

For the Week of December 3, 2018

Manager's Message
Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Many thanks to the Colchester Public Safety agencies, staff, and volunteers who responded to the fire last week at J&B International Truck Center including: Colchester Center Fire, Malletts Bay Fire, St Michael's Fire, Colchester Rescue, and Colchester Police.

Our neighboring communities, their public safety agency staff and volunteers are always quick to lend a hand. Special appreciation to: Winooski Fire, Milton Fire, Essex Junction Fire, Essex Town Fire, Burlington Fire, American Red Cross, and from the State of Vermont, the National Guard Fire, the Hazardous Material Team, the State Police and the Fire Marshal's Office.

We wish the Cleary family and J&B International Truck Center--in business for over 40 years-- a speedy recovery for their business, employees and customers.

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

Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

On our last newsletter report we talked about the winter parking ban becoming effective November 15th. We didn't really expect to have record snowfall for the month. Time to review those winter driving tips -

- Allow extra time to get where you're going. Reduce your speed on slippery roads or when visibility is restricted.
- Double the following distance of the vehicle in front of you on snow and/or ice covered roads.
- Equipment – snow tires, (or at least good all season tires), winter wiper blades, a snow brush, and general upkeep of your vehicle will help you stay safe.
- Vermont law requires you to clean off snow and ice from the surfaces of your vehicle. Roof snow that suddenly slides onto your windshield or flies off and hits another vehicle creates a serious safety hazard.
- Do not use cruise control on slippery road surfaces.

Roadway conditions on state highways can be found at newengland511.org

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

CPD responded to 1,054 calls for service in the past four weeks for complaints ranging from 3 untimely death investigations, to larceny complaints and drug investigations. This was an increase of over 10% from the same time frame last year.

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Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads **Scott Crady, Rescue Chief**

Colchester Rescue – November 2018

- Colchester Rescue had a relatively uneventful November with outreach and training.
- Colchester Rescue is working on updating our Driver and Probationary Training programs to better align with the department needs.
- Colchester Rescue is completing the new set-up of our medical bags, to configure our equipment to best fit the medical needs during an incident. We are currently rolling out the new design and starting the final phase of making minor adjustments.
- Colchester Rescue has purchased Carbon Monoxide detectors that are attached to the medical bags. These will be instrumental in alerting our providers of the presence of Carbon Monoxide when there is not a detector present on the residence. CRS providers would then know when to evacuate and request additional resources as needed.
- There were 124 emergency medical calls for October 2018, an increase of 23 incidents from October 2017 which had 101 incidents for the same time period.

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, 7:00PM: Next meeting: 12/18
- **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

(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:



- **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>
- **36th 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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