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## Historian's Report for April 2026

Dear Supervisor Holdridge and Board Members,

Here's a brief overview of the Town Historian's Office activities in April 2026.

### Major Events & Regional Collaboration

- **"Orange County's 250th" Exhibit (April 26):** Represented the Town of Chester at the regional event *Artifacts and People of the American Revolution* in Woodbury. The exhibition drew over 350 attendees and in collaboration with the Chester Historical Society, we showcased Chester's vital role in the Revolutionary War.
- **Chester Repair Café: April 25, 2026:** I was one of the 19 volunteers—including 12 coaches, 4 CCAC members, and 3 residents who provided our skills **a the 4th Repair Café** sponsored by the **Chester Conservation Advisory Council**.

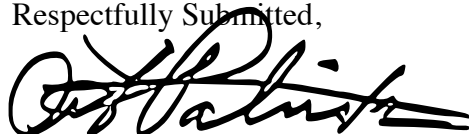
### The Impact

- **Attendance:** 82 residents attended, including 36 first-timers (44%).
- **Repairs:** 170 items were brought in; **158 items (93%) were successfully repaired** and saved from landfills.
- **Categories:** Services included sharpening (76), jewelry (22), sewing (24), electrical/mechanical (20), lamps (17), and more.
- **Community:** Residents from 18 towns participated, with Chester accounting for 63% of attendees.

### Archives & Museum Operations

- **1915 Erie Station (19 Winkler Place):** Assisted in preparations for the upcoming 2026 museum season. The "Chester in the Revolution" exhibit for a June opening.
- **Historical Society Office & Archives (93 Brookside Ave):** Maintained weekly scheduled Thursday hours (1:00 PM – 4:00 PM) for public research, document preservation, and cataloging Chester history.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cc: Linda Zappala, Town Clerk, Town of Chester; Aaron Lefkowitz, Historian, Village of Chester