

Fairy houses, tennis, hikes, art, gardening, and more!



May Recreation Events in Chester

Come make a Fairy House on May 5th that will be displayed along the Fairy Walk at Chubb Park!

There will be a fairy house workshop on Friday, May 5th from 4:30-6:00pm at the Barn at Highlands Ridge Park, 100 North Rd. for anyone wishing to be a part of the Fairy Walk at Chubb Park in June. Come see some design ideas, and work with Chester Recreation and the Chester Girl Scouts on making your very own fairy house. Bring biodegradable, earth friendly supplies from nature such as acorns, bark, twigs, shells, feathers, etc. We will supply the glue needed to assemble your house.



The Fairy Walk Trail at Chubb Park will open on National Trails Day June 3rd for a self-guided walking tour of all of the fairy houses. The public will be invited to walk the trail and spot the fairy houses along the trail.

Ceramics Class this Friday!

Come make something special for Spring or for Mothers' Day this Friday 5/5 at our ceramics class! This class, for adults and children, is great for groups or individuals. Bring the scout troop, bring a friend, or bring a family member! Choose from bowls, hearts, candy dishes, and more. All supplies included. Take home your creation!

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Barn at Highlands Ridge Park, 100 North Rd. Chester

Fee: \$10 per person

[Register](#)

May Art Classes in Chester

Chester Recreation offers art classes for adults every Tuesday morning in May at 10:00 at the Field House. This month, we'll be

working with watercolors and painting the beautiful scenery found in Chester. Student works will be part of an art show in June. In addition, we offer Wednesday night classes in acrylic painting technique. Join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ART CLASSES MAY 2017



Join us on Wednesday evenings for acrylic painting technique classes. Learn and explore the medium as a beginner or advanced artist, all ages are welcomed to participate as we provide step by step instruction in a supportive and fun environment. All instruction, canvas, and paint supplies are included for the \$5 per class fee. Classes meet on Wednesdays, May 17th, 24th, & 31st from 7-9pm at the Field House located at 107 Seminary Ave in Chester. Please arrive 15 minutes early to find your seat and get your paints.

** It is suggested that you bring a plastic egg carton or a covered paint palette tray with you to class so that you can save time and reuse paints that you have mixed in class. Note, this is not a requirement for participation.

Wednesday May 17 we will be working on a beautiful summer cottage scene

shown above. You will learn color mixing, and stroke work as well as composition and design in this class.

Wednesday May 24 we will offer open studio time. Bring your unfinished previous work of art for completion or work on a project of your own during studio time. You will receive valuable help & feedback from the instructor as well as use of our supplies during this class.

Wednesday May 31 we will be working on this enticing Moon River scene shown at right. We will learn how to use tonals to achieve mood and how to layer paint for maximum effect. You will learn how to achieve realistic looking water and how to define your horizon line.



Registration preferred for these classes, however, walk in's always accepted.
<https://register.communitypass.net/chester>
Questions? Please contact the recreation director at
recreation@chesterborough.org

Spring Photo Contest

Aspiring photographers, it's time to enter the 'Chester In Spring' photo contest. Snap any photo taken in Chester this springtime and e-mail it to [recreation@chestertownship](mailto:recreation@chestertownship.org) to enter. The photo with the most combined likes on Chester Township Borough Facebook pages will win \$25. One photo entry per person; open to all ages who are residents of Chester. Contest runs March 1 - May 31. Submit your photo early for the most likes. Voting open to all. Photos become the property of Chester Recreation.



Acting Class for Teens

Join Chester Recreation along with local actor, Vince Bandille, for an exciting five week acting program this spring. This acting program is specifically for teens ages 12-19 and will be held on Mondays beginning May 8th (class was originally scheduled to start May 1st, but has been postponed a week).

Program will meet Mondays 6:30-8:30pm at the Highlands Ridge Barn, 100 North Rd., Chester. Fee \$99

This program is geared for all level actors and those who are curious about acting. Expect to learn all about the following:

- What is acting, and what is all this talk about Method acting?
- How to break down a scene, as well as proper blocking and movement techniques for dramatic effects.
- How to build a character, and bring a scripted character to life as well as trusting your instincts as an actor, and more!

Registration required for this program. Please email recreation@chestertownship.org for more information.

<https://register.communitypass.net/chestertwp>

Spring Tennis Classes

Join our **spring tennis classes!** Classes are held at the Grove Street Park Tennis Courts with coaching instruction provided by the US Sports Institute. Classes meet once per week on **Tuesdays**, and run for 8 weeks **now through June**. Students should bring their own tennis racquets. Class fee: \$165 for 8 weeks. This fee is pro-rated now that classes have begun; check with the Recreation Director for updated fee information.

Please see the [US Sports Institute website](#) for information regarding weather alerts and rain make-up policy.

Schedule:

Adult Foundation Tennis: 9:30-10:30 am

Adult Development Tennis: 10:45-11:45 am

Youth Foundation Tennis, ages 5-7: 4:00-

5:00 pm

Youth Foundation Tennis, ages 8-10: 5:00-

6:00 pm

Youth Development Tennis, ages 11-14: 6:00-7:00 pm



To register or for more info, please visit <https://register.communitypass.net/chester> or email recreation@chestertownship.org

Join Community Gardening in Chester

Chester has a 120-plot community garden where you can grow organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers in a sunny, fenced location.

The Chester Community Garden is located at Highlands Ridge Park,

100 North Road, Chester. It is open from spring until fall, and gives gardeners access to soil, compost, water, tools, and full sun. To

rent a plot, or to learn more, [click here](#). Plots are rented on a first come, first served basis. Open to residents and non-residents alike.



Chester Recreation Summer Day Camp - discounted registration deadline is May 15th

Chester Township Recreation's Summer Day Camp for children ages 1st-8th grade is open to residents and non-residents alike. The camp runs for 6 weeks beginning July 5 through Aug 11, 2017. Children rotate through a variety of supervised activities each week including: sports, team building & outdoor games, arts & crafts, swimming, and music & theatre. In addition, children will experience themed weekly entertainment and dynamic weekly field trips. Children will also participate in an old fashioned weekly talent show that all are invited to attend on Friday afternoon each week. [Click here for more information](#) about Summer Rec Camp.

Have questions? Please call 908-879-5100 x825 or e-mail recreation@chestertownship.org

To register, please visit <https://register.communitypass.net/chestertwp> & select Spring 2017 Season.

Free Guided Chester History Hike

Join Chester Recreation, the Chester Historical Society, and Chester Trails for a free guided hike on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00am in celebration of National Trails Day. The hike will be led by the



knowledgeable local historian and avid hiker, Bruce Clark, and will take place on the Patriots' Path between Furnace Road and Tanners Brook Road. Participants should park in the parking lot at the corner of Furnace Road and Tanners Brook Road, which is marked with a 'Hunter's Parking' sign. The hike will begin in the parking lot at 9:00

am, and will be about a mile and a half in total length over generally pleasant terrain. Wear sturdy shoes.

Kindly register for this hike so that we may notify you in case of weather cancellation.

<https://register.communitypass.net/chestertwp>

Contact the Recreation Director with additional questions: recreation@chestertownship.org

Culinary Skills Bootcamp

Join our kids' cooking and culinary skills boot camp this summer!

Chester Recreation, along with ShopRite of Chester's Registered Dietician Grace, will be hosting an exciting, hands-on, 4-day cooking camp this summer. Participants will learn all about the basics of cooking healthy and tasty recipes, and also learn grocery store skills.



Boot camp takes place June 26-28 at the Barn at Highlands Ridge Park, 100 North Rd., Chester. On these dates, kids will take place in food prep and healthy movement exercises. Then on Thursday, June 29th, kids meet up at ShopRite and go on an interactive store tour complete with tasty sampling. They'll create their own meal right in the store!

The class meets from 9:00-12:30 each day. It is geared towards ages 10-16. Fee: \$60. Special games and giveaways each day. If your child has food allergies or restrictions, please indicate this during registration and we will accommodate.

Please consider bringing a donation for the Chester Food Pantry. To register, visit <https://register.communitypass.net/chestertwp>

Memorial Day Commemoration

Annual Memorial Day Commemoration May 29, 11am, Maysey Memorial, Main St. Chester Borough, NJ

Chester will remember those in the Armed Forces who died while serving their country on "Decoration Day," or as it is better known today, "Memorial Day." People from the community will gather on Main Street in Chester Borough to watch the procession, listen to inspiring stories, hear moving speeches and patriotic musical arrays. Participants will also experience the rattling rifle salute and moving taps, as we honor those who gave all for our country, on this very important day.

The event will take place on Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 11am at Maysey Memorial/Memorial Park in the center of town and will feature Mayor Janet Hoven as the Master of Ceremonies, with remarks from members of the American Legion Post 342 Chester, and Mayor Marcia Asdal from Chester Township. The West Morris Community Band under the direction of Gary Quam will provide music for the event along with vocal soloist & Chester resident, Mary Bolio. Our own Chester Volunteer Fire Company #1, Chester Police, and Chester Volunteer First Aid Squad will be present to honor our veterans, along with local scout troops sporting color guard and full uniform attire. Members of the American Legion will perform the ceremonious Laying of the Wreaths and Roll Call of Chester Fallen Soldiers.

The event is sponsored by the Borough of Chester in conjunction with American Legion Post 342, Chester. Anyone who served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces is invited to walk in the procession to pay their thanks and should gather at the Gazebo on Main Street at 10:45am. For more details about the event please contact Maxine at: recreation@chesterborough.org

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