

For the Week of December 23, 2019

**Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Happy Holidays: The staff of your Town of Colchester wishes all residents, businesses, and visitors a happy holiday season, with all the love, warmth, and cheer of spending time with our family and friends.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Operation Fire Cuffs toy drive for the University of Vermont Medical Center Children's Hospital this year. Your contributions will make a merrier experience for kids who must be in hospital over the holidays.

May your days be merry, bright, and safe!

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

Police Department  
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

As we have for many years, CPD officers will be participating in the state and nationwide holiday campaign to battle impaired driving. This time of year sees an increase in traffic and festive occasions. This often translates into impaired driving and, particularly with bad weather, more crashes. These crashes sometimes end with tragic results. So from now through the New Year, the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" message has increased importance.

Since November 19th, CPD has responded to 1,055 calls for service. These calls resulted in 24 arrests for violations including Identity Theft, Possession of Heroin, and Felony Unlawful Mischief among others.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Colchester Rescue Squad  
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

We would like to say "welcome aboard" to the following new volunteer members of Colchester Rescue:

- Gabi Ambrosino
- Petra Bajuk

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

- Kassandra Bennett
  - Julia Correll
  - Bradly LaBombard
  - Colton Poulin
  - Corey Souza
  - Grey Switzler
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- We have been updating our career development training programs. The probationary and driver training programs are completed and implemented.
  - There were 106 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 142 calls last year 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. Next meeting: 1/6/20
  - Development Review Board: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: 1/8/20
  - Recreation Advisory Board: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 1/8/20
  - Conservation Commission: 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 1/20/20
  - Library Board of Trustees: 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30 PM at Burnham Library. Next meeting: 1/16/20
  - Selectboard: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM. The 12/24 meeting is cancelled in observance of Christmas Eve. Next meeting: 1/14/20
- (All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor unless otherwise noted.)

Upcoming events:

- **Colchester's Got Talent: ALL STARS!** Friday, 1/31. This special, invitation-only show will feature crowd favorites from the past 10 years of Colchester's Got Talent.
- **The 37th Annual Colchester Winter Carnival** is coming up on 1/ 31, 2/1 & 2/2!

Notices of Closures and Cancellations:

- **The Town Offices will close at noon** on Tuesday, December 31 and be **closed** on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, in observance of New Year's Day.
- **Burnham Library** will be open 10-6 on New Year's Eve and **closed** New Year's Day.



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