Colchester Town News
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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

For the Week Ending
July 22, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. At this meeting there will be a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Colchester Zoning Regulations, Lakeshore Drive [Supplement 39]
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Outer Bay Room on the 3rd floor. At this meeting there will be a public hearing on the proposed amendments, additions and revision of the Colchester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Traffic
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, August 2, 7 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Champlain Room, 2nd floor.

Upcoming events:

- **Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 31, beginning at 8:30 AM at Bayside Beach.
- **Summer Concert Series:**
  - Thursday, July 28, 7:00 PM at Lower Bayside Park; In the Pocket
  - Thursday, August 4, Dupont Brothers
  - Thursday, August 11 (Rescheduled due to weather) Satin & Steel

Notices:

- The State Primary Election is being held on **August 9th**. All voters will vote at Colchester High School Gymnasium from 7 am to 7 pm. Since it is a primary you will vote for **only one** party. You will receive **three** ballots (Democratic, Republican, and Progressive). You will vote **one** party ballot and **deposit the two unused ballots in a separate box**. This is the same for absentee requests. We will mail three ballots to you; you will vote only one party, and you must return the two you did not vote with the voted ballot.
- The tax bills were mailed last week. If for some reason you have not yet received your bill please contact us. Please check your tax bill carefully to see if you received the residential rate if the property is your primary residence. If you have questions about your tax bill please contact us at 264-5520.

Volunteer Openings:

- **Planning Commission Opening:** Would you like to be directly involved in the planning of Colchester's growth? The Colchester Planning Commission is seeking a new member. No experience is necessary and any Colchester resident may apply. Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 PM in at the Town Offices on Blakely Road. Come attend a meeting or two to see if being a Planning Commission member is for you!
- **Recreation Advisory Board Opening:** Do you enjoy sports activities and Town social events? Is physical fitness an important part of your family's

lifestyle? If so, the Recreation Advisory Board wants you as its new member! Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday morning of the month from 7-8 AM at the Town Offices on Blakely Road.

- You may pick up a **volunteer application** at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road or download it from our website http://colchestervt.gov/383/Volunteer-Opportunities Call 264-5509 for more information.

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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

Colchester is home to some outstanding and world-renowned businesses. In just the last few weeks two of our local businesses have been recognized for their exceptional products.

The Village Scoop has been named the Best Creemee Stand in Vermont by Travel Like a Local: Vermont. They employ 14 local teens each year; support other local businesses by buying ingredients locally; and attract customers from Chittenden, Grand Isle, and Franklin Counties to our community.

Dell'Amore Premium Marinara Sauce opened in 1986 and moved to Colchester in 1993. They are one of the early pioneers of premium, authentic pasta sauce being sold to the public. Dell'Amore sauces are sold regionally, nationally, and internationally, with all products being manufactured right here in Colchester. They have received accolades from across the country including Cooking Light Magazine, The Boston Globe and The San Francisco Chronicle. On June 28th, USA TODAY named Dell'Amore a recipient of the WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARDS. This national recognition exemplifies their hard work and commitment to their industry.

We are also very pleased to welcome Vermont Bagel Company as one of our newest members of the business community. If you haven't already stopped in for a bagel, sandwich, salad or a delicious pastry, be sure to get there soon. It is located next to Bevo and across from Athens Diner. Vermont Bagel Company is a great addition to Colchester.

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

Summer programming is going full speed at the library. In the coming weeks, we'll have games, bike safety, trivia, music, and much more. Here are a few specific programs - check out our website or visit the library to find out more. You can sign up for all the listed programs online:

- Wednesday Wacktivity: Minute to Win It! – Wednesday, July 27 at 3 pm. Can you complete your zany tasks in under a minute? Let's see! For ages 5 and up.
- LCATV Child Producers Workshop – Thursday, July 28 from 2-3:30 pm,. Children ages 8-9 will have fun learning the equipment used to make television programming, and will complete a short library-themed project.
- Bicycle Safety, Tune-ups & FUN! - Monday, August 1 at 11 am. Charlie from Malletts Bay Bicycle & Ski will give you tips on riding safely, keeping your bike in good shape and where to ride. Please don't bring your bike, but bring your helmet for a check if you want to be sure you're wearing it properly.
- Trivia Takedown with Josh – Monday, Aug. 8 from 6:30-7:45 pm. Trivia is intended for teens and adults, though all ages are welcome. Join us for a trivia contest! Come with a team, or solo. Topics will include literature, science, history, pop culture, and more! Snacks will be provided, and the winning team will receive a prize.
- Practice SAT Exam – Aug. 13 at 9 am. Burnham Young Adult partners with The Princeton Review to offer you a FREE practice test. Sign up in-person or online to reserve your spot! The test generally lasts about four hours; bring snacks, and be prepared to be here a while. Open to all who sign up, high school students and college applicants recommended. Takes place at Our Lady of Grace church (784 Main St.), just down the street.
- Universal Class – Did you know that patrons have access to hundreds of online classes through a service called Universal Class? Though classes don't provide college credit, they are led by a real instructor and include actual exercises. Topics include business, cooking, computers, mathematics, science, and more! Find out more or sign up here: http://colchestervt.gov/226/Universal-Class
- If you're playing Pokemon Go, you should be aware that there are two Poke Stops and two Poke Gyms within 100 feet of the 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.

- The Community Survey for the Community Wellness Center and Bayside Master Plans was officially closed on July 1st. We will be receiving the results soon. Related information can be found on the Parks and Recreation website.
- We have offered 5 weeks of summer camps, serving over 300 kids per week. To see all of the camps and events being offered visit www.colchestervt.gov/recreation
- Bayside Paddle Sports rentals are in full swing. Be sure to take advantage of the season! Visit our website for more information.
- ACE afterschool program registration for next school year is open. There are still a few openings available
- Department staff will start taking applications for open employment positions for the ACE program in the fall
- Department staff organized and conducted the activities on the 4th of July such as the 5k fun run, parade and fireworks. 4th of July 5k Fun Run results can be found on the website www.colchestervt.gov
- Planning continues for Colchester Triathlon. We still need about 10 volunteers to assist with the event. Call Mike Lapan at 264-5648 to volunteer Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 31st. Spaces still available for athletes to register online at active.com or at our office
- New Parks Maintenance Training program is being implemented
- Airport Park Maintenance Building Ribbon Cutting will take place on August 9th at 5 PM
- Parks staff are finishing up the landscaping around the Parks Maintenance building
- New signs for Colchester Cemeteries have been installed
- Contractors who are interested in vending in the parks should contact the Parks and Recreation Department
- The plan for a trail at the Village Park has cleared the ACT 250 process and we will be going out to bid in September for construction

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