

For the Week of May 24, 2023

Manager's Message

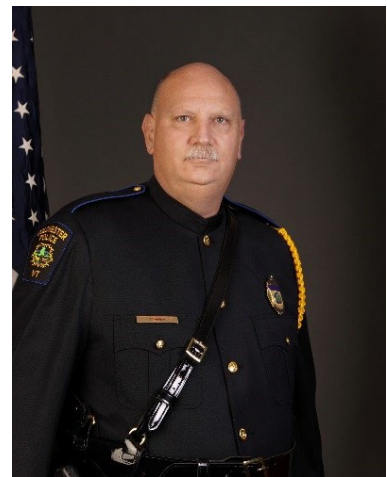
Aaron Frank, Town Manager

In observance of Memorial Day this coming weekend, the Town Offices and the Burnham Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, May 29th.



Police Chief Doug Allen's Future Retirement:

Colchester Police Chief Doug Allen has given notice of his retirement for September 28, 2023. As of August 10, 2023, Doug will have served as Colchester's fourth Chief of Police for five years. Doug has 42 years of law enforcement experience, having served as a police officer in Wilmington, VT for three years before joining Colchester's Police Department in 1984.



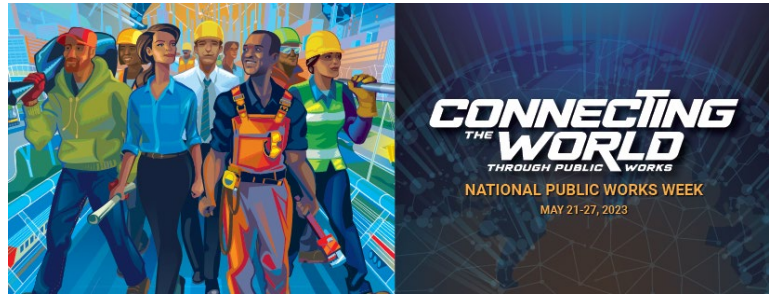
During his time as Chief, Doug has responded to the changing needs of the Town and schools, fostered police officers who are dedicated and professional, leveraged emergency services in times of crisis, and collaborated with Town government for capital, human resource, and other program planning. He led the department through the COVID-19 pandemic; engaged with protestors, maintaining safety while important of constitutional rights were exercised; and participated with positivity and professionalism in an effort by the Selectboard to review and adjust police policies over months. He has also embraced the evolution of policing, implementing body worn cameras, overseeing expanded partnerships with Howard Human Services and the Vermont Center for Responder Wellness, and expanding civilian roles in the department.

Doug has not only been committed to his work, but to the community as a whole. While serving the town he lives in, Doug has also volunteered in Rescue and was active in coaching youth sports. At a State-level, Doug was named Law Enforcement Officer of the year in 2021 by the Vermont American Legion and currently serves as the President of the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking Doug for his many years of leadership, dedication, and commitment in protecting and serving the Colchester community.

National Public Works Week: May 21st-27th

The theme for this year’s National Public Works Week is "Connecting the World Through Public Works." This theme highlights the way public works professionals connect us physically, through



infrastructure, and inspirationally, through service to their communities as daily workers carrying out their duties with pride. Public Works helps keep the Colchester community strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, wastewater, stormwater, public buildings, equipment maintenance, construction and right-of-way management. They are what makes our community a great place to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work the Colchester Public Works professionals do that makes life better for all of us!



National EMS Week: May 21st-27th

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service, as the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who

experience sudden illness or injury, and EMS has grown to fill a gap by providing important, pre-hospital care. The EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, technical rescue providers, firefighters, police officers, and other pre-hospital medical care providers. We thank those who are a part of the Colchester Rescue Squad, whether paid or volunteer, who engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and education to enhance their life-saving skills, all while continuing to serve the Colchester community!

Bay Road Striping Update: Bay Road was recently repaved as part of the Town’s annual paving program. Unfortunately, the final line striping failed to meet the Town’s specifications and standards. The Town, the Town’s paving contractor, and the paving contractor’s line striping sub-contractor are all very disappointed with the final outcome. After evaluation, a repair plan has been developed. This will include grinding off the new pavement markings, repainting with black



paint to match the new asphalt, and then repainting the yellow center line and white edge lines. The paving contractor will not be paid for the defective work, and will also pay for the corrective work. This work should be completed in the next three weeks.



PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE!



June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, and the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is inviting you to join them and "PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE."

The goal of this event is to engage and educate the community, encourage participation in their annual walk at the Shelburne Museum scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, and support the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

How can you get involved? Beginning June 11th and continuing through June 17th, businesses can show their support for those who are affected by ALZ. The possibilities to do so can be as simple as decorating a door or window; setting up a display sharing information about ALZ; having employees wear purple; handing out flyers for the September walk; collecting donations by rounding up sales or selling ALZ Paper Flowers; or something else creative and special to the business while incorporating the Alzheimer's colors of purple and white.

For more information on how to get involved or to request a starter kit, please visit https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/VT-Vermont?pg=entry&fr_id=16837 or contact Kirk Rankin by phone at 802-316-3839.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to 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

Planning Commission: Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Development Review Board: Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd 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



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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, June 14, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, June 15, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

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

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