

## **Colchester's Weekly Town News**

For the Week of July 26, 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**

- Our Parks and Recreation Department has had a busy month preparing for the Colchester Triathlon and handling the logistics for our community concerts held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you enjoying some great music at Bayside Park some evening!
- Met with CCI and CCDC to discuss the coordination of the community's financial and volunteer resources for economic development implementation.
- Reviewed existing plans to identify community goals for Malletts Bay and community center.
- Recruitment of Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Town Manager and Economic Development Director positions.

### **Burnham Memorial Library: Kelly Tomaseski, Director**

Next week at Burnham Library, we have a wide range of events:

- Saturday, July 27--Welcome Children Ice Cream Social, for families with young children from 12-2 pm
- Monday, July 29--Yoga for Teens with Jaycie at 1 pm
- Tuesday, July 30--Adult book discussion of Neverwhere, by Neil Gaiman at 1 pm
- Wednesday, July 31--Booktivity: Archaeological Dig for kids at 2 pm
- Thursday, Aug. 1--Digging Deep Into Reading with Vermont Institute of Natural Science featuring live animals at 2 pm

### **Rescue & Technical Rescue Squads - Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief**

- Rescue responded to 23 calls, and transported 16 people to the hospital.

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

## **Parks and Recreation – Glen Cuttitta, Director**

In the Recreation Division the following camps/programs are taking place the week of 7/29:

- Tennis Tots
- Tennis Academy Ages 7-10
- Swim Lessons
- H.I.K.E.S to Lake Elmore
- Explorer Day Camp
- Jr. Explorer Day Camp
- Girls Gymnastics
- Soccer Camp
- Girls Lacrosse Camp
- Lakeside Lacrosse
- Adult Sand Volleyball

### **Bayside Activity Center**

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday Walk In hours 10 am-4 pm
- Monday- 11 am-Strong Core Pilates
- Tuesday- 1 pm- Tai Chi
- Wednesday- 1 pm- Writing Stories
- Thursday- 9:15 am- Gentle Yoga
- Thursday- 1 pm- Tai Chi
- Friday- 10 am- “Hand Saver” Workshop

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

- Cleaned up after the Colchester Triathlon
- Completed bid documents for mower bids
- Worked on washouts on the Causeway
- Cut back low tree limbs along recreational paths

## **Public Works – Bryan Osborne, Director**

- Janitorial Service contract for Town buildings has gone out to bid.
- Guard rail replacement completed on Malletts Bay Avenue
- Shoulder gravel placed on Blakely Road, Malletts Bay Avenue and Creek Road paving projects.
- Shetland Lane and Pine Lane paving tentatively planned for tomorrow.
- Exit 16 sidewalk project is nearing completion

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- Wetlands permit obtained for Meadow Drive ditch project
- FEMA authorization received for repairs to Fort Ethan Allen Storm Water Pond

#### **Planning & Zoning - Sarah Hadd, Director**

- Organized and drafted press release for 8/6 Planning Commission meeting on lake/floodplain regulations.
- Worked to implement a new wastewater mini-grant program.
- Trained on & reviewed new on-line permitting software.
- Held Development Review Board meeting on 7/24 and approved changes to the Bay Harbor Marina.

#### **Clerk's Office – Karen Richard, Town Clerk**

- In the process of scheduling tax appeals.
- Office is extremely busy fielding phone calls re: the recent tax bills.
- Check your bill to verify if you have filed your homestead.
- Remember the first installment of taxes are due August 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Assessor – Bob Vickery, Assessor**

- Preparations for Board of Civil Authority hearings.
- Assigned St Michael's College addressing for Campus Rd, Sullivan Ln, Alumni Corner, and Lyons Ln
- Tax Map/GIS updates