

For the Week of September 30, 2019

### **Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

### **Parks Progress**

The Colchester Selectboard approved the use of designated park funding to create buildable plans for a park on the 14 acre property on East Lakeshore Drive between Ferndell Ln. and Churchill Ln. The property was purchased at below market rate from the Hazelett-Unsworth family with the approval of Town voters in 2004 for the purpose of public use. The central location and adjacency to Bayside Park, schools, and bike path make it a key building block for future public use.

The Town has completed resident surveys and held informational meetings with feedback sessions to determine desired recreational uses in this and other parks in the area. Public input has been documented in a master plan for both Bayside Park and this additional 14 acre area: <https://tinyurl.com/Bayside-Plans>. This final design phase will create buildable plans and a solid cost estimate for a project on the 14 acre parcel. The Selectboard will then consider bringing it to the voters for approval of funds for the planned park improvements.

For more about the Town Manager visit <http://www.colchestervt.gov/334/Town-Manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

### **Police Department**

Douglas Allen, Police Chief

- Officers Richard Giroux and Elizabeth Fell have completed their Field Training and are patrolling our community. Officer Recruit Nicole Talcott is at the half way mark of her basic training at the Vermont Police Academy. We're still working to fill three officer positions. If interested in a career helping others, please contact us at [info@colchesterpdvt.org](mailto:info@colchesterpdvt.org)
- Jason Scott has been hired as a full-time Communications Specialist.
- Our efforts at increasing training continue. In the past four weeks we have sent staff for Communications Instructor training, Civilian Response to Active Attacks facilitator training, and Use of Force instructor training.
- Our Marine Unit concluded their full time activity on Malletts Bay for the season. Our boats will still be docked for use as needed through the fall season.

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

- Since August 21st, CPD has responded to 1291 calls for service. These calls resulted in 43 arrests for violations including Grand Larceny, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct, and Aggravated Domestic Assault, among others.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5555.

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

- Assistant Chief Becky Alemy completed the Incident Command System (ICS) Train the Trainer program. She is now a certified lead instructor for the State of Vermont for ICS classes.
- Captains Kat Shaw and Clayton Cameron completed the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course-Instructor. Kat and Clayton will be working on our current driver training manual to update this training and will certify our drivers, current and future, in Emergency Vehicle Operations.
- Colchester Rescue has a new fillable online volunteer application on our website.

Colchester Rescue personnel have been staffing home football games for Colchester High School Lakers and the Catamounts Youth Football League.

There were 139 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 148 calls last year for this time frame. For more about Colchester Rescue visit <http://www.colchestervt.gov/295/Rescue-Squad> or call (802) 264-5990.

#### Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. Next October meeting: 10/15
- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. October meeting: 10/9
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. October meeting: 10/9
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. October meeting: 10/21
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. October meetings: 10/8 & 10/22

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(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:

- Dinner with Santa: Fri., Dec. 13, 6:15–7:15 PM at the Colchester Middle School. Registration is now open – get your tickets early!

Notices:

- **Colchester Historical Society:** Members are reminded that your dues are now due!
- **Not a member of the Colchester Historical Society yet?** Please join us! New members are always welcome! Please take a moment to sign up in support of Colchester's wonderful local history! We also offers some very interesting volunteer opportunities. You can download a membership application at <https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4410/Membership-Form-2019> To learn more about the Historical Society visit us at: <https://colchestervt.gov/604/Home>
- **Colchester Causeway Path is CLOSED to all pedestrian and bike traffic** for repairs to 2018 storm damage. The Mills Point parking lot is closed to the public and reserved for construction equipment. Work is expected to be complete by Memorial Day 2020. Call Colchester Parks & Recreation at 264-5640 if you have questions about the project.

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