

For the Week of September, 25, 2017

NOTICE!

AGENDA CHANGE: The Private Roads Winter Maintenance issue will NOT be on the agenda at the September 26 Selectboard meeting. Instead a **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** on the Private Roads Winter Maintenance issue has been scheduled for Monday, October 2, at 6:30 PM in the Colchester High School Performing Arts Center (auditorium). Residents are invited to come share their further input at the October 2 meeting.

Manager's Message of the Week
Dawn Francis, Town Manager

As we settle into fall and back-to-school season as a community, Town Staff are working on many exciting projects that will bring about improvements within the Malletts Bay area. The numerous planning studies and visioning sessions conducted over the last decades present a clear consensus on what our residents and property owners want this area to be: a welcoming, vibrant, safe space for all that wish to enjoy the many businesses, recreation areas, summer concerts, lake views, and friendly neighborhoods that the Bay offers. Water quality concerns have also been a centerpiece of these discussions, which is one of many factors leading to the adoption of a stormwater utility in early 2017.

Over the last year staff and a consulting team have been working on the Malletts Bay Scoping Project, which has involved reviewing three key issues within the Bay with the goals of:

- 1) Improving bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular safety along West Lakeshore Drive;
- 2) Making intersection improvements at the Bayside/Lakeshore intersection, and
- 3) Implementing stormwater and water quality improvements to address the quantity and quality of water entering the Lake.

There are alternative ways to address each project area listed above, and we have developed a short survey outlining all of the alternatives identified for each project area and their associated costs, benefits, and tradeoffs. Please take the time to fill out this survey and identify which alternatives you would prefer to see: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBIScoping>

There are two upcoming meetings with the Select Board where the project will be discussed in greater detail: Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30PM, where the alternatives will be presented to the Select Board and public for the first time, and Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30PM, where the Board will vote on the preferred alternative for each project area. Both meetings are to be held at the Colchester Town Offices at 781 Blakely Road. We invite you to join us! For additional information about the Project, please visit the project website at: <http://bit.ly/2yrdA6b>

Any questions about the Malletts Bay Scoping Project should be directed to Karen Adams, Technical Services Manager, at (802) 264-5621 or kadams@colchestervt.gov. For more about the Town Manager's office, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

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Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly McCagg, Director

If the combination of changing leaves and eighty degree weather have you uncertain what to do with yourself, here's a suggestion – try the library! Do you need books on travel and hikes? Check! How about a mystery you can't put down, for these remaining days on the porch? Check! Or maybe a movie or album for these crisp nights? Check and check! We also have a range of programs coming up – here are just a few:

- Our Drop-In Yoga program will not be meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 26 or Oct. 3. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- Postcard Display - The next time you stop in, take a look at our new display, "Greetings from Vermont." It's a collection of postcards and photographs depicting life and landmarks of early 20th century Vermont. The postcards were collected over a lifetime by Elsie Skinner Dutton, and have been shared by her grand-niece, Myra Gauthier.
- Preschool Music – Mondays at 11:30 am. Music has moved to Mondays! Come to the library for music and fun every week. Best for ages 3-5. Sponsored by the Friends of Burnham Library.
- One-on-One Tutoring - Tutoring is back! Tuesdays from 4:30-6 pm, Wednesdays from 5-8 pm, Saturdays from 9 am-3 pm. Students from the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Colchester campus) tutor students in reading, math, and science at the library. The program is focused on grades 1-6, but tutoring is available in other grades for certain subjects. There is no fee for this service. Call us at 264-5660 to sign up.
- Makernoon! – Monday, Oct. 2 from 3-5 pm. We're launching our first collection of checkout-able maker kits! Wondering what you can do with a maker kit? Not sure how to HOMAGO with your favorite iSTEAM maker skills? This is your chance to mess around with the kits and find out! Drop in and explore the Video Game Design Kit, Music Maker Kit, and 3D Design Kit. Makers 5-18 years old and their adults. Sign up at our website.
- Needle Felting Pumpkins – Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 2-3:30 pm, and Monday, Oct. 16 from 6:30-7:45 pm. Learn how to needle felt a cute pumpkin. All materials provided. Sign up at our website.
- Early Literacy STEM Skills for Childcare Providers - Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6:30-8 pm. The Vermont Department of Libraries received a National Leadership Grant for Libraries award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to expand the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI). We have now entered Year Two! The second year of this three-year project will focus on "Building". We would again like to share the training we received with the childcare providers in our community. Please join us to learn how and why building, engineering and other STEAM concepts are so important for pre-school aged children. There will be giveaways to help providers incorporate these concepts into their programs. Participants will receive credit from Vermont Northern Lights. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at our website.

- Teen Craft Time! – Thursday, Oct. 12 at 4 pm. Headphones getting tangled in your bag? Want to spiff up an old pair with some new color? We've got string and beads and glittery goodies to DIY your own headphone wraps. Bring a pair of earbuds to decorate! (We have spares if you need a set). Sign up online! Teens grades 6-12. Sign up at our website.

For more information about Burnham Memorial Library's events and services, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/library> or call (802) 264-5660.

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

Bayside Park Master Plan

- Design Concepts will be at the Colchester Select Board meeting to show the work to date on October 10th at 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices. Mark your calendars and join us to give your opinions on the future of Upper Bayside, Lower Bayside and Bayside Hazelett properties.

Movies in the Park

- Saturday, Oct. 21st at 6:30 pm at Bayside Park

Programs

- Kidz Kupcakez, Oct. 14, 1:00-3:30 pm, \$35 res./\$40 non res.
- Legos: Cars 2 Smokey's Garage,
 - Oct. 16, 3:05-5:00 pm, MBS, \$34 res./ \$39 non res.
 - Oct. 17, 2:50-4:45 pm, PPS, \$34 res./ \$39 non res.
 - Oct. 18, 3:05-5:00 pm, UMS, \$34 res./ \$39 non res.
- Girls Gymnastics
 - Grades 3-5, Oct. 26 – Dec. 7, 3:05-4:30 pm, \$75 res./\$80 non res.
 - Grades K-2, Oct. 26 – Dec. 7, 4:50-5:50 pm, \$75 res./\$80 non res.
- Colchester Youth Basketball League
 - Early Bird Discount until Oct. 20th.
 - Season starts on November 13 – February 17th
- SAT Bootcamp, Oct. 28, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, \$182 res./ \$187 non res.
- Babysitter Training, Oct. 19, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, \$65 res./ \$70 non res.
- Intro to Night Photography, Oct. 20, 8:00 – 11:00 pm., \$52 res./ \$57 non res.

Projects

- Village Park Trail Project - Bids have been received and construction should begin in October with completion around the end of November.

We have far too many programs to list! For more information about the Parks and Recreation Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- Selectboard: SPECIAL MEETING on Private Roads Issue: Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 PM at the Colchester High School Auditorium (Performing Arts Center) This meeting is another opportunity for Colchester residents to give their input on this issue.
- Selectboard: Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 PM
- Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 PM
- Development Review Board: Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 PM
- Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 AM, Colchester Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor

(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.)

Traffic Notices:

- **Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Week of 09/25/2017:** There will be daily single-lane closures and alternating one-way travel. The contractor's goal is to be ready to lay down a base layer of pavement at the end of next week; the paving will take two days, weather permitting. Until then, please drive slowly through the construction zone – the contractor is trying to keep the surface as smooth as possible. There will continue to be drainage work at the northern end of the project area. Please plan your travel to anticipate delays, especially during the peak AM and PM hours. Access to businesses will remain OPEN at all times. Questions? Contact Jill Barrett at 802-272-1248.
- **I-89 Colchester-Swanton, week of 9/25/2017:** Monday thru Friday, daytime - General clean-up work throughout the project limits. One lane of travel will be maintained within the construction zone. Motorists should plan for minimal delays. Questions? Contact Stephanie Barrett at 802-862-6085.

Notices:

- The Town of Colchester is having a photo contest! Go like our Instagram to view details and send us your entry.



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