

For the Week of July 16, 2018:

Manager's Message

Lieutenant Doug Allen has been promoted to the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Colchester.

Doug has thirty four years of law enforcement experience. As Lieutenant, he recently helped implement changes including community social workers, a new employee evaluation process, reduction of vehicle sizes, and coordinated capital planning. He has studied and exercised leadership in emergency situations and as acting chief. Doug has a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Lyndon State College and will be the fourth Chief in the Department's 50 year history.

For more about the Town Manager's Office, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call 264-5509.

Office of the Town Clerk
Julie Graeter

Tax Bills Have Been Mailed

The Clerk's Office has been busy preparing the tax bills for mailing. Property owners should receive their tax bills this week. Please check them to be sure you have received the correct tax rate and tax credit, if applicable.

The Primary Election will be held on August 14th. Vermonters will be voting for the following to be placed on the November ballot: US Senator and Representatives to US Congress; Governor and Lt. Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, and State's Attorney; Local Representatives and Senators, Probate Judge, Assistant Judge, Sheriff, and High Bailiff. Voters will receive three ballots, vote one, and discard the two unused ballots.

Absentee/Early voting is available in the Clerk's office (at the Town Offices at 781 Blakely Road) during regular business hours: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Early ballots may be requested online at the Vermont Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters.aspx>), in person at the Town Clerk's Office, or by phone (264-5520). Mail-in ballots must be received on or before Election Day. Remember to allow time for postal transit! The clerks are not responsible for mail delays.

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For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509

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- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. *July only change: Next meeting: 7/24 at the Meeting House on Main St.*
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. **Next meeting: August 8.**
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, **No July meeting. Next meeting: August 8.**
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. **Next meeting: 7/16**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **Next meeting: 7/24**

(All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.)

Upcoming events:

- **34th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 29, 8:30am at Bayside Park; Visit <https://www.colchestertri.com/> for details. Registration is now open for individuals and teams.

Notices:

- **Construction Update:** Colchester Routes 7/2, 2A Intersection Improvement Reconstruction of the Creek Farm Road intersection will include building new driveways for the American Legion and Mobile Home Park across from Creek Farm and widening the road for turn lanes into Creek Farm Road. One lane travel may cause traffic delays beginning at 8:30 AM and throughout the day. Motorists should allow extra time for daily commutes and errands. Questions? Contact Jill at (802)272-1248.



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