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

For the Week Ending
August 19, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:
Selectboard: Tuesday, August 23, 6:30PM, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.
Development Review Board: Wednesday, August 24, 7PM, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.
Planning Commission: Tuesday, September 6, 7PM, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.

Notices:
From Public Works: As noted with our update last week, construction is proceeding well with the Malletts Bay Avenue Culvert Replacement and we hope to be able to open up to traffic very soon. However, we have had reports that the roadway and some driveways behind the construction barriers are being obstructed after normal working hours. Please do not park in or block limited access areas within the roadway. Please do:

- keep in mind that access for emergency services must be maintained at all times and driveways must be kept clear for local residents to access their homes
- reserve the limited number of parking spaces available behind the construction barricades for those whose driveways are currently obstructed by construction activities

We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in performance of this project. If you have questions or concerns, please contact DPW at 802-264-5620.

Volunteers Needed:
Planning Commission: 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: 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.
Development Review Board: An opportunity has opened for those who take an interest in Colchester Zoning! Members review site plans, subdivision, and conditional use applications, plus variance requests and appeals. Currently meetings are once a month on the 4th Wednesday, 7PM, at the Town Offices. Depending on case load, twice-monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month) are a possibility. No

experience is necessary. Come attend two meetings to see if this volunteer position is for you.
Board of Ethics: There are two openings on this board that meets occasionally on an as-needed basis when questions related to ethics or conflicts of interest arise.
Volunteer applications are available at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road or may be downloaded online at: http://colchestervt.gov/383/Volunteer-Opportunities. Call 264-5509 for more information about any of these boards or commissions.

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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:

Message of the Week
Chief Jen Morrison, Colchester Police Department

Calling all Red Sox fans! Actually, whether you are a baseball fan or not, we have some exciting news: The Colchester Police Department has been selected to present the colors at the Red Sox home game vs. the Kansas City Royals on Friday, August 26th. CPD's Honor Guard will appear on the field just before the 7:10 PM game time to present the American flag during the singing of our national anthem. We will post photos to our Facebook (www.facebook.com/ColchesterVTPolice) and Twitter accounts (@colchesterpdvt)!!

In other exciting news, Chief Morrison was invited to attend a briefing at the White House this week on implementation of the recommendations made in the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report. This landmark report was released about a year ago and serves as a road map for police agencies as we navigate some difficult times in American policing. The report contains 59 recommendations, organized into six "pillars":

1. Building Trust & Legitimacy
2. Policy & Oversight
3. Technology & Social Media
4. Community Policing & Crime Reduction
5. Training & Education
6. Officer Wellness & Safety

The White House briefing was educational and interactive. Chief Morrison, along with several other Vermont chiefs, brought back numerous strategies for turning the report's recommendations into action in our local communities. At the Selectboard

meeting on September 13th, CPD will give an overview of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report, as well as an update on how the report will help the Colchester community. If you are interested in reading the report and/or the implementation guide, the links are below. Anyone who has questions, comments or suggestions relative to the contents of the report is welcome to contact Chief Morrison at (802) 264-5555. If you really want to take a deep dive into the report and its recommendations, schedule a time for coffee and a chat with the Chief!

President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report:
http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf

Implementation Guide
http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/Implementation_Guide.pdf

As summer winds down, please remember that school will be back in session soon. That means many more pedestrians and bicyclists in and around the school zones. Please, slow down and ensure that everyone makes it to their final destination safely! Enjoy the waning days of summer 2016.

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly Tomaseski, Director

As summer programming is starting to wrap up at Burnham, we'd like to thank everyone who came out and participated in events this summer. Whether it was for Wednesday Wacktivities or Teen Tinker Tuesdays, Needle Felting or the Car show, Medieval Games or Theatre, we were glad to have you and hope you had a great time…we certainly did. Rest assured, there is still a wide range of programs for all ages available in the coming months. Here are a few of our upcoming events:

- Read to Willy Wonka the Chocolate Lab – Tuesdays at 3:30 pm (except Aug. 16). 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!
- First Time Kindergartners – Monday Aug. 22 & 29 at 10:30 am. Meet other children (and their parents!) who are heading to kindergarten in the fall. Stories, activities and a chance to share your thoughts. Everybody leaves with a free book! Sign up at our website.
- "Guy Reads" Book Group – Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 pm. Do you like reading non-fiction, science fiction, or action novels? Then join us at Groennfell Meadery at 856 Hercules Drive to enjoy some good books and better drinks. Everyone is welcome, regardless of gender. This time, we'll be reading The Last Policeman by Ben H. Winters. Sign up at our website.

- Preschool Storytime – Preschool Story time returns on Sept. 12, taking place every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 AM. Join us for stories followed by a craft or activity. For ages 3-6.
- Crafts for Kids – Monday, Sept. 12 & 26 at 3:30 PM. Kids 5 and up get to work on a new craft project every session.
- Books & Bites at Junior's – Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 PM. Join us for food and a book discussion. This month, we'll meet at Junior's Italian (85 South Park Dr.). We'll be reading The Good Lord Bird by James McBride. Sign up at our website.
- Practice ACT Exam – Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9 AM. BurnhamYA partners with The Princeton Review to offer you a FREE practice test. Sign up in-person or online at least a week before 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. The exam takes place at Our Lady of Grace church (784 Main St.), just down the street.
- Perennial Plant Swap – Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 AM, in the library courtyard. Bring a plant in a labeled container and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Swapping starts at 10:00 am on-the-button. Please, no Orange Daylilies/Ditch Lilies.
- Early Literacy STEAM Skills for Childcare Providers - Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 6:30-8 PM. The library was lucky enough to receive a training opportunity on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), specifically focusing on "Force & Motion." We'd like to share these lessons with the childcare providers in our community, and explain how and why force, motion, and other STEAM concepts are so important for pre-school aged children. There will be giveaways to help providers incorporate these concepts into their programs. Participants will receive credit from Vermont Northern Lights. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at our website.

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

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 sample of tasks completed by our department.

- The Parks and Recreation Department and GreenPlay will be presenting site evaluations for the Community Center to the Selectboard at their August 23 meeting
- Final Presentation of the Bayside Park Master Plan and the Community Center Needs Assessment and Master Plan will take place at the Colchester Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, September 27. Information about the Master Plan for Bayside Park, the Community Center Needs Assessment and Master Planning can be found on the Parks and Recreation website
- We offered 12 weeks of camps this summer
- 2016 Fall Program Brochure is live on our website and should be in mailboxes by Monday, August 22
- Bayside Paddle Sports rentals are in full swing. Operations will close September 6. Be sure to enjoy a day at the lake before the season is over! Visit our website for more information
- Staffing is complete for the ACE Afterschool Program and staff training will start the week of Aug 22. ACE registration for next school year has begun and a few openings are still available.
- Colchester Triathlon took place on July 31st with 367 athletes participating
- A new Parks Maintenance Training program is being implemented
- Airport Park Maintenance Building Ribbon Cutting took place on August 9
- New signs for Colchester Cemeteries have been installed
- The plans for a trail at the Village Park has cleared the ACT 250 process and we will be going out to bid in February for spring construction

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