

**For the Week Ending
October 7, 2016**

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Neighborhood Watch Program Informational Meeting:** Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Kirker Community Room at the Colchester Police Department, 835 Blakely Road.
- **Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 PM, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor
- **Conservation Commission:** Monday, October 17, 7:00 PM, Bayside Activity Center
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 PM, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor

Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Leaf Drop:** Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Airport Park. Plastic bags will need to be emptied onto the pile; Biodegradable leaf bags are OK. No woody yard debris.
- **Halloween Party:** Saturday, October 29, 2:00 PM at Burnham Library. Enjoy Halloween stories, crafts, dancing, snacks; Trick-or-treat around the library and join in a costume mini parade around the grounds with the librarians. All ages welcome. Sign up at our website.
- **Pumpkins in the Park:** Saturday, October 22, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Bring your pumpkins and join us at Bayside Park to carve jack-o-lanterns. For our supply count, you **must pre-register**, either at the Parks & Recreation desk at the Town Offices or online at <https://www.parksreconline.com/>

Notices:

- **Calling All Colchester Photographers:** We're looking for great photos of Colchester taken by residents for the Annual Town Report. Photographers will be credited for their photos. Details and submission form may be found on our website at:
<http://colchestervt.gov/FormCenter/General-10/Photo-Submission-Form-60>

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 summer may be over, but Colchester has many delightful activities to enjoy during the crisp, sunny days of autumn. Boating enthusiasts still have time to get out on the lake. For leaf peepers, outdoor activities are a wonderful way to get “up close and personal” with our beautiful fall foliage. Whether you bike the Causeway, walk at Colchester Pond or hike Niquette Bay State Park, there are many places to view the natural beauty that surrounds Colchester.

Shop Claussen's Garden Center for colorful mums for holiday decorating. Local farm stands offer pumpkins for carving spooky Jack-O-Lanterns to greet trick-or-treaters; and now is a perfect time to visit Paul Mazza's Farm for apple picking. Sam Mazza's famous cider donuts are a delicious way to re-energize after exploring their corn maze. You might want to take a few with you when you enter in case you wind up staying longer than anticipated! All are memorable ways to spend an afternoon.

Of course, a stop for mead tasting at Groennfell Meadery on Hercules Drive or dinner with friends at one of our local restaurants would make a convivial ending to a fun-filled fall day in Colchester.

With Halloween not far off, Parks & Recreation and Burnham Library are offering family events like Pumpkins in the Park, Needle Felting Pumpkins, and a Halloween Party with a mini Costume Parade. Visit our website <http://colchestervt.gov> for details; there's plenty to do!

Autumn has arrived and Colchester has a lot to offer visitors and those lucky enough to call our town home.

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 during September:

- responded to 1,116 calls for service
- arrested 23 people for 28 crimes including burglary, child abuse, DUI, drugs, and more
- responded to numerous residential burglaries and processed scenes for physical evidence

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- solved numerous felony crimes including embezzlement, burglaries and robberies
- wrapped up Marine Unit activities for the season and our school resource officers returned to classrooms and hallways
- prepared budget for FY18

CPD has changed its cruiser markings to align more closely with the Town's logo. Check out our new look on one of our Ford Interceptors. They are being put into service this month with an updated, fresh look.

Neighborhood Watch is a partnership of neighbors and police working together to prevent crime and address life quality issues. The Colchester Police Department is holding an informational meeting on the Neighborhood Watch program on Tuesday, October 18, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Kirker Room at CPD. Community Resource Officer Derrick Kendrew will be the host; he will give a short presentation with a question and answer period to follow. Light refreshments will be served.

We'd like to create a list of currently active participants in Neighborhood Watch, so if you're already involved, or if you have questions, please contact Officer Kendrew at 802-264-5552 or via email at derrick.kendrew@colchesterpdvt.org.

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

Since August 24th we have received 176 calls for service and transported 112 people to the hospital; 127 of these calls were in our primary service area and 41 were mutual aid calls from other towns. We turned over 11 calls to another agency while on other calls.

Congratulations to Becky Alemy on her recent promotion! Becky started at Colchester Rescue in 2006 as a volunteer; she became a staff member and then advanced to the position of Career Captain/Outreach Coordinator. Becky is now the Assistant Rescue Chief. Kudos Becky!

Welcome to Shelby Evans who recently joined Colchester Rescue to fill the Career Captain/Outreach Coordinator position. Shelby was a volunteer Advance EMT with Essex Rescue and wanted to make EMS her career. She is currently enrolled in a Paramedic program.



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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

We are now fully staffed. We are fortunate to have great Rescue employees and volunteers. They helped keep the ambulance in service during our transition period.

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

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