



For the Week Ending May 20, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, June 7 at 7PM at Colchester Police Department in the Kirker Room.
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, June 8 at 7PM at the Meeting House on Main Street.
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, June 8, 7AM, Colchester Town Offices in the Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Upcoming events:

- **Causeway Race, 5K & 15K:** Saturday, June 4: 8:30AM at Airport Park. Pre-registration required. For more information call Mike at (802)264-5640.
- **Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale,** Friday, June 24, 5-8PM (Friends of Library Preview); Saturday, June 25, 8AM - 4PM; Sunday, June 26, 10AM-2 PM

Notices:

- The **Colchester Dinghy Dock** is now open for boaters wishing to come ashore to visit Colchester.
- **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:** The Town Offices will be **closed** from noon to 3PM. The Library will be **closed** from noon to 2:30PM.
- **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:** The Town Offices and Library will be **closed** in observance of Memorial Day.
- **We want to hear from you!** Look for the community survey on the Community Wellness Center and Bayside Master Plans at the end of May. A public meeting to discuss the survey results and conceptual plans will take place on June 20th, time TBA.
- **We are seeking volunteers** for the Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale and the Colchester Triathlon. See this newsletter for details.

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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

Every year, we hold an Employee Recognition picnic to honor and thank our dedicated employees. Colchester has close to 100 full-time and 60 seasonal employees (the latter are parks, recreation and summer camp staff). We are fortunate to have many experienced employees with long tenures. The following employees have major milestone anniversaries this year:

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10 Years:

- Amy Akerlind (Rescue)
- Stephen Gutierrez and Kye Richter (Police)
- Denise Johnson-Terk (Planning and Zoning)
- Tom Manning and Dane McGrath (Public Works)
- Kristin Roy (ACE)

20 Years

- Ed Fournier (Police)
- Betsy Peacock (Town Clerk)

25 Years

- Bryan Osborne (Public Works)

30 Years

- Ken Nichols (Public Works)
- Gail Parish and Pat Spacapan (Police)

46 Years

- Marvin Siple (Public Works)

Please join us in recognizing these committed individuals, who have served our community so well, for so long.

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

It's hard to think about summer with a dusting of snow fresh in our minds, but the library is putting the finishing touches on our summer programming schedule. For kids, teens, and adults we'll be having a wide range of programs, from performances and a car show, to henna painting and making movies. Registration for summer programs and summer reading will open on June 9. Please note, that the library will be closed on Tuesday, May 24, from 12-2:30 pm, as well as on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Here are a few of our upcoming events:

**Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale: June 24-26**, at the Colchester High School, Laker Lane. Help support the library! Don't miss our collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials - all at bargain prices! We have a wide range of hardcovers, paperbacks, CDs, and DVDs. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, self-help, movies, audio books, and more! Friday, June 24, 5-8PM - Friends of the

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Library preview (you can join at the door); Saturday, June 25, 8AM-4PM; Sunday, June 26, 10AM-2PM (Blow-out sale). **We're seeking volunteers** for the event! Call 264-5660 for more information.

**Book Donations to Annual Sale:** Friday, June 17, noon-8PM, and Saturday, June 18, 8AM-2PM (Colchester High School). The book drop-off takes place at the High School the weekend before the sale. We will take hardcovers, **paperback**, DVD's, and CD's. **Please, no periodicals, encyclopedias, videotapes, textbooks, and no moldy or damaged books.**

**Read to Willy Wonka the Chocolate Lab:** Tuesdays, 3:30 PM (starting May 24). Sign up to read to our new certified therapy dog. **If you're not yet reading, an adult will read to you** while you and Willy Wonka sit back and enjoy the stories. Call to sign up!

**Drop-In Gentle Hatha Yoga:** Tuesdays, 4:30 PM. Have you heard that Yoga is back? Every Tuesday, bring a mat and enjoy poses for mindful stretching and relaxation. Betty Molnar, a registered nurse of over 30 years, is certified as a Hatha Yoga instructor from the Temple of Kriya Yoga in Chicago. Class is sponsored by the Friends of Burnham Library.

**Mike and his Big Blue Trunk:** Monday, June 13, 4-6 PM. Join us for our inaugural summer program! What better way to start the summer than with two hours of BIG INSANE outdoor games? Obstacle course, catapult, giant pants, balloon animals, and more! Fun for the whole family! Signing up online is appreciated.

**Anime Club:** Friday, June 17, 3PM. Kon'nichiwa anime and manga fans! Every third Friday this summer we'll be watching shows, eating delicious Japanese inspired snacks and geeking-out—because we can. Bring like-minded friends and Tanoshimimasu! For teens, grades 6 -12.

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.

- Hiring is completed for all summer camp staff (63 seasonal staff)
- Park Maintenance Staff is landscaping around the newly completed Parks Maintenance Building.
- New signs for the remaining Colchester Cemeteries have been ordered and will be installed by July 1.

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- Park Maintenance Staff have been trained in First Aid, CPR, and AED (Automated External Defibrillator)
- ACE afterschool program has only a few openings available for next school year. Register soon!
- Registration is still open for Causeway 5/15K on June 4th.
- Fourth of July planning has begun
- Planning for the Colchester Triathlon is underway and volunteers are needed. If you are interested contact Randy Mason at 264-5648
- Our Concessionaire Permit Policy is complete. Those interested in vending in Colchester parks should contact the Parks & Recreation Dept.

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