

For the Week of February 18, 2019

Manager's Message

Town Meeting Elections are Coming Up and Ballots Are Available NOW for Early and Absentee Voters!

March 5, 2019: Voters will go to the polls to vote. Ballot items include the Town's FY 2020 General Operating Fund Budget, the proposed Malletts Bay Sewer Project, elections of several local officials, as well as the School District's budget.

Informational videos on the Budget and the Sewer Project are now available on LCATV and can be viewed online:

- Town Budget Presentation: Visit <http://lcatv.org/colchester-town-budget-presentation-2019-01-30>
- Malletts Bay Sewer Project (Short Version): <http://lcatv.org/malletts-bay-sewer-psa-2019-02-06>
- Malletts Bay Sewer Project (Complete Interview): <http://lcatv.org/malletts-bay-sewer-project-2019-01-30>

Bryan Osborne, Director of Public Works, would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the sewer project. You may contact him at 264-5620 or by email at bosborne@colchestervt.gov.

Are you going out of town over winter break? There's no need to miss going to the polls when early/absentee voting is so convenient! You may vote at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, during regular business hours Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, from now until the Monday before the election. On Election Day, March 5, the polls will be open from 7 AM-7 PM at the Colchester High School gym.

You may request a ballot be mailed to you. (An authorized person may do this on your behalf). Call 264-5520 to request a ballot from the Town Clerk's office, or use the State of Vermont "My Voter Page" (<https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>) to request a ballot online. **Be sure to allow plenty of time for mail transit, for both receipt and return of your ballot,** or drop off your completed ballot at the Town Offices. On voting day completed ballots must be returned to the polling place at the high school.

Still not registered to vote? You may register during business hours at the Town Clerk's office; online (<https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>) anytime; or on the day of the election at the polling place!

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

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly McCagg, Director

Here are some of the exciting programs we have coming up at Burnham Library in March:

- **Tax Help with AARP Volunteers:** Saturdays, 9:15 AM–1:15 PM, by appointment only. AARP’s Tax Aide Service volunteers file taxes for seniors and lower income households for free! Call 264-5660 to make an appointment—slots fill quickly.
- **VTReads 2019 I Have a Dream:** Wednesday March 20, 6 PM. We kick off Vermont Reads with Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, followed by a book/speech discussion. Most suitable for teens and adults, but all are welcome at the discretion of adult guardians. Borrow a copy of the book near the adult services desk and let us know if you will attend.
- **Free One-on-One Tutoring:** Saturdays, 9:00-11:30 AM. Students from the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences tutor kids in grades 1-6 in reading, math, and science, at the library. Available to other grades in certain subjects. Call 264-5660 to sign up.
- **Intro to Mango Languages:** Monday, March 4, 6 PM. Come for an overview on how you can learn a new language at home. Sign up and be eligible for our mini raffle of mango-themed goodies!
- **Young Adult Advisory Board:** Monday, March 11, 6 PM. Teens grades 6-12 volunteer to plan some teen library programs!
- **FREE Practice ACT Test:** Saturday, March 23, 9 AM. It’s the first full-length practice test of the season with Princeton Review. Call the library to sign up!
- **Get The Most Out of Your Social Security Benefits:** Wednesday, March 27, 5:30-7:00 PM. We can help you gain a better understanding of your social security benefits. R.S.V.P: at www.JoAnnThibault.com or call 802-662-4923.

Sign up for our e-newsletter to get all the latest library happenings via your email inbox. <https://colchestervt.gov/718/Our-eNewsletter>

For more about Burnham Library events visit <http://colchestervt.gov/library> or call (802) 264-5660.

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

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

There are plenty of fun, new things to do and learn in programs offered through the Parks and Recreation Department! Check out these March programs coming up at the Bayside Activity Center:

Safety Programs:

- My Safe Life (Ages 7 – 9) March 4, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
 - Home Alone (Ages 9 – 12) March 5, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- See p. 11 of the program catalog for details.

Cooking:

- Middle Eastern Cuisine (Ages 18+): March 6, 5:00 – 8:00 PM.
- See p.24 for details.

Sports:

- **2019 Lacrosse Season!** Sign up before March 1 to take advantage of the early bird rate. Boys’ Teams and Girls’ Teams are offered for Gr. 3 & 4, 5 & 6, and 7 & 8. Season starts March 25.
- See p.17 for details.

Fun Stuff!

- Dr. Suess’ Birthday Bash! (Ages 4 – 7): March 9, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.
See p. 10 for details.
- Preschool PJ Party (Ages 3 – 5): March 3, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
See p. 7 for details.

Register online for programs at <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester>

We’d like to thank all of the youth athletes and volunteer coaches in our Youth Basketball Program for a great 2018/2019 season! We are so proud of all of the accomplishments and progress we witnessed this year and for all of your positive attitudes and good sportsmanship. We’re already looking forward to next year!

We are still seeking at least one more adult to join our team of “Walk with Ease” instructors. Training begins in March and is offered at no cost through a grant from NRPA. The goal is to help older adults form a healthy lifestyle and walk a greater distance with balance and confidence using a six-week program. If you are interested in this training, please contact Mike LaPan at mlapan@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5648.

For more about Parks & Rec visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. **The Planning Commission has cancelled its meetings on February 19 and March 5.** The next meeting will be held on March 19.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. March meeting: 3/13
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, March meeting: 3/13. Champlain Room, 2nd floor.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 3/18
- **Library Board of Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4 PM, at the Burnham Library. Next meeting: 2/21
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meeting: 2/26. **The February 26 meeting will be held at Colchester High School in the Performing Arts Center and will be an informational meeting regarding the Malletts Bay Sewer Project that will be voted on March 5.**

(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:

- **The Town/School District Annual Meeting is coming up!** The Community Dinner (free!) will start at 5:30 PM in the Colchester High School cafeteria. Please bring a pot-luck dessert to share. Join the Town staff and your state legislators to learn the latest news from Montpelier. Check-in starts at 6:30 PM; the meeting begins at 7 PM in the Performing Arts Center.
- **Winter Concert: A Night with Satin & Steel:** Friday, March 8, 2019 at Colchester High School. Starts at 7:00pm, admission is FREE.



Follow us on Facebook (@TownColchesterVT)



Share your photos of Colchester with us on Instagram (@colchestervt)

Notify Me: **Subscribe** to Town news that matters to you most. Visit www.colchestervt.gov and click on the Notify Me icon to sign up.