

For the Week of:
June 5, 2017

Upcoming Town Meetings*

- **Selectboard:** Special Meeting, Friday, June 9: This will be a cross organizational summit with no formal action to be taken
- **Conservation Commission:** Saturday, June 10, Noon at Law Island. Rain date: Sunday, June 11
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 PM
- **Development Review Board,** Wednesday, June 14, 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.

Upcoming events

- **33rd Annual Triathlon:** Sunday, July 30 at Bayside Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. Info: <http://www.colchestertri.com> **Both races offer online registration at www.active.com**
- **Summer Book Sale:** Friday Preview Sale, June 23, 5-8 PM (\$5 suggested donation); Saturday, June 24, 8 AM - 4 PM; Sunday Blow-Out Sale, June 25, 10 AM - 2 PM. Don't miss our collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials – all at bargain prices! We have a wide range of hardcovers, paperbacks, CDs, and DVDs! Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, self-help, movies, audio books, and more! Located at the Colchester High School (131 Laker Ln.) We're also seeking volunteers! Call 264-5660 for more information. Thanks for supporting the library!

Notices

- **The Town Offices, Town Garage, and Burnham Library will be closed on Friday, June 9** so employees may attend an Organizational Summit Meeting
- **Donate Books for the June Book Sale:** Monday – Wednesday, June 19 – June 21 at Colchester High School
 - Monday, June 19, 4 – 7:30 PM
 - Tuesday, June 20, 2-4 PM
 - Wednesday, June 21, 10 AM - 7:30 PM

Hardcovers, paperbacks, DVDs, and CDs okay. No periodicals, encyclopedias, videotapes, textbooks, or moldy / damaged books, please.

- 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!

Manager's Message of the Week
Dawn Francis, Town Manager

2017 July 4th Parade Location Changed

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

This year, due to the extensive construction on the intersections of Routes 2, 7, and 2A near Main Street, the Colchester Parks & Recreation Department will move the July 4th Parade to Blakely Road for this year only. This decision was reached with the help of local emergency response agencies, including the Colchester Police, Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company, Malletts Bay Fire Department, and Colchester Rescue. It was determined to be the best course of action for the safety of parade participants, parade spectators, and travelers along the affected routes.

Blakely Road will be closed to thru traffic between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM on the 4th of July. The parade route will begin at Colchester High School at 11:00 AM, proceed east along Blakely Road, and end at Lavigne Road. The distance is one mile, equal to the Main Street route. Blakely Road has suitable sidewalks for pedestrian traffic and offers plenty of parking for visitors at Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School, Malletts Bay School, and Colchester Town Offices. Visitors are asked **not** to park on the Blakely Road shoulders during the morning hours of the parade. Traffic delays are expected to be minimal along Lakeshore Drive, Blakely Road, Williams Road, and Malletts Bay Avenue.

Parade participants will be given more information regarding parade staging at the High School and dismount zones on Lavigne Road prior to the event.

All other 4th of July events will take place in the same spots as prior years. The annual fireworks show will be displayed over the Bayside Softball Field at dusk. Be sure to bring the family and join your community for 4th of July fun!

For more information regarding the parade, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/363/4th-of-July-Celebration>; email recreation@colchestervt.gov; or call (802) 264-5640.

Police Department
Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

In May Colchester Police Department handled more than one thousand calls for service varying from death investigations, drug overdoses, mental health disturbances, traffic stops and more. We arrested 20 people for crimes such as assault on a law enforcement officer, leaving the scene of an accident, domestic assault, and violation of an abuse prevention order.

Recently, I noted that one-third of the Colchester Police Department employees have more than 25 years of service to this community. Seven members – including sworn and non-sworn staff - have over 30 years of service, with another five have served for over 25 years. There are several others, like myself, who have more than 25 years of experience, but not all in Colchester. This is an anomaly in Vermont policing and the citizens of Colchester are fortunate to be served by such a loyal group of law enforcement professionals.

With this graying work force come many benefits – maturity, experience, and wisdom amongst them. It also presents challenges for the future. Anticipating that we will see significant turn



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over in the next 3-5 years, we have ramped up our recruitment efforts and hope to maintain a list of folks ready to be hired. We are working feverishly to fill our existing vacancies within the next month and then continue to churn through applications to identify a short list of outstanding applicants who are waiting to protect and serve this community. If you know of anyone who is service-oriented, a good team player, reliable, honest, and resilient, tell them to contact us and learn more about policing in Colchester. It really is a career that makes a difference!

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House on May 24th, in celebration of National EMS Week! We had an excellent turnout, and even the weather cooperated. It's always great to see those who continually support us each year, as well as the new faces we get to see and meet.

We have had an outstanding response to the launching of our E911 Sign Program! We already need to order more supplies, due to the demand of the signs. If you are looking for a better way to mark your home to allow us find your address faster you will find the link to the E911 signs online order form on our website page at: <http://colchestervt.gov/295/Rescue-Squad>. We accept donations and appreciate them greatly, but our goal is to make sure every residence is clearly marked so we can find it quickly in case of an emergency.

Stay safe as the summer month's ramp up and everyone is out and about more!

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

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