

## For the Week of July 5, 2022

### Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

### National Park and Recreation Month

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. Created by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Park and Recreation Month highlights the essential role local park and recreation professionals—such as your Colchester Parks & Recreation staff—play in building stronger, more vibrant and more resilient communities. This July, we are bringing attention to how important it is to support the field of parks and recreation, because every day, park and recreation professionals rise up for their communities in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being.



In Colchester, you can celebrate Park and Recreation Month by visiting state or local parks, utilizing Town recreational amenities like recreation paths, playgrounds, fields, and sport courts, registering for a Parks & Recreation program, attending one of the Summer Concerts at Bayside Park, or attending any other of the special events our community has to offer. Learn more about Colchester Parks and Recreation by visiting the website:

<https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation->

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### Sister Cities



As a follow-up to [Paulette Malaney's and WCAX's story](#) on her unwittingly requesting to be part of the Colchester, England Facebook page and not the Colchester, Vermont page, we'd like to share that the Town of Colchester is in fact Sister Cities with Colchester, England! Colchester, Vermont was indeed named after Colchester, England, and the two Colchester's have been in a Sister City Program, in which they have exchanged proclamations, visits and more. The proclamations, pictures and more are hanging in the Ira Allen Conference Room located within the Clerk's Office.



Selectboard Chairwoman Nadine Sebek presenting the 250th Anniversary Proclamation to MAYOR CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD at Colchester, England Town Hall April 25, 2013



## Department Updates

### Parks & Recreation:

#### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join us for Colchester's summertime tradition. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Lower Bayside Park for our summer concert series on Thursday evenings. Enjoy great music with the beauty of Malletts Bay as your backdrop! All Concerts begin at 7:00pm, admission is FREE, and parking is available at Bayside Park.



**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Quadra** has been around for more than 40 years! These guys are rocking and rolling better than ever. Tight is a good way to describe these two sets of brothers who are known for playing eclectic, epic rock! Nothing makes a band happier than dancers, and they play a lot of dance tunes. From the 70's through the 90's they will take you on a musical journey!



**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** **The Devon McGarry Band** is comprised of four seasoned musicians with common ambitions, and presents an original music endeavor that can't be ignored. In the ever-changing world of rock music, they seek to be refreshing yet accessible. The music is rooted in McGarry's heartfelt lyrics and rhythms, but has been sculpted by his bandmates into a movement of sound. For nearly every catchy hook, Jeff Messina (lead guitar) offers up a blistering guitar solo to follow. Mitch Terricciano (bass guitar) and Rich Armstrong (drums) lock in to provide dynamic rhythms and uplifting grooves. Some songs hearken back to the 90's alternative scene, while others break the mold and blend genres.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>:** **InCahoots** is based out of Plattsburgh, New York and has been providing their



audiences with a fresh new look at an American tradition: Entertainment with a smile. A four-piece band consisting of John Geno - Fiddle, Guitar, Sax, Keys and Vocals; Kevin Connelly - Guitar, Keys, Harmonica and Vocals, David Long - Drums and Vocals and Ryan Finney – Bass. Playing music from Charlie Daniels to AC/DC and everything in-between, InCahoots entertains with airtight harmonies, instrumentation and a beat you can really stomp your feet to!

### **36<sup>th</sup> COLCHESTER TRIATHLON**

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 8:00 AM

Annual sprint triathlon hosted in Malletts Bay. 500 meters of swimming OR 1.5 miles of kayaking, 12 miles of biking, and 3 miles of running. Limited to 400 participants.

**For more information and to register:** <https://www.colchestertri.com/>

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## Town Clerk's Office:

**Property Tax Bills:** Property owners should expect a new property tax bill in the US Postal Mail around July 15<sup>th</sup>. Property owners should review it and contact the Town Clerk's Office with any questions or concerns at [townclerk@colchestervt.gov](mailto:townclerk@colchestervt.gov) or 802-264-5520. More information can be found on the Clerk's tax webpage: <https://colchestervt.gov/329/Property-Taxes>.

**Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests:** The Clerk's Office has received and will be distributing 928 At-Home COVID-19 test kits from the State of Vermont. These kits are free of charge, as the State has discontinued in-person testing sites, and up to 4 kits (8 tests) per person are available upon request.



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## Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, July 26th, 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)

**Development Review Board:** Wednesday, July 13th, 7:00 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 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.

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, July 19th, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Library board of Trustees:** Thursday, July 21st, 4:00 pm in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

**Agendas available:** <http://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt>

**Note:** Agendas are posted at least 48 hours before the meeting, so you may find past agendas when clicking the link. Revisiting the link closer to the date of the meeting should provide you with the current agenda.

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