

For the Week of October 8, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Annual Leaf Drop Discontinued

At their September 11, 2018 meeting the Colchester Selectboard voted not to fund an Annual Leaf Drop. Since 2008 the Leaf Drop at Airport Park has been staffed by the volunteer members of the Colchester Conservation Commission, with hauling provided by the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD).

Why was this decision made?

- The volunteer Conservation Commission has other projects and the members decided it is no longer feasible for them to staff the Leaf Drop.
- CSWD informed the Town that they will no longer provide hauling for the Leaf Drop.

Considerations:

- The cost to the Town to run a Leaf Drop Weekend has been estimated at \$11,000 for one weekend, primarily for hauling costs
- As a Town-provided service, a single weekend leaf drop in one location would be inadequate to serve all Colchester households
- Leaf disposal service has not been budgeted and a funding source has not been identified
- There are free alternatives readily available to residents for leaf disposal

Where can I dispose of my leaves?

- At no charge, any Chittenden County resident may take leaves to any CSWD Drop-Off Center; to Green Mountain Compost, or to the McNeil Wood and Yard Debris Depot. See websites below for hours, maps, and more information about allowable materials.

CSWD Drop-Off Centers convenient to Colchester include:

- Burlington: 339 Pine St. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/burlington-drop-center/>
- Essex: 218 Colchester Rd. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/essex-drop-center/>
- Milton: 36 Landfill Rd. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/milton-drop-center/>
- Williston: Green Mountain Compost: 1042 Redmond Rd. <https://www.greenmountaincompost.com/about/contact/>
- Burlington: McNeil Wood and Yard Debris Depot: 111 Intervale Rd. <https://cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/mcneil/>

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

On behalf of the Selectboard and the community the Town thanks the members of the Colchester Conservation Commission for their dedication in overseeing and staffing the Leaf Drop for the past nine years. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

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

Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

Help Wanted Colchester Police Department has openings for police officers and anticipated openings for communications personnel. If you or someone you know is interested in a career in law enforcement, you can contact us at 264-5555; request an application in person at 835 Blakely Road, Colchester; or online at info@colchesterpdvt.org.

Sgt. Peter Hull returned to patrol this month after his graduation from the FBI National Academy. Sgt. Hull was nominated for this professional course of study by Chief Morrison. He spent ten weeks with other law enforcement managers and administrators studying a variety of topics covering law, behavioral science, and forensic science, as well as a rigorous fitness regimen. He reports that his experience was rewarding and looks forward to bring his new knowledge to the department.

Please be careful on our roadways. We are entering the time of slippery roads from leaves and other debris and earlier times of darkness.

CPD responded to 1090 calls for service in September, a slight decrease from a year ago. Response to motor vehicle crashes accounted for 53 of those calls for service, an increase of approximately 11% from 2017.

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

- In addition to our normal duty crew we are giving stand-by coverage with a staffed ambulance at the Colchester High School football games
- We also have personnel on stand-by at Colchester Youth Football's games on Saturdays
- We staffed an ambulance and crew for medical coverage at the Iron Dog event

- Rescue received 148 emergency medical calls in September. This is an increase of 36 incidents from September 2017 (with 112 incidents)

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, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 16.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14.
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14.
- **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 23.

(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.)



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