

For the Week of December 31, 2018

**Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

There will be two public hearings at the Selectboard meeting on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019** for the FY 2020 General Fund Operating Budget and the FY 2020-25 Capital Budget Program. If approved by the Selectboard, the two budgets will be on the March 2019 ballot for voter approval.

Also on the Selectboard's agenda that night will be a final determination on whether to move a question to the voters regarding the Malletts Bay wastewater pollution abatement project, which would install sewers to parts of the East Lake Shore and West Lake Shore areas. This is a significant project and has generated conversation across the town. If you're interested in the details, please try to attend the public meetings where this project is discussed or you can watch them on LCATV's website.

We wish all in our community a safe, happy, and productive New Year!

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

Police Department  
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

We are nearing the end of our December traffic safety campaign in cooperation with the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program. Since December 14th, CPD officers have made a concentrated effort to keep our roadways safe this holiday season. During the campaign 224 vehicles were stopped and 171 warnings, 110 tickets and 8 arrests were made for various motor vehicle infractions.

We have seen an increase in thefts from unlocked motor vehicles in our residential areas. Do take the time to lock your vehicles and remove valuables. Please report any situation or circumstance that seems suspicious. If you see something, say something!

The staff of CPD is looking forward to the New Year with new challenges and opportunities. On behalf of the men and women of Colchester Police Department we wish everyone a safe and happy 2019.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

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

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

- Colchester Rescue continued outreach and training this month.
- As of 9 AM on Monday, December 31, there were 150 emergency medical calls in December; this is an increase of 24 incidents from December 2017 which had 136 incidents for the same time period.
- With one day left in the year there have been 1552 EMS incidents so far; last year we had a total of 1495 EMS incidents for the year.
- Colchester Rescue wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year.

For more about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

### Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Burnham Library Trustees Meeting:** Thursday, January 17, 4:30 pm. The library's trustees meet monthly, and meetings are open to the public.
- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM: January meetings: 1/2/19 & 1/15/19
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00PM. Next meeting: 1/9/19
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 1/9/19
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 1/21/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30PM. January meetings: 1/8/19 & 1/22/19

(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:

- **Colchester's Got Talent!** Auditions: Jan. 17, 2019 @ CHS Theatre. Starts at 2:30pm with auditions every 5 minutes. Fill out an Entry Form at: <http://bit.ly/ColchestersGotTalentEntry>
- **36th Annual Winter Carnival: Feb. 1, 2, & 3, 2019.** Theme: "Myth & Magic" | Entry Bracelets: \$7/person. Full schedule available in January.

### Notices:

- The Boy Scouts of Troop 658 (<http://www.bsatroop658.org/>) are picking-up and recycling Christmas trees in Winooski & Colchester on Saturday, January

5th AND Saturday January 12th between the hours of 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. This is the Troops 6th year providing this service. We will accept requests until 10:00 AM the day of pick up

\* A donation of \$10.00 per tree is appreciated

\* If making a donation by check, please make payable to Boy Scout Troop 658

\* Trees must be free of tinsel, ornaments, tree stands and plastic bags

\* Simply place your tree at the bottom of your driveway by 8:00 am on the day of pick up

To request a pick up call Ken Bell at 655-6258 (h) or 598-0892 (c) or email [christmas tree pick up@bsatroop658.com](mailto:christmas_tree_pick_up@bsatroop658.com) Thank you for supporting the Boy Scouts.



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