

For the Week of July 10, 2023

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager



Do you have extra produce from your garden or non-perishables in your cupboards that you don't know what to do with? Consider donating them to the Colchester Food Shelf! Since the beginning of 2023, there has been a 45% increase in visits and a 35% increase in the total number of people served when compared to last year. Luckily, donations for food and supplies have increased by 87% and income donations by 13%. Consider further increasing these donations by donating your excess homegrown vegetables, other [high-priority items](#), or a monetary contribution. The Food Shelf is located at 245 Main Street, between Claussen's Greenhouse and Union Memorial School, and is open the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please visit: <https://colchesterfoodshelf.org/>.

Department Updates

Parks and Recreation:

2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Lower Bayside Park (Beachside)

All Concerts begin at 7:00pm
Admission is FREE
Parking available at Bayside Park

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!



July 13: She Was Right

She Was Right is a four-member band that consists of Colchester residents Jim Neary (percussion, vocals) Stewart Foster (guitar, vocals), CHS grad Cait Hoffmann (vocals) and from Monkton, Otto Funke (bass, vocals). Over the years, the band has played at numerous local venues and private gatherings and cover acoustic songs from many artists of various decades including James Taylor, The Eagles, Bonnie Raitt, Alison Krauss and many others. With smooth guitar

stylings, and Cait’s beautiful voice, *She Was Right* will engage you in an evening of music that will have you tapping your feet and singing along. As the band says, ‘Bring your thirsty ears’!

Town Clerk’s Office: Property Tax Bills

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



Burnham Memorial Library: Upcoming Adult/Senior Programs for Summer

Mah Jongg

Monday, July 10th at 1 p.m.
Whether you're new to the game or have played for years, you're more than welcome to join us at the Meeting House!



Evening Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 11th at 6 p.m.—*Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
Copies of the book are available to borrow at the library.

Adult Craft: Tiny Canvas Creations

Wednesday, July 12th at 2 p.m.
Paint or decorate a mini canvas for our upcoming community-sourced Tiny Art Show, which will be on display during the month of August. No art experience necessary—we will have lots of ideas on hand.

Henna Tattoos for Adults

Thursday, July 13th at 5 p.m.
Come get some henna art painted onto your hand with Henna artist Rupali Agrawal—it should last for several days if you're careful!

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, July 11, 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, July 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Development Review Board: Wednesday, July 12, 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 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, July 12, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, July 20, 4:00 p.m., 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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