

## For the Week of April 11, 2022

### Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

### Colchester Blooms! Donations



For over a decade, a committee of Colchester volunteers, *Colchester Blooms!*, has sought donations each spring for the planting and maintenance of public flowerbeds at several Colchester locations—two traffic islands at the junction of Malletts Bay Ave and Blakely Road, and the entrance to the Bayside Park. This has been possible thanks to generous donations from local businesses and residents. Any amount helps us add to the beauty of Colchester.

### Can we count on your support this spring so Colchester will bloom in the summer?

Checks should be made payable to the "Town of Colchester" and sent to *Colchester Blooms!* c/o Liz Hamlin-Volz, 123 Holy Cross Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446. Please include **Conservation Reserve Fund** on the memo line of your check, so the money is allocated properly. All deductions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided.



Questions? Contact Theresa Carroll at [tcarroll110@gmail.com](mailto:tcarroll110@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support in advance!

Sincerely,  
Colchester Blooms!

Theresa Carroll Lisa Halvorsen Liz Hamlin-Volz Mick Levine

Pam Loranger Alyx Belisle Tim Moran Patrick Volz

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## Colchester Historical Society



*Dancers in their western costumes from the 1954 Colchester Grange production of “Deadwood” have been identified, left to right, as: Beverly Thompson, Lorraine Douglas, Coralie “Corky” Magoon, Jean Wanzer, and Velede Harlow. Cyndy’s grandmother, Martha Chapin, made many of the costumes for this event.*

Check out the Colchester Historical Society's 2022 Spring Newsletter to learn what these teens were doing back in 1954! Other topics include: A short history of the Log Schoolhouse and a call for volunteers, recognition of Black History Month and Women's History Month, remembering Bill Claussen, a road trip idea to relieve cabin fever, offerings from the Vermont Historical Society, and even a fun-sounding recipe. Check it out here: [Spring Newsletter!](#)

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## Department Updates

### Department of Parks & Recreation:

Come join the Easter Bunny for a great egg hunt at **10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Bayside Park**. Bring a bag or basket to put your eggs and goodies in. Please dress appropriately because you never know what Vermont’s weather has in store for us.

Please park your vehicles at Colchester High School and enter the park by the softball field road off Laker Lane. Children will be separated by age groups to hunt for eggs in different areas of Bayside Park. Ages 4 and under will be at Lower Bayside Park. Ages 5 through 8 will be at Upper Bayside Park. **Don’t miss this great event!**



Colchester Lions Club will be hosting a **food drive** for the Colchester Community Food Shelf at

the Easter Egg hunt. We are requesting that all participants bring at least one non-perishable or canned item to the hunt.

**Department of Public Works:**

Ever wonder what stormwater projects look like? Several before-and-after pictures and information about Colchester’s Department of Public Works Stormwater projects from the year 2021 are included below.

**Colchester** Police Station Outfall Repair (100% grant funded)



Spring 2021



Fall 2021

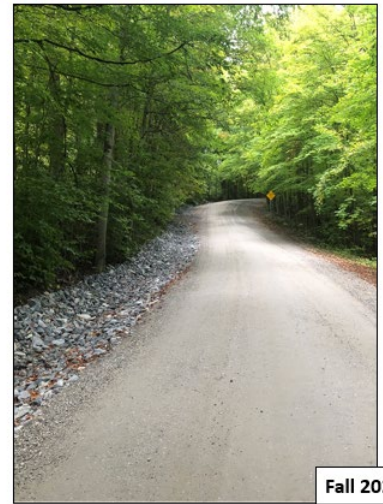
This project involved the upgrading of an outfall behind the Town’s police station that discharges runoff from the town office complex to Smith Hollow Creek. This 100% grant funded project was constructed in summer of 2021 and involved replacing the existing pipe, creating a “plunge pool” to reduce the chance of erosion at the discharge point to the stream, and revegetating the area. Total project cost, including design and construction, was approximately \$70,000.

These drainage upgrades completed in August 2021 on Galvin Hill and Coon Hill roads in Colchester were required under the Municipal Roads General Permit, which requires upgrades to the drainage networks serving roadways that are connected to surface waters. These were funded through the State of Vermont’s Better Back Roads Grant Program. This example above shows the before roadway conditions, and after we constructed approximately 1,000 feet of stone lined ditch.

**Colchester** Coon & Galvin Hill Upgrades (80% grant funded)



Fall 2020



Fall 2021

**Colchester** Vermont Coon & Galvin Hill Upgrades (80% grant funded)



Fall 2020



Fall 2021

A second example of a before and after for this project, this example is a driveway culvert. It is not the same culvert but intended to be indicative of the average condition of a driveway culvert and what a stabilized driveway culvert after the project looks like. These improvements will reduce erosion, which improves the health of our receiving waterways.

### Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or alternatively send a note, up to 1,000 words, to [TownManager@colchestervt.gov](mailto:TownManager@colchestervt.gov) with “Citizens to be Heard” in the Subject and their name and address in the body of the email. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting (as the information packet for the current meeting is sent out along with the agenda).

- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: [www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas](http://www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas)

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 am at the Town Offices.

**Development Review Board:** Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. The Development Review Board will likely be participating remotely. Members of the public will have the option to choose either remote or in-person attendance. Masks are required for in-person attendance. Public comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by email to [zmaia@colchestervt.gov](mailto:zmaia@colchestervt.gov) or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Alternatively, participate in the public comment periods during the hybrid meeting.

- Participate by Phone: 1-929-205-6099
- Meeting ID: 871 3561 5437 (US – New York)
- Link to meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87135615437>



## Colchester Town News

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*Colchester – What do you want to do today?*

- Watch Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: [https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda&path=DRB%2CDRB\\_Agendas%2CDRBAgenda%2C](https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAgenda%2C)

**Conservation Commission:** Monday, April 18, 6:00 pm in the Kirker Room of the Colchester Police Department.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Thursday, April 21, 4:30 pm in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library with a remote option by calling (929)-205-6099 with Meeting ID: 862 3641 3737 Passcode: 368943.

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