

For the Week Ending April 22, 2016

Upcoming Town Meetings

- Conservation Commission: Monday, May 2, 7:00 PM; Bayside Activity Center
- Planning Commission: Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 PM; Kirker Room, Colchester Police Department
- Colchester Selectboard: Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 PM; Meeting House, Main Street
- Development Review Board: Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 PM; Meeting House

Upcoming Events

- Green Up Day & Lions' Club BBQ; Saturday, May 7, Colchester Police Department
- Touch a Truck, Saturday, May 7, 9-11 AM, Colchester High School parking lot.

Notices

- **Burn Permits:** Residents seeking burn permits may now apply for them on our website: <http://colchestervt.gov/FormCenter/Police-8/Burn-Permit-49>
- **Road Work:** VTrans announced left turn lanes will be added east and westbound on US 2 in Colchester at the Clay Point Road intersection. The project is projected to run from the week of April 18th through mid-June 2016. Work hours will be 6:30 am- 5:00 pm and Saturday work may be necessary to remain on schedule. Expect traffic delays while traveling through the project and plan accordingly.
- **Road Closure:** The Town will be replacing the Morehouse Brook Culvert, which crosses Malletts Bay Ave. at the Winooski and Colchester town line, with closure of Malletts Bay Ave. to through traffic. We expect construction to begin around late June-early July and best estimate at this time is a 1 - 2 month closure. Additional information can be found on the Colchester website at: <http://colchestervt.gov/309/Morehouse-Brook-Culvert-Repair>

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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

Spring is here, albeit in fits and starts, and the new Town dock has been installed at Bayside Park. One hundred feet of gleaming white dock will give "transient" boaters

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a place to tie up their dinghies and come ashore to visit Colchester restaurants, businesses, and attractions. New welcome signage in English and French has been installed and there is a kiosk with handy Town maps and brochures.

With summer vacation and travel season just around the corner, the Town is delighted that bicycle rentals are now available at Malletts Bay Bicycle & Ski. They are conveniently located on West Lakeshore Drive, close to the bay and bike path. They also sell bikes and bike accessories and perform repairs.

Speaking of bike paths, the Island Line Trail, which includes the Colchester bike path and Causeway, was recently named the 6th best bike path in the United States by BICYCLING magazine and Rodale's Organic Life! You can read the full article online: <http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/wellbeing/10-best-car-free-bike-paths-in-the-usa/>

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

Greetings from Burnham Library. Spring has finally sprung, and the world outside the library is starting to look a bit greener. We'd like to mention that the library will be closed on Wednesday, May 18 for the annual Vermont Library Association conferences, as well as on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Here are a few of our upcoming programs:

- **Books & Bites at Junior's** - Tuesday, May 9 at 6 pm. Join us for food and a book discussion. This month, we'll meet at Junior's Italian in Colchester (85 South Park Drive). We'll be reading *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. Please sign up at our website.
- **Perennial Plant Swap** - Saturday, May 14 at 10 am in the library courtyard. Bring a plant in a labeled container and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Swapping starts precisely at 10:00 am. Please, no Orange Daylilies/Ditch Lilies.
- **Teen Movie Night** - Friday, May 13 at 6 pm. It's Friday the 13th and obviously we need to make some good karma and not walk under ladders, etc. Watching a movie seems pretty safe. Join us for a film (call for title) with comfy seating, popcorn and beverages. Potential for shenanigans like Sardines and dance breaks. Teenage humans only, grades 6-12. Sign up online - Kelsey needs at least 3 people to make this happen!

- Family Games – Friday, May 20 from 3-5 pm. Looking to try new games with old friends or old games with new friends? The possibilities are endless! Bring a friend, or come solo; with your favorite game, or without. For all kids & their families.
- Louise Penny Bus Trip - Saturday, June 18. The library is putting together a bus trip to the Eastern Townships of Quebec, visiting the places that inspired the world of Penny's Three Pines. Cost is \$40 per person due at time of registration (covers transportation) and the trip is open to Colchester residents. Residents from other towns may be put on a waiting list, in the event additional seats become available. For more information, stop by the library.
- Toddler Storytime – Tuesdays at 10:30 am. A weekly selection of music, rhymes, stories, and a snack! For ages 18 months-3 years. Call to sign-up.
- Preschool Music – Tuesdays at 11:30 am. Come to the library for music and fun every Tuesday. Best for ages 3-5. Sponsored by the Friends of Burnham Library.
- Drop-In Gentle Hatha Yoga – Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. Did you hear that Yoga is back? Every Tuesday, bring a mat and enjoy poses for mindful stretching and relaxation. Instructor Betty Molnar is certified as a Hatha Yoga instructor from the Temple of Kriya Yoga in Chicago and a registered nurse of over 30 years. Sponsored by the Friends of Burnham 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

The following is a small sampling of tasks completed by our department.

- Completed hiring for all summer camp staff- (63 seasonal staff).
- New Park Maintenance Building construction is complete and staff moved in. The Old Park Maintenance Office will be torn down the week of April 18.
- Transient dinghy dock at Bayside Park has been installed and will be ready for use by May 1st.

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- GreenPlay survey that is part of the Community Health and Wellness Center and Bayside Park Master Plan will be sent out in May. Please provide your input!
- Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Program Brochure is now available to the public. Many summer camps have filled, so apply soon.
- Parks and Recreation staff trained 12 coaches in AED/CPR this past week.
- Colchester Youth Lacrosse games will start during school vacation.
- ACE afterschool program registration for the 2016-17 school year has begun; just a few openings available.
- Pavilion reservations for summer rentals began on March 1st. The Pavilion Request form and the updated Special Event Request Form can be found on our website at www.colchestervt.gov
- Planning is underway for the May Touch-a-Truck and Causeway 5/15K events.
- Concessionaire Permit Policy is complete. Those interested in vending in the parks may contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

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