

## For the Week of July 17, 2023 – Part 2

### Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

**Fire & Rescue Chief Appointment:** Scott Crady has been appointed as Colchester's next Fire Chief. Scott was chosen from a pool of 32 candidates from across the country. Scott has been Colchester's Rescue Chief since 2018. He began in public safety as a volunteer in the Starksboro Fire Department in 1983, worked in the private sector in construction and heavy equipment operation, and has served in multiple departments as Firefighter and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, as a volunteer, paid on call and full-time, in roles ranging from Firefighter/AEMT to Battalion Chief. Along with this appointment, Scott will remain Rescue Chief, as Fire and Rescue departments are often managed by a single individual. However, the Colchester Rescue department will remain distinct and separate from the Colchester Fire department with its own focus on providing paramedic services. Over the next month, Scott will work closely with current Fire Chief Seth Lasker to ensure a smooth transition and will begin his position as Colchester Fire & Rescue Chief on August 18, 2023. More information is available in this [press release](#): Congratulations Scott!



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### Department Updates

**Colchester Police Department:** Last Friday, Sergeant Roger Fisher was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the Colchester Police Department. Lieutenant Fisher has served in the department for 29 years, including the roles of Patrol Officer, Detective, Corporal, and Sergeant. He has also been a Motorcycle Officer, Field Training Officer, and a Response to Resistance Instructor. He graduated from advanced leadership training at Roger Williams University. Lieutenant Fisher will be the commander of the Operations Division and will now oversee training and the Field Training Officer program (FTO). This program assigns the Town's graduates of the Vermont Police Academy to a certified FTO for twelve weeks where they receive additional training and daily evaluations to become fully trained officers. Congratulations Roger!



## Parks and Recreation:

### 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Lower Bayside Park (Beachside)

All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.  
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 20: The Devon McGarry Band

Comprised of four seasoned musicians with common ambitions, The Devon McGarry Band presents an original music endeavor that can't be ignored. In the ever-changing world of rock music, they seek to be refreshing yet accessible. The music is rooted in McGarry's heartfelt lyrics and rhythms, but has been sculpted by his bandmates into a movement of sound. For nearly every catchy hook, Jeff Messina (lead guitar) offers up a blistering guitar solo to follow. Mitch Terricciano (bass guitar) and Rich Armstrong (drums) lock in to provide dynamic rhythms and uplifting grooves. Some songs hearken back to the 90's alternative scene, while others break the mold and blend genres.



### Burnham Memorial Library: Upcoming Adult/Senior Programs for Summer

#### Afternoon Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.—*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray  
Copies of the book are available to borrow at the library.



#### Trivia Night

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Burnham Room  
Join us for some friendly competition to test your knowledge over the course of three rounds on a variety of topics. Play solo or as part of a small team, with a chance for a prize!

### **Evenings of Chess**

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Join this friendly group at the Meeting House to play some chess. All skill levels welcome. Bring a set if you have one.

### **Dog Communication Workshop**

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Burnham Room

Is a tail wag always friendly? Is a yawn always just a yawn? Why does a dog shake off even when it's not wet? Come to this presentation by Deb Helfrich of Goldstar Dog Training and learn about dog communication and safety. (Please leave your dog at home.)

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## **Upcoming Town Meetings**

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, July 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)

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference 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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