

For the Week of January 7, 2019

### Message of the Week

Karen Adams, Department of Public Works Technical Services Manager

Property owners will be receiving **Stormwater Utility invoices** in their mailboxes next week. These annual fees support the Town's stormwater program, which is responsible for the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Town's stormwater pipelines, culverts, catch basins, and ponds. The Utility also makes sure the Town is in compliance with our federal stormwater permits; oversees summer water quality testing at recreation sites; funds street-sweeping activities; and prepares grant applications to stretch the value of every dollar the utility takes in.

Projects to be funded through Utility fees in 2019 include:

- Replacing failing culverts underneath Hercules Drive
- Design of stormwater improvements in the Shore Acres neighborhood
- Development of a phosphorus control plan required by the State of Vermont
- Completion of a stormwater-system-wide condition assessment
- Development of a 5-year Stormwater Capital Budget Plan

Utility fees can be paid by cash, check, or credit card, and are due by February 22, 2019. Updates on 2019 projects, **information about the utility's budget**, and how to pay utility fees can be found at: <https://colchestervt.gov/1837/Stormwater-Utility>.

If you have any questions about the stormwater fee for your property, or own a commercial property and would like to apply for site credits, please contact Technical Services Manager Karen Adams at [kadams@colchestervt.gov](mailto:kadams@colchestervt.gov) or call 802-264-5621.

Office of the Assessor  
Bob Vickery

Recent activities in the Assessor's office include:

- Working on 2019 Grand List changes
- Supplying and analyzing parcel ownership data to the stormwater utility
- Sending out inventory forms for 2018 income data to assess current commercial property markets
- The office will be contacting property owners that have taken out permits for interior renovation for building inspections

Find our GIS Map and Assessment Data at: <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/>

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

For more about the Assessor's Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/assessor> or call (802) 264-5670.

Office of the Town Clerk  
Julie Graeter

Happy New Year to Colchester residents from the Town Clerk's Office!

Do you have a canine pal? Did you know it's required by law to license your pup with the Town? It's that time and the Town Clerk's Office is hosting a new contest for dogs and their owners called "Your Dog is #1" until January 31st. You and your fur-buddy will be automatically entered when you register for (or renew) your dog's license! The Grand Prize includes a special "#1" 2019 dog tag, a FREE dog license in 2020, and a basket of doggie swag that your pooch is sure to love! For more information about the contest and dog licensing rates and conditions visit: <http://colchestervt.gov/323/Dog-Licensing>.

For more about the Town Clerk's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/townclerk> or call (802) 264-5520.

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: Next meeting: 1/15/19
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00PM. February meeting: 2/13/19
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. February meeting: 2/13/19
- **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. Next meeting: 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.

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Notices:

- The Boy Scouts of Troop 658 (<http://www.bsatroop658.org/>) are picking-up and recycling Christmas trees in Winooski & Colchester on Saturday, January 12 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 pick up day

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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 Share your photos of Colchester with us on Instagram (@colchestervt)

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