

For the Week of May 7, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

On Friday evening a storm with rain and high winds raced through the Colchester Point area and caused significant damage to some Colchester properties and the Colchester Causeway. After initial observation it was decided to close the Causeway for safety. The Town is still in the process of fully assessing the damage, securing repair estimates, and timelines for reopening. The Town will update the public with further information as we know more. Thank you for your patience concerning this matter.

Burnham Memorial Library

Kelly McCagg, Director

Spring is finally here and the Library is hopping! Did you know 265 people filed their taxes at the library, thanks to the help of AARP's Tax Aide Service volunteers? We've also added 74 titles to our Green Mountain Library Consortium Overdrive catalog, which expands our collection of downloadable audio and e-books, available via our webpage under Digital Services. Continue reading to find out about some of our upcoming programs.

- Read to Willy Wonka the Volunteer Therapy Dog: Tuesday, May 8 & 22 at 4:15 pm. Sign up to read to our volunteer certified therapy dog. Non-readers can an adult read to them while they and Willy Wonka sit back and enjoy the stories. Call to sign up!
- Teen Craft: Paper Cranes: Thursday, May 10 at 4pm. We will be tackling paper cranes in all their elegant glory. Registration is required to ensure we have enough supplies. This program is for teens, grades 6-12.
- Preschool Yoga: Thursdays, 11:30am. Join instructor Melissa Nutting for yoga for you and your preschooler. This six-week session begins May 10th. Singing, relaxing, reading, and stretching—a delightful way to spend a half hour with your child. Melissa earned her Children's Yoga Teacher Certification through the Child Light Yoga Center.
- Practice ACT: Saturday, May 19, 9am. Sign up online to take a free, full-length practice test to hone your skills for the real thing. Registration is required at least one week prior to the test date. The test generally lasts about four hours; bring snacks and be prepared to stay a while.

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

- Perennial Plant Swap: Saturday, May 19, 10am in the library courtyard. Bring a plant in a labeled container, and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Swapping starts precisely at 10:00 am. Please, no orange daylilies/ditch lilies.
- Adult YA Book Club: Monday, May 21, 6:30pm. This is a new book club for adult readers of YA! This month we're reading *In Other Lands* by Sarah Rees Brennan. Copies are available for checkout upstairs. Registration is appreciated.
- Baby & Me Story Time: Fridays, 10:30am. This story time is for babies ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. We will share the magic of stories, songs, rhymes, bounces, and finger-plays. Join us for this 6 week session on Fridays, 10:30am beginning May 25. Participants will receive books and additional goodies at each session.
- Louise Penny Bus Trip: Saturday, June 23. Our first trip was such a success that we thought we would bring it back! Join other Louise Penny fans to tour the Eastern Townships of Quebec, visiting the places that inspired the world of *Three Pines*. Tickets are \$45/person; payment due by June 2.

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

Friends of Burnham Library Seeks Members/Volunteers

Want to become more involved in your community? Consider joining the Friends of the Burnham Library!

Actually, anyone who has donated to the Friends Annual Appeal in the past year is listed as a "Friend," but there are those who become more involved in the various activities that the Friends do to support our wonderful Burnham Memorial Library.

Why not attend our next meeting and see where you might lend a hand? The next meeting will be held at the library on Monday, June 4 at 6:30pm. We will be welcoming new members and holding the annual election of officers.

Officers of the Friends:

- President
- Treasurer and Financial Officer
- Secretary - maintains Friends Database
- At-large members

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What do Friends do? We fundraise: our major annual fundraisers are the summer used book sale (June 29-July 1 this year) and the Annual Appeal.

Friends also:

- Volunteer at the library
- Help out in the library garden
- Stock the three "little libraries" around town
- Pick up books from the book return drops and return them to the Library

Questions? Call the library or contact Sue-Rae Glinka, FOBL President, at sueraeg@aol.com

We hope to see you soon at the Library!

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

SUMMER CAMPS:

- **Fishing Camp** (Entering Gr. 5-8): We're offering two options for Fishing Camp this year! Spend one week fishing with a professional guide and learn about different species of fish, fishing regulations, lure, bait, equipment and more.
 - A: Monday-Friday, June 25-29 OR
 - B: Monday-Friday, August 6-10. Both sessions run 7:30am-12:30pm. \$189 (Res) / \$194 (NR). Drop Off/Pick Up at Bayside Parking Lot.
- **Hook-A-Kid on Golf** (Entering Gr. 3-7): One week clinic designed to introduce swing fundamentals, rules, etiquette, and history of the game. All campers receive a set of golf clubs and play on a real course on the final day of camp. Monday-Friday, August 6-10, 8:00am-12:00pm at Essex Country Club. \$187 (Res) / \$192 (NR).
- **Lights, Camera, Action! Film Camp** (Entering Gr. 5-8): Join the pros at LCATV to learn the basics of television programming. Campers will learn about all the equipment involved and produce their own short program; all campers will receive a DVD of their projects. Monday-Friday, August 20-24, 9:00am - 12:00pm at LCATV, Creek Farm Plaza. \$65 (Res) / \$70 (NR).

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

- **Birding for Beginners (Ages 13+)**: Learn how to identify birds by sight and sound, explore their interactions in their environment, and learn about the important role they play in the ecosystem. All participants receive a guidebook. Limited loaner binoculars available. Sundays, June 3 and August 7, 8:00- 9:30am at Airport Park. \$35 (Res) / \$40 (NR).
- **Learn to Sail (Ages 7+)**: Sailing is the perfect pastime when you live so close to Malletts Bay! Experts at the International Sailing School will instruct a curriculum tailored to each student's skill level, including terminology,

departing and returning, sailing trim, tacking and gybing, steering a steady course, safety, and more. Tuesday-Friday, June 26-29, 5:30- 8:30pm at International Sailing School, W. Lakeshore Dr. \$129(Res)/\$134(NR) single OR \$194/\$199 for 2.

- **Plan the Perfect Cookout (Ages 18+):** Summertime means cookouts! We'll coach you on planning a successful get-together, grilling tasty main courses, and ensuring your guests are entertained for the entire event. It's a great option for a family celebration or just a weekend afternoon. Saturday, June 23, 1:00-3:00pm at Airport Park. \$45 (Res) / \$50 (NR).

Events:

- **Sunset SUP & Sip:** Friday, June 29, 7:30 – 10:30pm at Bayside Beach; \$30 per person. Enjoy sunset over Malletts Bay while Stand-Up Paddleboarding and then enjoy a wine tasting with Snow Farm Vineyard. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. 21 & older only. Register at <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester>.

Parks:

- Bathrooms at Upper Bayside Park and Airport Park are open for the season
- Construction will be starting again on the Village Park Perimeter Trail next week. Please be aware of construction equipment if you are using the trail.
- Dinghy dock will be installed once the water recedes by the concrete landing.
- Athletic fields have been prepared for play.
- Spring clean-up has been completed at the cemeteries.

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 7:00pm. **Next meeting: May 15**
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. **Next meeting: May 21**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **Next meeting: May 22**
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00am at the Town Offices in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor. **Next meeting: May 23**

(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:

- **Colchester Rescue Annual Open House:** May 23 6:00 - 8:00pm at 687 Blakely Road. Enjoy a station tour, police K-9 demonstration, Rescue and

Police vehicles, learn about the Stop the Bleed program; also prizes and refreshments. FREE and fun for the whole family!

- **6th Annual Causeway 5K/10K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 2, 8:30am at Airport Park; \$30 per person. Registration is OPEN. Register by May 1 to guarantee t-shirt size. Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **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:

- The Town Offices will be closed **Monday, May 28** in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Construction Update on Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Intersections Improvement Project: Work to resume mid-May:** VTRANS will resume work on the Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Intersections in mid-May and finish by the end of August.

VTRANS will delay work that requires lane closures until 8:30am to allow work and school traffic to proceed as normally as possible. Afternoon commuters should plan for delays. Afternoon construction cannot be restricted if the project is to be completed by the end of August. Construction will shut down for Memorial Day weekend, July 3 & 4, and in late July for the Colchester Triathlon.

Stay tuned for start date and construction phasing. Have questions? Contact Jill Barrett at 802.272.1248.



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