

For the Week of June 11, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Town of Colchester was without access to Front Porch Forum (FPF) for most of the month of May and part of June. Despite our paid subscription--which FPF requires in order for the Town to have access to all six Colchester FPF "Neighborhoods"--it was not until last week that our service was restored. This is not a criticism of FPF, but it does illustrate the problem with relying on a communication method over which the Town has little control.

For the fastest response to questions or concerns, we encourage residents, businesses, and visitors to contact the Town directly via phone at 264-5500, or reference our departmental and employee phone and email directory at <http://colchestervt.gov/directory.aspx>.

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

Police Department
Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

School will soon be out and that means more young people on the streets, sidewalks and neighborhoods. Good weather also brings out more pedestrians and bicyclists. Please remember to watch out for other roadway users and courteously share the road!

CPD would like to remind the public that possession of fireworks is illegal in Vermont. It is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and up to 30 days in jail for each offense.

The Community Outreach Program has finished its first month in action and the team has been staying very busy. They have assisted officers in dozens of cases and have done outreach to people in the community with unmet social service needs. The goal of the C.O.P. is to provide a supportive presence in communities and to provide a timely response to individuals with social service needs and/or problematic behaviors that are non-criminal and often related to mental health issues or substance abuse. The Specialists are able to respond to many situations thereby freeing up police and first response resources. Businesses and individuals can contact the team directly by calling 488-7778.

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

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

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

Hello from your new Rescue Chief, Scott Crady. I officially took on the role as of June 1st and am happy to be serving the Town of Colchester.

- We congratulate Chief Amy Akerlind on her transition from her position as Rescue Chief to that of a Per-Diem member of Rescue. She is also now the proud owner of her own business, Squad Dogs.
- We welcome our new full time employee, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Kiley Baillargeon, who will be our volunteer membership coordinator. Kiley is a Colchester native, a UVM graduate, and brings us her experience as the Director of UVM Rescue.
- Rescue held its annual Open House during National EMS Week on May 23rd. There was a great turnout of residents. We would like to thank:
 - Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company & Malletts Bay Fire Departments for their attendance and display of apparatus.
 - Colchester Police for their demonstration of K-9 Tazer and grilling expertise.
 - Red Cross & Seat Smart (car seat safety) for their displays and assistance.
 - Colchester Technical Rescue for their display of equipment.
 - And special thanks to Paramedic Shelby Evans, our Outreach Coordinator, for a wonderful job of organizing this event!

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. **Next June meeting: 6/19**
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. **Next meeting: 6/13. July meeting: 7/11**
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, **Next meeting: 6/13. July meeting: 7/11**
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. **Next meeting: 6/18**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **June meetings: 6/12 and 6/26**

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- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00am at the Town Offices in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor. **Next meeting: June 20** (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:

- **Burnham Library: Friends Annual Book Sale:** Donations will be accepted at the high school on Saturday, June 23, 9am - 3 pm and Tuesday, June 26, 2-7pm. **Sale** will run Friday, June 29, 5-8pm, Saturday, June 30, 8am - 4pm, and Sunday, July 1, 10am - 2pm. **Help support the Library! Don't miss our collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials—all at bargain prices.**
- **34th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 29, 8:30am at Bayside Park; Visit <https://www.colchestertri.com/> for details. Registration is now open for individuals and teams.

Notices:

- **Routes 7/2, 2A Intersections Improvement Project: June 11-15**
Contractor will continue to work on installing drainage on Route 2A near Claussen's and the Spanked Puppy. Driveway access to these businesses will be maintained at all times. Travel conditions will be the same as this week with very little delay due to construction. Questions? Please contact Jill Barrett, Public Outreach Coordinator at 802.272.1248
- **Burnham Library is seeking volunteers** for the annual Book Sale! Call 264-5660 for more information.



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