

Colchester's Weekly Town News

For the Week of July 19, 2013

Preamble: "Colchester, Vermont, located on Lake Champlain's Malletts Bay, is a diverse, civic-minded community endowed with a rich heritage of commercial, agricultural, recreational, and educational gifts. Proud of the quality of life already enjoyed here, the people of Colchester seek to build upon this foundation to ensure economic prosperity, recreational opportunity, and an entrepreneurial spirit for future generations" – Vision Statement, Heritage Project, 2012.

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

- At the Selectboard's retreat, the following were determined as priorities for the community:

Overall Goals:

- Increase/Grow Grand List
- Unify the Community

Priorities:

- Malletts Bay Enhancement/Redevelopment to include consideration of town-owned Hazelett/Bayside property
- Economic Development Implementation
- Severance Corners
- Infrastructure (Sewers/Stormwater/Water, etc.)
- Governance
- Improved Communications with Community
- Capital Facilities Management
- Exploration of Local Option Tax as means to fund infrastructure

Burnham Memorial Library: Kelly Tomaseski, Director

The Library has an exciting week in store.

- Saturday, July 20th--Drop-in Story Time at 10am
- Monday, July 22nd--Learn how to landscape with native plants at 6:30pm
- Tuesday, July 23rd--Summer Encore Theatre presents a variety of pirate-themed stories, performed by students ages 12-18, performance will start at 4pm on the Library lawn

Sign up now to participate in our Annual Foodie Competition, open to students grades 6 and up.

IT – Alice Greig – Technology Department

For further information or comment, please call June Campbell at 264-5509.

- Prepared and set up a new server and backup system for Planning & Zoning and Public Works software.
- Set up iPads and installed applications for Select Board, Planning Commission and some department directors.
- Replaced some equipment, assisting with department database, prepping computers to replace older models/operating systems.

Parks and Recreation – Glen Cuttitta, Director

In the Recreation Division the following is a list of programs/camps that will be running next week

- Tennis Academy
- Explorer Day Camp
- Jr. Explorer Day Camp
- Swim Lessons
- Boys Lacrosse Camp U11-U15
- Smart Start Football
- Summer Concert Series- Thursday Night @ 7 pm Carol Ann Jones and the Superchargers
- 29th Annual Colchester Triathlon- Sunday, July 28- must pre register
- Summer Youth Track Program
- Colchester Children Ice Cream Social Ages birth-3
- Building Bright Futures Playgroups
- Lakeside Summer Lacrosse League

Bayside Activity Center

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday Walk In hours 10 am-4 pm
- Monday- 10 am-Block Printing
- Tuesday- 1 pm- Tai Chi
- Wednesday- 10 am- Self-Care for Neck/Shoulder Pain
- Wednesday- 1 pm- Writing Stories
- Thursday- 9:15 am- Gentle Yoga
- Thursday- 1 pm- Tai Chi
- Friday- 10 am- “Hand Saver” Workshop
- Friday- 12 pm- CVAA Lunch- \$4 donation must register by Wednesday

In the Parks Division, the following is a list of projects/work they accomplished this week

- Mowing and trimming all athletic fields twice a week
- Mowing and trimming all municipal buildings
- Mowing all shoulders of recreation paths
- Groomed all the infields of baseball and softball fields
- Built a concrete pad for a new bench at Lower Bayside

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- Cleaned all park bathrooms every day
- Emptied trash barrels at parks three times per week
- Preparations for Colchester Triathlon
- Completed bid documents for mower bids
- Completed paving and striping for Bayside Park

Public Works – Bryan Osborne, Director

- Paved Malletts Bay Avenue
- Paved Creek Road
- Completed gravel road grading and the application of Chloride
- Reconstructed five catch basins
- Completed all storm water inspections and submitted reports to the state.

Planning & Zoning - Sarah Hadd, Director

When wastewater systems are under water or at the same level as the Lake:

- 1) Stop using the system or
- 2) Have the septic tank regularly pumped

We encourage all affected property owners to comply.

The Health Officer will require property owners to comply with the above measures as these situations arise.

Clerk's Office – Karen Richard, Town Clerk

- Tax bills have been sent out. Please take the time to look it over. If you have not received yours, give us a call at 264-5520.

Finance – Joan Boehm, Asst. Town Manager/CFO

June Financial Report of General Operating Fund Revenues = \$823,799

- Expenditures = \$975,414
- Property tax collections = \$66,446
- Estimate of surplus after transfers for the year = \$120,000 due to staff vacancies & health insurance changes

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