

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of September 1, 2014

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following information highlights some activities that occurred:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

At the Public Hearing of July 22, 2014 on the proposed amendments to the Firearms Ordinance, the Selectboard decided to postpone any action to allow further research and reconsideration of unique information brought forward by residents. The Firearms Task Force will reconvene for a meeting on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Kirker Room at the Colchester Police Department to consider the input from the public hearing, and proceed with further research and reconsideration of the proposed ordinance. The meeting is open to the public and all interested people are encouraged to attend.

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

Though summer may be drawing to a close, we still have a full slate of programs and events here at the library:

- Farmers' Market – Our last market of the season is on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 4-7 pm. Stop by the library green for local farmers, artisans, food vendors, and music. Our musical guest will be Dawna Hammers, who plays blues & folk. (5-7 pm) At the wellness table, Shaw's Osco and Colchester Family Practice will have flu shots for adults (bring your insurance card).
- Books & Bites: The Interestings – On Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm, join us at the Bayside Activity Center for food and a book discussion. Bring an appetizer to share, and ideas to discuss. This month, it's "The Interestings" by Meg Wolitzer.
- Perennial Plant Swap – On Saturday, Sept. 13 (at 10 am) we'll have our biannual Perennial Plant Swap. Bring a plant in a labeled container to the library courtyard, and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Swapping starts at 10:00 am on-the-button. Please, no Orange Daylilies/Ditch Lilies.
- Bike Commuting Workshop – On Wednesday, Sept. 24 (at 6:30 pm), come to a workshop on bike commuting put on by Local Motion. The workshop will include tips from experts on incorporating bicycle commuting into any lifestyle, advice and guidance, information resources, and low-cost gear.
- Author Visit by Adam Gidwitz – On Monday, Sept. 29 (time is TBD) join us for a talk by author Adam Gidwitz. Gidwitz is the author of the bestselling children's books "A Tale Dark and Grimm," "In a Glass Grimly," and "The Grimm Conclusion." Drop by the library to pick up copies of his books to read before the event and join us for his talk and discussion.
- Adult Book Discussion Group: The Dinner – Join our afternoon book group as we meet on Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 1 pm! We read a wide range of books, and the discussion is led by a Library staff member. This month, we'll be reading "The Dinner" by Herman Koch. Copies of the book are available for checkout.

And here are a few of our other programs:

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- Preschool Music with Derek – Every Wednesday at 1 pm
- Burnham Knitters/Needleworkers – Every Wednesday at 6 pm
- Saturday Drop-In Story Time – Every Saturday at 10 am
- Pajama Story Time – Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm

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.

- Accepting LIFE program registrations
- Coordinating LIFE program Instructors
- 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
- Assisting with creating RFP for new Town of Colchester website
- Updating Capital Project spreadsheets for Select Board and Town Manager
- 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
- Awarded bid for replacement for two park mowers in Capital Equipment Plan

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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