



Colchester Town News

VERMONT

Colchester-The heart of Lake Champlain

For the Week of March 16, 2015

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following highlights some Departments' activities:

Town Manager's Office
Dawn Francis, Town Manager

Now that Town Meeting is over and our budget passed, we are turning attention once again to the community's priorities and work plan for the coming year. The following goals were established by the Selectboard last year and we will be revisiting them and updating them within the month. What are your goals for the community? What should we be doing? Give me a call or email me at dfrancis@colchestervt.gov

Selectboard 2014 Goals

- Take care of what we have
- Explore the Local Option Tax to reduce the tax burden and address infrastructure needs
- Economic Development and Grand List Growth
 - Exit 16, Severance Corners, Malletts Bay
- Public infrastructure investments
 - Explore Sewers with CFD #2
 - Stormwater Utility and Management Plan
- Environmental protection investments
- Malletts Bay Redevelopment
 - Data collection to inform future decisions – build-out, market analysis, environmental sensitivities, transportation capacity, wastewater, zoning/land use standards, visual preference survey of community
- Improved communication, transparency and unification of the community

Manager's 2014 Organizational Goals

- Sustainable and Affordable Community
- Honest, Ethical, Loyal Employees
- Exceptional Customer Service
- Employee Engagement and Development
- Cost Reduction/Organizational Efficiencies
- Internal Policies/Procedures follow best practices
- Succession Planning

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

For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 802.264.5509



Colchester Town News

VERMONT

Colchester-The heart of Lake Champlain

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly Tomaseski, Director

Greetings from Burnham Library. No matter whether the weather is frigid or balmy, sunny or gray, we're always a welcoming destination. Here are some of our regular and upcoming events:

- Toddler Story Time & Preschool Music – Every Tuesday at 10:30 am, join us for a weekly selection of music, rhymes, stories, and a snack! And stick around for our music program at 11:30 am!
- Lego Club – Do you a kid who likes working with Legos? Stop by the library every Thursday at 4 pm, and join us! Each week we'll have a new topic, and will be creating a new project!
- Young Adult Advisory Board & Write Now! – On the first Monday of every month at 5:30 pm, you can help make the library a destination for people your age. Young adults in grades 6-12 can join the fabulous people on the Library's Young Adult Advisory Board. At 6:30 pm, aspiring writers in grades 6-12 should join Write Now!, our teen writing group!
- Adult Writing Group – Looking for a supportive environment to discuss your work? Join our new group! We meet the third Monday of every month, at 6:30 pm.
- Birding in Madagascar – On Monday, Mar. 23, we'll have a program on birds (and other wildlife) in Madagascar, in cooperation with the Audubon Society. It takes place at 6:30 pm, at the Colchester Meeting House.
- The Eddy Family of Spirit Mediums – On Monday, Apr. 13, join us for a program held in partnership with the Colchester Historical Society. Researcher Jason Smiley will present on the Eddy family, the (locally and nationally) known Vermont family of mediums. The program starts at 7 pm, and refreshments will be served.

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 is a small sampling of tasks completed by our department:

- Meeting with LIFE Advisory Board to identify how to market programs to the public
- Coordinating LIFE program Instructors
- LIFE program is in full swing with many participants registering for programs
- Youth Lacrosse will be starting next week
- Program Coordinator attended Youth Lacrosse scheduling meeting
- Winter/Spring program brochure has many programs still available
- ACE Afterschool program currently being run in four Colchester Schools
- ACE registrations for 2015-2016 school year open to the general public on Monday, March 23rd

For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 802.264.5509



Colchester Town News

VERMONT

Colchester-The heart of Lake Champlain

- Working on grant for Building Bright Futures program
- Planning of Touch A Truck event that takes place on May 2nd
- Planning logistics for Colchester Triathlon which takes place on July 26th
- Visited all Colchester Cemeteries and will be evaluating maintenance status of each
- Developing a long term maintenance and repair plan for the Colchester Cemeteries
- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at new Village Park
- Completed Recreation Trails Grant for Village Park
- Completed Land, Water Conservation Fund Grant application for trail network at Village Park
- Presented Colchester Village Park Trail Grant to LWCF Grant committee
- RFP for Parks Maintenance Facility is complete and is out to bid
- Artistic Bike Rack competition was completed with the voting taking place at the Winter Carnival
- Finalizing Bike Rack Purchase Agreements with Artists
- Summer Program Brochure is out and many summer camps are filling up
- Advertising for and contacting summer staff
- Created new refund and weather policy for all race events offered by Colchester Parks and Recreation
- Registrations available for Colchester Triathlon and Causeway 5/15K races
- Working with three other staff members on design of new Town website

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