

Colchester's Weekly Town News

For the Week of August 4, 2014

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following information highlights some activities which occurred:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

The Selectboard is considering warning two public hearings on September 16 and 23 for public input on charter changes relating to:

- Appointed versus elected town clerk
- Appointed versus elected cemetery officials and the transfer of responsibility and oversight for cemeteries to the Town staff
- Elimination of irrelevant town positions such as Grand Juror, Fence Viewer, etc.
- Minor changes such as capitalizations, and changes to references to Selectboard and Town Manager
- Tax payment penalty revisions
- Ordinance warnings
- Town meeting time
- Town Manager requirement for a bond and attendance at every meeting
- Powers of the Town including sale of land, ordinance penalties, and corporate existence

Once finalized, these changes will be posted on our website and available in the Town Clerk's office and Burnham Library.

For more information about the Town Manager's Office, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5509.

Burnham Memorial Library—Kelly Tomaseski, Director

News and Updates from Burnham Library:

- Though this summer seems to be flying by, we still have programming throughout August. Many of these programs (for kids, teens, and adults) still have available openings. Check out our website, or stop by the library for more info. Here is a selection of our upcoming programs:
 - Autumn's Abundant Garden Display (Adults) – Monday, Aug. 11 at 6 pm
 - First-Time Kindergartners – Monday, Aug. 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 am
 - Experiment & Explore: Minute to Win It! – Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 2 pm
 - Preschool Tea Party – Friday, Aug. 15 at 12 pm
 - PuppeTree presents Swimmy & Swimmer – Monday, Aug. 18 at 2 pm
 - LCATV Child Producers Workshop – Thursday, Aug. 21 at 2 pm
 - Adult Book Discussion: Immortal Life of Henrietta Lax – Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 1 pm

For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 264-5509.

- The Colchester Farmers Market runs until September 10. Every Wednesday, from 4-7 pm, the library green is the place to stop by for food, crafts, and music. The Market will take place rain or shine, and features local farmers, artisans, food vendors, a wellness table, and musicians.
- Our Blue Collar America is ongoing. In this four-part Vermont Humanities Council program, we'll be discussing the working class, looking past stereotypes to examine the realities of minimum wage existence, small-town economics, and social divisions. The discussions will be led by Suzanne Brown. This month (on Monday, Aug. 18 at 6 pm), we'll discuss What Work Is by Phillip Levine. Copies of the book are available for checkout.

For more information about Burnham Memorial Library's events and services, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Library/> or call (802) 264-5660.

Parks and Recreation Department—Glen Cuttitta, Director

The following are highlights from the recreation division of Colchester's Parks and Recreation Department:

- The new LIFE (Learning is For Everyone) program brochure was mailed and registration began on August 5th. This is a collaborative effort between our department and the school district that seeks to provide new educational opportunities for all ages.
- Wrapped up the cancelled Colchester Triathlon
- Planning and designing Fall Brochure
- Coordinating Summer Concert Series
- Hiring staff for ACE afterschool program
- Went through process to re-license all of our ACE Afterschool Program sites
- Planning and designing curriculum for Middle School ACE program
- Working on grant for Building Bright Futures program
- Coordinating up to seven camps per week.
- Athletic field scheduling is currently taking place.
- Pavilion rentals requests are currently taking place with most weekend dates already reserved.
- Colchester Village Park Phase 1b construction is completed
- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at new Village Park

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