

BEST ★ SMALL ★ TOWN IN CT

In 2010, Connecticut Magazine rated Chester No 1 among towns in the state with populations between 3,500 and 6,500. The decision was based on quality of education, crime rate, economy, cost of living and leisure. We are proud of our town, *especially—*

Our Annual Chester Events!

Winter Carnivale

Third Sunday in February—Chester Center

May Daze Night Gallery & Shop Stroll

First Friday in May—Chester Center

Townwide Tag Sale

Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend—Throughout town

Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day—War Memorial to the Meeting House

Chester Sunday Market

Every Sunday Mid-June to Mid-October—Chester Center

Midsummer Night's Stroll

Third Friday in June—Chester Center

Four on the Fourth Road Race

4th of July—Begins & ends in Chester Center

The Chester Fair

Last weekend in August—Chester Fair Grounds

The Rotary Club Lobster Festival

First Saturday after Labor Day—Chester Fair Grounds

Come Home to Chester Days

Third weekend in September

Halloween Pumpkin Festival & Parade

Last Friday in October—Chester Center

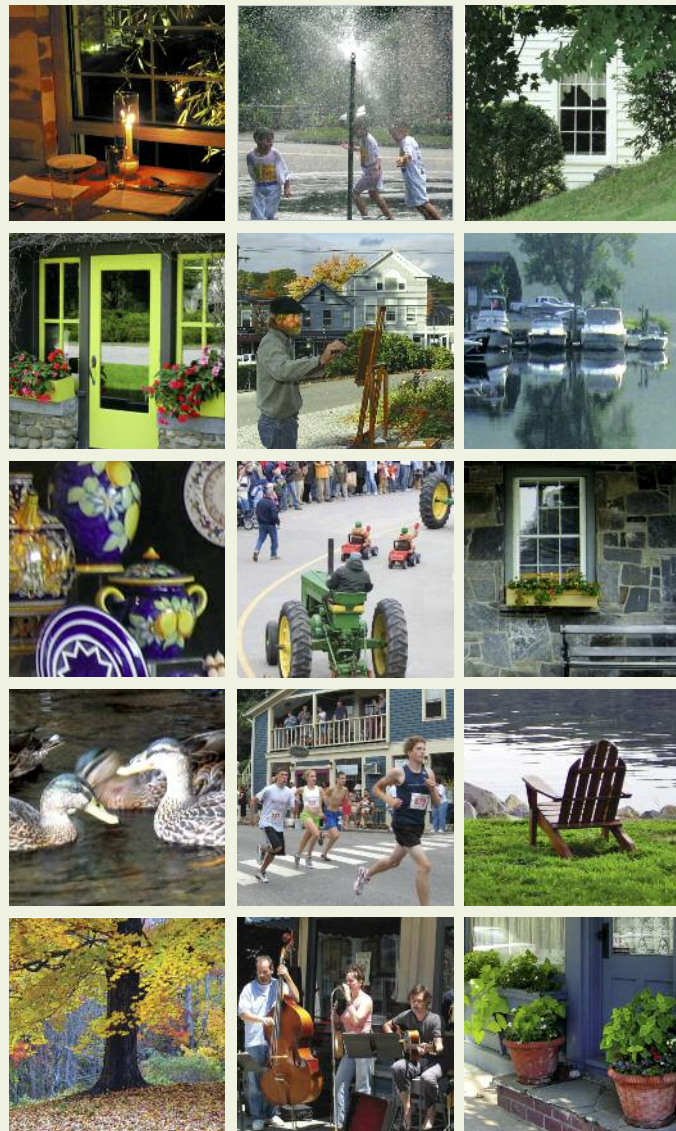
Holiday Night Festival

First Friday in December—Chester Center

You'll find more information on the inside back pages.

And look for updates at VisitChesterCT.com

Chester



*Unwind in a unique town that celebrates art,
history, music, theater, craft, cuisine & conversation
in the magnificent Connecticut River Valley.*

Chester, Connecticut, first settled in 1692, is an historic New England mill town that celebrates its heritage while offering the culture and sophisticated amenities of the 21st century. Even chance visitors to our beautiful little town invariably get out of the car and take it in on foot.

You'll find superior restaurants, elegant shops and art galleries and Goodspeed's world-renowned Norma Terris Theatre at our center. Farther afield are marinas, swimming lakes, hiking trails, an airport, a river ferry boat, a YMCA camp and thousands of acres of state forest.

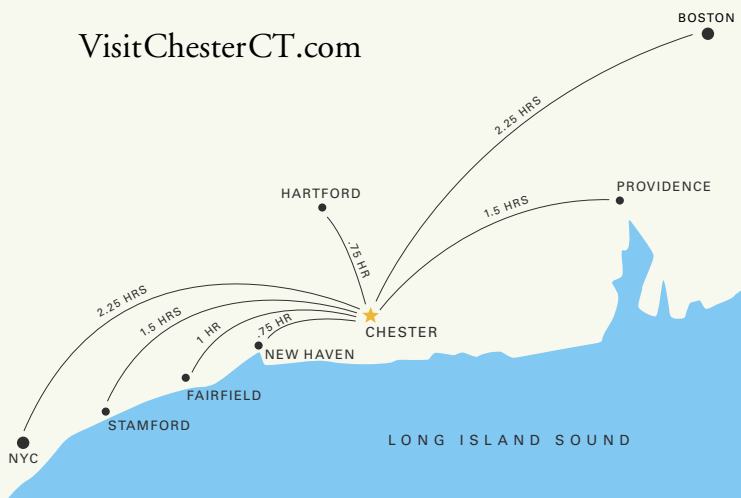
Chester is located on the west bank of the glorious Connecticut River, ten miles upriver from Long Island Sound. Come by car, rail, air or boat. We're easy to get to — just over two hours by car from both New York City and Boston.

On pages 28 and 29 and on the back cover are some not-to-be-missed townwide events, including our popular Art Gallery & Shop Opening Receptions with new exhibits, displays and special restaurant menus. Visit our website for current updates on these extra special times to be here.

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Restaurant L&E and French 75 Bar 28

Offering a Contemporary French-inspired tasting menu in the dining room and The French 75 Bar menu at our marble-topped bar. Reservations recommended for the dining room. The bar is first come, first served.

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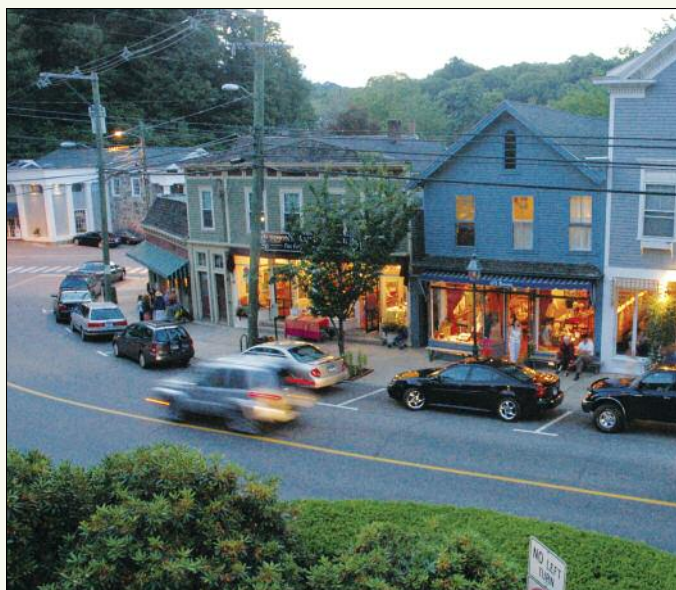


The Pattaconk 1850 Bar & Grill 32

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The Villager 38

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... It is worth visiting just for the charm of its winding main street, beautifully maintained historic buildings and unique blend of New England and European styles. Melissa Pionzio, *The Hartford Courant*



The Wheatmarket 46

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Chester Gallery

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76 Main Street

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Connecticut countryside. Allison Ahearn, *Weekender*



Arline Roberts Stanton Interiors

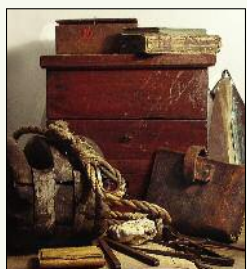
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Specializing in fine paper goods, children's gifts and vintage collectibles.

Wed–Sat 11–5 Sun 12–5

53 Main Street

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The Colt House Gallery & Antiques

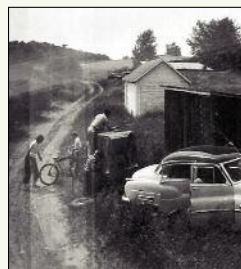
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Featuring box constructions, wall reliefs, and digital imagery archival prints by Chester artist Bill Vollers. Also a collection of antique toys, folk art, primitives and other collectables. By appointment or chance.

vollersdesign@me.com

43 Main Street

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Michael Gannon, *The Hartford Courant*



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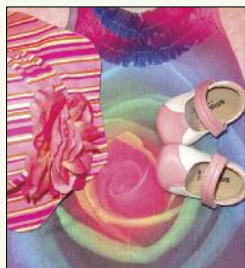
Wed–Fri afternoons

Sat 10–5:30 and Sun 12–5:30

mysticsistersct.com

4 Water Street

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Peekabooquet n. cupcake

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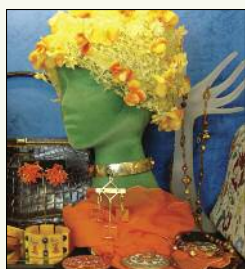
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Peter Zanardi—Journalist, resident



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Peter Walker—Lyricist, actor, resident



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Georgina Gustin, *The New York Times*



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318 West Main Street

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Christopher Moore—Entrepreneur, resident



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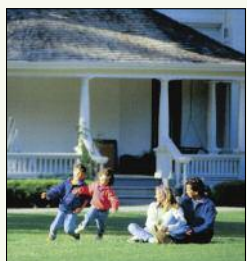
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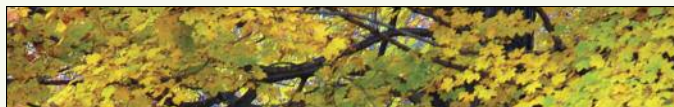
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The Chester Bottle Shop 64

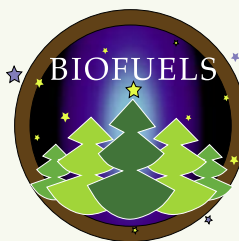
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Interested in helping others while having some fun? Consider joining the Chester Rotary, part of a century-old international network of community volunteers. Members meet locally every Wednesday 6:30–8:00 PM.
Phone: Lynette Bester 860.526.1121
Or visit: ChesterRotary.org



Pétanque Plein Air Chester 3
Learn the basics and secrets of the popular French pastime, Pétanque, from French national Claude Martin. Private and group lessons. Arrange a Pétanque party for your next special occasion. By appointment.
claudemartin@sbcglobal.net
16 North Main Street 860-526-3973



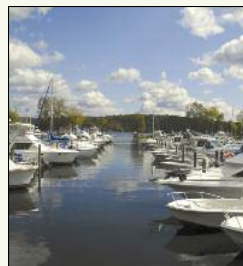
Leisure Markets, Agents of Travel 66
We've been to 81 countries from Anguilla to Wales! Where do YOU want to go? Personalized arrangements for the international traveler/cruiser. Offices in Chester and Guilford. Since 1968... and still going strong! leisure@cshore.com
Suzie Balestracci, CTC
27 Ferry Road 860-322-4084



Chester Airport 57
Charter flights, Lower Valley scenic passenger rides, Block Island shuttle services, flight instruction, and pilot supplies,
Summer 8 AM–8 PM Off-season 9–5
Three miles from Chester Center
61 Winthrop Road 860-526-4321



Chrisholm Marina 63
A family-owned, full-service marina in a park-like setting, with the personnel and facilities for all your boating needs: summer slips, winter storage, mechanical, ship store, gas dock, and the cleanest bathrooms. Transients always welcome.
chrisholmmarina.com
226 Middlesex Avenue 860-526-5147



Chester Point Marina, LLC 71
A full-service marina offering slips, inside/outside winter storage, mechanical, rigging, painting/fiberglass, welding/fabrication, and boat sales. Swimming pool, picnic areas, cable tv and wi-fi. Open year-round. Transients welcome!
ChesterPointMarina.com
72 Railroad Avenue 860-526-1661

The Nature Conservancy has heralded the tidelands of the lower Connecticut River Valley as one of the forty “last great places on earth.”





Chester Meeting House 1
This cherished landmark building, built in 1795 and restored in 1972, is home to town meetings and events, including the Robbie Collamore Concert Series and the Meeting House Players. Permission for private use may be obtained by contacting the Selectman's office.
4 Liberty Street Info: 860-526-0013



Chester Public Library 9
Reference questions, internet access, good reads, and interesting movies.
Mon 10–8 Tues 2–6 Wed 10–6
Thur 2–8 Fri 10–6 Sat 10–2
(Closed on Tues July and August.)
Linda T. Fox, Librarian
chesterct.com/Library/
21 West Main Street 860-526-0018



Cedar Lake 53
Bordered by Cockaponsett State Forest on the northeast, this 75-acre lake has a public beach on Route 148 to the southeast. A public, state-owned boat launch is located at the northern end. Fishing season begins on the third Saturday in April and ends on the last day of February. Info: 860-526-0013



Cockaponsett State Forest Pattaconk Lake 56
Enjoy swimming, fishing, mountain biking, hiking and cross-country skiing, in CT's second-largest state forest. The forest recreation areas are open from 8 AM to sunset. Other areas are open 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Info: 860-663-2030



Chester-Hadlyme Ferry 65
Established in 1769. Today the Selden III provides a convenient, direct link between Chester & Hadlyme at Rt 148. Operates April 1st–November 30th
Closed Thanksgiving Day
Mon–Fri 7 AM–6:45 PM
Sat–Sun 10:30 AM–5 PM
For further information: 860-443-3856



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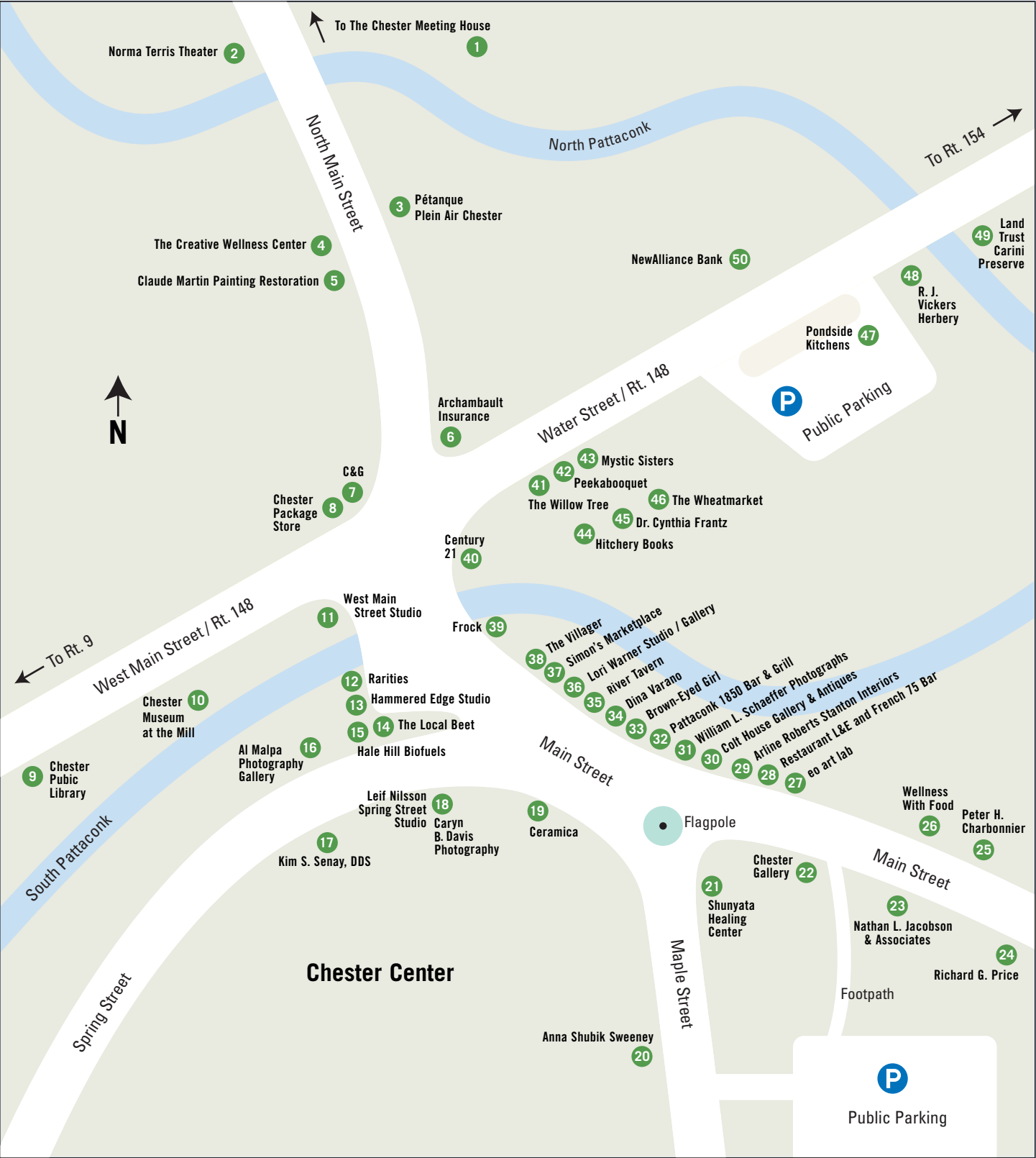
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| Population | 3800 |
| Employment | Arts, Manufacturing, Retail, Service and Cottage Industries |
| History | Founded in 1692, Incorporated in 1836 Thrived on water-powered small manufacturing and shipbuilding in the 19th Century |
| Government | Board of Selectmen/Town Meeting chesterct.com |
| Town Hall | 203 Middlesex Avenue Post Office Box 218 860-526-0013 info@chesterct.com |
| Public Safety | Resident State Trooper & Constables Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer & Paid Ambulance |
| School System | Elementary School in Chester Regional School District No. 4 Junior & Senior High Schools |
| Post Office | 100 Main Street Zip code 06412 |
| County | Middlesex |

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek 55 E. Kings Highway
860-526-8920 Shabbat service 7:30 PM Friday cbsrz.org
Family service 7 PM first Friday of each month

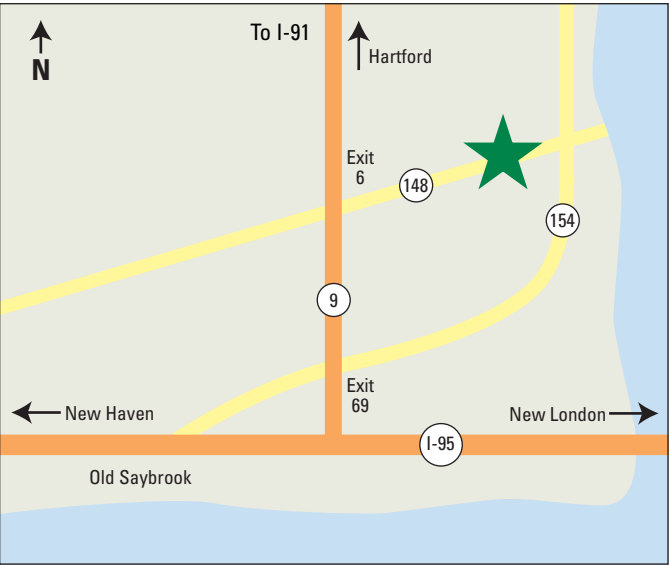
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 48 Middlesex Avenue
860-526-5495 stjosephchester.parishesonline.com
Saturday Vigil 5 PM Sunday 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Monday–Saturday, Rosary 7:30 AM, Mass 8 AM

United Church of Chester 29 West Main Street
860-526-2697 Sunday service at 10 AM chesterucc.org



Directions to Chester Center

From the North, I-91 to Route 9 South.
From the South, I-95 to Route 9 North.
Chester Center is 1 mile east of Exit 6.



West of Chester Center

| West of Route 9 | Between Route 9 and Chester Center |
|---|---|
| 51 Aaron Manor .1 mile from Route 9 | 58 Brushmill by the Waterfall Intersection of Route 9 and 148 |
| 52 Camp Hazen YMCA 1.2 mile from Route 9 | 59 West Main Street Services .5 mile from Route 9 |
| 53 Cedar Lake 1.5 mile from Route 9 | 60 Wyeth Architects .5 mile from Route 9 |
| 54 Guest House Retreat & Conference Center 3 miles from Route 9 | 61 TLB Architecture .5 mile from Route 9 |
| 55 Chester Village West 3 miles from Route 9 | |
| 56 Cockaponsett State Forest 3 miles from Route 9 | |
| 57 Chester Airport 3 miles from Route 9 | |

A map showing the locations listed in the table. A vertical orange line represents Route 9. A yellow line represents Route 148. Arrows indicate directions: West and East. The Connecticut River is shown to the east.

East of Chester Center



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Winter Carnivale

Third Sunday in February
Chester Center 11 AM – 5 PM
Ice Carving Competition, Chilly Chili Cook-off, Tractor Parade, Street Treats and Entertainment, Face Painting, Gallery/Shop Specials, Arrive Early! Dress warm... it's an outdoor event, rain, snow or shine! VisitChesterCT.com



May Daze Night Gallery & Shop Stroll

First Friday in May
Chester Center 5–8 PM
Stroll the streets and shops to see the latest art, fashions, jewelry, decorative accessories and furnishings. Sample baked goods and fine food. Make your restaurant reservations early. It's always a popular evening! VisitChesterCT.com



Chester Sunday Market

Mid-June through Mid-October
Sundays 10 AM–1 PM
A vibrant piazza-style market right in Chester Center. CT-grown agriculture, locally produced food, regionally made delights, music. Most shops open early on market days.
ChesterSundayMarket.com



Midsummer Night's Stroll

Third Friday in June
Chester Center 5–8 PM
Celebrate the Summer Solstice outdoors on our sidewalks and porches, and in our shops, galleries and restaurants. Come hear the music and look for hot deals and cold drinks and dishes.
VisitChesterCT.com



Four on the Fourth Road Race

July 4th. Starts at 10 AM sharp. Chester Rotary, USTAF-sanctioned four-mile road race through scenic downtown Chester. Chip timing, refreshments, live music, T-shirts. A fun event for the whole family! Register 7–9:30 AM on race day at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Advance registration: ChesterRotary.org



The Chester Fair

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Last weekend in August Fri 6–11 PM
Sat 8 AM–11 PM, Sun 9 AM–6 PM
Chester Fair Grounds
Traditional (Since 1877!) New England Agricultural & Mechanical Country Fair. Good food. Great exhibitions. Entertainment for the whole family!
ChesterFair.org



The Chester Rotary Lobster Festival

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First Saturday after Labor Day
Chester Fair Grounds
Serving time 5–7 PM Rain or shine!
Admission by advance sale tickets only. Choice of single or double lobster, steak or surf & turf. Live music till 10 PM+
Chester Rotary Club sponsor.
ChesterRotary.org



Come Home to Chester Days

Third Weekend in September
Chester Center 5–8 PM
Every September, we keep our doors open late on the Friday night closest to the Autumnal Equinox to celebrate the beginning of Fall and feature an array of art, crafts, fashions and food!
VisitChesterCT.com



Halloween Pumpkin Festival & Parade

Last Friday in October
Chester Center 5–8 PM
Bring your best efforts to the Carved Pumpkin Showcase, then join the Parade of Costumes at 6:30. A mystery box, street music and special treats at the shops, galleries and restaurants.
VisitChesterCT.com



Holiday Night Festival

First Friday in December
Chester Center 5–8 PM
Tree lighting of the decorated spruce at Main and Maple Streets with Carol Sing-Along at 6 PM. Look for the newest Chester pewter ornament, unique gifts, and sensational seasonal menus!
VisitChesterCT.com