

For the Week of May 8, 2017

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Conservation Commission:** There will be no regular meeting this month. Members will be participating in Colchester Blooms, a program where we plant flowers at key intersections and parks.
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM.
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 PM.
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Wednesday, May 24, 8:00 AM. Town Offices, Champlain Room 2nd floor.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor.

Upcoming events:

- **Causeway 5K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 3 at Airport Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. \$25 for 5K / \$30 for 15K. Register by May 1 to guarantee t-shirt size. More info at <http://colchestervt.gov/358/Causeway-5K-15K-Race>
- **33rd Annual Triathlon:** Sunday, July 31 at Bayside Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. Early bird rates if registering by May 1. Register by May 26 to guarantee t-shirt size. More info at <http://www.colchestertri.com> Both races offer online registration at www.active.com
- **Volunteers are needed for the Causeway and Triathlon races!** Email Mike at mlapan@colchestervt.gov to volunteer or learn more. Come join in the fun and meet new friends!

Notices:

Beginning Monday, May 8 VTRANS will begin the repaving of I-89 in both directions between Exit 16 and Exit 21, including the exit ramps. The Exit 17 traffic signals will be upgraded as well. Traffic is expected to flow normally, but the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph, with fines doubled for speeding in the work zone. We request that you use caution when traveling through the zone.

The expected completion date is September 29.

Manager's Message of the Week

EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Week is May 21-27.

Imagine having a medical emergency. Perhaps you've been in an auto accident; or have tumbled down a hillside while hiking; or you've become short of breath while shoveling snow. You dial 911 requesting an ambulance. **Now imagine there is no emergency medical service available to help you.** It's truly a terrifying thought.

Thankfully, Colchester Rescue and Colchester Technical Rescue employees and volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. During Town

events like the Triathlon, football games, and July 4th Fireworks Colchester EMTs are waiting near the action, ready to respond immediately to any emergency that may arise. They provide mutual aid to neighboring communities and may join with other Rescue crews at large emergencies or community disasters. They share their knowledge with community members by hosting courses in CPR and use of AEDs (automated external defibrillators).

Colchester Rescue has 5 full time staff and between 35-40 volunteers. Many volunteer members average 60 hours of service a month. Colchester Technical Rescue has 26 specially trained volunteers who complete a minimum of 24 in-house trainings per year. Tech Rescue is physically demanding but very rewarding!

Colchester Rescue's annual Open House will be held Wednesday, May 24th 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at the Colchester Rescue Station (687 Blakely Rd). Bring the family to enjoy hot dogs and refreshments, meet the members and learn about their equipment. Most of all, take the opportunity to thank the men and women who selflessly serve our community every day of the year.

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**

CPD is celebrating 50 years of service to the Colchester community this year! We will be hosting a community-wide event on Sunday, September 10th to commemorate this milestone. More details will be forth coming, but save the date!

In early May we said good-bye to Officer Jesse Treier, a seven-year veteran of the department. We will miss Jesse's knowledge, work ethic and positive attitude. CPD is actively trying to fill two vacancies and we anticipate more vacancies in the near future. We had an excellent result at the Countywide recruiting event on April 26th and are working through the hiring process with several candidates. We hope to be back up to full staffing soon!

As the weather improves we urge all motorists to keep an extra sharp eye out for motorcyclists, bicyclists, pedestrians and all roadway users! Safe roads are everybody's right and responsibility!

In the month of April CPD responded to 954 calls for service. We arrested 26 people for 30 crimes including DUI, Home Improvement Fraud, Sexual Assault, Drug Possession, Assault, and more.

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

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

Colchester Rescue is pleased to announce we now offer E911 address signs to our community and there is no charge for E911 signs for residents in our service area. However, Colchester Rescue will gratefully accept donations to support our efforts to distribute these signs to as many residences as possible throughout our community.

The highly reflective markers greatly enhance the ability of our ambulance crews, fire department, and law enforcement to find your address quickly in an emergency. Signs are aluminum coated in high-intensity prismatic green sheeting, sized 6x12' or 6x18", with 3" white reflective numerals. Mounting screws are included. Email colchester911signs@gmail.com to request your E911 sign today!

May 21 – 27 is National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week. Please take a moment to thank your local EMS personnel for what they do!

Many EMS providers in Vermont are volunteers. These dedicated individuals give up holidays, nights, and weekends to be here for those in need; they receive nothing in return except the pride and satisfaction of knowing they make a difference in someone's life every time they go out on a call. Others have chosen EMS as their career. Whether volunteer or career staff, we all do the same job and take it seriously.

Our celebration of EMS week will include our **Annual Open House:** Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at Colchester Rescue Station (687 Blakely Rd). Join us for hot dogs and refreshments. Meet our members and see our equipment. You can order a house number sign during your visit.

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

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