

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week Ending February 14, 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

We have been working diligently to get information out to the public about our upcoming Community Dinner and Town Meeting on March 3 and voting on March 4.

A Colchester Town Budget and Ballot Presentation was recorded by LCATV and featured Nadine Scibek, Chair of the Selectboard; Dawn Francis, Town Manager; Aaron Frank, Assistant Town Manager and Chief Financial Officer; and Bryan Osborne, Public Works Director explaining the articles to be voted on by Colchester residents on March 4 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by Australian ballot.

Residents of Colchester living near the Winooski border (near St. Michael's College and the Fort) can watch this program on CCTV's Channel 17 at the following times:

Monday, February 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 a.m.

Residents may also watch the program online at <http://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/colchester-town-budget-and-ballot-presentation>.

The rest of Colchester residents can watch this program on LCATV's Channel 16 on Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. and again at 11:00 p.m. Residents may also watch the program online at <http://lcatv.org/program/colchester-town-budget-4>

Copies of the Annual Town and School Report as well as information about the special articles involving changes to the Town's Capital Equipment Plan and funding for the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties are available at the Town Offices on Blakely Road and the Burnham Memorial Library in Colchester Center as well as in a number of area stores. You may also obtain information on the Town's website at www.colchestervt.gov or call the Town Clerk's Office at 264-5500.

Important Voting Information

- Voting for District 9-1 (comprised of the area east of I-89, excluding the south side of Blakely Road) is at the Colchester Meeting House on 830 Main Street in Colchester Village.
- Voting for District 9-2 (comprised of the area west of I-89, including the south side of Blakely Road) is at the Colchester High School on 131 Laker Lane (off Blakely Road).
- Absentee voting may be done in person at the Town Clerk's Office at 781 Blakely Road from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday between February 17 and March 3.

· Absentee ballots may be requested by phone; please call 264-5520, mail to the above address, or e-mail the Town Clerk at TownClerk@ColchesterVT.gov. Ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

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

Parks and Recreation Department—Glen Cuttitta, Director

Highlights of the activities of the Parks and Recreation Department this week include the following:

- Winter Carnival took place on January 31–February 3. Thank you to all the volunteers and the event committee!
- The Colchester's Got Talent show was entertaining as always. Congratulations to all the winners and participants!
- [Colchester Youth Basketball League](#) is in its last week of regular games before the tournaments begin.
- Volunteer coaching applications are being accepted for youth lacrosse season.
- Registration for Colchester Youth Lacrosse League is open.
- Applications are being accepted for summer employment.
- Planning has begun for Summer 2014 camps, programs, and concerts.
- A meeting between Colchester Parks & Recreation Department, Colchester School District, and community members took place on February 5 to discuss the LIFE program.
- The LIFE program is accepting applications from instructors.
- The ice rink at Airport Park is up and running. With the new snow, we are hopeful in soon having the cross-country trails groomed.
- Registrations for the Causeway 5/15K and the 30th Colchester Triathlon are officially open.
- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting will take place on February 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices.

For more information about the Parks and Recreation Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Recreation/parksNRec.shtml> or call (802) 264-5640.

Burnham Memorial Library—Kelly Tomaseski, Director

The library will be closed on Monday, February 17, for Presidents' Day. Secondly, the remodeling of our downstairs level is still ongoing, which means it is not accessible to the public. We don't have a solid date for the completion of the project, but we will make announcements when we know more. During the process, programs will continue as normal; they'll just take place upstairs. We have a selection of youth books (and some toys) available. In addition, we can set aside specific titles for the next time you visit. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate everyone's patience. Our youth area will be bright and beautiful soon!

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our book sale on February 8. Many thanks, also, to the many volunteers who made it possible!

Here are some of our upcoming programs:

- Drop-In Yoga—Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.
- Preschool Music with Derek—Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday Drop-In Story Time—Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Pajama Story Time—Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Book Discussion Group: *Carry the One*—Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m.
- Young Adult Advisory Board—Monday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- Write Now! (for teens)—Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

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