

**For the Week of April 24, 2023**

## Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

### Celebrate National Library Week

This week is National Library Week, and we encourage you to check out your Colchester Burnham Memorial Library for all they have to offer! Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and eBooks, but there's so much more to the story of libraries.



Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities of all ages together for entertainment, education, and connection through a wide array of programs, classes, and resources, including book clubs, storytimes, crafting classes, maker kits, and more. Libraries also play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access and literacy skills. If you haven't checked out the [Burnham Memorial Library](#) lately, you're missing the full story. Stop by for a visit or participate in one of their [dozen extra programs](#) scheduled to celebrate National Library Week!



### **VOLUNTEER FOR GREEN UP DAY!**

Green Up Day is Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Residents, businesses and community groups are invited to help clean up the Town's roads, beaches, parks and bike path. In 2022, 647 volunteers, including 300 high school students, picked up 4.68 tons of trash and 883 tires.

You can pick up bags and road assignments at the Police Station on Blakely Road between 8 a.m. and noon on Green Up Day. The Conservation Commission, which coordinates Green Up efforts for the Town, will provide instructions on where to leave bags for pick up by the Town's road crew. You may select your own Town road or area to clean, provided it has not already been assigned, and can work as many hours as you want.

Bags and a sign-up sheet also will be available at the Police Station beginning on Monday, May 1. Questions? Contact Green Up Day Coordinators Theresa Carroll ([greenupcolchester@gmail.com](mailto:greenupcolchester@gmail.com)) or Pam Loranger ([ploranger@colchestervt.gov](mailto:ploranger@colchestervt.gov)).

**Happy Retirement to Jim Roy:** We thank our most senior Colchester Police Lieutenant Jim Roy for his 35 years of service to the community. Jim dug into the details of investigations and became a state and national expert in teaching drug and alcohol recognition. He also cared about causes of abuse and addiction, understanding that positive interactions and activities with others lead to positive outcomes that don't require policing. Jim has an air of confidence—but not arrogance—that has served him and the Town well in positions from patrol to acting chief. We congratulate Jim on his successful career and wish him the best on his well-deserved retirement!



### Department Updates



**Public Works:** Beginning this spring, the Town will be rehabilitating some of the Town's stormwater piping with a process referred to as cured-in-place pipe lining. A technology that has been used throughout the world for the past 50 years, the Town uses this process to address aging underground stormwater pipes, avoiding the need to dig up Town roadways which at a minimum is 4 times costlier than lining them. The lining is also extremely durable lasting as long as an entirely new pipe. This is one of many ways we continually are looking for ways to do more with less.

We take public safety very seriously, and are aware that this process uses chemicals that have been noted by the EPA to present possible health concerns. However, field testing has shown that the presence of these chemicals during the pipe lining process is in amounts that are well under air quality thresholds established by the EPA. According to the CDC, members of the public are likely to come into contact with larger amounts of these chemicals daily in items like food packaging, drinking cups, and shoes.

Potential exposure to these low-level chemicals typically may occur when this process is used to reline sanitary sewer lines. These types of lines are physically connected to residences by a sewer service line which under the right circumstances, can allow chemical odors to enter a residence. The Town's use of this process is limited to stormwater pipes which are not connected to people's homes or buildings. The process is also done entirely outdoors to ensure maximum ventilation. To further alleviate concerns, you may choose to avoid standing near the job sites where this work is being performed. If work is taking place near your home, you may choose to temporarily close your windows while the process is underway. Typically, the pipe lining is completed in a matter of hours.

The pipe lining industry continues to evolve, developing methods that are more effective, efficient, and that affect air quality even less. The Town remains committed to providing safe and affordable maintenance services to the community, and will continue to take advantage of the technological advancements within the pipe lining industry.

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### **Parks & Recreation:**

#### **The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Colchester Touch-A-Truck**

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (Quiet time – no sirens)

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Sirens may be used)

Colchester High School Parking Lot, 131 Laker Lane,  
Colchester, VT 05446



Get up close and personal with big vehicles like fire trucks, police cruisers, ambulances, construction trucks, and many more! Get a view from the driver's seat and have all your questions answered by the truck owners. This free event is sponsored by KOOL 105.1 Big Hits.

If you're looking for a quieter experience, no sirens or horns will be used from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Music may be played during the entire event. Kids of all ages are welcome to come check out these trucks! The event will happen rain or shine.

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## **Upcoming Town Meetings**

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. 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 your name. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you SHARE YOUR ADDRESS. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting.

- 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)

**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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