

For the Week of March 12, 2018

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

Thank You to Those Who Voted on March 6th!

The Town of Colchester would like to thank all the residents who voted on Tuesday, March 6 to pass the Town budget and other very important articles on the ballot. Here is a brief recap of the voting results:

- The FY 2019 proposed budget passed
- The Charter changes to make the Town Clerk/Treasurer's position a qualifications-based appointment passed
- The agreement to form a union municipal district for regional safety dispatch, the Chittenden County Public Safety Authority (CCPSA), passed. The CCPSA proposal passed in six of the seven communities that had the opportunity to vote.

You can now find all the official results on our Town Clerk's page. We appreciate your support!

Have you heard that Aaron Frank, Deputy Town Manager has been hired by the Selectboard to become Town Manager on May 1, 2018, after Dawn Francis' retirement on April 30th? Aaron has been working closely with Ms. Francis for the past 5 years and is well acquainted with the Town's goals, vision and on-going projects. Mr. Frank will be conducting a candidate search for an Assistant Town Manager soon. We wish Mr. Frank all the best in this next phase of his career at the Town of Colchester!

TOWN SURVEY!!

The Town has a short survey (about 10 minutes to complete) about residents' priorities for Colchester. Please let us hear from you. You can access the survey from the main page of our website at www.colchestervt.gov

OR at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/R/LBR82WX>

Please participate to help us serve you better. Thank you for taking part!

For more about the Town Manager visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

Police Department Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

CPD Newsletter- March 2018

Late February and early March have remained busy for CPD both in terms of call volume and ancillary projects. In the wake of the school shooting in Florida we redoubled our efforts to maintain relationships at all of our schools and to ensure that emergency planning is continually updated and practiced. Our school based officers, Cpl. Mark Jacobs and Ofc. Christian Mellen, along with Lt. Doug Allen, has spent many hours focusing on school safety lately.

Back at headquarters we have stayed busy with ongoing review of policies and procedures, continual recruitment and (hopefully) hiring to get to full staffing, as well as planning our annual block training. Chief Morrison continues to lead the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police and she is working hard to stay abreast of issues statewide and particularly in the legislature.

Spring will arrive soon. The snowbanks that currently crowd our roadways will be replaced by pedestrians and cyclists. This is your “pre-season” reminder to share the roadway and exercise care so that everyone makes it to their destination alive and well!

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

National “Stop the Bleed Day” is March 31st! FREE “Stop the Bleed” course offered at Colchester Rescue!

Uncontrolled bleeding is the #1 cause of preventable death from trauma. Just as CPR initiated by bystanders improves survival in cardiac arrest, immediate control of bleeding can be lifesaving.

Stop the Bleed is a national initiative designed to educate laypersons in the basics of bleeding control so they can deliver lifesaving care prior to the arrival of first responders. This course presents principles and techniques, including the proper use of tourniquets. Participants will receive a booklet “What Everyone Should Know to Stop Bleeding After an Injury.” an instructional presentation, practical skills training and a printed certificate of completion.

What: Basics of Bleeding Control
When: Saturday March 31, 2018, 10-11am
Where: Colchester Rescue at 687 Blakely Road
Cost: FREE

Space is limited. Please register by emailing Shelby Evans sevans@colchestervt.gov

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

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Conservation Commission:** Monday, March 19, 6:45 PM at Bayside Activity Center.
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 7:00 PM
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:30 PM

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Upcoming events:

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 31, 10:00 AM at Bayside Park; FREE Event! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food drive! Sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club and Colchester Parks & Recreation
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Hosted by Colchester Rescue at Bayside Activity Center, 36 Blakely Road. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter ColchesterRescue to schedule an appointment.

Notices:

- **Taxes are due on Thursday, March 15th.** This is the 3rd and final installment for this fiscal year. Retain the top portion of your bill which has the necessary information to file for your homestead and state credit, if applicable.



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