

For the Week Ending May 27, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Planning Commission Public Hearing on Lakeshore Drive Zoning:** Tuesday, June 7th, 7 PM, Kirker Room at the Colchester Police Department.
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, June 8th, 7 PM, Meeting House on Main Street.
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor.

Upcoming events:

- Causeway Race 5K/15K, Saturday, June 4

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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

Memorial Day weekend marks the official start of summer and our community's busiest season. While many of you are relaxing, your town government will be hard at work to ensure your safety, enjoyment, and access to our roads, sidewalks, paths, and buildings.

Here's some of what is on tap for our staff:

- Parks and Recreation events include the Colchester Causeway 5K/15K race on June 4; the July 4th parade and fireworks; a Summer Concert Series; and the Colchester Triathlon on July 31
- Parks and paths are being groomed and will be maintained throughout the season; the bike ferry to the Champlain Islands will be available as of the Memorial Day weekend
- Many parents rely on Parks and Recreation camps and programs, as well as Library events and programs, to safely entertain their kids while they are on school vacation
- Our community survey on recreation needs will be coming soon! A public forum to present the results will be held on June 20. Stay tuned for details.
- Planning and Zoning officials have warned a public hearing regarding the Lakeshore Drive Zoning Amendments on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM in the Kirker Room at the Police Station
- The Annual Library Book Sale at CHS will be held on June 24, 25, and 26.
- Public Works will be overseeing the reconstruction of Morehouse Brook culvert on Malletts Bay Avenue and the paving various roads will also occur
- Our Police Department, Rescue Squad, volunteer Fire Departments and many other departments will be coordinating emergency response for all of the events as well as

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participating in a “Vigilant Guard” mock emergency training scenario to ensure we are prepared for any emergency

- Our Marine Patrol and Technical Rescue teams are ready for assistance with activities on the lake
- The Assessor and Town Clerk’s offices are preparing change of assessment notices for 400 plus properties to maintain fair and equitable values
- Finance and the Manager’s office are closing out the fiscal year and planning ahead for next year
- The Director of Economic Development has been promoting our community via media and other venues. Familiarization (“Fam”) tours will be held in June for Colchester hotel employees so they can recommend Colchester amenities, businesses, and restaurants to their guests.

Enjoy your holiday weekend and celebrate safely!

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

In the past four weeks CPD has responded to 1047 calls for service, including 255 motor vehicle stops. We have arrested 33 people for a total of 42 crimes including Burglary, 1st degree Aggravated Domestic Assault, DUI, Unlawful Trespass, and more. During this time 10 burglaries have been reported. Seven of the burglaries were residential and there was one each to a dorm room, a shed, and a business. In three of the burglaries (30%) the building had been left unlocked by the resident. It is very important for everyone to participate in basic crime prevention strategies such as locking doors and windows when away from home.

This week the State of Vermont is publicizing its “See Something, Say Something”™ campaign. “See Something, Say Something” is a brand utilized by many states across the country. The message is simple: please speak up if you witness any unusual behavior. We need all Vermonters to speak up to keep our communities safe. If you witness any suspicious activity in Colchester you can call CPD directly or use the new Vermont tip hotline at 844-848-8477. You can also report via the internet at: [Http://vtips.info](http://vtips.info). Both reporting methods allow a person to remain anonymous.

CPD is celebrating 25 years of presenting the DARE curriculum at Mallet’s Bay School. Lt. Gov. Phil Scott will be the DARE graduation speaker on June 6th to recognize students for successful completion of the program. For more information on the DARE program please visit CPD’s website <http://colchestervt.gov/261/Police-Department>. For more information about Colchester Police Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

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Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Last week was National EMS week, a time to celebrate and recognize those who serve their communities in Emergency Medical Services. We participated in EMS day at the Vermont State House, held our Annual Open House, and participated in a mock crash at the High School. We also held a free Hands-Only CPR course at our station.

During the month of May we were requested 75 times and transported 51 people to the hospital. We turned over 3 calls while already on a call. Some patient statistics:

- 48.05% male
- 33.77% female
- average age 54 years

Regrettably, calls included some critically injured and very sick patients. As the weather warms up and traffic increases over the Memorial Day Holiday, please stay safe out there!

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