

For the Week of October 1, 2018

**Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

For several years there have been traffic backups on Blakely Road at the Laker Lane intersection, particularly during the morning rush hour. This has resulted in inefficient access to the high school, delays for morning commuters, and problems for emergency responders who must use this roadway. The Town has developed a plan to improve this intersection and reduce some of the back-ups that occur at the entrance of the high school. The improvements can be made next summer and will create new turn lanes in both directions for traffic on Blakely Road to turn into the high school. Before the project can begin however, the School District must first give the Town an 8 foot strip of land that is needed for the improvements. To do this the School District must have permission from voters.

Voters will see this question on the November ballot. **The entire project is federally funded.** No money will be exchanged between the Town and the School District and the School District has given its full support for the project.

Please consider this information as you participate in the upcoming VT General Election on November 6th. Both districts will vote at the Colchester High School gymnasium from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Early or absentee voting is now available in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you can't vote in person request an absentee ballot at the Vermont Secretary of States webpage: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/53483/VTAbsenteeRequestGeneric.pdf> or call the Town Clerk's Office at 264-5520.
- Find sample ballots for both districts on the Colchester Town Clerk's Election webpage at <http://colchestervt.gov/683/Upcoming-Election> . Ballots are two-sided. Be sure to scroll down to view BOTH sides!

For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call 264-5509.

Burnham Memorial Library  
Kelly McCagg, Director

School is back in session, yet we've been busier than ever! In September, we hosted 52 programs for adults, teens, and children. Here is a list of fantastic programs we have lined up for October:

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

- **One-on-One Tutoring:** Mondays, 5-7:30 PM; Fridays 3:30-6 PM. Students from the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences tutor at the library in reading, math, and science. Grades 1-6, but tutoring is available in other grades for certain subjects. No fee. Call us at 264-5660 to sign up.
- **Preschool Yoga:** Thursdays 11:30 AM-noon, Oct. 4 – Nov. 15. Yoga for you and your preschooler. Instructor Melissa Nutting earned her Children's Yoga Teacher Certification through the Child Light Yoga Center.
- **Dorothy's List Book Club:** Tuesday, Oct. 2, 4: 00 PM. Join other kids aged 8-11 to discuss Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award books. This month, we'll share Star Scouts by Mike Lawrence.
- **Teen Game Hangout:** Wednesday, Oct 3, 3-5 PM. Let's hang out and play games! We've got board games and wackiness, plus snacks! Sign up online. Teens grades 6-12.
- **Crafts for Kids:** Monday, Oct. 8 & 22, 3:30 PM. Kids 5 and up work on a new craft project every session.
- **Adult YA Book Club:** Monday, Oct. 15, 6:30 PM. New for adult readers of YA! This month, we're reading Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor. Copies are available for checkout upstairs.
- **Practice Tests – SAT:** Saturday, Oct 20, 9 AM. Sign up online to take a free, full-length practice test. Sign up at least one week before to reserve your spot! Participants will receive a full score report from Princeton Review. Call the library for more details.
- **Library Mystery Theatre:** Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:00 PM. Beloved thespian Austin Jane met a brutal end in the Burnham Room! Come help our intrepid detectives solve this mystery. Snacks will be provided.
- **Halloween Party:** Saturday, Oct. 27, 2-4 PM. It's Halloween party time with stories, crafts, snacks, dancing, and goodies to take home. Kick off with a mini costume parade around the grounds with your costumed librarians. All ages welcome.

We provide tech help to our patrons! Need help setting up an email account or recovering a password? Would you like to learn more about your smart device? Call the library and we will set up an appointment; we will gladly answer your questions.

For more information about Burnham Library events, call 802-260-5664 or visit our website: <http://colchestervt.gov/158/Burnham-Memorial-Library>

Parks and Recreation Department  
Glen Cuttitta, Director

**Colchester Youth Basketball League (CYBL) Registration is open.** Early bird rates end October 19! Sign up soon if your child would like to play, Nov. 12 – Feb. 16. **We need volunteer coaches!** Find out more at <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation/CYBL>.

Be sure to check out these exciting upcoming Parks and Recreation programs in October & November! For more info, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or find the listing in the Fall Program Guide (page numbers included below). You must register to attend.

At Bayside Activity Center:

- **Tea 101 with Dobra Tea** (p.17): Saturday, Oct. 13, 1 – 2:30PM
- **Leaves A’Fallin’ Art Program** (p.10): Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 – 4PM
- **Stress Relief for Teens** (p.15): Sunday, Oct. 28, 1–3 PM
- **Stand Up Comedy & Storytelling** (p.7): Saturday, Nov. 3 – 17, 2–4 PM

At Colchester High School:

- **SAT Bootcamp** (p.15): Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call 264-5640.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2.
- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 10.
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 10.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next Meeting: Monday, October 15.
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 9.

(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.

Notices: Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Intersection Improvement Project – October 1 - 5  
Driveway paving will be completed. The Creek Farm Road traffic signal will be on flashing but possibly fully operational by the end of the week. Delays not anticipated but this is still an active construction area- please drive with caution.

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