

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week Ending February 21, 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

On Monday, March 3, the Colchester Selectboard and Colchester School Board will host a free community dinner at 5:30 p.m. before their annual meetings. Please join us—along with your legislators—in the Colchester High School cafeteria to ask questions, learn more about what is happening in Montpelier, and discuss any issues you may have in an informal setting. Presentations from town and state officials will begin shortly after 6:00 p.m. Please bring a potluck dessert to share with everyone. The annual meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. with the Colchester School District presentation first and the Town Meeting second.

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 by Australian ballot on the Town and school district budgets will occur on March 4 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (see below for your voting location). Absentee voting may be done in person by coming to 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.

- **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).

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

Colchester Police Department—Jennifer Morrison, Chief of Police

CPD continues to work hard to keep our streets and highways safe and crash free. Winter weather should be gone soon, but until it is, please watch your speed, increase following distances, and take it easy when there is snow or ice on the roadways.

In the past four weeks, we have responded to 758 calls for service and have made 268 traffic stops. The most common call types have been medical assists, response to alarms, and suspicious circumstances complaints. The top offenses for this period were larcenies from motor vehicles (22), drug cases (9), and burglaries (6). We made 17 arrests.

We continue to encourage community members to report suspicious behavior and to always lock their homes and vehicles. Do not leave valuables in sight in a vehicle.

Members of the community continue to ask how Lt. Doug Allen is doing. We are happy to report that he is recovering well. Thank you for your support of both the CPD and Doug's family.

For more information about the Colchester Police Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Police/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5640.

Colchester Rescue & Technical Rescue Squads—Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Colchester Rescue

- Responded to 89 calls between January 24 and February 19
- Conducted 60 transports
- Turned over 8 calls while we were already on a call
- 9 of our calls were outside of Colchester, including 2 paramedic intercepts
- We provided a standby crew for the Pond Hockey Event February 15 and 16

Colchester Technical Rescue

- Assisted Milton Police, Fire & Rescue in searching for a possible injured snowmobiler
- Hosted an ice rescue course

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