

For the Week Ending June 17, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 PM at the Meeting House on Main Street.

Upcoming events:

- **Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale:** June 24-26 at Colchester High School. See Library Newsletter for details.
- **4th of July Celebration:** Monday, July 4th. Visit www.colchestervt.gov for a schedule of events

Notices:

- The Library is looking for volunteers for the Book Sale. Contact Burnham Library (264-5660) if you would like to help.
- The Town Offices will be **closed** on Monday, July 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

The Burnham Memorial Library has been working to extend their services beyond the library walls in a number of unique ways:

- Little Free Libraries, a free community book exchange, are popping up all over Colchester. Severance Corners and Niquette Bay State Park each host one of these “take-a-book, leave-a-book” kiosks. Plans are in the works to install additional Little Free Libraries at Airport Park (thanks to the Friends of the Library) and Winchester Place.
- Library staff have also been making a concerted effort to visit citizens at off-site locations. In 2015, staff provided over 100 visits to local daycares and nursing homes, serving over 3,000 people.
- For the first time since 2007, this week every student from Porters Point School had the opportunity to visit the Library and get their own library card.
- One of our most inventive outreach programs comes as a result of a partnership with Niquette Bay State Park. In addition to the Little Free Library,

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the park hosts a Poetry Walk managed by Park Ranger Lisa Liotta and a library staff member. This is the second year of the program with a fresh trail and dozens of new poems.

The staff at the Burnham Library are ensuring that the gift of literacy is being shared with all members of our community.

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

We've reached the halfway point of June, and the library is just getting to our busiest time of the year. Here are just a few highlights from our upcoming calendar:

- Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale - June 24-26. It's finally time for our book sale! Help support the library, and don't miss our collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials - **all at bargain prices!** We'll 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, 5-8 pm (Friends of the Library preview sale - join at the door); Saturday, June 25, 8 am-4 pm; Sunday, June 26, 10 am-2 pm (Blow-out sale). Located at the Colchester High School (131 Laker Ln.). We're also seeking volunteers! Call 264-5660 for more information.
- Summer Programs - Our wide-ranging schedule of summer programs has begun. We have sessions for all ages. Kids have performances, drumming, games, science sessions, tea time, and much more. For teens, we have a monthly tinker program, tie dye, and lock-in, just to name a few. And adults can participate in needle felting, genealogy, and trivia. Many programs require registration - go to our website, grab a brochure, or call us for more information.
- Independence Day - Join us on the front lawn for watermelon and enjoy the Fourth of July parade! The parade starts at 11 am. The Library will be open for bathroom use only.
- Wednesday Wacktivities - Every Wednesday (except July 6) during the summer we have an activity for kids 5 and up, including an egg drop, paper airplanes, mini golf, and more. Please register at our website.
- Teen Tinker - Every month, join Kelsey and your fellow teens in a new tinker project. On July 12, we'll be building a paper roller coaster! On August 12, it'll be Silhouette Art. Please register at our website.

- Embroiderer's Guild - Wednesday, July 13, 10AM-noon. See textile and needlework artists from the Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America practice their craft. Watch them stitch, and bring your questions! No signup required.
- Beginning Genealogy - Monday, July 18 at 6PM. If you are relatively new to genealogy, then this class will get you started on the right path. Learn how to find vital records, techniques and best practices for conducting sound research, and how to organize all the records that you find. Presented by Sheila Morris, president of VT French Canadian Genealogical Society, home of the Vermont Genealogy Library in Colchester. Printed materials will be provided.

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:

- Surveys for the Community Wellness Center and Bayside Master Plans should have been sent out to 3200 randomly selected residents on May 30. If you did not receive a survey by mail, we encourage you to participate via our website: www.colchestervt.gov/recreation
- Summer Camps started the week of June 13th with many at full capacity. To see all of the camps and events being offered visit our website
- ACE afterschool program registration for next school year has begun; there are still a few openings available
- The Colchester Causeway 5/15K race took place on June 4th with 374 participants
- 4th of July activities are currently being planned. There will be a 5k Fun Run, the annual parade, and music and fireworks at dusk. See our website for more details <http://colchestervt.gov>
- The Colchester Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 31st. Spaces are still available. Athletes can register at our office or online at www.active.com
- New Parks Maintenance Training program is being implemented
- New signs for Colchester cemeteries will be installed by July 1
- Pavilion reservation request form can be found on our website www.colchestervt.gov/recreation
- Contractors who are interested in vending in the parks may contact the Parks and Recreation Department for information

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