

For the Week of July 9, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Colchester Blooms!

If you've driven around Colchester lately you've probably noticed the attractive plantings of summer flowers in traffic islands, Bayside Park, and other spots around town. These flower beds are the work of our volunteer Conservation Commission members and Colchester Blooms! Nine people spent 2 days and a total of 36 hours adding color and beauty to key areas for everyone in our community to enjoy. After a long winter we look forward to the displays every year.

Colchester Blooms! relies on monetary donations to purchase the flowers for this annual activity. If you'd like to donate to Colchester Blooms you can send a check to:

Colchester Blooms
c/o Liz Hamlin-Volz
123 Holy Cross Road
Colchester, VT 05446

Be sure to make the check out to "The Town of Colchester" and put "**Conservation Reserve Fund**" on the memo line. Thanks to all who have donated this year and to our Conservation Commission members who put so much effort into the project!

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

Police Department
Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

Summer is in full swing here at CPD. Our Youth Services officer spent a very busy few weeks in mid-June with end of school activities. We then conducted a bike camp with Parks and Recreation teaching enhanced bike skills to a dozen youths.

We are very close to filling our ranks with our 29 sworn officers that we are allotted. Officer Meghan Duell has started work and will spend the next twelve weeks working with a certified training officer.

Officer Jordan Berriere will start his duties with us shortly. Jordan comes to us as a certified Vermont law enforcement officer previously with UVM Police Services. In

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mid-July, Zachary Roy will join our department and begin his training at the Vermont Police Academy later this month.

With summer comes lots of outdoor activities and travel. This is also the time of year for crashes, injuries, and disturbances. Please be cautious and courteous both on the roadways and the water. Thoughtful actions go a long way to helping everyone enjoy our brief warm weather season.

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

- Welcome to our newest full time member of Colchester Rescue: John Keating. John is an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician with experience from St. Michaels Rescue and Milton Rescue. He will also be Colchester Rescue's Outreach Coordinator.
- Congratulations to Abbie Longchamp and Connor Poulin on their successful transition from junior to full members of the Rescue Squad. Junior members are personnel that are between the ages of 16 and 18 and are high school students. Abbie and Connor have been a pleasure to work with and we look forward to continuing our association with them as full members of Rescue.
- We would like to congratulate Rescue members Mathew McBride, Sara Till, and Donald Fahringer on their successful completion of their six-month probationary period.
- Colchester Rescue is now on Instagram, please follow us! @Colchester_rescue

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. *July only changes:* July Planning Commission meetings will be held on **7/10 and 7/24 at the Meeting House on Main St.**
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. **Next meeting: 7/11**
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, **Next meeting: 7/11**
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. **Next meeting: 7/16**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **July meetings: 7/10 and 7/24**

(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:

- **The CSWD Rover is Coming!** The Chittenden Solid Waste District's Rover is coming to Colchester on Saturday, July 14th at Malletts Bay Elementary School from 9am to 1pm. Bring your household hazardous waste that cannot be safely disposed of in the trash and the Rover will collect it at no charge to Chittenden County residents. (Business waste will not be accepted).
- **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:

Route 7/2, 2A Intersection Improvement Project: Next week, continued construction of the drainage system along Route 7/2 and Route 2A; work will begin on new driveway for the American Legion and Mobile Home Park across from Creek Farm; and widening work for the new southbound turn lane into Creek Farm Road will begin. Motorists should plan for some delay after 8:30 AM and allow extra time for their daily commute and errands. Questions? Call Jill Barrett at 802.272.1248.



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