



Colchester Town News

Colchester-What do you want to do today?

For the Week Ending February 26, 2016

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

This newsletter is being written before our annual meeting and elections have taken place. We are seeing a significant increase in absentee ballot requests and interest in the local and national elections with over 700 people having voted absentee before Election Day. This time of year creates a significant amount of work for all of the election officials and our staff, particularly those in the Clerk's office. We extend our appreciation to these dedicated individuals who ensure we have an open, transparent, and smoothly-run election.

On behalf of the Selectboard, we thank all of the residents who voted and took the time to attend our annual meeting. The Selectboard worked closely with staff to prepare a budget that upholds the quality services Colchester is known for while addressing some additional service demands and state/federal mandates. We have worked especially hard over the past several years to keep spending down, have diversified our revenue sources, and are continually looking for more efficient methods of delivering services.

Finally, as a reminder, on the heels of Town Meeting comes the third and final installment of your taxes which are due March 15, 2016. For more information about what your municipal taxes pay for, please look through our website, www.colchestervt.gov, which has information and videos for each department that showcase our services.

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

Police Department Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

A relatively mild winter has yielded a 50% reduction in traffic crashes in the past four weeks versus the same time period in 2015. Please continue to drive carefully and help us keep the crash numbers low!

In the past four weeks we have handled 873 incidents leading to the arrest of 22 people for 29 charges.

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



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Did you know that CPD is now on Twitter? Follow us at: @colchesterpdvt. We are also on Facebook and frequently post news, interesting articles and other stories. Check us out! For those who prefer a more traditional website, you can find us online at: <http://www.colchestervt.gov/261/Police-Department>.

CPD will be hosting two open houses in March. These are opportunities for the public to meet the staff, tour the building and ask questions. On Tuesday March 29th we will have coffee and donuts (of course!) available from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Stop by on your way to work and see us. The following day, Wednesday March 30th, we will have cookies and coffee available from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for the community to interact with our officers and staff informally and talk about whatever issues you may have on your mind. Please join us!

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

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

- Since Jan 28th Rescue has received 82 requests for service
- Transported 48 people to the hospital
- Turned over 3 calls
- Provided mutual aid to surrounding communities 19 times

Fun statistics about our call times/volume since January 28th:

- 16.67% of our calls come between midnight and 6AM
- 27.38% between 6 AM and noon
- Highest call volume, 36.90%, comes between noon and 6 PM
- 19.50% from 6 PM to midnight
- Wednesdays had the highest call volume, with 18% of the calls
- Falls accounted for the single highest dispatch reason, at 13% of calls

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

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