

For the Week of April 29, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Colchester Selectboard asked the Planning Commission to review and analyze options to address the lack of effective septic treatment for properties on inner Malletts Bay. The Town would like to **get a fuller picture of residents' opinions** regarding the proposed Malletts Bay Sewer Project that was on the ballot in March, for consideration as we examine alternative options. To that end, we are asking Colchester residents to participate in a short survey. The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete.

To take the survey, scan the QR code below with your smart phone or visit bit.ly/MBI-Sewer-Survey. Thank you for your assistance.



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

Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

The department is proud to announce that on April 5, 2019, Cpl. David Dewey and his K9 partner, Ozzy, completed their training at the 43rd Drug Detection School located the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford, VT. Cpl. Dewey and Ozzy are scheduled to continue their training at the patrol dog school scheduled for July of this year.

Dave and Ozzy are featured in a three part series on WPTZ, called The Making of a Police Dog. The first part was aired on April 25th, and can be seen at the following link: <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/the-making-of-a-police-dog/27277227>. The second part will air in a few weeks. The series gives a unique look at the training the dogs receive, and their life at home and at the department.

A formal graduation will be held for the drug detection school, along with the 107th Full Time Police Academy on May 24, 2019. CPD Officers Elizabeth Fell and Richard Giroux will also be graduating with the 107th.

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

In the past four weeks, the department has responded to 1247 calls for service, a slight increase from the same time period last year. These calls resulted in 43 arrests, including two for residential burglary, one commercial burglary, an Aggravated Operating without Owners Consent, False Pretenses, and Armed Robbery. The department also made an arrest for a commercial burglary that occurred in February of this year.

The men and women of the Colchester Police Department would like to thank Marvin Siple publicly for his dedication to the Town of Colchester, and for his far-too-many-to-mention selfless acts in assisting this agency the past 48 years. Marvin will retire from the Colchester Public Works Department on May 1st and his knowledge and dedication will be truly missed. We wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

- Colchester Rescue participated in the Big Chill along with the Malletts Bay FD. All had a great time.
- Members from Colchester Rescue covered St Michael's Rescue for a night so their personnel could attend the St Michael's Fire & Rescue annual banquet.
- Asst. Chief Aley worked with the Colchester Middle School instructing CPR to students.
- The majority of the construction is completed in the ambulance bay. This construction involved removing a small portion of concrete floor, installing new plumbing and replacing the concrete floor. This project has made a big difference in access around the ambulances along with giving us a properly dedicated location for decontamination and emergency eye wash. We want to give a special thanks to the Colchester DPW employees, their hard work and expertise has made this possible.
- There were 151 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 101 calls last year for this time frame. Approximately a 33% increase.

For more about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. May meetings: Tuesday, 5/7 and **Monday, 5/20**. *This is a special Wastewater Solutions Forum and will take place at Colchester High School!*
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. May meeting: 5/8
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. Champlain Room, 2nd floor. May meeting: 5/9
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 4/15
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. May meetings: 5/14 & 5/28
- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: TBA
- **Library Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM at Burnham Memorial Library. Next meeting: 5/16

(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:

- **Legislative Hours:** Come meet Colchester Legislators to ask questions or share your thoughts and suggestions! Dates and locations:
 - Town Meeting House: Sunday, 5/19, 2-3 PM
 - Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor: Monday, 5/6, 12-1 PM
- **Green Up Day:** Saturday, May 4, 7:30 AM – 2PM. Hot dog barbecue at the PD from noon to 1 PM. Pick up bags at Colchester Police Department starting April 26, 7:30 AM.
 - **Please note that green bags will not be available at the Burnham Library this year.** Green bags will be available ONLY at the Colchester Police Department on Blakely Road so that areas can be assigned and coordinated for bag pick-up after Green Up Day.
 - **Important:** If you wish to pick up trash in a specific area **please coordinate where you will be collecting trash with Green Up Coordinator, Theresa Carroll, at News110@comcast.net.** This is to ensure that all bags are left on the Town's collection route. *If you do not sign up or coordinate your pick up area with the Green Up Coordinator your bags may not be collected from the roadside!*
- **12th Annual Touch-A-Truck:** Saturday, May 4, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (Quiet Time, No Sirens), 10:30 – 11:00 AM (Sirens may be used) Colchester High School Parking Lot; Rain or Shine. FREE!

- **7th Annual Colchester Causeway 5K/10K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 1 at Airport Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **35th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 28, 8:30 AM at Bayside Park. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details

Notices:

- The **second** Planning Commission meeting in May has been moved to **Monday, May 20, 7:00 PM** for a special Wastewater Solutions Forum at Colchester High School.
- Burnham Library will be **closed** on Wednesday May 22 for staff to attend the Vermont Library Association Conference.
- **Colchester Historical Society:** You can find upcoming events, vintage photos, opportunities and more in the Spring 2019 issue of the Colchester Historical Society's quarterly newsletter. Find it all here: www.bit.ly/Historical-Society-Newsletter
- The Town Offices will be **closed** on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

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