

**For the Week Ending
July 29, 2016**

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the new Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor. This will include a public hearing for resident comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Traffic and Chapter 1 at this meeting.
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, August 2, 7 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Champlain Room on the 2nd floor.
Tuesday, August 16, 7 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, August 10, 7 AM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor.

Upcoming events:

- **Summer Concert Series:**
 - Thursday, August 4, 7PM at Lower Bayside Park, featuring folk band “The Dupont Brothers”

Notices:

- **The State Primary Election:** Tuesday, August 9, 7 am to 7 pm. All vote at Colchester High School Gymnasium. 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.
- **Taxes are due August 15th.** If for some reason you have not yet received your bill please contact the Town Clerk. Check your tax bill carefully to see if you received the residential rate if the property is your primary residence. If you have questions 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 residents have a lot to be proud of. With summer in full bloom and the luxury of warm weather, we can partake of many events, services, and business offerings right here in town.

Whether you garden with seeds and seedlings from Claussen's, pick your own berries at Paul or Sam Mazza's farms, join Paul Mazza's CSA, or shop Brigante's vegetable stand, we have a generous selection of farm-fresh, local produce available in our community.

We take pride in our special events. Our Parks and Recreation Department sponsors many throughout the year. Have you attended any of the summer concert series on Thursdays evenings at Lower Bayside Park? Take a picnic and enjoy music by the lake beginning at 7 PM. On Sunday, July 31st we'll host the 32nd Colchester Triathlon! With hundreds of participants and volunteers, it's one of Colchester's most popular annual events.

With so many wonderful things to do in town, we want to share with visitors; so we now have signs in local hotel lobbies promoting the wonderful amenities we offer. We've recently placed Town logo apparel at Sam Mazza's Farm Market & Dick Mazza's General Store. They are great souvenirs, but also make nice gifts; tuck a tee-shirt or hoodie into the suitcase of a student heading off to college—it will remind them of home.

Be sure to show your pride by voting in the August 9th state primary election. If you'll be out of town that day you can stop by the Clerk's office to cast an early ballot or request your ballot online in the new Vermont Election Management System: <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> Exercise your right to vote!

Enjoy the summer and experience the many amenities Colchester has to offer.

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

A snapshot of our activity in the past four weeks:

- responded to 1150 calls for service
- arrested 30 people for 31 crimes
- applied for and executed numerous search warrants for cases related to arson, larceny, embezzlement, fraud and sex crimes
- completed a quarterly check on all registered sex offenders in Colchester
- participated in and staffed the Town's 4th of July events
- staffed Raftapalooza event
- prepared for Statewide disaster drill "Vigilant Guard" which is currently ongoing
- finished comprehensive rewrite of the Town's ordinances related to traffic

CPD would like to thank the many community members and groups that have shown support to us during these difficult days in American policing. We have been showered with notes, food, cards and other expressions of support. We are fortunate to be able to work in such a supportive community!

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

Summer continues to keep us busy. The winter months showed a downward trend in calls, most likely due to the lack of snow and fewer cars crashes. However, the first couple of months of summer have started to make up for the lower winter call volume. In June we had 115 requests for service. As of July 28th, we have had 114 requests for service. Since our last newsletter, we have been received 142 requests for aid! Seven calls were turned over while we were already on a call and we responded to 23 mutual aid calls while other agencies were on calls.

Both Rescue and Technical Rescue have also been active with summer events in town. This included being on standby for the Raftapalooza event at Thayer Beach on the 23rd; participation in a state-wide disaster drill on July 29th, and for standby coverage for the Colchester Triathlon on the 31st.

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



Colchester – What do you want to do today?

Enjoy your summer and stay safe!

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

Highlights of the Colchester Selectboard meeting of July 26, 2016

The following actions were taken:

- The amendments to the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Colchester, related to Lakeshore zoning and identified as Supplement 39, were adopted. They will go into effect on August 16, 2016.

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