



For the Week Ending March 25, 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

The Town will be conducting a Needs Assessment in preparation for creating a Master Plan for a Health and Wellness Center and a Master Plan for Bayside Park. These plans will create a framework for our goals for community spaces, investigation of available funding sources and identification of potential partnerships.

A Public Forum will be hosted by the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department and Green Play, LLC, a company that specializes in parks, recreation and open space consulting, on Thursday, March 31st, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Colchester High School auditorium. We encourage residents, business owners, special interest groups, and any other interested parties to attend this important event.

In addition to the forum, a community survey is planned to help us identify the priorities and desires of our residents. The results will serve as a guide for upgrading and improving our recreational facilities and services in a manner that will best support the needs of our residents.

We hope you will take this opportunity to express your opinions and ideas as we explore possibilities and plan the future of public spaces and amenities that will make Colchester an even better place to live, work and play.

For more information about the Town Manager's Office, please visit or call (802) 264-5509.

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly Tomaseski, Director

Greetings from Burnham Library

The recent renovations in the adult department have been completed and things are back to normal. Thanks to everyone for your patience during the process. If you haven't done so yet, please stop by to see the new paint colors and carpet in our main space!

Here are a few of our upcoming programs:

- Practice SAT/ACT Exams - Apr. 9 at 9 am (SAT) and Apr. 23 at 9 am (ACT). Burnham Young Adult partners with The Princeton Review to offer you FREE practice tests. Sign up in-person or online by April 1 to reserve your spot! The test generally lasts about four hours; bring snacks, and be prepared to be here

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a while. Open to all who sign up, high school students and college applicants recommended. They take place at Our Lady of Grace church (784 Main St.), just down the street.

- Family Games – Friday, Apr. 15 from 3-5 pm. Want to try new games with old friends or old games with new friends? The possibilities are endless! Bring a friend, bring your favorite game, or come solo and game-less. For all kids & their families.
- One-on-One Tutoring – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Students from the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Colchester campus) tutor students in reading, math, and science at the library. The program is focused on grades 1-6, but tutoring is available in other grades for certain subjects. Sessions take place on Mondays from 6-8 pm, Wednesdays from 4-8 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am-2 pm. There is no fee for this service. Call us at 264-5660 to sign up.
- Book Clubs – No matter your age or taste, the library has a wide range of book clubs available. For kids 8-11, the DCF Book Discussion meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Teens can join the GMBA Reader's Club, who meet the last Monday at 5:30 pm. And for adults, we have the Wednesday Evening Book Club (the 1st Monday at 6:45 pm), an Adult Book Discussion led by a library staff member (the last Tuesday at 1 pm), and the Books & Bites session, which meets at local restaurants every other month. See our website for more info, or stop by the library to checkout this month's title.
- VT Online Library - Did you know that patrons can access a wide range of resources through the Vermont Online Library? This month, we focus on History in Context which covers significant people, events, and topics in US History; whether you're looking for information on the Civil War or Watergate, James Monroe or Sojourner Truth, it can help. There's a well-researched summary of the topic, a bibliography, and access to relevant articles, images, and even videos. It's useful for students, as well as those who just want to know more. For more information, take a look at our website or stop by the library.

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

- GreenPlay LLC will be in town the week of March 28th to conduct focus group meetings. There will be a Public Forum on March 31st at 6:30 pm at Colchester

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Colchester Town News

Colchester-What do you want to do today?

High School about the Bayside Park Master Plan and Community Health and Wellness Center Master Plan and Needs Assessment. All residents are invited.

- Parks division will move into the new park maintenance building on April 1st.
- Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Program Brochure is available and many of our summer camps are filled.
- Parks & Recreation staff will be conducting Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and CPR training this week.
- Accepting applications for summer seasonal help with programs, camps and park operations.
- Colchester Youth Lacrosse has begun; Coaches' training is underway.
- ACE afterschool program registration has begun for next school year. There are just a few openings available, so don't wait if you want to register!
- Summer Pavilion reservations began March 1st. The Pavilion request form can be found on our website.
- Special Event Request Form has been update and is now available on our website.
- Archeology sign-off received from ACT 250 regulators for construction of a recreational trail at the Village Park. Awaiting Prime Ag soils permit for North Trail project.

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