



Colchester Town News

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For the Week Ending October 23, 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

Volunteerism is alive and well in Colchester! We are thankful for the dedicated individuals who make our community such a special place to live, work, and play. Our Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board, Cemetery Advisory Board and Library Trustees have all been working hard on new initiatives this Fall.

The Selectboard and I have had the pleasure of recently sharing celebrations of service for the Colchester Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads and the volunteers who staff the Log School House Museum at Airport Park during the summer months. We will also be honoring the individuals who help our Parks and Recreation Department in a couple of weeks.

When I ask people why they volunteer I get a wide range of responses. Some express a desire to give back to the community and to help people; others credit parents who set an example by past involvement and the tradition has been carried forward; still others enjoy the connections they make with other community volunteers. For many, being a volunteer expands their social network and, as part of a collaborative effort, gives them an opportunity to make positive changes in the community.

We thank each and every one of you for your time, energy and talents! We can always use more help, so contact Linda in the Manager's office at 254-5509 or lgustainis@colchestervt.gov to learn more.

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

Burnham Memorial Library Kelly Tomaseski, Director

Happy Halloween from Burnham Library! We have some big events coming up in the next few weeks:

Skype with Andy Weir, Author of The Martian - Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm. If you're a fan of Andy Weir's book (or movie) The Martian, join us for a Skype with the author! We'll be able to chat and ask questions about the book! Open to teens and adults, please register at our website.

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



Halloween Performance - Friday, Oct. 30 at 6 pm. This year, the Burnham Library invites you to celebrate Halloween with a very special performance. The PuppeTree's production of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow is done with shadow puppets, and will be performed by professionals who will operate more than 100 puppets. Come in costume and join in the parade after the show. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Suitable for the whole family. Please register at our website.

Big Screen Movie Night - Friday, Nov. 6 at 6 pm. The entire family can join us for a showing of a popular film. We'll bring the popcorn! Call the library for the title of the film. The movie will be shown next door, at the Colchester Meeting House. Please register at our website.

Author Talk: The Woodchuck Returns to Gardening - Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 pm. Join author Ron Krupp as he talks about his new book. He will share some of his own gardening adventures, as well as passing along helpful tips. Copies of his books will be available for purchase.

Playaways - Have you ever heard of a Playaway? It's a standalone mp3 player that plays a specific audiobook, that you can borrow (just like a book) from the library. It runs on a AAA battery (provided), and you can use our headphones or your own. We have a wide range of titles available, for adults, teens, and children - check them out!

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 new structure for Youth Basketball for first and second grades is almost completed. We are currently taking registrations for the Youth Basketball program and we need volunteer coaches. If you would like to volunteer (and have fun in the process!) call Mike Lapan at 264-5640 for information.

The following is a short list of some of the other tasks completed by our department:

- Training new Program Coordinator Isaac Spivey
- Assisted with Capital Budget Planning Document
- Completed FY 17 budget
- We are fully staffed at all four ACE Program Sites and most sites are at capacity
- Planning for the Colchester Pride Volunteer social on November 6th
- Creating a Concession Permit Application to allow for-profit vendors in the parks.

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- Artistic bike racks are completed. They will be installed in November.
- Bayside dinghy dock has received a permit. Dock will be installed in Spring 2016.
- Seasonal staff working on all parks' general maintenance in preparation for winter.
- Malletts Bay Cemetery renovation is completed and we are awaiting delivery of a new sign.
- Park staff will be doing some seasonal clean up at the cemeteries.
- Working with State of Vermont ACT 250 regulators for permitting to construct a recreational trail at the Village Park.

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