

For the Week of May 27, 2019



Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

We hope everyone had a Happy Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to the Cemetery Advisory Committee who placed American Flags on the graves of our veterans, dating back to the Revolutionary War, in our five Town cemeteries.

Now that summer is upon us we hope you will take the opportunity to visit one of our Town Parks and/or recreation paths to enjoy all the wonderful recreational opportunities Colchester has to offer its residents and visitors. Our Parks and Recreation Department offers many special summer activities and events. A concert or movie with a picnic by the lake is an enjoyable way to spend a warm summer evening, so check upcoming newsletters for those dates.

Green Up Day (May 4) was a huge success! The Conservation Commission, who organized this event, reported that a total of 955 people volunteered this year. This included 104 employees from local businesses and the Colchester-Milton Rotary Club and 500 Colchester students, all of whom picked up litter on the Friday before Green Up Day.

According to the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CWSD), Colchester collected **3.2 tons** of trash and **509** tires this year.

The Colchester-Milton Rotary Club donated food for the cookout and an estimated 80 people returned from their trash collecting to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, assorted chips and beverages, along with cookies and brownies contributed by Conservation Commission members. Retired CPD Sergeant and Rotarian Jeff Fontaine and Herb Downing of the Colchester Selectboard and member of the Colchester Lions Club, manned the grill.

A big thank you to Green Up Day Coordinators, Theresa Carroll and Pam Loranger, the Colchester Conservation Commission, the Colchester-Milton Rotary and Colchester Lions Clubs, Meyer's Red Can Family, and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this year's event a success. Colchester is all the more beautiful, thanks to their efforts.

For more about the Town Manager's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> .

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



Police Department
Douglas Allen, Chief of Police

Mother Nature appears ready to release us from her winter grip and allow us some warmer weather. Our department also now moves into summer mode:

- Sgt. Mike Akerlind has started his assignment to the Marine Unit. This summer he will be training his replacement, Cpl. Steven Gutierrez. Our Marine Unit patrols Malletts Bay, the broad lake, and the navigable waters of the Winooski and Lamoille Rivers.
- St Michael's College has graduated their senior class. CPD officers worked closely with SMC Public Safety to ensure a safe Senior Week for the graduates.
- CPD also worked this month with Colchester High School on their "Mock Trial" to promote good choices for the Prom and Graduation seasons. Last year CPD and Fire and Rescue services from Colchester and St Michael's College hosted a "Mock Crash" where we simulated a serious motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the High School. This year, the focus turned to the criminal trial of the "accused" student. These exercises highlight the real life consequences of bad decisions.
- Over the past four weeks, CPD officers responded to 971 calls for service. These calls resulted in 44 arrests, 12 more than this month last year. These arrests were for violations that included Possession of Cocaine, Home Improvement Fraud, and Assault on a Police Officer, 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

This month has been busy for Colchester Rescue with outreach to set up Emergency Medical Service coverage and touring sites of events and camps that will be held over the summer.

- The crews have had weekly training assignments this month that focused on trauma assessment and treatment for multiple patients. This training helped enhance skills for rapidly sorting, assessing, and treating life-threatening emergencies when there are many more patients than EMS providers. We finished up the weekly trainings with a department-wide training on team communication.
- We have conducted interviews and anticipate 2 -3 volunteers joining us in the next couple of weeks.
- There were 126 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 107 calls last year (an approximately 18% increase for this time frame).

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. June meetings: 6/4 and 6/18.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. June meeting: 6/12
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. *Champlain Room, 2nd floor.* June meeting: 6/12
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. The Commission members will be helping to plant flowers with *Colchester Blooms!* at the end of May and no regular meeting will be held. June meeting: 6/17
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. June meetings: 6/11 and 6/25
- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 5/23
- **Library Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM at *Burnham Memorial Library.* June meeting: 6/20

(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:

- **7th Annual Colchester Causeway 5K/10K/15K Race:** Saturday, 6/1, 8:30 AM Airport Park. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **Book Sale at Colchester High School:** Friday, 6/28, 4-8 PM, Saturday, 6/29, 8 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, 6/30, 10 AM – 2:30 PM. Help support the library! Don't miss our collection of gently used books and more at bargain prices! We have a wide range of fiction and non-fiction hardcovers and paperbacks in many

genres: CDs, and DVDs, too. Located at the Colchester High School (131 Laker Lane).

- **49th Annual 4th of July Celebration:** Thursday, 7/4. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/363/4th-of-July-Celebration>
- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1, 7:00 PM at Lower Bayside. Full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>
- **35th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, 7/28, Bayside Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.

Notices:

- **Colchester Historical Society: Volunteers Needed for Log Schoolhouse**
Volunteers are needed this coming summer to host the Colchester Log Schoolhouse. Located at Airport Park near the recreation path, the Colchester Log Schoolhouse is a fun, free, and convenient stop for visitors. Open each Friday - Monday all summer, 10 AM – 2 PM, this lovely historical site and visitor center draws thousands of visitors over the season. This is a wonderful volunteer and educational opportunity. To find out more, please contact Carol Reichard at 802-497-3036.
- **The Town Offices and the Burnham Memorial Library will be closed on Friday, June 7 from 11:45 AM-2:00 PM** so that our employees may attend an annual event.

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