

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of October 27, 2014

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following information highlights some activities which occurred:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

Please remember to vote in the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 4th. Important charter changes are subject to your consideration in addition to the statewide races.

The Board of Civil Authority has decided to change the polling location for District 9-1 in Colchester Village and will be handing out flyers next Tuesday at the Town Meeting House, explaining the change beginning in March of 2015.

Consolidating voting to one location will:

- Provide adequate parking
- Improve handicap accessibility
- Lend predictability as to where the polling place is
- Eliminate voter confusion as to where the polling place is for their district
- Cut staffing costs
- Reduce the number of election officials and equipment needed

The BCA understands this change may cause an inconvenience and hardship for voters accustomed to walking to the polling place. However, there are a number of early voting choices including:

- VOTE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION FROM 7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM OR CARRY YOUR BALLOT OUT TO VOTE AT HOME AND MAIL IT BACK
- CALL (802) 264-5520 TO REQUEST THAT A BALLOT BE MAILED TO YOU
- EMAIL TOWNCLERK@COLCHESTERVT.GOV WITH A REQUEST TO HAVE A BALLOT MAILED

We have learned of two long time employees who will be retiring from the Town of Colchester. Nancy Pecor, a 16 year employee in the Town Clerk's Office will be leaving at the end of the year to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Sgt. Charles Cole, a 29 year veteran with the Colchester Police Department has taken a position with the National Life Group, due to his expertise and professionalism. Both of these employees were hard working, loyal and dedicated individuals who will be missed! We wish them all the best in their next endeavors.

For more information about the Town Manager's Office, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5509.

Burnham Memorial Library—Kelly Tomaseski, Director

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Halloween Party this week, and to all those volunteers from the Young Adult Advisory Board that made it possible. We'd like to share a few of our upcoming events: For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 264-5509.

- Food Donations - Drop off your donations for CHS Cares' Thanksgiving Day Project at the Library.
- Trivia Takedown with Josh – Join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 pm for our trivia contest!
- One-on-One Tutoring – Our tutoring program with the Albany College of Pharmacy students is up and running once again.
- Book Clubs – The library has a wide variety of regular book discussions open to a range of readers. In most cases, we have copies of the book available at the library:
 - DCF Book Club – Discusses Dorothy Canfield Fischer Award-winning books. First Wednesday at 6:30 pm, for 8-11 year olds. On November 5th we will discuss *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace*, by Nan Marino.
 - Wednesday Evening Book Club – First Wednesday at 6:45 pm. On November 5th we will read *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.
 - Books & Bites –Every other month, second Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Bayside Activity Center. Bring an appetizer. On November 13th we'll discuss *Before I Go to Sleep* by S. J. Watson.
 - Intergenerational Dessert Book Discussion – Last Monday at 6:30 pm. Open to anyone grade 6 and up. On November 24th we'll read *Grave Mercy* by Robin LaFevers.
 - Adult Book Discussion – Last Tuesday at 1 pm. Led by the library director. On November 25th we will read *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai.

For more information about Burnham Memorial Library's events and services, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Library/> or call (802) 264-5660.

Parks and Recreation Department—Glen Cuttitta, Director

The following is a small sampling of on-going and completed tasks by our department.

- Meeting with LIFE Advisory Board to identify target programs for Winter/ Spring season
- Coordinating LIFE program Instructors
- LIFE program is in full swing with many participants registering for programs
- Applications are being accepted for basketball coaches and registrations for youth basketball
- The Fall Activity brochure is out and registrations are taking place
- Planning Winter/Spring Activity brochure
- The ACE Afterschool program is currently in four Colchester Schools
- Working on a grant application for the Building Bright Futures program
- Organizing the Colchester Pride volunteer dinner on November 7th
- The first planning meeting for the 2015 Winter Carnival will take place on November 4th
- We are looking for Winter Carnival volunteers! Contact us at 264-5640 if interested
- Assisting with creating Request For Proposals for the new Town of Colchester website
- Getting price quotes for fence repair at Bayside Park Tennis Court
- Getting price quotes on roof replacement at Lower Bayside Park Bath House
- Winterizing all bath houses in the park system
- Picking up leaves and preparing parks for winter
- Preparing for the Leaf Drop Off at Airport Park on November 1st and 2nd.

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- Visited all Colchester Cemeteries in preparation for evaluating maintenance status of each
- Working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to create a trail network at the new Village Park
- Adopted new Town logo into the Village Park sign and are awaiting approval
- Identifying space needs for new Parks Maintenance building at Airport Park
- Recreation Advisory Board discussed our community project, which will be creating artistic bike racks to be placed in different locations in the community

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