



Colchester Town News

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Colchester: What do you want to do today?

For the Week Ending July 31, 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

Our community has been bustling with vacationers and visitors due to the Canadian summer holiday, Colchester Triathlon, softball tournament and "Raftapalooza." There were a lot of boaters congregated in front of Thayer Beach on July 25th as a result of a Facebook/social media generated event dubbed Raftapalooza and we received very few complaints other than parking issues near Rosetti Beach and a boater who hit another boat. Please express your appreciation to our emergency responders, the US Coast Guard, our Parks and Recreation crew and especially the 100 plus Triathlon volunteers for their hard work in keeping our community safe.

Our Parks and Recreation social media guru, Mike Lapan, reports that as a result of using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to post information, pictures and videos of the Triathlon our community received a lot of exposure. We gained 17 new followers on our Facebook page over three days [7/25 – 7/27] and our total reach for posts was about 7,300 unique users. A few comments on our photos included:

- "Thank you to all who made it a safe & successful day!"
- "All volunteers deserve appreciation, but the volunteers you had out there today were over the top friendly and helpful. Thanks to each one of them."
- "FANTASTIC DAY! Thanks so much to all who made it the most fun and uplifting time! Can't thank you enough!"

Events like these are also valuable to our economic development efforts in recruiting and retaining new business and employers.

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

Police Department
Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

The past four weeks have been extremely busy. The Fourth of July celebrations, Triathlon, Raftapalooza and other events have kept us fully engaged. In addition to these special events, seasonal uptick in traffic and recreational boating, etc., we responded to nearly 900 calls for service in the past four weeks. We had an additional 430 contacts with citizens through traffic stops. During this time frame we arrested 40 people for a total of 44 crimes ranging from Driving with a Suspended License, Driving While Intoxicated, Drug Possession, Domestic Assault and others.

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



CPD would like to remind citizens that while our beaches are to be enjoyed, there are certain rules that apply in order to keep the beaches safe and enjoyable for all. In particular, we have received complaints about illegal and inconsiderate behavior at Thayer Beach/Rossetti Park. At this location the beach closes at dusk and the following rules apply:

- no glass bottles
- no alcohol of any kind
- no dogs allowed
- no fires of any kind.

There will be extra patrols of this area in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about the regulations at Colchester Parks or Beaches, please see Article III of the Colchester Code of Ordinances. It is accessible at www.municode.com.

For more information about Colchester Police Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Police/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Rescue received 96 calls for service since July 1st. Of these 96 calls, we transported 62 people to the hospital, turned over 6 calls, and provided 16 mutual aid calls.

As the weather gets hot the ambulance crews and Technical Rescue Team sees an increase in calls. Please take steps to stay hydrated, cool and safe during hot and humid conditions!

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Rescue/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5990.