

**For the Week of:
October 30, 2017**

**Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly McCagg, Director**

Greetings from Burnham Library! Thanks to everyone who attended our Halloween Party – we hope that everyone has a great time on the 31st!

- The library will be closed on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 for Veteran's Day.
- We will close at 5 PM Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed through Friday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Here are a few of our upcoming programs:

- Drop-In Gentle Hatha Yoga – Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. Bring a mat and enjoy poses for mindful stretching and relaxation. Led by a registered nurse of 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.
- Being Mortal Documentary Screening – Monday, Nov. 6 from 5:45-7:45 pm. If you thought you were dying, what would matter most? Join a national dialogue taking place in your community concerning an inescapable reality of life: death. Gather with friends, neighbors and peers to watch the FRONTLINE documentary “Being Mortal,” which explores what matters most to patients and families experiencing serious illness. The program will be led by Assistant Professor and MD Claudia Berger and UVM medical Student Elizabeth Carson. Register at our website.
- Dorothy's List Book Club (New Day and Time!) – Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 4 pm. Join other kids aged 8-11 and voice your likes and dislikes about Dorothy Canfield Fischer Award books. Kids can take the bus from school to the library. This month, we discuss *Falling Over Sideways* by Jordan Sonnenblick.
- Teen Craft Time: Paint Chip Mosaics! – Thursday, Nov. 9 at 4 pm. It's broken! It's pretty! It's...mosaic art! The results are awesome and super easy-peasy when you use old paint chips. Come make something ombre, shaded, or multi-chromatic with us! Teens grades 6-12. Sign up at our website.
- Read to Willy Wonka the Volunteer Therapy Dog – Tuesday, November 14 & 28 at 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!

For more about Burnham Library events visit <http://colchestervt.gov/library> or call (802) 264-5660.

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

- The leaves have changed and the temps are dropping, but here at Parks & Rec, we won't be stopping! On the Recreation side, many programs will enter their second sessions over the coming weeks, so if you missed the first session, or were put on a wait list, be sure to sign up soon. Upcoming programs include: Mindful Core Pilates (Tuesday evenings), Yoga for Fitness (Wednesday evenings), Youth Knitting (Wednesdays after school at MBS), Preschool/Toddler/Baby Music Maker sessions (Saturday mornings), Zumba Kids Jr. (Thursday mornings), and Zumba Kids (Thursdays afterschool at MBS). Don't forget that December 6 is a half-day of school: you can sign up for the Half-Day Program at MBS, UMS, and PPS now before it fills and keep you child busy all afternoon!
- Registrations are still open for the Colchester Youth Basketball League, which begins the week of November 13. Teams are offered for Grades 1 - 8. Registrations will NOT be accepted after December 1, so don't delay! Volunteer coaches are also needed at every level. If you're interested, contact Isaac Spivey at ispivey@colchestervt.gov for an application link; no experience necessary, coaching training will be held on Thursday, November 9.
- With winter just around the corner, don't forget to plan your Visit with Santa. Our annual Dinner with Santa is always a popular event, so be sure to register soon. Join us on Friday, December 15, 6:15 - 7:15 PM at the Colchester Middle School. The menu will be a "breakfast for dinner" with pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, and juice. Santa will read you his favorite holiday story.
- On the Parks side, work has continued on the Bayside Park Master Plan. If you missed the Select Board meeting on October 11 be sure to check our website at <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> to view 3D renderings of how the Bayside & Bayside/Hazelett properties might look when fully developed, according to the current plan. If you have questions about this project, feel free to contact Parks & Rec Director Glen Cuttitta at 264-5641.

- Construction has begun on a 1-mile surfaced trail at the Village Park (behind the Water District Building on Main Street). It is anticipated that this will be completed by mid-December.
- Please note that the bathrooms at Airport Park & Bayside Park are closed for the season. A port-o-let will be placed at Airport Park.

For more info on our events, programs, and park updates, contact Colchester Parks & Recreation at 802-264-5640 or email recreation@colchestervt.gov. Check us out on social media too: we're on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat @ColchesterRec.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 PM.
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 PM
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 AM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Champlain Room on the 2nd floor
- **Selectboard: Work Session and Budget Discussion with Administration:** Thursday, November 9, 8:00 – 9:30 AM. (Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor)
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 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 9th annual Leaf Drop-off weekend will take place November 4 and 5 from 8 AM to 4 PM. Colchester residents may drop off leaves for free at Airport Park (off Colchester Point Road in the Malletts Bay area) only during these hours and only on these two days. Leaves may be loose or in biodegradable bags-please no plastic bags. Grass trimmings, branches, woody debris, or Halloween pumpkins will not be accepted as these cannot be composted. (McNeil Wood and Yard Waste Depot in the Burlington Intervale or the Chittenden Solid Waste District drop-off centers, including Essex, accept these materials at no charge.) The Chittenden Solid Waste District will haul the leaves to Green Mountain Compost in Williston to be turned into compost that is sold in bulk there and by the bag or bulk at many local garden centers.

As in past years, members of the Conservation Commission are volunteering their time to help direct traffic at the park and serve as leaf drop monitors. **Additional volunteers are always welcome.** If interested in helping, please send an email to Theresa at news110@comcast.net.

The leaf drop weekend is one weekend only, as that is the arrangement that Chittenden Solid Waste District, which picks up the cost, has made with the Town.

- The Town Offices will be **closed** on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran’s Day.
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Traffic Notices:

- **Construction Update Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Intersection Project** Motorists will be driving on unpaved road surfaces so will need to drive slowly until the area is paved. On Tuesday, October 31, the contractor will install new granite curb near Bay Road/Route 7. Paving may begin next week, weather permitting. When there are two active work areas travelers may experience longer delays. There will be daily single-lane closures and alternating one-way travel. Please plan your travel to anticipate delays, especially during the peak AM and PM hours. Access to businesses will remain OPEN at all times.

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