462 562 N Shore Road Parking lot	8:00am – 12N 1pm – 4:30pm	9am – 12N	Closed
West Chesterfield 03466 913 Gulf Road Parking lot	8:30am – 12N 1:30pm – 4:15pm	8:30am – 11:30am	Closed

The town of Chesterfield is served by three post offices all of which close for a lunch period. During lunch, the lobbies are open for access to post boxes, but services are not available. Services are available over the lunch hour at Keene and Hinsdale’s Post Offices. If you have a post box, you will not be able to access it after closing hours.

Chesterfield mail routes are done by contract, with the contracted drivers using their own vehicles. Not all of the town is serviced. If your home is not on an established mail route, you can be given a free post box at your designated Post Office.

Newspapers:

Home delivery is available for the:

Keene Sentinel: <https://www.sentinelsource.com/>

Brattleboro (VT) Reformer: <https://www.reformer.com/>

Other publications:

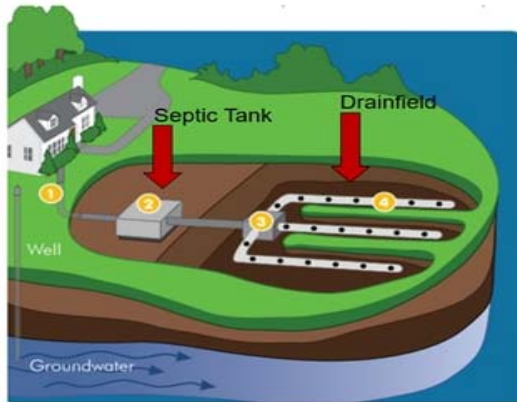
Monadnock Shopper News (<http://www.shoppernews.com/>)

The Commons (Windham County VT Independent):

<https://www.facebook.com/commonsnews/> or www.commonnews.org

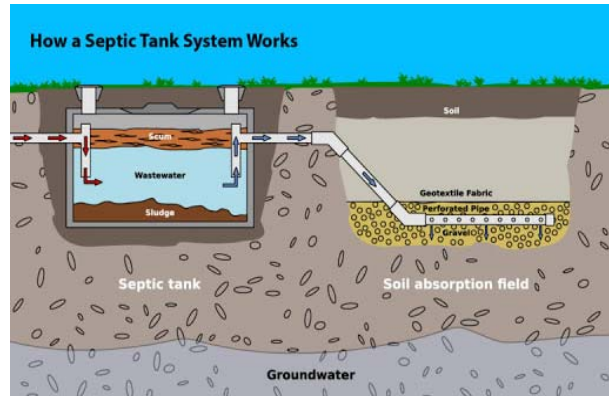
Septic 101

Almost all homes in Chesterfield have their own septic system. This can be easily identified if you use well water, the waterline coming into the home does not have a meter, or your neighbors have a septic system. Once you determine you have a septic system, it is important to know where it is. You can do this by looking on the building's plan, checking for lids or manhole covers in your yard, or contacting the previous owner's septic service provider. This service would have cleaned out the septic tank and may have knowledge of its placement. For health reasons, food gardens should not be placed over the drainage (leach) field.



The system is generally made up of:

1. The building's sewer line
2. Septic tank – first step in the treatment
3. & 4. The drainage or leach field where the final treatment is made, and the liquid is dispersed into the ground.



How it works:

The septic tank holds wastewater long enough for solids to settle to the bottom (sludge) and fats, oils, and greases float to the top (scum). Watery waste, called “effluent,” fills most of the tank. Anaerobic bacteria begin breaking down the organic material in the effluent, which eventually will flow into the drainage field

The drainage field provides a large area where bacteria can thrive, and the treated water can seep into the ground. Holes in the drainpipes allow effluent to seep into surrounding gravel. The gravel around the pipes allows water to flow into soil and oxygen to reach bacteria. Aerobic bacteria in gravel and soil complete decomposition of the waste. The resulting clean water seeps down into the groundwater and aquifer.

A professionally designed and well-maintained septic system needs only occasional pumping of the septic tank to remove the sludge and scum. Too much sludge reduces bacteria's ability to break down waste and can create an overflow into the drain field. Generally, most household tanks are on a 3-year cycle.

Care of your Septic System

Things to avoid putting down the drain or flushing down the toilet:

Waste that decomposes slowly (or not at all) like cigarette butts, diapers, and coffee grounds. Garbage disposers can send too much solid waste into the system. Cooking grease should not be dumped down the drain. Lint from synthetic fibers that flows from washing machines cannot be broken down by the tank and drainage field's bacteria. Household chemicals like disinfecting cleaners and antibacterial soaps kill bacteria. Most systems can handle light use of these products, but the less you use them, the better. Too much wastewater over a short period of time flushes out the tank too rapidly. This can occur from doing too many loads of wash in a day.

Failure Symptoms

Wastewater backing up into household drains. Bright Green, spongy grass on the drainfield especially in dry weather. Pooling of water or muddy soil around your septic system or in your basement. A strong odor around the septic tank and drainfield.



Recreation

Pisgah State Park (at 13,400 acres, the largest State Park in N.H.)

Spofford Lake (739 acres)

Pierce Island (the state's smallest State Park located in Spofford Lake)

Mount Wantastiquet State Forest

Two town beaches on Spofford Lake (Wares Grove and North Shore)

Chesterfield Gorge, a natural geological park

Madame Sherri Forest (and castle remains)

Friedsam Town Forest

O'Neil Town Forest

Pine Groves Springs Golf Course

Town tennis courts (near the school and town offices)