

For the Week of September 23, 2019

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly McCagg, Director

It's getting cooler, the leaves are beginning to turn, and we are just brimming with excitement at Burnham Library. We have over 88 programs planned for October! Here are just some of them:

- **Halloween Party:** Wed. Oct. 30, 4-6 PM. It's Halloween party time! There will be Halloween stories, crafts, snacks, dancing, and goodies to take home. We'll kick things off with a mini costume parade around the grounds with your costumed librarians-what will they be this year? All ages welcome.
- **One-on-One Tutoring:** Mondays, 4-6 PM, Tuesdays, 3-5 PM and Wednesdays, 5-8 PM. Students from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences tutor students in reading, math, and science. Focus is on grades 1-6, but tutoring in other grades for certain subjects is available. Free! Call us at 264-5660 to sign up.
- **Preschool Yoga:** Thursdays, 11:30 am. Join certified child-yoga instructor Melissa Nutting for yoga for you and your preschooler.
- **Livestream – March vol I - Congressman John Lewis & Andrew Aydin, Live at the Flynn:** Mon. Oct. 7, 7:00 PM. Flynn tickets to this event sold out in a few short minutes but they've agreed to stream the presentation! Come enjoy coffee and snacks while we watch. For anyone who read (or is interested in reading) March vol I.
- **Practice SAT:** Sat. Oct. 12, 9 AM. Take a free, full-length practice test to hone your skills for the real thing. Sign up online at least one week in advance to reserve your spot. Participants will receive a full score report from Princeton Review. Call the library or your school guidance counselor for more details about the test and the college application process.
- **Beware of Scammers:** Mon. Oct. 14, 1 PM. Join us to learn about the latest scams and frauds in Vermont. Learn how to stay vigilant and not be a victim.
- **Beginning Computer Skills Session 3:** Mon. Oct. 14, 6-7:30 PM & Tuesday October 15, 2-3:30 PM. Each session will focus on a new set of skills to bring you from computer newbie, to confident power user. Sign up to reserve your space.

- **How to Read Your Medicare Summary Notice:** Mon. Oct. 28, 1 PM. The Vermont Senior Medicare Patrol educates Medicare beneficiaries, their family members and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report Medicare error, fraud and abuse. The Notice is the best tool you have to identify potential problems. **Let's reduce errors and criminal activity in our healthcare system!**

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>

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

Fall is on our door-step, but even with the cooler weather, there's still plenty of time to get outside and stay active. Of course, if you prefer indoor hobbies, we have a wide array of programs coming up for indoors too. Be sure to take a look at our Fall Guide for programs beginning over the next few weeks for all ages! All programs in the Fall Guide require pre-registration and some have registration deadlines! This includes Youth Basketball sign-ups. We are also seeing a number of programs filling to capacity, so don't delay if you see something that strikes your interest! Did your Guide end up in the recycling bin? You can view a digital copy at: <http://colchestervt.gov/335/Program-Registration>.

Parks & Rec staff has begun the process of moving to new recreation software called CivicRec. This software will integrate directly with the existing Town of Colchester website and will allow us to better track program registrations, facility reservations, and more. The public-facing side is also expected to be far more user-friendly than our current WebTrac system, so if you've ever been frustrated trying to register for a program online, we've heard your concerns and are working to make the user experience much smoother. If you've done a program with us in the past couple years, your household info may be transferred to the new system; if not, you'll be able to make a new household account. We'll provide more information as our launch date gets closer and details will be in our Winter/Spring Guide. The new site will go live by December 20.

From the Parks Department:

- Work has officially begun on the Causeway. The contractor is moving equipment, large stones, and other materials out onto the path. We cannot stress this enough: it is a safety hazard for general users to be on the path

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

during this work. Please obey the signs and do not use the path until we reopen next season.

- Planting, edging, and new stone was added at the Lower Bayside bathhouse area to tidy up the area and better accommodate the new ramp.
- Staff have been conducting annual park inspections and completing necessary repairs and landscaping improvements in accordance with our Parks Department Maintenance Management Plan. This includes tree maintenance, plantings and conservation improvements
- The swimming area markers at both Bayside Park and Rossetti Beach have been removed for the season
- Repairs have been completed to the Airport Park Bathhouse septic system after a broken line was detected

For more information about the Parks and Recreation Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

Events:

- Dinner & a Movie in the Park: Sat. Oct. 19. Food truck: Taco Truck All Stars! Movie begins at dusk, around 7 PM. Location: Bayside Park.
- Dinner with Santa: Fri., Dec. 13, 6:15-7:15 PM at the Colchester Middle School. Registration is now open – get your tickets early!

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. October meetings: 10/1 & 10/15
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. October meeting: 10/9
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. October meeting: 10/9
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. October meeting: 10/21
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. October meetings: 10/8 & 10/22

Notices:

- **Colchester Causeway Path is CLOSED to all pedestrian and bike traffic** for repairs to 2018 storm damage. The Mills Point parking lot is closed to the public and reserved for construction equipment. Work is expected to be complete by Memorial Day 2020. Call Colchester Parks & Recreation at 264-5640 if you have questions about the project.
- **Volunteers Needed at Essex Community Justice Center (ECJC)**
ECJC is looking for volunteers for the *Circles of Support and Accountability Program* (CoSA), an evidence-based model of engagement with someone who



is coming out of incarceration and is at risk to re-offend due to lack of support from friends or family. A Circle is a team of 3-4 community volunteers and a Reentry Coordinator from ECJC; they meet weekly with the "core member" (formerly incarcerated) to support, coach, and mentor. EJCC staff provides volunteer training and support. For more information contact Jill Evans at the Essex Community Justice Center at 662-0001 or email jevans@essex.org

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