

For the Week of August 26, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Welcome back to our Colchester School District students, from kindergartners at Union Memorial and Porters Point School to seniors at Colchester High School. Classes also began this week for the 115th class of Saint Michaels College. Please be careful as everyone adjusts to new habits and traffic patterns with the school year beginning.

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Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

School opening preparations are well underway. CPD administration has been working with Colchester School District administration to make sure we are providing a safe and welcoming environment for our community's students. Corporal Mark Jacobs will be returning for his third year as our School Resource Officer and Cpl Jaime Bressler will fill the D.A.R.E. Officer position starting in October.

Preparations are also being made for the return of St Michael's College students with classes starting August 26th.

Please help us keep our students safe, particularly as they travel to and from school:

- Approach all crosswalks carefully and stop for pedestrians waiting to cross. This includes our signaled crosswalks on College Parkway.
- Pay attention to the changes to the speed limit when the lights are flashing on Blakely Road, Main Street, and Porters Point Road.
- STOP in both directions for buses displaying red flashing lights. This includes four lane roadways such as Roosevelt Highway and College Parkway. Oncoming traffic may continue in the opposite direction ONLY where there is a raised median. CPD will be working with Mountain Transit to strictly enforce this important safety law.

Over the past four weeks, CPD officers responded to 934 calls for service. These calls resulted in 46 arrests. These arrests were for violations that included, Violation

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of Conditions of Release, Grand Larceny and Felony Unlawful Trespass, among others.

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Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

- Captain John Keating has resigned from his full time position at Colchester Rescue effective August 28, 2019. We are proud to announce John has accepted the position of Rescue Unit Chief for St. Michael's Fire and Rescue. Even though John's expertise and experience will be missed here, John will be heavily involved with the community of Colchester in his new position. All of us at Colchester Rescue would like to congratulate Chief John Keating on this well-deserved career advancement.
- We are proud to announce Clayton Cameron as our new full time Captain, effective September 13, 2019. Clayton started with Colchester Rescue over 4 years ago as a volunteer EMT, He eagerly and successfully advanced through a number of positions, including patient care attendant and driver, and then obtained his AEMT certification. Most recently he completed a regimented training program to become a Crew Chief/Supervisor. We are excited to have Clayton's energy and medical/leadership skills working with the Colchester Community and the Rescue team.
- We will be bringing in 6 new volunteer members in the next month. With 2 full volunteers (over 18 years of age) and 4 junior members (under 18 years of age). We will give full details as these members join.
- Rescue took 157 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 159 calls last year at this time.

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, 7:00 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

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- **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. September meetings: 9/10 & 9/24

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

Notices:

- The Town Offices and Burnham Library will be **closed Monday, September 2**, in observance of Labor Day.

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