

For the Week of: August 19, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Many thanks to the Vermont Old Cemetery Association whose volunteers are cleaning and repairing gravestones at the Champlain Cemetery on Jasper Mine Road. This was facilitated by Bill Glinka, Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee member, approved by the Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee, and members have also been assisting in the work. The Old Cemetery Association was interested in a memorial stone for Rupert Thomas, a Civil War soldier who died in 1863 at Gettysburg. About twelve monuments were identified to be repaired, stabilized and cleaned at no cost to the Town.

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Burnham Memorial Library

Kelly McCagg, Director

Summer's winding down, but there are still many exciting things happening at the library. In July staff ran 82 programs attended by 1,071 patrons. Here's a list of some of our September programs:

Crafts for Kids: Monday, 9/9 & 9/23, 3:30 PM. Kids 5 and up work on a new craft project every session.

***Voices in the Attic - The Stories of Two Vermont Soldiers* Book Discussion:** Monday, 9/9, 7 PM. Hear the stories of two Vermont soldiers who served in the Civil War. In his parents' attic, Dr. Carlton Young found 250 letters the members of the Vermont Brigade had written. The brigade became renowned for their courage, fought in many of the most famous battles of the Civil War, and suffered more casualties than any other brigade in the war. Co-hosted by the Colchester Historical Society.

Dorothy's List Book Club: Tuesday, 9/10, 4 PM. Ages 8-11 discuss Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award books. This month, *Out of Left Field* by Ellen Klages.

Young Writers & Storytellers: Wednesday 9/11 & 9/25, 4:00-5:00 PM. Join our writing club for K-5th grade. Call 264-5660 for more information, and to sign up.

Cooking the Books: Thursday, 9/12, 1 PM. Each season we will pick a different cookbook or novel that features several recipes. Participants will sign up to make a

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recipe and to bring it the day of the meeting. This season, we'll be choosing recipes from *Cookbooks from 1951-1976*.

Fall Perennial Plant Swap: Saturday, 9/14, 10 AM in the library courtyard. Bring a plant in a labeled container and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Swapping starts precisely at 10:00 AM. Please, no Orange Daylilies/Ditch Lilies.

Beginning Computer Skills Session 2: Monday, 9/16, 6-7:30 PM and Tuesday, 9/17, 2-3 PM. Come to our new series of programs to develop your computer skills using Grow with Google and DigitalLearn.org. Each session will focus on a new set of skills to make you a confident “power user.” Sign up to reserve your space.

VT Reads Knowledge is Power! March Trivia: Monday, 9/30, 6 PM. In preparation for seeing Congressman John Lewis and Andrew Aydin at the Flynn next month, Librarians have compiled pop culture, history, and musical trivia. Win fabulous prizes! This is our last event for March Book One. Teens (Grades 6) to adult.

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 has enjoyed a wonderful summer of camps, programs, and special events:

- Over 500 families joined us at summer camps this year!
- Many adults enjoyed summer through Recreation programming such as tennis lessons, yoga, Tai Chi, SUP lessons, Sunset SUP & Sip, and the ever-popular Pickleball lessons.
- Summer events such as the 4th of July Celebration, the Summer Concert Series, and the 35th Annual Colchester Triathlon served families and visitors of all ages. A special thanks goes out to the over 100 volunteers that helped with the Triathlon on a Sunday morning! *Movies in the Park* have also begun, held on Friday nights.

JOB POSTING: The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking fun, responsible, and caring Site Assistants for our A.C.E. After-School Program for the 2019/2020 School Year. View the full job posting and directions for applying at <http://bit.ly/2M0SkOX>.

Important dates to note:

- The last day to purchase discounted Great Escape or Six Flags New England tickets is **Friday, 8/30**. Must be purchased in-person at the Parks & Rec office during regular hours; cash only.
- The Colchester Causeway will be CLOSED beginning **Tuesday, 9/3/19** for some important repairs. Please respect the signage and give the contractor room to work. If all goes as planned, it will be open by Memorial Day weekend 2020.
- Registration for Fall 2019 programs opens **Monday, 8/19!** This will include Colchester Youth Basketball League registrations too. The Fall Guide is also expected in resident mailboxes the week of the 19th. Non-residents can begin registering on Sept. 2.

Notes about Colchester Parks:

- The stairs to the Bayside Park lower tennis courts have been replaced
- The floor at the Lower Bayside Park bathhouse has also been replaced
- Parks Dept. will be trimming along the Causeway to prepare for work to be done during its closure in September

For more about Parks & Rec visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. September meetings: 9/3 and 9/17
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. September meeting: 9/11
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. September meeting: 9/11
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. September meeting: 9/16
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meetings: 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:

- Movies in the Park: Fridays: 8/23, 9/13, and 10/19. Movies begin at dusk with rotating locations. For details visit <http://colchestervt.gov/784/Movies-in-the-Park>

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