

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of September 29, 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

Staff presented a 5 year Capital Budget and Program to the Selectboard and public for their input. Capital projects are major physical improvements of a non-recurring nature to buildings, facilities, parks, and our transportation network. We also have capital plans for major vehicle and equipment acquisition, drainage improvements, and information technology/communications equipment. This plan is funded by fixed rates on our tax rate that have been previously authorized by our voters enabling us to pay for needed projects without borrowing costs. As a result, the town has been able to leverage state and federal grants and other revenue sources such as impact fees to address needed infrastructure improvements. Most recently, we completed a major drainage projects on Meadow Drive and W. Lakeshore Drive, paving on E. Lakeshore Dr., Colchester Pt. Road and Williams Road and are in design and engineering for other major projects. We are appreciative of our voters' and policy makers' foresight in investing in the Town's capital needs and putting us in a favorable financial position. A public hearing will be held on this plan on October 28th at 8:00 p.m.

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

Burnham Memorial Library—Kelly Tomaseski, Director

We've had another good week here at the library; as the leaves continue to turn, it's a better and better time to curl up with a book. Here are some of our upcoming news and events:

- Volunteers - We had our annual volunteer appreciation dinner this week, and we'd like to thank our many volunteers for their help throughout the year. If you'd like to know more about volunteering, stop by our front desk.
- Backyard Composting - On Monday, Oct. 6 at 5 pm, we'll be holding a workshop with CSWD about composting at home. Sign up at our website!
- One-on-One Tutoring - Our tutoring program with the Albany College of Pharmacy students is up and running once again. The program is free, and is open to students in grades 1-6. Sessions are currently available on Monday and Wednesday evenings - call the library for more information!
- Early Literacy Training - The library is offering early literacy training for Childcare Providers on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 pm. Register at our website, or call for more information.

For more information about Burnham Memorial Library's events and services, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Library/> or call (802) 264-5660.

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

Parks and Recreation Department—Glen Cuttitta, Director

The following is a small sampling of tasks completed by our department:

- Accepting LIFE program registrations
- Coordinating LIFE program Instructors
- LIFE program is in full swing with many participants registering for programs
- Taking applications for basketball coaches and registrations for youth basketball
- Fall Activity brochure is out and registrations are taking place
- Planning for Winter/Spring Activity brochure
- ACE Afterschool program currently being run in four Colchester Schools
- Working on grant for Building Bright Futures program
- Currently evaluating all of the summer programs and participant surveys
- Organizing Colchester Pride volunteer dinner on November 7th
- Assisting with creating RFP for new Town of Colchester website
- Completed Capital Project spreadsheets for Select Board and Town Manager
- Prepared for town-wide financial audit
- Pavilion rentals coming to an end and starting to winterize bathrooms
- Visited all Colchester Cemeteries and will be evaluating maintenance status of each
- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at new Village Park
- Adopted new town logo into Village Park sign, waiting for approval
- Assisting Colchester Little League with new press box on Field #2 at Airport Park
- Identifying space need for new Parks Maintenance building at Airport Park

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

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