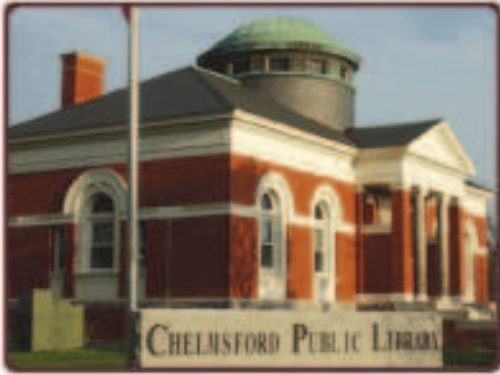


NEWS FROM THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

News from Around Town



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TOWN CLERK

Call the office of the town clerk at (978) 250-5205 should you have any questions regarding the following:

Presidential Primary: Tuesday March 6, 2012. Polls will be open 7:00 am–8:00 pm. Voter registration/party enrollment change deadline for this election is 8:00 pm, Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Town Election: Tuesday April 3, 2012. Polls will be open 7:00 am–8:00 pm. Voter registration deadline for this election is 8:00 pm, Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

State Election Primary: Thursday, September 6, 2012. Polls will be open 7:00 am–8:00 pm. Voter registration/party enrollment change deadline for this election is 8:00 pm, Friday, August 17, 2012.

State Election (Presidential): Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls will be open 7:00 am–8:00 pm. Voter Registration deadline for this election is 8:00 pm, Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Call the office for more information on absentee balloting or visit: the Town's web site: www.townofchelmsford.us

BOARD OF HEALTH
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- Mark Masiello, Health Inspector
- Carole McCaul, Departmental Assistant

THE FOLLOWING ARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH AT TOWN OFFICES:

1. Blood Pressure Screening – First Thursday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. (walk-in)

Appointments are required for the following services:

2. Immunizations for children and adults (\$15.00 fee)
3. Lead Paint Screening—Children 6 years and under (\$15.00 fee)
4. Mantoux (TB) Testing (\$15.00 fee)
5. Cholesterol Screening (\$15.00 fee)
6. Home Visits—Referral required from physician or Home Health Agency.
7. Blood Pressure check—if not the first Thursday of the month

NOTE—Anyone requesting copies of a previously administered vaccine or screening will be charged a \$5.00 fee

PNEUMOCOCCAL (PNEUMONIA) VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Pneumococcal Vaccine is recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health if you are 65 years of age or older or if you are 19 yrs of age or older and have asthma, you smoke cigarettes, or have a chronic illness i.e.; diabetes, renal failure, organ transplant, cardiovascular disease, etc. Call your primary care physician to discuss getting a Pneumonia vaccine if you have not had one.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS (CHECK YOUR TOTAL CHOLESTEROL AND HDL)

Cholesterol screenings will be offered for Chelmsford Residents at the Board of Health Office, 50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford on:

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 8:30–11:00 am
Registration Deadline: Friday, January 6, 2012

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Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 8:30–11:00 am
Registration Deadline: Friday May 4, 2012

\$15.00 fee. Testing is limited, so call early for an appointment. Call 978-250-5243 to register.

MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

Residents may bring in old mercury thermometers and drop them off at the Board of Health Office or at the Recycle Office. You will receive a digital thermometer for each mercury thermometer that you drop off.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PAMPHLETS

These pamphlets may be picked up at the Board of Health Office and will give information on:

1. What to do now to prepare yourself and your family for the unexpected.
2. Coping with disaster.
3. Basic overview of nuclear, biological and chemical agents.

WONDERING ABOUT... MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES?

Project INTERFACE Community Resource and Referral HELPLINE is now available to all members of the Chelmsford community. Project INTERFACE assists you in finding appropriate mental health services for children, families, and adults. Callers are provided professional, personalized counseling referrals matched for location, specialty, and insurance or fee requirements. Project INTERFACE will support and guide each caller from the initial phone call until they are successfully matched to a provider.

HELPLINE is available Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00 pm at 617-332-3666 x 411, or 1-888-244-6843 x 411.

Project INTERFACE, an initiative out of The Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, works to improve the integration of mental health services within schools and community agencies and to improve access to these services for individuals.

On the Project INTERFACE web site: www.projectinterface.org individuals can find information related to mental health questions and services for children, families, and adults, including a calendar of community trainings and events.

Funding for this service is generously provided by the Town of Chelmsford, the Chelmsford School Department, the Chelmsford Disabilities Commission, SANS (See a New Sun), TADS (Teenage Anxiety and Depression Solutions), and Donations from other Community partners who participated in the Chelmsford Wellness Fair as well as donations from Chelmsford Residents.

If you would like to make a donation to help maintain this valuable resource, please contact the Board of Health Office at 978-250-5241, or you may send a check payable to the Town of Chelmsford and mail to the Board of Health Office, 50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824. Thank you.

MEDICAL SHARPS DISPOSAL

Chelmsford Residential Drop-off—STATE BAN on the Disposal of Residential Medical Sharps

Residents are no longer allowed to dispose of any sharps into the town's curbside trash collection system. In response to this, the Chelmsford Board of Health has set up specific dates and times for residential drop off of Medical Sharps (needles, syringes with needles, lancets, and used Epi-pens only*). This program will provide a means for proper disposal of Medical

Sharps for Chelmsford residents only. (No business, medical office or commercial disposal accepted).

NOTE—Epi-pens that are expired and have NOT been used must be brought to Hazardous Waste drop off day on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9:00 am–1:00 pm.

Requirements:

1. Pre-registration
 - FREE TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS THAT PRE-REGISTER with the Chelmsford Board of Health a minimum of 2 weeks before a scheduled date. (Note: you only need to register once)
 - Please call the BOH office at 978-250-5241 to pre-register or go to the town web site (www.townofchelmsford.us), and click on the link for sharps disposal to fill out and submit the form.
 - All non-registered individuals will pay a min. fee of \$5 per quart sized container.
- 2 Use of Proper Containers: Only sharps that are in a puncture proof container (i.e., liquid detergent bottle, coffee can, or a red purchased sharps container), and are two thirds to three quarters full will be accepted. A quart or gallon size plastic milk bottle is not acceptable.

Drop-off Date	Time
Tuesday, December 13, 2011	9:00 am–4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 10, 2012.....	9:00 am–4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 11, 2012	9:00 am–4:30 pm

Chelmsford Board of Health Office (50 Billerica Rd., lower level 02, next to elevator)

HEALTHY CHELMSFORD WELLNESS FAIR

When: Saturday May 5, 2012
Where: Chelmsford Senior Center
75 Groton Rd (Rte 40)
North Chelmsford, MA
Time: 9:00 am–12:00 pm

This Wellness Fair will provide education and screenings, promoting all areas of health and wellness, including traditional as well as alternative therapies for overall wellness. Something for all ages!

CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAIN BRANCH

25 Boston Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824
978-256-5521

Hours

Mondays–Thursdays: 9:30 am–9:00 pm
Fridays–Saturdays: 9:30 am–5:30 pm

THE MACKAY BRANCH LIBRARY

43 Newfield Street, North Chelmsford 01863
978-251-3212

Hours

Wednesday: 1:00–8:00 pm • Friday: 10:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am–2:00pm

Visit us on our website at any time, www.chelmsfordlibrary.org

KEEP UP WITH THE LIBRARY!

There are many ways to keep up with what's going on at the library:

- Sign up for email and RSS announcements, event notifications and reading lists from our homepage at <http://chelmsfordlibrary.org>
- Follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/chelmsfordlib>

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- Get announcements and information on our blog at <http://chelmsfordlibrary.org/blog>
- Check out our online events calendar at <http://calendar.chelmsfordlibrary.org>
- Search for Chelmsford Library on Facebook, and "like us!"

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS, WINTER/SPRING 2012

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Monday, February 20 President's Day
Monday, April 16 Patriot's Day
Monday, May 28 Memorial Day

Join us Friday evening, February 3rd, for the annual kick-off event for Chelmsford's WinterFest and...

ONE BOOK CHELMSFORD

Don't miss this popular social event.

This year Chelmsford will celebrate One Author One Town by reading the works of author Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer prize-winning author of "Year of Wonder," "March," "People of the Book" and her latest "Caleb's Crossing." Watch for more information on Geraldine Brooks' visit to Chelmsford on Saturday, May 12th.

Details on all ONE BOOK events at the Library's website <http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/onebook/>

ART EXHIBITS @ THE CHELMSFORD LIBRARY

Chelmsford Art Society Members' Exhibit
December 2011–January 21, 2012

Reception: Saturday, December 10, 2012; 2:00–4:00 pm
Music: Bob McHenry and Friends

Chelmsford Cultural Council's Annual Photography Contest/Exhibit
February 2012

Reception: Saturday, February 4, 2012; 2:00–4:00 pm

Chelmsford Schools Exhibit
March 2012

Reception: Tuesday, March 6, 2012; 5:30–7:30 pm

April 2012 and May 2012
To be determined

Travel Scenes with Photographer Harry Taplin
June 2012

Check the website at www.chelmsfordlibrary.org for details on monthly art exhibits and receptions. Refreshments and music are funded by the Chelmsford Friends of the Library.

AN AFTERNOON WITH E-BOOKS

Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 2:00–4:00 pm

Did you get a Kindle, Nook or Ipad or another electronic reader as a holiday gift? Spend the afternoon at the Chelmsford Library and learn how to use your electronic reading device to download electronic books. Browse, check out and download digital books and more from your library's website. Bring your reading device with you.

CLEAN & GREEN: REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the main library

Join us for speakers and workshops on earth-friendly topics.

GLOBAL WARMING AND RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Presented by Nadia Madden, Energy-Water Project Associate in the Climate & Energy Program of the Union of Concerned Scientists and a local hydrologist.

Nadia will talk about global warming and renewable technologies, with a particular focus on connections between energy and water. She will also speak about some alternative energy technologies, such as wave energy or incremental hydropower (adding hydropower to existing dams) and some interesting local research on these technologies.

COMPOSTING AND HEALTHY LANDSCAPING Wednesday March 28, 2012

Presented by Ann McGovern, Consumer Waste Reduction Coordinator, Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection. Reduce household waste by up to 50% and create healthy soil by making and using compost.

The Clean and Green series is co-sponsored by the Chelmsford Library, Chelmsford's Recycling Department, ChelmsfordCAN and the Chelmsford Energy Conservation Committee. This series is funded by the Chelmsford Friends of the Library and by a grant from Constellation Energy.

More information at: www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/programs/clean_and_green.html

THE CULTURAL ROAD SHOW COMES TO CHELMSFORD

Join us at the Chelmsford Library for fun and fascinating programs featuring a different museum or cultural organization each month. Road Shows begin at 7:00 pm. Free and open to the public.

Monday, January 23, 2012
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust

Monday, March 19, 2012
The Revolving Museum

Monday, April 23, 2012
New England Quilt Museum

And more!

Scan your library card when you come to the programs. Those who attend the most Road Shows will be entered into a drawing for fun prizes from the museums at the end of the series!

Check the library's website for more information www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/programs/cultural_roadshow.html. This program is sponsored by the Chelmsford Library and the Cultural Office of Lowell (COOL).

FRIDAY MORNING LECTURE SERIES

Reserve the 2nd Friday of each month and join us for light refreshments and weighty topics. This series is sponsored by the Chelmsford Library and the Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), and is funded by the Chelmsford Friends of the Library.

Friday, January 13, 2012—"Making Sense of the American Civil War" presented by Richard Howe

The January lecture is part of a project by the University of Mass/Lowell and is funded by a grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Visit the Library's website for a complete list of upcoming speakers.

The Chelmsford Jelly on the 3rd Friday of each month—What's a Jelly?! It's a casual yet organized assembly of people who work in a social atmosphere. If you normally work alone and find it too solitary, bring your work to the next Jelly in the Library's meeting room. Meet interesting and creative people.

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Bring your laptop or notebooks, art supplies or whatever you might need to get your work done along with an open mind and a friendly disposition. The Chelmsford Jelly meets on the third Friday of each month from 11:30 am–4:30 pm in the Library's meeting room. Wi-Fi, coffee and tea available. Feel free to bring a light snack or lunch.

The Technical Skills Share Group for unemployed technical workers meets in the Library's meeting room on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:30–5:45 pm (It meets at the Acton Library on other Wednesdays). The group is led by volunteers who research and lead technical projects to help high tech professionals in job transition share their skills and impart knowledge to others. For more information visit www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/technical_skill_share_group.html

BOOK & FILM GROUPS @ THE CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/book_groups/index.html

Evening Book Discussion Group—The Evening Book Group meets at the main library's fireplace room on the first Monday of each month (with the exception of Monday holidays) at 7:00 pm. Books to be discussed:

January 9, 2012—Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi

February 6, 2012—1984 by George Orwell

March 5, 2012—A Death in Belmont by Sebastian Junger

April 2, 2012—Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

May 7, 2012—Garden of the Last Days by Andre Dubus

June 4, 2012—Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Morning Book Discussion Group—Join us for a lively discussion on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in the main library's fireplace room. Books to be discussed:

January 18, 2012—A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick

February 15, 2012—Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

March 21, 2012—Without a Map: A Memoir by Meredith Hall

April 18, 2012—The Plot Against America by Philip Roth

May 16, 2012—Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

June 20, 2012—The Help by Kathryn Stockett

History Book Group—If you have an interest in history check out our History Book Group. It meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the main library's fireplace room.

January 26, 2012—Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time by Dava Sobel

February 23, 2012—A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation by Catherine Allgor

March 29, 2012—Grant and Sherman: The Friendship That Won the Civil War by Charles Bracelen Flood

April 26, 2012—The Murrow Boys: Pioneers on the Front Lines of Broadcast Journalism by Stanley W. Cloud

May 31, 2012—Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787–1788 by Pauline Maier

June 28, 2012—A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World by Tony Horwitz

http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/book_groups/index.html

The Novel Conversations Book Group meets at the MacKay Library—Noon on the first Friday of each month. Books to be discussed:

January 6, 2012—The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

February 3, 2012—The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai

March 2, 2012—The Known World by Edward P. Jones

April 6, 2012—Chelmsford's "One Town, One Book" 2012 Selection

May 4, 2012—Every Last One by Anna Quindlen

June 1, 2012—Picnic/The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

The MacKay Mystery Group—The MacKay Mystery Group meets at the MacKay Library on the 4th Wednesday at 6:45 pm. The Mystery Group picks two authors a month. Members read books by those authors and come for a discussion.

"Now ...it's Your Turn"—Our popular readers' advisory program will meet Thursday, February 9, 2012, and Thursday, April 12, 2012, at noon in the fireplace room at the main library. Join the library's staff for book talks on both current and classic titles you can add to your reading list. Bring your lunch & we'll provide desserts and drinks.

THIS IS CHELMSFORD—TOWN-WIDE VOLUNTEER FAIR FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 10:00 am–Noon at the Senior Center, 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford. Sponsored by the Chelmsford Library and Chelmsford Senior Center

Looking for a way to put your talents and time to good use? Learn about volunteer opportunities, clubs and civic groups in our community. Organizations, to participate please fill out a registration form (available on the library's website) or call 978-256-5521, ext. 109.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Chelmsford's 28th Intergenerational Poetry Slam—Friday, April 13, 2012, at 7:00 pm. Join us in April for Chelmsford's 27th Intergenerational Poetry Slam. More information at www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/poetry_slams/index.html. Funded by the Chelmsford Friends of the Library.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Abby Kelley Foster, Abolitionist and Women's Rights Activist visits Chelmsford—Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 7:00 pm. Celebrate Women's History Month by celebrating one of Massachusetts' Most Extraordinary Women. Abby Kelley Foster dedicated her life to social justice, most notably to end race and gender prejudice. Join us for this one-woman play based on her letters and speeches.

THE CHELMSFORD GENEALOGY CLUB

The Chelmsford Genealogy Club meets at the main library on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This is an informal genealogy group for sharing of information and ideas. For more information on programs and to be added to the mailing list visit www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/programs/genealogy_club.html

WRITERS' GROUPS

A writers group meets at the library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 6:45–8:45 pm.

A GATHERING OF LOCAL AUTHORS AT THE CHELMSFORD LIBRARY

Join us for this unique library program, enjoy light refreshments and meet some of our local authors. Our next event is tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in June.

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Watch for more information at www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/programs/local_authors.html

CONVERSATION CIRCLES @ THE LIBRARY— LED BY OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Conversation Circles take place in the conference room at the main library

French Conversation Circle—A French Conversation Circle meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Spanish Conversation Circle—A Spanish Conversation Circle meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

English Conversation Circles—English Conversation Circles meet weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am and 1:00 pm. Check the Library's website for more information and ESOL resources.

Chinese Conversation Circle—A Chinese Conversation Circle is held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Regularly Scheduled Teen Programs:

Anime Club—The Anime Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:00–5:30 pm. We'll watch anime, talk about manga and eat pizza! Join us. (Some anime is rated PG-13, so this program is limited to aged 13 and up.)

Young Writers Group—The Young Writers Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 4:00–5:30 pm. Come share your writings, try out some cool writing prompts and have fun! Ages 10 and up.

Teen Book Club—This book group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00–5:30 pm. We'll talk about this month's book selection and anything else we find interesting. Books will be available in the teen area a month beforehand! Ages 10 and up.

Story Teens—"Story Teens" meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm (March 1–May 17). Do you like kids? Do you need community service hours? Apply to be a Story Teen! Download an application here. <http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/teen/volunteers/>

SPECIAL TEEN PROGRAMS— WINTER/SPRING 2012

Teen Volunteer Training Session—Wednesday, January 18th, 4:00–5:00 pm. All teens who would like to help with children's programs are REQUIRED to attend one training session—even if you've volunteered for us before. Email Sharon with questions—scolvin@mvlc.org.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party for Teens—Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00–6:00 pm. Are you done with hearts and flowers? Join us for pizza, chocolate and a good horror flick. Ages 13 and up.

Pizza & a Movie for Teens—Friday, February 24th, 1:00–3:00 pm. Enjoy the end of February vacation with pizza and a movie in the library. Movie TBA. Ages 10 and up.

Study Break for Teens!—Wednesday, March 21st, 4:00–6:00 pm. Spring is coming, I promise. Come enjoy pizza and make some CANDY SUSHI and take a break from all that studying. Ages 10 and up.

Staycation in the Library!—Wednesday, April 18th 2:00–4:00 pm. Staying in Chelmsford for spring break? Me too! Come enjoy a movie, leftover Easter candy and maybe paint your toenails (I'll bring the polish). We'll celebrate spring right here. Movie TBA. Ages 10 and up.

Henna by Deepal!—Friday April 26, 3:30–5:00 pm. We will learn about the history, design, myths and traditions

of Henna, see a demonstration and then try it yourself. Everyone will leave with at least one beautiful henna tattoo! Just in time for the warm weather! For ages 10 and up. Online registration begins April 13th.

Writing workshop with author Mitali Perkins! "How to Write a Personal Narrative... without Losing Your Mind"—Wednesday, May 16th 4:00–6:00 pm. Do you love to write? Join us! Using modern-day examples of a hero's journey as well as a memory from her own life, Mitali Perkins uses slides, stories and revision examples to inspire students to dig deep, tap into all five senses and craft an unforgettable personal narrative of a childhood memory. Learn more about Mitali at her website—www.mitaliperkins.com

Registration starts May 2nd. Grades 5 and up ONLY.

Summer is coming, I promise—Wednesday, June 14, 4:00–6:00 pm. Come enjoy pizza, play some board games and take a break from all that studying. Ages 10 and up.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS—WINTER/SPRING 2012 AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

We have a New Storytime Schedule at the main library: Our storytime schedule will change starting Monday, January 23. You will have more choices for our toddler and preschool sessions. No registration is necessary for any storytime.

Babies (0–12 months) will continue to meet on Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Children's Room. This group is for babies and their caretakers. Please do not bring older siblings.

Toddlers (12–30 months) will meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 am or Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am.

Preschoolers (2.5–5 years) will meet on Monday mornings at 11:00 am or Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the Main Library, and on Friday mornings at 10:30 am at MacKay. Active preschoolers (2.5 to 5 years), who have trouble sitting still for 3 or more books, are welcome on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am at the Main Library.

Big Kids (ages 4 and up) will continue to meet on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. These children attend without their caregivers.

Dads and Donuts (children ages 2 and up) will continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:30 am. This is a special storytime for dads and their children, but moms are always welcome. Snacks will be provided after the stories.

PJ Storytime with Story Teens, on Thursday evenings, begins March 1st. All ages are invited to listen to stories read by talented teens. Bring a stuffed animal if you'd like. The stories begin at 7:00 pm.

A special storytime to celebrate the Birth of the Trees (Tu B'Shevat) will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 10:00 am. Come learn about this Jewish festival which is celebrated on February 8 this year, listen to stories about trees, and do a simple craft. You may drop-in to this storytime. (Snow date is Thursday, January 19.)

Remember to watch our Storytime TV Show on local cable Sundays through Thursdays at 7:00 pm. These shows are on the education channel: Comcast 22 or Verizon 36.

These ongoing programs in the Children's Department require registration:

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Book Discussions for grades 1–4 (register 4 weeks prior to each meeting):

- 1st graders meet on the 1st Tuesday or the 2nd Wednesday of the month. (February–May)
- 2nd graders meet on the 1st Monday, beginning in Feb. or the 4th Monday, beginning in January.
- 3rd and 4th graders meet on the 3rd Thursday, beginning in January (register 3 weeks prior in January).

Lego Club for grades K–4 (register 3 weeks prior to each meeting):

- 2nd Thursday of the month from 4:30–5:30 pm (January–May) -OR-
- 1st Saturday of the month from 10:30–11:30 am (February–May)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

Bubble Dance Parties for ages 1–5 yrs will be held on Wednesday, January 4th, 11th and 18th at 10:00 am. Children are expected to dance on their own, but caretakers need to be in the room with them. (No baby siblings, please.)

Watch our website for vacation week programs. Summer Reading Logs will be available beginning Saturday, June 2.

PROGRAMS AT THE ANNA C. MACKAY LIBRARY 43 Newfield St, North Chelmsford, MA 01863

Storytimes at the MacKay Library—Storytimes at the MacKay Library will begin on Friday January 27th, 2012 @ 10:30 am. Children ages 2–5 years old, with an adult, are invited to stories, rhymes and songs. You may drop-in. Storytime will not be held during school vacations

MacKay Welcomes Sparky's Puppets—Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 pm. Sparky will return to the MacKay Library to help us celebrate winter fest with Stories from Snowy Lands. This is a wonderful drop in family program for all ages.

"Let's Say Goodbye to Winter" with Wendy Frank—Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 11:00–11:45 am. This is a fun filled drop in program at the MacKay Library and a great program for elementary school children. Join us as we say goodbye to winter with music, stories, puppets and songs.

Celebrate the Wee Bit of Irish in All of Us—Wednesday, March 14th, 6:00–7:00 pm. Join us at MacKay for this all-ages program. We will hear Irish Folk and Fairy Tales to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

MacKay Library presents Storyteller Ruth Canonico Saturday, April 21, 11:00–11:45 am. Ruth Canonico is a wonderful storyteller with a beautiful voice. She weaves wonderful tales that inspire young and old. Her stories are well thought out, engaging and interactive. Ruth is a wonderful storyteller who brings stories to life. Join us for this great drop in program. This program is geared for elementary school children.

Ongoing-Storytelling Club will meet on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except April) from 4:00–5:00 pm at MacKay Library. For 5th through 8th graders. Through clever techniques and fun improvisational games we'll learn the art of storytelling.

Please check www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/mackay for additional programs.

Thanks to the Chelmsford Friends of the Library for making our programming possible.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY'S REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Where Are My Tax Forms!?!—Last year the IRS stopped mailing tax forms to peoples' homes, but you can still get your tax forms at the library. The Library also plans to offer Free Tax Assistance again in 2012. An AARP volunteer tax consultant helps residents with state and federal tax questions and filings. Please visit chelmsfordlibrary.org/reference/taxhelp for more information on this program or to schedule an appointment.

Looking to Volunteer? The Chelmsford Library offers a tool to match volunteers with volunteer opportunities in the area. Our website, www.ChelmsfordVolunteers.org, allows teens and adults who want to volunteer to easily view volunteer opportunities in the community. It also allows non-profit organizations and town departments to publicize their volunteer needs.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Have you ever wanted to take on a project around town but didn't know how to get funding? Chelmsford's Community Action Program Committee (CAPC) has money available to help offset the cost of things like painting projects, repairs, beautification, small construction or other innovative ideas that benefit our community. Applications are now being accepted from individual citizens or local groups.

CAPC will fund 50% of a total project up to \$2,500, with consideration for full funding for projects costing no more than \$250. It is expected that projects benefit the Town of Chelmsford and that the applicant donate labor and contribute or seek another funding source for the remaining 50%. The goal of CAPC is to provide the necessary seed money to encourage community participation in making our town better.

Past projects have included creating accessible walkways, planting gardens in public places, installing bike racks, building foot bridges, creating a playground, planting trees, installing benches and more. Any Chelmsford resident or community group is welcome to apply by visiting www.townofchelmsford.us and typing "Community Action Program Committee" in the search box. Click "Application", print, fill out and submit to Tricia Dzuris in the Town Manager's Office at 50 Billerica Road in Chelmsford, 01824. For more information, call Tricia Dzuris at 978-250-5201.

ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION FUND

What is the Chelmsford ATEF? The purpose of the Chelmsford Arts and Technology Education Fund (ATEF) is to provide supplemental funding to support educational initiatives and projects that enhance the existing curriculum of the Chelmsford Public Schools.

Who can apply for funding? Applicants for ATEF funds must be a School Council or a member of the professional teaching staff employed by the Chelmsford Public Schools. The School Committee, as a body, may apply through the Superintendent of Schools who is a member of the ATEF Committee.

What types of projects are eligible for funding? All projects that receive supplemental funding must support the mission and belief statements of the Chelmsford Public Schools and be in accordance with the Chelmsford School Committee policy. The proposal shall fall under one of four major categories: program, event, equipment or supplies. The proposal shall be germane to one of three major curriculum areas: liberal arts, fine arts or technology.

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How much funding will be awarded? Individual grants up to \$750 will be awarded during the current funding cycle. ATEF grants may be made in addition to other funds obtained by the applicant from other sources. Monies awarded do not become part of the Chelmsford School Department Budget.

What are the ATEF Committee's current funding priorities? Criteria for evaluating proposals will include the following:

- The applicability of the project to the existing curriculum/curricula.
- The creativity of the project.
- The number of students to be served by the project.
- The potential for future benefits deriving from this specific project.

Some examples of past projects funded include: Classroom Learning Centers (science, language arts); Computer Interaction Program; Mural Construction; Wireless Microphone System; Art Immersion Day; Supplies for Music Listening Center; Library Materials.

2011/2012 ATEF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kirk Marshall, Chairman (978) 275-9880
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ROUND UP YOUR TAX BILL FOR ATEF, EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!

CHELMSFORD POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

CPAL SPRING VOLLEYBALL—Open to Girls in Grades 3 and 4. March 1–29, Thursday Nights, 6:00–7:00 pm, North Chelmsford Congregational Church, 15 Princeton St.

Registration for previous players starts Tuesday, January 3. Open Registration begins Tuesday, January 10. Due to limited spaces, no PayPal transactions will be accepted.

Registration and Payment (\$25 per player/\$50 family max) can either be dropped off or mailed to CPAL, 2 Olde North Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824, Attn: Ofc. Jennifer Bellissimo.

Questions? Contact Ofc. Bellissimo at jenniferbellissimo@chelmsfordpal.com.

CPAL SPRING/SUMMER STREET HOCKEY—Open to Boys and Girls in Grades 4–7. Dates to be TBD. Greater Lowell Dek Hockey Rink, 5 Courthouse Lane

Registration information, payment information, and dates will be posted on the website as it becomes available at www.chelmsfordpal.com.

Questions? Please contact Ofc. Ziminsky at nickziminsky@chelmsfordpal.com or Ofc. Poor at jasonpoor@chelmsfordpal.com.

2012 ANNUAL CPAL GOLF TOURNAMENT—Date and Location TBD. Open to Adult Golfers/Sponsors. Registration information, cost, and date will be posted on the website as it becomes available. Please check the CPAL website at www.chelmsfordpal.com.

CPAL would like to thank all of the sponsors and players who participated in the 2011 Golf Tournament. The event was a huge success and a great time was had by all!

CHELMSFORD RECYCLES

Recycling News—For more information, consult your "Chelmsford Recycles" flyer, go to www.townofchelmsford.us/Recycling-Department.cfm, call the Recycling Office at 978-250-5203 or the Recycling/Solid Waste Info-Line at 978-250-5299

Watch your waste!—After our excellent year for waste reduction in FY11, Chelmsford's monthly trash tonnages are now edging back upwards. This is bad news for the earth and for the Town's budget. It is essential that we all continue to focus on waste reduction through composting, careful consumption, donating usable items to keep them out of the trash truck, and recycling as much as possible. When our trash tonnage is low, we pay less to the incinerator, and as long as paper prices remain high, the Town earns money back for our recycled paper. So trash less, recycle more.

In addition, the Recycling Committee is sponsoring a composting essay contest to increase the number of residents who do home composting. More information is at www.townofchelmsford.us/Recycling-Department.cfm. Enter for a chance to win a gift certificate to Fishbones!

WINTER-SPRING PROGRAMS

Christmas trees are not collected by the Town. Plan ahead! Schedule a pick up by Boy Scout Troop 70 for a donation (1-978-501-4611 or email xmastrees@troopseventy.com) or take tree to Community Tree, 163 Billerica Road for a donation to the Scouts (call 978-256-0341 for details).

Styrofoam Drop-off Day—NEW EVENT! Saturday January 21, 2012, 9:00 am–1:00pm, lower lot, Town Offices. Styrofoam (foamed #6 plastic) is NOT recycled in our curbside program. Save it and bring it to our drop-off. Bring Styrofoam packaging; clean Dunkin Donuts type coffee cups, clean #6 meat trays; and any other clean Styrofoam marked with the #6. Go to www.townofchelmsford.us/Recycling-Department.cfm for information on what and what not to bring.

Brush Drop-off: Saturday, April 14, 2012, 9:00 am–1:00pm at Community Tree, 163 Billerica Road. Bring brush and branches no longer than 8 feet and no larger than 6 inches in diameter. If you miss or can't make it to the Town sponsored drop-off, brush can be taken to Community Tree year round for a charge (call 978-256-0341 for hours and fees).

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off: Saturday, April 28, 9:00 am–1:00 pm, lower lot, Town Offices (go to www.townofchelmsford.us/Recycling-Haz-Waste.cfm, or consult your "Chelmsford Recycles" flyer for what and what not to bring).

Community Shredding Day: Saturday May 12, 9:00 am–1:00 pm, lower lot, Town Offices. Bring confidential documents only, i.e., financial, medical, personal papers. All other paper should be recycled at the curb! Call 978-250-5203 for information.

Volunteers needed: We rely on Chelmsford residents to volunteer their time to keep our drop-off events affordable. If you would like to volunteer to work at drop-offs, call 978-250-5203.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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Electronics, tires, appliances and other large metal items: contact Appliance Recyclers, Inc. for curbside collection for a charge. Go to www.apprecyl.com or call 877-228-2898 to schedule a collection.

Bring cell phones, rechargeable batteries, button batteries, and ink/toner cartridges to the collection boxes outside the Recycling Office and unwanted eyeglasses to the collection box outside the Clerk's Office.

Mercury/Fluorescent bulbs: Shed will be open the first Wednesday of the month from April through November, or by appointment (call 978-250-5203). NEVER leave bulbs outside the shed. CFLs may be brought to the shed. Or, if intact, bring CFLs to the bulb bucket outside the Recycling Office during Town Office hours (Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–4:00 pm).

Mercury (glass) thermometers and mercury thermostats: bring to Town Offices (Recycling Office, Board of Health or Town Clerk)—free digital thermometer in exchange for your mercury fever thermometer while supplies last. Mercury programs are funded by Covanta Energy.

There's never been a better time to start composting! Kitchen scraps add many pounds to your trash and many tons to the Town's solid waste. These materials contain nutrients your lawn and garden need. The Recycling Office carries discounted compost bins (\$35 to \$45). Call 978-250-5203 for information on composting or to arrange to purchase a bin, and come learn more about composting and healthy lawns and landscaping at the Chelmsford Library on Wednesday March 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Anti-idling law: Massachusetts law prohibits unnecessary vehicle idling. The 1972 law was recently amended to further restrict vehicle idling on or near school grounds in an effort to improve school air quality because children are especially vulnerable to health problems from vehicle emissions. The anti-idling law applies to EVERYONE everywhere in Massachusetts. Let's make Chelmsford IDLE-FREE!

BigBellies® are here! Solar powered BigBelly® trash compactors are in place at Varney Park, Roberts Field, Southwell Field, the Town Common and school athletic fields. Because trash is compacted, the containers need to be emptied less often, and they provide a tidy, pest resistant container which keeps trash from blowing out. These containers should not be used for dog waste. This BigBelly® project is funded in part by a grant from the MA Department of Energy Resources, Green Communities Division.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Canned goods and nonperishable foods that do not need cooking:

- Canned meats and fish
- Canned soups and puddings
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Bottled water
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned fruit juices
- Bread, cookies and crackers
- Coffee and tea

Manual can opener

Bottled water (1 gallon per person/per day)

Prescription medication (2 week supply)

Pet food/supplies

Water purification tablets (halazone)

Disposable plates, cups and utensils

Infant care items:

- Disposable diapers
- Baby food
- Baby wipes
- Formula

First aid supplies

Masking and duct tape

Flashlight or lantern, with extra batteries

Battery operated radio, with extra batteries

Watch or battery operated clock

Ice chest

Matches

Canned heat (sterno)

Portable outdoor camping stove or grill with fuel supply

Plastic trash bags

Plastic sheeting or drop cloth

Chlorinated bleach

Personal hygiene items

Other useful items:

- Work gloves
- Insect repellent
- Screwdriver
- Wrenches
- Razor knife
- Rope caulking
- Rope and wire
- All-purpose cleaner
- Sandbags
- Tree pruner
- Sheets of plywood
- Sun lotion
- Hammer
- Pliers
- Handsaw
- Ax or chainsaw
- Nails and screws
- Broom, mop and bucket
- Ladder
- Portable generator
- Shovel, rake, wheelbarrow

CALL 2-1-1 FOR NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

MEMA and the Council of Massachusetts United Ways (COMUW) continue to promote Mass2-1-1 as the Commonwealth's primary telephone information call center during times of emergency. The easy-to-remember 2-1-1 telephone number will be utilized as a 24/7 resource for human service and Public Safety/disaster response and planning agencies. It was designed, in part, to reduce the number of non-emergency calls made to 9-1-1.

This partnership offers citizens the opportunity for 'one-stop-shopping', with access to vital updated disaster information, numerous post-disaster programs, interpreter services, and call tracking of caller locations. Mass2-1-1 will also have the ability to act as the registration site for spontaneous volunteers and donations from the public during an emergency or crisis.

On a day-to-day basis, 2-1-1 is the national abbreviated dialing code for free access to health and human services Information and Referral. 2-1-1- is an easy-to-remember and universally recognizable number that makes a critical connection between individuals and families seeking services or volunteer opportunities and the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies. 2-1-1 makes it possible for people to navigate the complex and ever-growing maze of human service agencies and programs. By making services easier to access, 2-1-1 encourages prevention and fosters self-sufficiency.

Mass2-1-1 was created by The Council of Massachusetts United Ways on behalf of 22 local United Ways serving every community of the Commonwealth.

For more information about Mass2-1-1, go to <http://www.mass211.org>.

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chelmsford Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is working to make Chelmsford's roads and open spaces more accessible and more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly for the mutual benefit of users of non-motorized and motorized means of transportation.

WINTER SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS

With the arrival of winter, we are experiencing the shortest daylight hours of the year. But short daylight hours and cold weather do not mean that walkers and runners and even a few cyclists will no longer be out on our sidewalks and roadways. So at this time of the year it is more important than ever for pedestrians and motorists to exercise caution when navigating the streets of our town.

Safety precautions are especially important in the early morning and evening hours that overlap commuter hours. It's also important to note that after the holiday season, runners start to prepare for the Boston Marathon in April and these folks may be out running early and late in the day as part of their training regimens. So we ask you to consider the following safety suggestions:

For Pedestrians:

- Use a sidewalk if available and passable.
- Look both ways before crossing a street, especially when there are high snow banks present.
- If no sidewalk is available walk or run on the side of the road closest to oncoming traffic. This gives you the ability to see the vehicles closest to you and maximizes the time for you to react should you need to take evasive action.
- Absolutely avoid wearing dark colors such as black or navy blue as they make it very difficult for motorists to see you.
- Wear light colored or fluorescent high visibility ("Dayglo") color clothing and/or a reflective safety vest.
- Carry a flashlight and/or wear flashing light devices to warn oncoming vehicles of your presence.
- Avoid wearing earphones as they may interfere with hearing approaching vehicles.
- Be cognizant of pets walking with you so that oncoming motorists can also see them.

Motorists:

- Exhibit care in navigating roads, intersections and near driveways that may be narrowed by snow banks that may reduce your line of sight relative to pedestrians.
- Drive slower in the dark and when roads are wet, snowy or icy to maximize your distance for maneuvering, slowing or stopping for pedestrians in the road.
- Avoid flashing high beams in the face of pedestrians as this may cause them to lose their ability to see the road.

Residents and Businesses:

- If there is a sidewalk in front of your property, please clear it so that pedestrians can use it instead of walking in the road.
- Use sand or de-icer to clear the sidewalk of ice or residual snow.
- If possible, avoid piling snow in places where it would restrict the sight lines of motorists and pedestrians.

With just a little effort on everyone's part, walking, running and driving on our roads in winter can be safe for all.

As a reminder, the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail will not be plowed and may be used for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited from using the trail.

Please report these violations to the Chelmsford Police by calling them at 978-256-2521.

Please visit our website at <http://www.townofchelmsford.us/Bicycle.cfm>. We welcome comments on improving our community's bicycle and pedestrian environments.

CHELMSFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL (CCC)

The Chelmsford Cultural Council, as part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is pleased to announce the 16th Annual Chelmsford Photography Contest during Winterfest 2012 which will be Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. This year the Photography Contest will be held at the Chelmsford Public Library.

Overview:

- Three categories: Professional, Amateur, and Student (through High School)
- Chelmsford residency required; limited to two (2) entries
- Black & white or color photos accepted
- Only photos taken after January 1, 2011 are eligible
- Cash prizes awarded; limit of one prize per contestant
- Submission deadline: Saturday, January 21, 2012

For complete details and the registration form see the Council's website at www.chelmsfordculturalcouncil.com.

THE CCC IS LOOKING FOR INTERESTING DISPLAYS AND COLLECTIONS

The CCC maintains a locked display case at the Chelmsford Public Library to showcase individual or group collections and artwork. For more information check the Council's website at www.chelmsfordculturalcouncil.com.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

If you would like to be a member of Chelmsford's Cultural Council please apply at town website: www.townofchelmsford.us/Boards-Committees.cfm or just come to one of the meetings. CCC meets on the third Tuesdays of each month (except July & August) at 6:30 pm. at the Chelmsford Library.

Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/
chelmsfordculturalcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/chelmsfordculturalcouncil)

ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

It's Abatement, Personal Exemption, Tax Deferral & Circuit Breaker Credit time! Be sure to check out the information listed below so that you don't miss out filing your application for this fiscal year! Applications are available in the Town of Chelmsford Assessors Office (50 Billerica Road, Monday to Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm), on the Town of Chelmsford website (www.townofchelmsford.us) and on the Massachusetts Department of Revenue website www.dls.state.ma.us/PUBL/FORMS/abatement.pdf).

Abatements—Abatements are a reduction of your assessed value for real estate or personal property. Abatement applications are filed annually between the mailing of the fiscal year third quarter actual bill and 4:00 pm on the due date of February 1. Mailed applications must contain a US Post Office postmark on or before February 1st. Massachusetts statutes prevent Assessors from granting abatement for the following reasons: the application is not filed timely; additional information is required and not provided; and if an inspection of the property is requested but denied. The Board of Assessors has 90 days from the date of receipt to act on the application. After acting on the application, a certificate to grant or a notice of denial is mailed to the applicant.

Personal Exemptions—Exemption applications are filed annually between July 1st of the fiscal year and no later than 90 days after the mailing of the fiscal year actual

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bill in December. Qualification requires the taxpayer to have owned and occupied the property before July 1st of the given fiscal year and should there be a disability it must exist as of July 1st of the given fiscal year. Personal exemptions are as follows: Disabled Veterans (Clauses 22-22E & paraplegic); Elderly (Clause 41C); Elderly & Surviving Spouse (Clause 17D); Blind (Clause 37A); Community Preservation Surcharge Low/Moderate Income (CPA); and Hardship (Clause 18).

Tax Deferral (Clause 41A)—This permits a taxpayer of at least 65 years or older to delay payment of property taxes. The taxes must be repaid with interest to the community upon the death of the taxpayer or sale of the property. Applicants must enter into a tax deferral and recovery agreement with the Board of Assessors which will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Joint owners, remainder men and/or mortgagees must give prior written approval.

Hardship (Clause 18)—This provides any person, in the judgment of the Board of Assessors, is so aged, so infirmed and so poverty stricken that they may be entitled to an exemption on a portion or all of his taxes. This provision applies only to persons and not to corporations, trusts or other legal entities.

Circuit Breaker Tax Credit—This State Provision allows a real estate tax credit in a current tax year. Applicants must be 65 years or older at the close of the taxable year, own or rent their principal residence and meet total income thresholds. Additional information and guidelines are available at the Department of Revenue website (www.dor.state.ma.us).

WINTERFEST 2012 FEBRUARY 3–FEBRUARY 5

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 3, 2012

5:30–7:30 pm. Friday Night Lights: Night Snow Shoeing at Russell Mill Forest. Join The Chelmsford Open Space Stewards and New England Mountain Bike Assoc for a special edition of "Friday Night Lights". We meet at the main parking lot of Russell Mill Soccer Fields at 5:30 pm and explore the over 6 miles of snowshoe trails on the 120 acres of town conservation land that stretches along Russell Mill Pond. Groups are broken up by ability from slow enjoyable walks to ones that will give even the best athletes a challenge. Hot Chocolate and light snacks will be waiting in the parking lot when groups return. You need to bring your own snowshoes and a night headlamp. Like all Chelmsford Open Space events, it is free and family friendly.

7:30–10:00 pm. WinterFest Social at the Chelmsford Library: This year Chelmsford will celebrate One Author One Town by reading the works of author Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer prize-winning author of "Year of Wonder," "March," "People of the Book" and her latest "Caleb's Crossing." Watch for more information on Geraldine Brooks' visit to Chelmsford on Saturday, May 12th. Details on all ONE BOOK events at the Library's website <http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/onebook/>.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:00–10:30 am. Central Co-Op Nursery School Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction at the Central Congregational Church at 1 Worthen Street. Come one and all for great pancakes, eggs, bacon and lots more!!!!

9:00 am–3:00 pm. Outdoor Activities at Roberts Field: Ice Skating, Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing and hot refreshments sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 77.

9:00 am–2:00 pm. Winter Rest at First Parish Church At the First Parish Church folks can warm up and fill up with bagels and muffins in the early hours (We're hoping to have First Parish's famous homemade "holy donuts" -hot out of the oil); hot beverages and juices to wash them down. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. We will serve soups and sandwiches, as well as hot dogs and chili. Hot and cold drinks will be offered throughout the day. We will have live music and possibly Karaoke.

We are planning on a crafts corner to make Valentine cards etc. to help The Wish Projects' Valentines Day Cheer up (for homebound Senior citizens). Proceeds will benefit The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Chelmsford outreach efforts. Warm up at this annual retreat, fortify yourself from the cold and satisfy yourself with hot drinks, food and live music and lots of fun!

11:00 am–4:00 pm. Chelmsford Cultural Council's Photo Exhibit at the CCA at Center Town Hall View the entries to the Chelmsford Cultural Council's annual photography contest. To submit an entry, visit the Council's webpage at ChelmsfordCulturalCouncil.com and download an application.(Deadline for submissions: Friday, January 22, 2011.)

11:00 am–2:00 pm. Community Ice Rink & WROR Radio: Please join the volunteers of the Community Ice Project and WROR radio for music and fun at the new Community Ice Rink on Chelmsford Street. Free Public Skating from 10:00 am–5:30 pm. Frosty the Snowman will be paying a visit from 11:00 am–2:00 pm along with samples from 3-Every-Day and Wild Harvest.

11:00 am–2:00 pm. Malt Shop by Girl Scout Troop 215—Central Baptist Church Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 215. Take a break from the outdoor festivities with this beloved annual tradition at Chelmsford's Winter Fest. The Pink Ladies Malt Shop will run from 11:00 am–2:00 pm on February 6 at the Central Baptist Church, 9 Academy Street, in Chelmsford, MA. Get ready for the return of poodle skirts, hula hoops, and doo-wop! The tasty menu will include grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream sundaes, frappes, and root beer floats. Retro games and trivia will keep all the customers entertained as the Girl Scouts from Chelmsford Troop 215 dish up service with a smile!

1:00 pm. MacKay Welcomes Sparky's Puppets—Sparky will return to the MacKay Library to help us celebrate winter fest with Stories from Snowy Lands. This is a wonderful drop in family program for all ages.

2:00 pm–4:00 pm. Art Reception at the Chelmsford Library: Chelmsford Cultural Council's Annual Photography Contest/Exhibit.

12:00 pm–5:00 pm. Chowder Fest, Free Family Fun and Entertainment at the Senior Center: Come out of the cold and enjoy some hot, delicious food, entertainment and great FAMILY FUN! Free kids games and prizes, balloon twister, juggling sticks, magician, and caricature artist. Lots of give-a-ways! For Sale: Clam, Corn and Fish Chowder, hot dogs & pizza, apple crisp, ice-cream, baked goods, popcorn and candy! Donations for all activities are appreciated!

Sunday, February 5, 2012

9:00 am–3:00 pm. Outdoor Activities at Roberts Field: Ice Skating, Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing at Roberts Field. Boy Scout Troop 77 will be serving up hot refreshments.

12:00 pm–1:15 pm. Snow Shoeing at the Lime Quarry: Sponsored by the Chelmsford Open Space Stewardship. The Lime Quarry Snow Shoe trail is 1.5 miles long and designed for the sport (lots of ups and downs). Bring your own Snow Shoes and a smile. If no snow, we will offer a winter walk at the site. For information on The Quarry and The Stewardship visit www.theChelmsfordian.com.

1:30–2:50 pm. Free Public Skate at the Chelmsford Forum

2:00–4:00 pm. Winter Nature Walk The Chelmsford Land Conservation Trust will be sponsoring a Winter Nature Walk on Sunday, February 7 at the Archer Meadowbrook Reservation at the dead end on Fenwick Drive (off Route 4). At the end of the walk there will be a bonfire and s'mores at Skunk Island. Bring all the children you can find! Organizers respectfully request that you leave your dog at home.

All times and events are subject to change. Please check the WinterFest Webpage for details and additional events. Link to the WinterFest Webpage from the Library's website (www.chelmsfordlibrary.org) or the Town Offices website (www.townofchelmsford.us).

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2012 DOG LICENSES

The 2012 Dog Licenses are available. The fee will be \$15.00 per dog, until the end of February*. You may either mail in this form or come to the office. Beginning March 1st the fee will increase \$5.00 PER Month. Kindly send a check for \$15.00 per dog made out to the Town of Chelmsford, along with a self addressed stamped envelope. PLEASE make sure that the rabies information on file is up to date before submitting, (check rabies section on last year's paper license) or send in a copy of the rabies certificate and everything will be returned. Please allow at least two (2) weeks for processing through the mail.

TYPE OF DOG(s) CHECK ONE:

*Due by February 29th, 2012

FEMALE _____ MALE _____ SPAYED FEMALE _____ NEUTERED MALE _____

OWNER'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ DOG'S NAME _____

AGE _____ BREED _____ COLOR _____

Mail above to: TOWN CLERK • 50 Billerica Rd. • Chelmsford, MA 01824