

For the Week Ending February 24, 2017

Upcoming Town Meetings*

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 PM
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 PM
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 PM

*All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.

Notices:

- The 95th **Colchester Annual Report** for FY 2015-16 is now available at the Town Offices, Burnham Library, by mail by request (call 264-5509), and on our website: <https://tinyurl.com/townreport16>

Upcoming events:

- **Monday, March 6, 2017 Community Dinner and Annual Meeting / Elections**
- **Community Dinner** starts at 5:30 PM in the Colchester High School Cafeteria. Join your neighbors and hear about what's happening in Montpelier from your Legislators! Bring a dessert to share.
- **Annual Meeting** starts at 7:00 PM in the Colchester High School Auditorium. The Town will present first and following a short break, the School District will present.
- **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 VOTE! Voting by Australian Ballot** will take place at the Colchester High School gymnasium 7AM - 7PM. Early voting available NOW at the Town Clerk's Office until close of business, Monday, March 6 (see below). On Election Day, March 7, vote at the High School Gym.

Message of the Week:

Get Out the Vote!

The local Town/School Election will be held on Tuesday, March 7th. If you want to avoid the rush or will be out of town at that time please exercise your right to cast your ballot early. You can request your ballot as you have done in the past: by calling the office or emailing us. Or stop by the office to vote or you can take advantage of the newly rolled out **Elections Management System (EMS)** that includes:

- **A New "My Voter Page"** An online resource that allows every registered voter to login and access their unique voter web page. Request an absentee ballot, track its status, update a voter registration record, find your polling place,

view a sample ballot, and much more. The **My Voter Page** login can be found at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

- If you are not registered to vote in Colchester you may register with the **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – it allows all eligible Vermonters to submit a voter registration application online anytime and anywhere there's internet access. Find it at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>
- **Same Day Voter Registration** is now available. If you are not registered by Election Day you can come to the polls, and register and vote at the same time.

The following Colchester residents have submitted petitions to run for elected Town offices. All are running unopposed, but all positions have a write-in line if you wish to cast a vote for someone else.

- **Selectboard, 2 year term:** Jacqueline “Jacki” Murphy
- **Selectboard, 3 year term:** Herbert Downing, incumbent.
- **Town Clerk/Treasurer:** Karen Richard, incumbent
- **Lister, 3 year term:** Angela MacDonald.
- **Moderator, one year:** Scott Barrett, incumbent
- **Board of Burnham Library Trustee, 5 year term:** Jessica Leary Clarke
- **For Grand Juror, one year term.** There will be a vote on the upcoming March ballot to eliminate this obsolete office from the Town Charter and no one is running for this position.

Burnham Memorial Library Kelly McCagg, Director

Greetings from the Burnham Library. If you're interested in crafts, story times, book clubs, or more, take a look at our calendar:

- **Toddler Storytime** – Tuesdays, 10:30 AM. A weekly selection of music, rhymes, stories, and a snack. For ages 18 months-3 years. Call to sign-up.
- **Drop-In Gentle Hatha Yoga** – Tuesdays, 4:30 PM. Bring a mat and enjoy poses for mindful stretching and relaxation. A registered nurse for over 30 years, Betty Molnar is certified as a Hatha Yoga instructor from the Temple of Kriya Yoga in Chicago. Sponsored by the Friends of Burnham Library.
- **Dorothy's List Book Club** – Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 PM. Join other kids aged 8-11 and share your likes and dislikes about Dorothy Canfield Fischer Award books. This month we will discuss “I Am Princess X” by Cherie Priest.

- **Read to Willy Wonka the Volunteer Therapy Dog** – Tuesday, March 7 & 21, 4:15 PM. Sign up to read to our volunteer 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!
- **Teen Tech Week 2017: Be the Source of Change!** - It's that time of year where teen librarians across the country celebrate technology and cool maker stuff. This year's programming includes:
 - Ukulele Sing-A-Long (Tuesday, March 7, 3:30 PM)
 - Game Theory & Design (Wednesday, March 8, 4 PM)
 - Scent-sational Chemistry (Friday, March 10, 4 PM)
 - 3D Design (Saturday, March 11, 1 PM)To sign up, or for more information, check out our website.
- **Cooking the Books** – Thursday, March 9, 1 PM. Welcome to our new book club! Each season we will pick a cookbook or novel that features several recipes. Participants will sign up to make a dish and bring it the day of the meeting. Staff will make a copy of your recipe. This season, we'll be choosing from recipes in "The Vermont Country Store Cookbook" by Ellen Ecker Ogden.
- **Practice ACT Exam** – Saturday, March 18, 9 AM. Sign up online to take a free, full-length practice test to hone your skills for the real thing. Sign up at least a week ahead to reserve your spot! Participants will receive a full score report from Princeton Review, and pending sign ups, may be eligible to attend a score report session to narrow down what you need to study. Call the library for more details.

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

We still have several weeks of winter, but we are looking forward to sunny days and warmer temperatures. Our staff has been planning for the spring and summer camps, activities and events. You can get the most up-to-date info by following us on our social media pages @ColchesterRec. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat!

- The Spring/Summer Program Brochure will be in resident mailboxes the week of February 27th. Be sure to check it out and try something new!

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

- Sign up for the Colchester Youth Lacrosse League! Register before March 3 and receive an early bird discount! March 27 – June 11.
- Bay Side Park Pavilion reservations for summer 2017 open on March 1st. Pavilion request forms can be found on the Parks & Rec website.
- Registration for the Colchester Triathlon and Causeway 5/15K races are now open.
- Registration for the 2017/2018 ACE Before & After School program will open March 20

There's still space on the following programs that start soon. Register now so you don't miss out on these enriching experiences:

- Kids Can Cook: Ages 8-11: Saturday, March 11, 1-4 PM \$40(R)/\$45(NR)
- Boater Safety: Ages 13+: Tuesdays: March 7 – March 28, 6-8:30 PM \$10(R)/\$15(NR)
- Bicycle Maintenance 101: Session A: Ages 13+: Choose Thursday, March 9 or Thursday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 PM \$40(R)/\$45(NR)
- Beginner Ukulele: Ages 18+: Thursdays, March 16-April 6, 5:30-6:30 PM \$125(R)/\$130(NR)
- Video Editing 101: Ages 18+: Wednesday, March 15, 7-8 PM \$25(R)/\$30(NR)
- Introduction to Fiddling: Ages 55+: Wednesday, March 8, 10:30-11:45 AM \$25(R)/\$30(NR) (Violins provided)
- AARP Smart Driver Course: Ages 55+ Monday, March 27, 12-4:30 p.m. \$15 (AARP member)/\$20 (non-member)

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

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