

**For the Week of June 20, 2023**

## **Manager’s Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager



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**Ever in Town Hall and have the urge to color? We have a table on the first floor with coloring pages, and we love finding the art that’s left behind, like the wonderful piece above—thanks “KG!”**

**Signs in Right-of-Way:** Since COVID, the Town has received complaints from residents regarding private companies placing signage in the Town’s right-of-way or areas along side of roads. The State of Vermont’s enforcement of off-site advertising outlined in [State Statute 10 V.S.A. § 497](#) explains that the Traffic Information Council (TIC) or the Agency of Transportation (VTrans) removes unlawful signs with or without notice to the sign/property owner(s) and extends this authority to the legislative body of a municipality. Considering this State authority and after being advised from the Town attorney, at [last week’s meeting](#), the



Selectboard explicitly granted authority to the Town staff to remove and dispose of advertising signs from the Town’s right-of-way without prior notice to the sign/property owner(s).

## **Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Ensures Safe Battery**

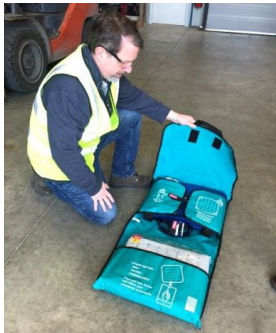
**Collection and Recycling at Transfer Stations:** In the past year, several battery fires have occurred at transfer stations throughout the Northeast. The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports](#) that lithium-ion batteries caused over 240 fires at 64 solid waste facilities between 2013 and 2020. Common sources included consumer devices like cell phones, tablets, laptops, hoverboards, and e-cigarettes.



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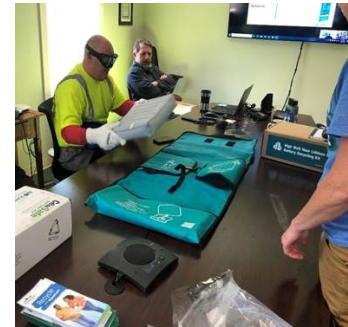
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Colchester – What do you want to do today?



Don Maglienti from the Addison County Solid Waste Management District opens a lithium battery safety kit which has safety goggles, gloves, and a fire shield blanket and pad to suppress a battery fire.

To help solid waste and recycling workers safely collect batteries and reduce the risk of fires, the DEC Solid Waste Program has spent \$160,000 to purchase and distribute battery collection safety kits to over 150 public and private transfer stations and Household Hazardous Waste facilities. The kits include fire shield blankets, gloves, and packaging to handle and mail back damaged or defective batteries for recycling.



Gary Hobbs from Addison County Solid Waste Management District demonstrates the use of battery safety supplies during training.

Consumers are encouraged to safely recycle their leftover single-use and rechargeable

batteries at one of [150 battery recycling collection locations](https://cswd.net/a-to-z/batteries/) in Vermont—for Colchester residents, please visit <https://cswd.net/a-to-z/batteries/> to find a Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) drop-off

location. If you have a bulging or damaged battery or another immediate request, you should contact CSWD at [\(802\) 872-8100](tel:8028728100) to get the damaged battery to a facility that can store and recycle it safely. To learn more about battery recycling, go to <https://cswd.net/a-to-z/batteries/>. To read DEC's full press release, please visit <https://dec.vermont.gov/news/dec-ensures-safe-battery-collection-and-recycling-transfer-stations>.

## Department Updates

**Burnham Memorial Library:** The annual book sale is taking place June 23rd to 25th at Colchester High School. Donations will be accepted at specified times at the high school:

- Monday, June 19 – Accepting donations from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 21 – Accepting donations from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 23 – Book sale from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 24 – Book sale from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 25 – Book sale from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.



## Parks & Recreation: 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

### 4th of July Parade

- The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Colchester High School
- Parade Route: The parade will process from Colchester High School, down Blakely Road, and end at Lavigne Road. Road closure is expected to be approx. one hour.



### **5K Fun Run**

**\$5.00 per participant**

**7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.:** Fun Run Registration at Union Memorial School

**8:15 a.m.:** 5K Race Begins - Middle Road

### **Bayside Beach**

Lifeguards will not be on duty for the 4th of July.

### **Bayside Park**

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Inflatables and Food Vendors

6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.: Music Entertainment: **THE HITMEN**

- The Hitmen are: Jim Cheney (Bass and Vocals), Bob Young (Guitar and Vocals), Brian Donnelly (Drums and Vocals), and Bob Boedecker (Keys and Vocals).
- Musical Style: 1970s- and 1980s-party rock & roll, featuring hot guitar, organ, and impressive vocal harmonies! The Hitmen play anything from John Mellencamp to Santana, The Atlanta Rhythm Section to Steely Dan - don't miss this fantastic group!

### **Fireworks**

- Fireworks will take place at dusk from the Bayside Softball Field. Please stay behind the safety fence.
- Parking available at: Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School, and the Malletts Bay School.

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## **Upcoming Town Meetings**

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, June 27, 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)

**Conservation Commission:** Wednesday, June 21, 4:00 p.m. at the Rosetti Natural Area parking lot on Holy Cross Road for an Invasive Species informational gathering. If you plan on attending, it would be a good idea to wear long pants and long sleeves, and to bring gloves, shovels and some drinking water.

**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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