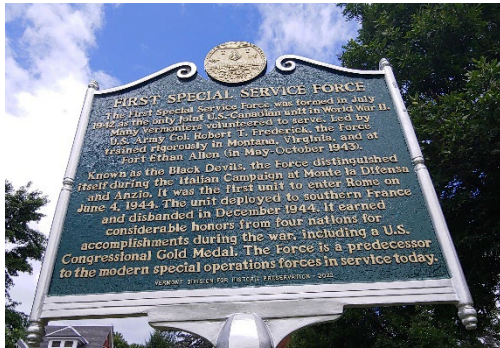


For the Week of August 21, 2023

Manager’s Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager



Recently, a new historic marker was installed on Dalton Drive in Fort Ethan Allen. This historic marker recognizes the First Special Service Force (FSSF), activated on July 9, 1942, as a joint Canadian-United States force of three small regiments and a service battalion. The FSSF trained for a period of time at Fort Ethan Allen here in Colchester. On Saturday August 12, an unveiling ceremony for the marker and a memorial for the fallen members of

the FSSF and those who have passed on in succeeding years was held. The event included a wreath laying, family tributes, bagpipers, the 40th Army Band, a military color guard, and special songs performed by an FSSF Association choir.



"Colchester is very fortunate to have been given the honor of this historic marker," said Bonnie Potter, President of the Colchester Historic Society. "We are very proud and appreciative of all the time, effort, and coordination that went into creating this very special marker and the very moving dedication event. We encourage Colchester citizens to visit the marker soon. It is located on Dalton Drive within Fort Ethan Allen, between the bandstand and the tennis courts." You can read more about the marker and event [HERE](#).

Mark your Calendars!

The Town of Colchester will be sponsoring a fall market at Severance Corners highlighting our local businesses, artisans, music, and food trucks. Activities for kids will also be part of this event.

WHEN: Saturday, September 16, 2023

(Rain Date: Sept. 17)

11 AM – 3 PM

Severance Green



"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter."



As requested by the State, the Town is sharing the VT Department of Health's test results and information on mosquitos and the West Nile Virus:

Each week from July to mid-October, mosquitoes are collected from locations around the state and tested for mosquito-borne viruses. The State Health Department summarizes this data weekly and compiles data in an annual surveillance report on their [web page](#). Although no human or animal cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in 2023, one of 39 pools of mosquitoes collected on August 8th in Colchester tested positive for West Nile Virus. (A mosquito pool is a group of 1-50 mosquitoes of the same species, collected at the same trap location, on the same date.)

When the virus is spread to humans through mosquito bites, most people don't get sick, but some get symptoms like fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. The sickness can become quite serious in some people, and those age 50 or older are at the highest risk.

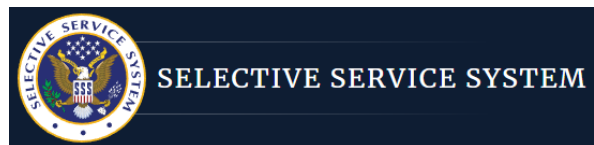
The Vermont Department of Health shares precautions to prevent mosquito bites and to protect yourself:

- Wear long sleeves and long pants when you're outside.
- Limit the amount of time you spend outdoors at dawn and dusk.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellent.
- Cover cribs, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Fix holes in your screens and make sure they are tightly attached to doors and windows.
- Get rid of standing water where mosquitoes like to breed.

Learn about what works when it comes to mosquito bite prevention:

www.healthvermont.gov/mosquito

Volunteer Opportunity with the Selective Service System: The Selective Service System (SSS) is looking for individuals to serve, in a volunteer capacity, as a Local Board Member.



The Selective Service System is an independent agency within the Executive Branch of the U.S. Federal Government who register men and maintain a system that, when authorized by the President and Congress, rapidly provides personnel in a fair and equitable manner while managing an alternative service program for conscientious objectors. The Selective Service System is not part of the Department of Defense; the SSS is responsible for availability of young men while the Department of Defense is responsible for acceptability in the event of a draft. For interested individuals, please review the Board Member Information Booklet and Board

Member Brochure that was shared in a [previous Selectboard packet](#) and which contains additional information about the mission, goals, how Selective Service Boards work, and how to join.

Department Updates

Burnham Memorial Library: Upcoming Adult/Senior Programs for Summer

Mah Jongg

Monday, August 28th 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!



Cooking the Books

Tuesday, August 29th at 1 p.m.—*The Weekday Vegetarian* by Jenny Rosenstrach

Join us at our bi-monthly potluck. Pick a recipe from that month's cookbook, make it at home, and bring it to share with the group! Signups required. This group will meet at the Meeting House.

Nature Walk Meetups for Adults

Wednesday, August 30th at 9 a.m.

Gather at the Wolcott Family Natural Area, 737 East Road in Colchester. Wear comfortable shoes and insect repellent and bring plenty of water.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, August 22, 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

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, August 21, 5:00 p.m. at Bayside Park, Colchester, VT.

Planning Commission: Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.



Colchester Town News

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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

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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