

For the Week of November 26, 2018

Burnham Memorial Library  
Kelly McCagg, Director

- Burnham Library will be closed on the following days:
  - Friday December 7 - close at 2:00 PM
  - Monday December 24 - Christmas
  - Tuesday December 25 - Christmas

As the year comes to a close, here are some of the exciting Holiday events and programs we will offer in December:

- **Annual Tree Lighting & Caroling:** Sunday Dec. 2, 3:30-5:15 PM. Gather for crafts, songs, cocoa, cookies, and lights on the tree. At 3:30 PM, children make a holiday craft in the library. At 4:30 PM we'll sing with the Colchester Community Chorus at the Meeting House. The Annual Tree Lighting follows. No sign-up required.
- **Holiday Story Time:** Mondays, Dec. 3, 10, & 17 at 10:30 am. Join us for a selection of holiday stories, traditional and new, as well as music, rhymes, and a snack! For kids of all ages.
- **Gingerbread/Graham Cracker House Contest:** Dec. 3 - 23. Create a tasty structure, and bring it to the library for our annual contest. We'll display your creations and entrants will be eligible for a raffled basket of goodies. Patrons will vote on their favorites. Gingerbread kits and family/team entries are welcome. Entries will be accepted starting Dec. 3; voting starts Dec. 8, but entries will be accepted after voting begins. Guidelines and entry forms are available on our website.
- **Cookie & Cider Week:** Dec. 3 - 7. Stop in for homemade cookies and spiced cider, compliments of library staff.
- **Bullet Journaling Check-In:** Monday, Dec. 3, 6:00-7:30 PM. Did you start your journal in October or want to try bullet journaling? We'll review basics, check in with those who've started, and update planning for 2019. Bring your dot graph journal or use one of ours to start planning and get organized! Sign up online. Adults & teens 16 up.
- **Savvy Seniors:** Wednesday Dec.12, 1:30-2:15 PM. Senior volunteers provide comical performances about issues that touch seniors: healthcare fraud & errors, identity theft, telemarketing & mail fraud, drug diversion, and more.

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They'll demonstrate how consumers can protect themselves from fraudulent scams.

- **Teen Craft:** Thursday Dec. 13, 4 PM: Hot chocolate ornaments! Fill a clear ornament with chocolatey goodness to give or keep. Check out Kelsey's sample on our Instagram @burnhamlibraryya. Sign up online. For grades 6-12.
- Do you want to get all the latest library happenings in the convenience of your inbox? Then **sign up for our e-newsletter**. We'll be sending monthly updates for all our interested patrons: <https://colchestervt.gov/718/Our-eNewsletter>

For more about Burnham Library events visit <http://colchestervt.gov/library> or call (802) 264-5660.

Parks and Recreation Department  
Glen Cuttitta, Director

The Parks & Recreation Department is wrapping up the last of our Fall Programs and getting ready for the release of the Winter/Spring Guide! If you're looking for something to do before the end of the year, check out Dinner with Santa (in the Events section below) or the "Self-Care During the Holidays" class on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Bayside Activity Center.

#### Recreation Update:

- **Colchester Youth Basketball League (CYBL)** teams have begun practices! We have over 200 young athletes beginning or continuing their journey to not only learn the sport of basketball, but also build teamwork skills, learn about good sportsmanship, and make new friends. A huge "Thank You" to the many parent volunteers that are coaching this season too!
- **The Winter/Spring Guide** is due out next week! Keep an eye on your mailbox! There are over 30 new programs planned, as well as many returning favorites for all age levels.
- **Colchester Youth Lacrosse League sign-ups** will also begin when the Winter/Spring Guide is released.
- **Mark your calendars for Thurs., Jan. 17:** Colchester's Got Talent! Auditions will be happening at the High School!

#### Parks Update:

- **A reminder** that motorized vehicles are NOT allowed in Town Parks. This includes ATVs and snowmobiles.
- **An ice rink is planned at Airport Park**, but note that we will need a few consecutive days of below zero temps for the ground to freeze before we can

fill and freeze it. Nordic ski trails at Airport Park and the Village Park will be groomed, but only once a significant base of packed snow is present.

For more about Parks & Rec visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM: Next meeting: 12/4
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00PM. Next meeting: 12/12
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 12/12
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 12/17
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30PM. Next meeting: 12/11
- **Upcoming Annual Selectboard Budget Meetings:**
  - Tuesday, December 4, 2018 6:00-7:30 p.m. Selectboard Work Session with Administration - Champlain Room, 2nd floor. No action will be taken by the Selectboard at this meeting.

(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.)

Upcoming events:

- **Dinner with Santa:** 12/14, 6:15 - 7:15PM at Colchester Middle School. Due to limited seating you must pre-register. \$10 adults, \$5 children, 2 & under free.
- **Colchester's Got Talent! Auditions:** 1/17/2019 from 2:30 PM with auditions every four minutes. Fill out an Entry Form at: <http://bit.ly/ColchestersGotTalentEntry>
- **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Carnival:** February 1, 2, & 3, 2019. Theme: "Myth & Magic" Entry bracelets are \$7 per person. A full schedule will be available in January

Notices:

- The Town Offices will close at 1:30 PM on Friday, December 7.
- The Town Offices will close at noon on Monday, December 24 and be closed on Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.



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