

For the Week Ending April 29, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 PM (possible executive session); 6:30 PM regular meeting. **Note change of venue:** Champlain Room, 2nd floor, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road.
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM. Meeting House.

Upcoming events:

- **Green-Up Day and Lions' Barbecue:** Saturday, May 7th at the Colchester Police Department. Routes and food coordinated by the Colchester Conservation Commission. Lions' Club will be grilling lunch for the volunteers. The Town thanks Myer's Container Services for their generous donation of the dumpster and hauling again this year.
- **Touch a Truck:** Saturday, May 7th, 9AM - 11AM at the Colchester High School parking lot. Little ones will be thrilled to see and explore various Town trucks at this annual hands-on event.

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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

Some of our nine buildings and facilities are receiving a variety of improvements and repairs due to our taxpayers' willingness to fund our Capital Equipment and Facilities Plan. Projects underway this spring include:

- Exterior painting for the Town Meeting Hall and Historical Society building on the Village Green (Historical Society received a grant to fund a portion of the work).
- Library now has new carpeting and interior paint; new windows and doors are being installed and the slate roof is being cleaned.
- The Rescue building is being painted.
- The 3rd floor attic space in the Town Offices on Blakely Road is being converted to a large meeting space where future Boards and Commissions meetings will be held beginning in July, thereby freeing up space in the Town Meeting Hall on the Village Green to be used as programming space for the Library.

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

- The new Airport Park Maintenance Building project is complete, except for some landscaping.

Under the management of Bryan Osborne and Robin Parry of our Public Works Department, Glen Cuttitta with our Parks and Recreation Department, Aaron Frank our CFO, and Kelly McCagg with the Burnham Library, these projects have been carried out under budget and on time.

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

Police Department
Lt. Douglas Allen, Colchester Police Dept.

Over the past four weeks, CPD officers handled 1,022 calls for service. Those calls include making contact with 391 drivers for various infractions from speeding to driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. During this time 24 persons were arrested on 30 different charges ranging from shoplifting, aggravated sexual assault, domestic assault, drug possession, and more.

We're making plans with our public safety partners and the Colchester High School to give a presentation about driver safety called the "Mock Crash" to CHS Juniors and Seniors. This is our third year participating in this very powerful demonstration. This event brings a very realistic staged motor vehicle crash to the students who are about to embark on a period of celebration between the Prom and Graduation. Our goal is to remind them of the very serious consequences that can occur from distracted or impaired driving.

For more information about 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

National EMS Week is quickly approaching and Colchester Rescue will be in the community, meeting and greeting the public. From Monday, May 16th through Friday May 20th, Colchester Rescue will be participating in a variety of events, including a hands-only CPR demonstration and training at the Vermont State House on Tuesday, May 17th.

Colchester Rescue Open House Wednesday, May 18th from 6-8pm at the Rescue Station, 687 Blakely Rd. We invite community members to come meet our



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volunteers and staff. Tour the station and see our equipment, then learn Hands-Only CPR, and enjoy light refreshments.

Reflective 911 Signs: During the Open House residents may purchase reflective 911 signs for their homes for just \$10 per sign.

FREE Heartsaver CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillators) class on Thursday, May 19th from 6-9pm, at the Colchester Rescue station. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required; call 264-5590.

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