



For the Week Ending May 22, 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

The best part of my job is the variety and working with our top notch staff in celebrating successes and solving our resident's problems. A snapshot of the issues last week:

- At the request of Champlain Cable, staff attended the Vermont Chamber's Business & Industry Expo where 2 of the 3 finalists were from Colchester. Champlain Cable was awarded the Deane C. Davis Outstanding Vermont Business of the Year and S.D. Ireland was a finalist.
- Over 70 residents participated in charrettes and a walking tour of the Bay to provide input on what they desire for the future of this center for our community. Come to our next meeting on 6/2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kirker Community Room at the Police Department to find out the results!
- Our Rescue Squad trained hundreds of residents and students in hands only CPR and our Police Department served up refreshments for all.
- Grants have been awarded for sidewalks on Water Tower Hill and in Fort Ethan Allen and paths on West Lakeshore Drive and in the Village Park due to the creative grant writing abilities of the Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff.
- We viewed a draft of our new website, due out in mid-June.
- Staff is working on cost savings by restructuring our telephone and telecommunication services as well as vehicle purchases.
- Met with several residents who are concerned about noise in their neighborhood caused by vehicles and will evaluate whether a noise ordinance can be effective in improving peoples' quality of life.
- Reviewed a final draft of our Firearms Ordinance amendments which have been changed by a Task Force of residents with the assistance of Sgt. Jeff Bean in response to concerns about the use of firearms in more populated areas. The Public Hearing is on 5/26 at 6:30 p.m. and you can view the changes on our website.

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

As we work our way through May, the library is feverishly working on our upcoming events; keep an eye out for our summer brochure in the coming weeks. The library's current phone number is 264-5660. Until last week, our older numbers would still work, but those numbers have recently been reallocated.

Here are a few of our upcoming programs and events:

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



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Preschool Music – Tuesdays at 11:30 am. A weekly selection of music, rhymes, stories, and a snack! For ages 18 months-3 years. Call to sign-up.

Lego Club – Thursdays at 4 pm. Do you enjoy Lego? Stop by the library every Thursday, and join us! Each week we'll be creating a new project!

Friends of the Library Book Sale –The book sale takes place the weekend of June 26-28, at the Colchester High School. Friday (5-8 pm) will be a preview for Friends of the Library members, though you can join at the door. The sale will continue on Saturday (8-4 pm), as we offer a variety of books, CD's, and more. On Sunday (10 am-12 pm), we'll have a blow-out sale on remaining items!

Book Sale Donations – To avoid moving thousands of books between locations, the Friends will only be accepting donations the weekend before the sale. The drop-off is located at the high school, and will be open on Friday, June 19 from 12-8 pm, and on Saturday June 20, from 8-2 pm. They are seeking books, CD's, and DVD's in good condition; please no textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, or books that are moldy or damaged.

Please be aware that the library will be closed on Thursday, June 4 from 11:45 am-2:30 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:

- Presented AED initiative to Select Board and they accepted proposal
- Developing training guidelines for volunteers to use AED's
- Presented to the Selectboard the Lower Bayside Park improvements, entrance and dinghy dock
- Purchased inventory for "Bayside Paddlesports" at Bayside Parks which will open on June 15th at Lower Bayside Park
- Seasonal Park staff working on all parks general maintenance
- Installed signs along bike path between Jason Drive and Bay Road to keep users on path
- Removed downed tree on Causeway
- Removed graffiti at various locations in the park system
- Installed new fence at Upper Bayside Park tennis court
- Meeting with LIFE Advisory Board to identify how to market programs to the public
- Youth Lacrosse season is almost complete
- ACE Afterschool program currently being run in four Colchester Schools
- ACE registrations for 2015-2016 school year are being accepted
- Working on grant for Building Bright Futures program

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- Touch A Truck event took place on May 2nd with over 1,000 attendees
- Created new refund and weather policy for all race events offered by Colchester Parks and Recreation
- Organizing Causeway 5/15K race that takes place on June 6th; seeking volunteers
- Registrations available for Colchester Triathlon and Causeway 5/15K races
- Planning logistics for Colchester Triathlon which takes place on July 26th
- Planning Fourth of July parade and activities
- Visited all Colchester Cemeteries and will be evaluating maintenance status of each
- Developing a long term maintenance and repair plan for the Colchester Cemeteries
- Have received quotes for Tree removal and new fencing at Colchester Cemeteries
- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at new Village Park
- Submitted Recreation Trails Grant for Village Park, waiting to hear results
- Submitted Land, Water Conservation Fund Grant application for trail network at Village Park and was granted \$25,000
- RFP for Parks Maintenance Facility is complete and bids were submitted. Bids were above budget and we are working with bidders.
- Contract finalized for Artistic Bike rack with Ben Hardy for two racks
- Summer Program Brochure is out and many summer camps are filling up
- Summer Program staff hiring is complete and planning staff training
- 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.