



Colchester Town News

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Colchester-What do you want to do today?

For the Week Ending July 24, 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 H. Francis, Town Manager

A reminder to take a look through our new website, www.colchestervt.gov, which has a clean and fresh new look as well as being easier to navigate. LCATV has put together a series of videos of the showcases presented by a number of the town's departments in 2014 and 2015. If you are not quite sure which department does what, or would just like to know more about how each functions, take a look. The most recent showcases by the Economic Development Department and Public Works Department provide overviews of the important work being done by these departments. These videos can be found at on our website at:

<http://www.colchestervt.gov/379/Dept-Video-Showcase>

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

At Burnham Library, we hope everyone's summers are progressing well. We'd like to thank the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts and everyone who came for making our car show such a success. On July 11, we had over fifteen beautiful cars and trucks at the library, showcasing automobiles from the 1970s all the way back to the 1920s.

Here are a few brief library reminders:

- Our Friday hours increased as of July 10; we are now open 10 am-6 pm, the same hours as on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Our up-to-date phone number is 264-5660; if you still have our old number written down somewhere, please make a note of it! Unfortunately, we're still working to get the phone book updated.

A few of our upcoming programs still have significant space - you can sign up online!

- The Super Heroes that Help Provide Our Food: BEES! - Thursday, July 30 at 2 pm. For ages 5 and up.
- Preschool Tea Party - Monday, Aug. 3 at 12 pm - Tea and treats for ages 2 and up.
- Hero Stories Comic Workshop (Teens) - Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 3-5 pm. For ages 12 and up.

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- First Time Kindergartners – Monday, Aug. 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 am. Meet other children (and their parents) who are headed to kindergarten in the fall. Come to one or all.

If you're interested in tabletop games, we've got a few options at the library:

- Tabletop Games for Kids & Families – Friday, Aug. 7 from 2-4 pm. For all kids and their families.
- Dungeons & Dragons Night – Wednesday, Aug. 12 and 26 from 5:30-7:45 pm. There's one group for kids 9-13, and another for adults/teens 14+.
- Beyond Milton Bradley – Monday, Aug. 10 at 6 pm. Ages 14 to adult.

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.

- Summer Day Camps are continuing throughout the summer with great success
- Bayside Paddle Sports is open 7 days a week until August 23rd and weekends until September 20
- Stand-up Paddleboard Yoga classes are becoming quite successful with many participants
- AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) for Bayside Activity Center, Bayside Park and Airport Park have arrived and will soon be placed on site and training guidelines for volunteers to use the AED's are being developed
- Planning and staffing taking place for ACE before and after school program for the fall
- Bayside Beach dinghy dock design is completed and currently going through State and Army Corps of Engineers permitting processes
- Seasonal Park staff working on all parks general maintenance
- Reinstalled 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
- ACE Afterschool program is completed for the current school year and registrations for 2015-2016 school year are being accepted
- Colchester Triathlon took place on July 26th with over 350 participants
- Colchester's Fourth of July activities were held with great success despite a big thunderstorm prior to the fireworks
- Malletts Bay Cemetery will have about 15 trees removed and a new fence installed in August

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- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at new Village Park
- Parks Maintenance Facility at Airport Park is working its way through the ACT 250 process and we are about to sign contract with contractor for construction to begin in October

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