



Colchester Town News

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For the Week Ending August 21, 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 Selectboard and staff are proud of the recognition by Money.com naming Colchester as one of America's best places to live! Out of 3,635 communities with populations of 10,000 to 50,000, we rank 40th based on income and job growth, unemployment rates, tax burden and fiscal strength, housing affordability, education, health, crime, arts and leisure activities and ease of living. Much of our community's success can be attributed to our dedicated employees, boards, and committees as well as the numerous volunteers that make our community a special to live. Congratulations to all of us!

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 the summer season draws to a close (despite the recent heat wave) we'd like to thank everyone who participated and helped out for another great summer full of events! We've had tea parties and lake monsters, miniature robots and sled dogs, board games and classic cars.

We will be closed on Thursday, September 3rd for a planning workshop, and on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day; we hope that everyone has a nice holiday weekend. Here are a few of our upcoming programs:

- College Entrance Exams - The library is partnering with Kaplan to offer students free practice tests for a range of college entrance exams. The tests will allow students to sit for the exam and have an authentic testing experience; students will also receive a full score report outlining their strengths and weaknesses. They take place just down the street at Our Lady of Grace Church (784 Main Street). Sign up at our website. Here are the dates:
 - Practice SAT/ACT Exam - Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9 am-1 pm
 - Practice PSAT Exam - Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9 am-1 pm
 - Practice SAT Exam - Saturday, Sept. 19 at 9 am-1 pm
 - Yoga - Our Drop-In Yoga program returns to Tuesdays at 4:30 pm starting Sept. 15. Bring a mat and enjoy poses for mindful stretching and relaxation.

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



- United Way – On Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 4-5:30 pm, the library will host the United Way of Chittenden County’s Volunteer Connection. At this event, you can explore the wide range of volunteer opportunities available, and learn how easy it is to be engaged and to give back to help meet community needs. The Volunteer Connection partners with nonprofits in Colchester and over 250 nonprofits and over 350+ volunteer opportunities in Chittenden County. Whether you want to volunteer once a week, once a month, or once in a while they can connect you with the right opportunity.

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 in their final week. It looks like we’ve had a record number of participants
- Stand-Up Paddleboard Yoga classes are becoming quite popular with many new students
- Bayside Paddle Sports is now open only on weekends until September 20th
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have arrived for Bayside Activity Center, Bayside Park and Airport Park and will soon be placed at these sites
- Developing training guidelines for volunteers to AED use
- Staff training is now underway for the fall ACE before and after school programs; school starts August 24th
- Currently interviewing Program Coordinator candidates: there were over 40 applications submitted for these positions which are paid by program revenues
- Artistic bike racks are almost completed. They will be installed in October
- Bayside Beach dinghy dock design is completed and is currently going through State and Army Corps of Engineers Permitting
- Seasonal Park staff are working on general maintenance in all parks
- Reinstalled signs along the bike path between Jason Drive and Bay Road to encourage users to stay on the path
- Meeting with LIFE Advisory Board to determine how best to market programs to the public
- Malletts Bay Cemetery will have about 15 trees removed and a new fence installed in August
- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at the new Village Park

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- Airport Park Maintenance Facility is working its way through the ACT 250 process and we are about to sign with a contractor for construction to begin in October

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