

For the Week of August 6, 2018

Police Department  
Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

Summer is always a busy time for CPD. Our roadways, waterways and parks/paths are bustling with activity. Before long it will be back to school time! Please continue to drive safely and courteously, particularly in construction zones and around other roadway users.

By the time you read this, I will have retired and Chief Doug Allen will be soon be sworn in as the fourth Chief of Police in Colchester's history. Five years have flown by! I am sincerely grateful for the outpouring of support and kindness that the community has shown to me and the entire department over the years. In good times and in bad, you have supported CPD. Wherever I go I tell people how wonderful it is to be part of such an engaged, supportive and vibrant community.

CPD prides itself on being accountable for our actions (and inactions) and constantly striving to improve the level of service we offer to the Colchester community. We hope that we have earned your trust and respect through greater transparency, open dialogue and community engagement. These are difficult times for American law enforcement - thanks for making our corner of the world a positive one! It has been a privilege to serve as your police chief. Thank you, Colchester, for welcoming me and supporting me. This has been the highlight of my career! Cheers!

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

- Colchester Rescue Squad (CRS) has started using new scheduling software. It is going well and we are working out small issues. After we become more confident with scheduling we will be working on utilizing the software's full potential in other areas, such as forms and training.
- CRS joined with Parks and Recreation, the Fire Department, and Colchester Police for standby emergency assistance during the 4th of July celebration and the Triathlon. Rescue is examining how to best staff community events to serve both potential event emergencies and the regular call volume.
- CRS had an EMT on standby at the two-day Major League Fishing event.
- Our personnel are training in High Performance CPR. This is a state-wide initiative that will help improve outcomes for patients experiencing cardiac

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arrest with ventricular fibrillation. It's been successful in pilot programs throughout the state. CRS and the Vermont State Emergency Medical Service will conduct training with Malletts Bay Fire Department and Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company as well.

- Rescue responded to 146 calls in July; this is approximately a 22% increase compared to July 2017.

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. August meetings: 8/7 and 8/21.
- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: 8/8. September meeting: 9/12
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Next meeting: 8/8. September meeting: 9/12
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 8/20, at **6:30 PM**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. August meetings: 8/14 and 8/28.

(All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor unless otherwise noted.)

Events:

- Colchester Parks & Recreation offers another series of **Movies in the Park** this summer! We'll be showing family-friendly movies (rated either G or PG) on Friday evenings outdoors on our giant screen. We'll be traveling to Bayside Park and Airport Park this August and September. All movies start at 7:30pm and are FREE and open to the public! Upcoming Movies in the Park are:
  - August 10: The Sandlot (Airport Park)
  - August 17: The Incredibles (Bayside Park)
  - August 24: Cars 3 (Airport Park)
  - September 14: The Parent Trap (Bayside Park)
  - Saturday, October 27 at HalloweenFest: Halloweentown (CHS Practice Field)
- For more details on the Friday night Movies in the Park Series, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/784/Movies-in-the-Park>. To learn more about Colchester Parks & Recreation's projects, programs, and events, visit us on the web at <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> and check us out on social media: we're on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat @ColchesterRec.

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Friendly Reminders:

- Property taxes are due August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Absentee/Early voting is available now in the Clerk's office (at the Town Offices at 781 Blakely Road) during regular business hours, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Early ballots may be requested online at the Vermont Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters.aspx>); in person at the Town Clerk's Office; or by phone (264-5520). *Mail-in ballots must be received on or before Election Day. Remember to allow time for postal transit! The clerks are not responsible for mail delays.*
- **Election Day is Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Both districts vote at the Colchester High School Cafeteria. If you have an early ballot and there is any question that it will arrive in time by mail, ensure your vote by dropping it off at the Town Clerk's office at 781 Blakely Road by Monday, 8/13. Early ballots must be delivered to the polling place on Tuesday, 8/14. No ballots will be accepted at the Clerk's Office on, or after, Election Day!

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