

## For the Week of August 8, 2022

### Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Congratulations to Chief Bourgeois and the Colchester Fire Department on their second year of operation! The Department combined into one Town Department last year and celebrated their successes with firefighters, family and friends at a BBQ dinner on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to the many more successful years to come and thank the Department for what they provide to the Colchester community!



Annaliese Crook, a senior at Colchester High School, was one of 100 young women to attend the 75th American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation session from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C.

Crook was one of two high school seniors selected to represent Vermont as a "senator" at ALA Girls Nation. The seven-day leadership conference provides aspiring young women leaders with practical insight into how the federal government operates and promotes youth civic engagement. Many participants of the program go on to have careers in public service at the local, state and national level. Great work Annaliese!

Find the full story [here](#).

Annaliese Crook

*Courtesy Photo*

**2022 Vermont Master Composter Course: Learn how to compost in an upcoming online course**

**Registration is now open** for UVM Extension's Vermont Master Composter course, designed to teach the basics of backyard composting.



The online course opens on September 2. Topics to be covered include the biology of composting, soil and decomposition ecology, site and container selection, compost "recipes," the compost process, troubleshooting, disease control, worm composting and Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). The course runs for eight weeks and course materials will be available to participants until December 2.

Two tracks are offered to meet participant needs: An at-your-pace track that allows participants to move through the course at their own leisure, and a volunteer track where participants become a certified Vermont Master Composter and have access to live discussion sessions with instructors offered via Zoom on six consecutive Thursdays from 6-7 p.m., beginning September 8, 2022.

The cost is \$50 for Vermonters and \$150 for out-of-state residents. To register or learn more, visit: <https://go.uvm.edu/mastercomposter>. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact Deb Heleba at [debra.heleba@uvm.edu](mailto:debra.heleba@uvm.edu) or (802) 656-1777 by August 26. The course is sponsored by the UVM Extension Community Horticulture Program with financial support from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. If questions, please contact the UVM Extension Master Gardener Program Office at (802) 656-9562 or [master.gardener@uvm.edu](mailto:master.gardener@uvm.edu).



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## Department Updates

### **Town Clerk's Office:**

The Town received several thousand flat paper masks from the State of Vermont with the intent to have free masks available for the public throughout the State. The masks can be picked up at Town Hall in the Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office also received and is distributing At-Home COVID-19 test kits from the State of Vermont which can be picked up in their office and at the Library.



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## Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, August 23rd, 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, August 10th, 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.

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, August 10th, 7:00 am at the Colchester Town Offices.

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, August 16th, 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, August 18th, 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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