

For the Week of July 22, 2019

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 it and our many programs. Here is what we have planned for July:

- **Henna Tattoos for Teens:** Grades 6-12. Monday 7/1, 6 PM. We have a new henna artist. Meet Celina and 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.
- **Modern Times Theatre – The Perils of Mr. Punch:** Tuesday 7/9, 2 PM. Follow 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. Are you ready to begin or continue your painting journey and become a galaxy artist?! Sample galaxy art is on our website. Sign up on our website to reserve your supplies. Teens 14 & up and their adults.
- **Crankie Shows with Augusta “Rose” Diamond:** Tuesday 7/16, 4 PM. Crankies are illustrated songs or stories on long rolls of paper or cloth and displayed in motion on 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,” and a Scottish Fairy Story. Fun for the whole family. Sign up online.
- **VINS StarLab Planetarium:** Wednesday 7/17, 2 & 3 PM. Take a tour of the night sky with a lesson in VINS' new, portable StarLab Planetarium. For ages 7-12. *Dome space is very limited and reserved for children only.* Sign up online.
- **Burnham Summer Concert Series – Root 7:** Friday 7/19, 7:00 PM. Contemporary acapella. 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. Play will include

student-written music and includes a workshop in creative dramatics to prepare the children for their parts. For all ages. Sign up online.

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>

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

The Parks & Recreation Department is about halfway through our summer programming schedule and have already served over 350 families through our summer camp offerings. Campers have been enjoying a variety of camps that include lots of games, crafts, enrichment activities with local organizations, beach time, hiking, paddling, biking, sports, and more! Day camps are both a vital childcare need for our community and a valuable social experience for children of all ages; we are happy to see so many taking advantage of these offerings. Be sure to check out our monthly column in the Colchester Sun for pictures and to learn more.

Recreation Department

- **Upcoming adult programs include:**
 - Adult tennis lessons
 - Group Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) lessons
 - SUP Yoga
 - Intro to Windsurfing

Visit <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester> to see which programs still have space available.

- **Families with high school-age teens** that are beginning to think about college planning should look into our *August workshops* with Sugar Maple College Consulting (see p.34).
- **The Fall Activity Guide** should be ready by the end of August. It will cover programming for September – December 2019.
- **The 35th Annual Colchester Triathlon is Sunday, July 28!** We are expecting well over 300 athletes in town the Sunday morning of the race. Please be aware of increased traffic in the Bayside/Blakely Rd area, as well as cyclists and runners on the course. Please give them space and drive safely; expect some minor delays at major intersections. Spectators are welcome to cheer on the athletes! All parking will be at the Colchester High School.

From the Parks Department:

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

- Andrew Newton has been promoted to Parks Manager. Josh Thibault has been hired in the full-time Parks Maintenance I position
- Resurfacing has been completed on the Bayside & Airport Park basketball courts. Thank you for your patience while we worked on these
- Parks crews have been pruning and clearing along Town bike paths to improve use and line-of-sight, particularly near the Delta Park boardwalk and Creek Glen areas
- Graffiti clean-up has also been done on the Causeway and in the Fox Run area of the Bayside Bike Path. If you observe graffiti along a public bike path, please contact Colchester Police or the Parks & Recreation Dept.

For more information about the Parks and Recreation Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. Special workshop on 7/30 (See Special Events, below)
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. August meeting: 8/14
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. August meeting: 8/14
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. August meeting: 8/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. No meeting 7/23. August meetings: 8/13 & 8/27

(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:

- **Sewer Option Work Session:** July 30th at 7PM at Colchester High School hosted by the Colchester Planning Commission
- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1, 7 PM at Lower Bayside. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>
- **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:

- **More volunteers are needed at the Colchester Log Schoolhouse!** It's a wonderful family volunteer and educational opportunity to host this lovely historical site and visitor center this summer. To volunteer and to find out

more, please contact Carol Reichard at 802-497-3036. The Log Schoolhouse is open each Friday - Monday all summer, 10 AM - 2 PM and is located at Airport Park near the recreation path. It's a fun, free, and convenient stop for local residents and visitors!

- **Colchester Historical Society Summer Newsletter Now Available**
The summer newsletter for the Colchester Historical Society is now available. Check it out to learn about visiting the Old Log Schoolhouse this summer and about upcoming programs in the autumn and winter.
<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4736/Summer-2019-Colchester-Vermont-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=>

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