

Town News
For the Week of June 19, 2015

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

Our staff takes cost containment seriously and some recent efforts on the part of our Public Works, Police and Finance staff are worthy of mention as they will significantly save our taxpayers' dollars.

- Our police vehicle fleet is being restructured resulting in savings of \$10,000 per year, fuel use reductions and less hours required by our highway garage staff on vehicle fit-up and conversions.
- A bond is being refinanced resulting in savings of \$213,440 or 18%.
- Two union contracts have been settled and through the efforts of our employees and management, we were able to secure a health care plan with the same coverage with no cost increase to the Town or employees.

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

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

The following are highlights from the Colchester's Parks and Recreation Department:

- Summer Day Camps began on Monday, June 15th
- Bayside Paddle Sports opened on Monday, June 15th
- In the process of ordering AED's for Bayside Park
- Developing training guidelines for volunteers to use AED's
- Completing final design for Bayside Beach dinghy dock
- 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 graffiti at various locations in the park system
- Meeting with LIFE Advisory Board to identify how to market programs to the public
- Youth Lacrosse season is complete
- ACE Afterschool program is completed for the current school year
- ACE registrations for 2015-2016 school year are being accepted
- Causeway 5/15K race had 384 runners participate on June 6th.
- 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 was granted \$25,000

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- Working with Public Works Department on Parks Maintenance Facility
- 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> or call (802) 264-5640.

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly Tomaseski, Director

Summer greetings from Burnham Library! The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is just around the corner. It takes place at the Colchester High School, from June 26-28, and we'll have all types of books available at great prices! Friday (5-8 pm) is a preview sale for Friends of the Library members, but you can join at the door. The sale continues on Saturday (8 am-4 pm), as we offer a variety of books, CD's, and more. On Sunday (10 am-12 pm), we have a blow-out sale on remaining items! Help support the library, and find some great items for your collection.

With the (mostly) sunny days, we have a wide-range of programs coming up for all ages. At our website (colchestervt.gov/library), you can see what's available, or register for programs. Here are just a few:

- Read to Hank the Therapy Dog (every Wednesday at 11:30 am, starting July 1)
- Tom Joyce's "You Are a Hero Magic Show" (June 26, 3:30 pm)
- Herbaceous Perennials with Dr. Perry (June 29, 6:30 pm)
- Teen Tinker Tuesday: Super Shapes (June 30, 1:30 pm)
- Ericc Cram: Be Your Own Hero! (June 30, 12 pm)
- Classic Car Show (July 11, 10 am-1 pm)

On Saturday, July 4, join us on the library lawn for the Colchester Independence Day Parade – we'll have fresh watermelon! The Library will be available for bathroom use (but is otherwise closed).

Lastly, the library's June Trustees Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 25 at 4 pm. As always, meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend!

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

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