

For the Week of June 24, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Colchester Causeway Update: The Causeway will be closed September 3, 2019 - May 24th, 2020 for repairs to damage caused by 2018 storm.

The Town of Colchester has signed a contract with J.P. Sicard to perform repairs to the Colchester Causeway Recreation Path. The Causeway sustained about \$1.8M in damages during the high water and severe windstorm that occurred in May 2018. Due to the statewide importance of the Colchester Causeway's recreational and related economic activity there was substantial state and federal funding available for these repairs, **leaving the Town's share** at just over \$100,000.

We are thankful to our State and federal partners for providing funding for the majority of the repairs and for the significant temporary repairs that Governor Scott and the State Agency of Transportation provided last year.

There are some areas of the Causeway where the temporary repairs have partially eroded. We have marked these but are unable to make further repairs until this fall. **Please enjoy the Causeway but ride slowly and safely.**

The upcoming repairs should be finished by summer 2020.

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

Burnham Memorial Library

Kelly McCagg, Director

Summer is here and the library is hopping! Our summer reading program began on **June 17th** and we've had many people drop by to sign up for our many programs. Here is what we have planned for July:

- **Henna Tattoos for Teens** (entering grades 6-12): Monday 7/1, 6 PM. We have a new henna artist, Celina. Check out her art @hennabycelina on Instagram. Sign up online to reserve your spot.
- **Family Karaoke**: Monday 7/8, 3-4 PM. Sing and dance with your whole family on our karaoke machine! Sign up online. Teen karaoke follows at 5 pm. For all ages.

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- **Modern Times Theatre** – The Perils of Mr. Punch: Tuesday 7/9, 2 pm. “The Perils of Mr. Punch” follows the troubles and travails of puppetry’s favorite loudmouths, Punch and Judy. In the latest episode, Mr. Punch attempts to be the first puppet to go to space. For all ages. Sign up online.
- **Galaxy Paint-a-Long** – Galaxy Fire Unicorn: Monday 7/15, 6 PM. Begin or continue your painting journey and become a galaxy artist! Thanks to the Art Sherpa we’re painting-a-long some awesome galaxy designs. Photos of samples are on our website. Teens 14 & up and their adults. Sign up on our website to reserve your supplies.
- **Crankle Shows with Augusta “Rose” Diamond**: Tuesday 7/16, 4 PM. Crankies are illustrated songs or stories on long rolls of paper or cloth set in motion by a box with crank handles. Songs/stories include: “Chip and Glasses” from The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien, “The Leatherwing Bat,” an American folk song, “The Tale of Tam Linn,” a Scottish Fairy Story and “Old Texas,” an American Cowboy song. Fun for the whole family. Sign up online.
- **VINS StarLab Planetarium**: Wednesday 7/17, 2 & 3 PM for ages 7-12. Take a tour of the night sky with a lesson in VINS’ new StarLab Planetarium, a portable planetarium. Space is extremely limited so please sign up online. Planetarium space is reserved for children only.
- **Burnham Summer Concert Series** – Root 7: Friday 7/19, 7 PM. Root 7 is a local group that performs a mix of rock, country, and popular music a capella. Sign up on our website.
- **Summer Encore Theatre Presents**: The Sun, the Moon and the Stars: Tuesday 7/23. Workshop at 3:30 PM; performance at 4:30 PM. The workshop in creative dramatics will prepare the children for their parts in the play based on the Navajo myth of the origin of the sun, moon, and stars, and will include student-written music. For all ages. Sign up online.

Sign up for our e-newsletter to get all the latest library news in your inbox. We’ll send monthly updates: <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

- **Summer Camps** begin the week of June 24 and the parks will be buzzing with activity! If you are traveling in the Bayside area, please be aware that campers will be traveling in the area between the school buildings and the park all week long, and that the Lakeshore/Blakely Road intersection will be busy with campers, visitors, and residents crossing the street to visit Bayside Beach.
- **The Bayside Inflatable Water Park** has been installed, but opening might be delayed – follow us on social media for updates on exact opening times. While the Water Park is closed, signs will be posted on the structure: it is for everyone’s safety to stay off of the inflatables when they are closed, partially deflated, and when lifeguards are not duty.
- **Bayside Paddle Sports** opens June 22, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM seven days a week! Come down to Bayside Beach and rent a stand-up paddleboard, kayak, or pedal boat!
- **Walk With Ease** (Ages 55+): Mon/Wed/Fri, 7/8 – 8/16, 10:00 – 11:00AM at Colchester High School. This program is developed by the Arthritis Foundation to help older adults and those with chronic pain to discover relief through exercise. This class is open to all, and even those without chronic pain will find benefits! A low-impact walking course that encourages stretching, walking, and socialization for all levels.
- **“You’ve Been Flamingoed!”** Surprise your friends, family, or neighbors with a flock of 25, 50, or 75 flamingoes and let the hilarity ensue! Proceeds support the Colchester Parks & Recreation Cathy Neary Scholarship Fund. Learn more at: <http://colchestervt.gov/796/Youve-Been-Flamingoed>

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, 7:00 PM. July meetings: 7/2 & 7/16. **Save the Date!** At the July 2nd meeting the Planning Commission will have guest speakers to address septic systems and the regulations governing them. At Colchester High School. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI> for up to date info on Wastewater Solutions for the Malletts Bay area.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. July meeting: 7/10
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. Champlain Room, 2nd floor. July meeting: 7/10

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- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. July meeting: 7/15
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. July meetings: 7/9 & 7/23
- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 3rd Thursday of the month (or per agenda) 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 7/18
- **Library Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM at Burnham Memorial Library. Next meeting: 7/18

(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:

- **49th Annual 4th of July Celebration:** Thursday, July 4. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/363/4th-of-July-Celebration>
- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1 7 PM at Lower Bayside. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>
- **Sunset SUP & Sip:** Friday, 7/19, 7:30- 10:30 PM at Bayside Beach. Cider tasting provided by Shacksbury. Must be 21+ to register. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester>
- **35th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, 7/28 at Bayside Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.

Notices:

- **The Town Offices and Burnham Library will be CLOSED** on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
- **The CSWD Rover is coming to Colchester on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Malletts Bay School!** You may drop off hazardous waste such as automotive fluids, chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, stains, etc. NO explosives, medications or asbestos please.



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