

For the Week of February 25, 2019

Manager's Message of the Week

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Town Meeting is Coming Up on Monday, March 4, 2019!

You are invited to join your state Legislators and Town and School District staff for a **Community Dinner** in the cafeteria at Colchester High School on Laker Lane. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Please bring a dessert to share. Catch up with neighbors and get the scoop on this year's legislative priorities.

Town Meeting sign-in begins at 6:30 PM.

The Annual Meetings begin at 7 PM in the Performing Arts Center; the Town will be first this year. The School District's Annual Meeting will be held thereafter.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019: Vote! Ballot items include the Town's FY 2020 General Operating Fund Budget, the proposed Malletts Bay Sewer Project, and elections of local officials, as well as the School District's budget.

Informational videos on the Budget and the Sewer Project are now available on LCATV and can be viewed online:

- Town Budget Presentation: <http://lcatv.org/colchester-town-budget-presentation-2019-01-30>
- Malletts Bay Sewer Project (Short Version): <http://lcatv.org/malletts-bay-sewer-psa-2019-02-06>
- Malletts Bay Sewer Project (Complete Interview): <http://lcatv.org/malletts-bay-sewer-project-2019-01-30>

Are you going out of town over winter break? Ballots Are Available NOW for Early and Absentee Voters! There's no need to miss going to the polls when early/absentee voting is so convenient. You may vote at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, during regular business hours Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, from now until the Monday before the election. On Election Day, March 5, the polls will be open from 7 AM-7 PM at the Colchester High School gym.

Still not registered to vote? You may register during business hours at the Town Clerk's office; online (<https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>) anytime; or on the day of the election at the polling place!

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

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

Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

Our annual Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Colchester-Milton Rotary Club was held on February 21st. This annual event allows us the opportunity to recognize achievements that have occurred throughout the year.

This year's recipients included:

Certificates of Commendation to:

- Communications Specialist Candace Johnson and Sergeant Michael Fish for implementation of the *"Hello, How Are You?"* program that checks on our senior residents
- Communications Specialist Candace Johnson for her work to obtain a treadmill for dispatchers' use for wellness

Meritorious Service Awards to:

- Cpl. Mark Jacobs for his outstanding efforts as the department's School Resource Officer
- Cpl. David Dewey and K-9 Tazor for their ten years of exceptional teamwork and service to the Colchester Police Department.

Life Saving Awards to:

- Officer Jeffrey Baur for life-saving actions including placement of a tourniquet onto the arm of an injured individual
- Cpl. Stephen Gutierrez for a successful intervention with a suicidal individual

Over the past four weeks, CPD officers responded to 1013 calls for service. These calls resulted in 27 arrests for violations that included DUI, Possession of Cocaine, and Aggravated Domestic Assault among others.

For more about CPD visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

- Pond Hockey was held on February 8, 9 & 10 at the Route 127 Fishing Access. We had an ambulance and crews on-site for all three days of this event.
- Colchester Rescue taught **"Stop the Bleed"** during training with the Mallets Bay Fire Department. The class focused on the control of severe bleeding by applying tourniquets and/or packing deep wounds with gauze

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- Cub Scout Pack 655 and Webelos Den 1 trained with Colchester Rescue on basic first aid to help them complete their “First Responder” badge requirement
- Two of our full time personnel, Becky Alemy and John Keating, attended Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400 training at the VT Air National Guard. This is the highest level of incident command training and Becky and John will be more prepared for EMS command during large scale emergency events
- There were 150 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 145 calls last year for this time frame, an approximately 4% increase.

For more about Colchester Rescue visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. **The Planning Commission has cancelled its meetings on February 19 and March 5.** The next meeting will be held on March 19.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. March meeting: 3/13
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, March meeting: 3/13. Champlain Room, 2nd floor.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. March meeting: 3/18
- **Library Board of Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4 PM, at the Burnham Library. March meeting: 3/21
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. March meetings: 3/12 & 3/26

(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:

- **Winter Concert: A Night with Satin & Steel:** Friday, March 8, 2019 at Colchester High School. Starts at 7:00pm, admission is FREE.

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