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Town News for the Week of June 14, 2021



Thanks to our IT professional Adam Cohen for this amazing early-morning sunrise shot of Malletts Bay.

What do you want to do today?

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

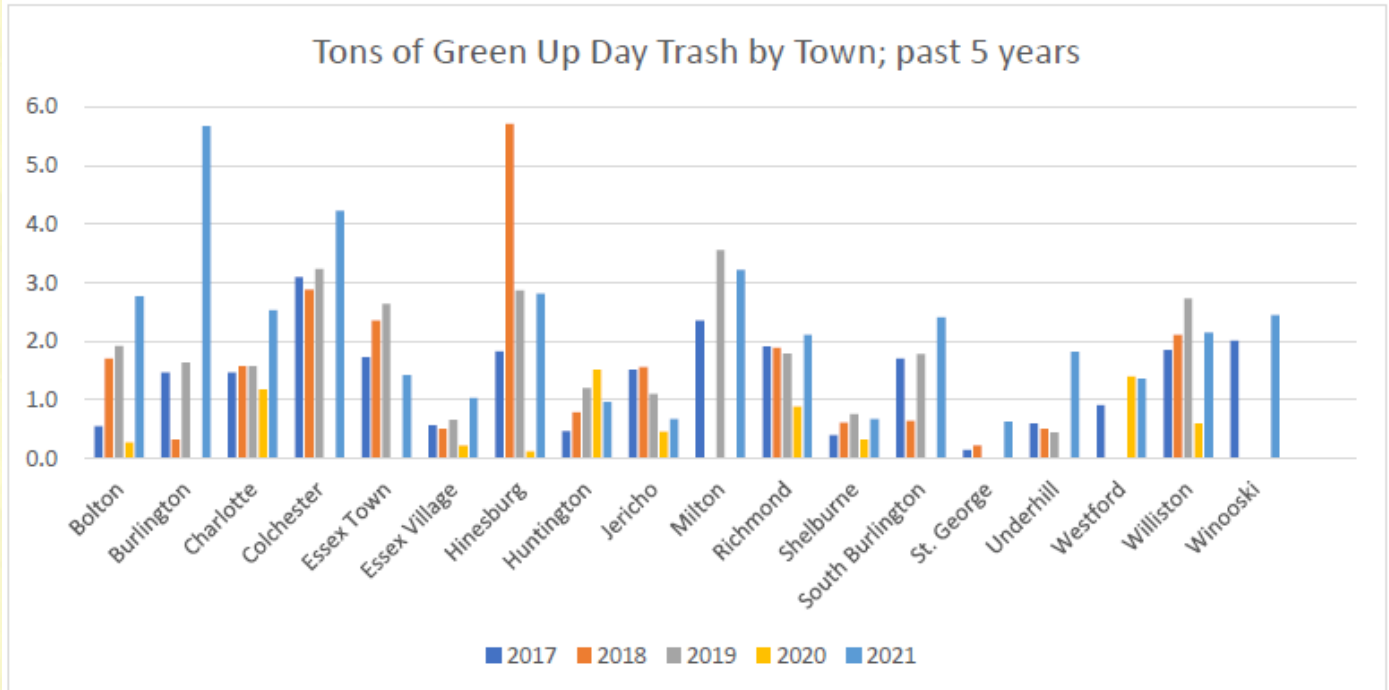
Green Up Day Results: Green Up Day took place



on May 1 and had a strong rebound after the 2020 event was cancelled due to the pandemic. All 18 CSWD member communities participated and Chittenden County recorded a total of 41.4 tons of trash and 2,631 tires collected. CSWD hadn't seen over 30 tons collected since 2015.

Colchester collected a total of 4.23 tons of trash and 2.59 tons of tires, or about 241 total tires.

Thank you to CSWD for waiving fees on the trash and tires collected, to Meyers for donating and hauling the roll-off, to the Conservation Commission for organizing this year's Green Up Day, to the Public Works Department for cleaning up all the bags and items left on the side of the road, and to all the individuals and community groups who participated.



COVID-19 Update

Recent Cases: Chittenden County has had 28 new cases in the last 14 days. Read more [here](#).

Vermont Forward Update

As of Monday, June 14, more than 80% of eligible Vermonters have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Governor Phil Scott has authorized the move to Step 4 of the Vermont Forward Plan. Gathering, and travel-related restrictions are fully lifted.

You may be required to wear a mask in some settings, even if you are fully

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vaccinated. For more information on the Vermont Forward Plan, please visit the [Vermont Forward website](#).



Governor Phil Scott signing the final step of the Vermont Forward Plan into order, via his Facebook page.

Economic Recovery Bridge Program

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) has opened the Economy Recovery Bridge Program and has started accepting rolling applications. \$30 million of funds from the American Rescue Act are available to eligible businesses who have not received prior State or Federal financial assistance. Those businesses will receive priority for the first 30-day grant window, and then other businesses who have suffered a tax loss even after receiving aid will be invited to apply for remaining funds. For more information, visit the [ACCD website](#), or call (802) 828-1200, or email accd.covid19@vermont.gov.

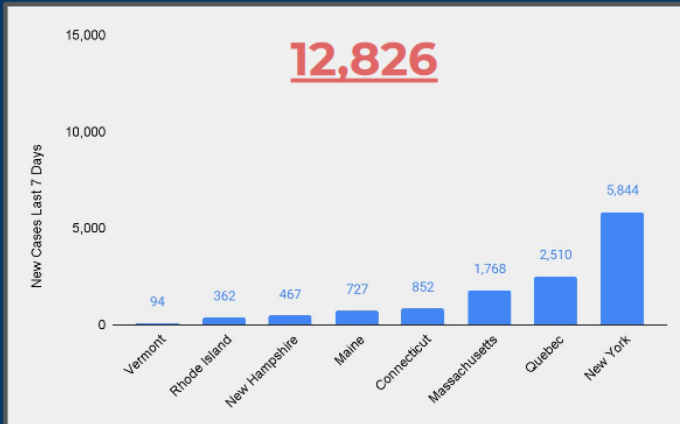
COVID-19 Modeling

According to the latest modeling by the Department of Financial Regulation, Vermont COVID-19 cases are down 91% since their last peak in April. The state is seeing some of the lowest rates of infection since the end of last summer. Vermont is also scoring first in the country in doses administered, % received at least one dose (eligible and full population), % fully vaccinated, and doses administered 65+ per 100K. In addition, the northeast region has seen a 33.8% decrease in new cases, with new cases down 91% in the last 9 weeks.

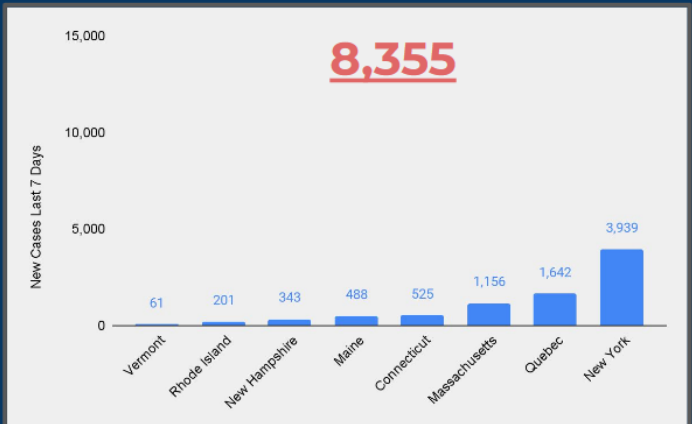
Regional Cases

33.82% Decrease in New Cases

New Cases May 25th to May 31st



New Cases June 1st to June 7th



Sources: State Health Departments & CTV National News (Quebec)

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Walk-In Clinics Available

Although 80% of Vermont's population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, Governor Phil Scott and the Department of Health are still urging residents to get vaccinated. Walk-in clinics are still being held daily around the state. To find one near you, visit the Dept. of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine [webpage](#).

Department Updates

Glen Cutitta

Director of Parks & Recreation

The 8th annual Causeway Race on Saturday, June 5th was a successful event! After having to cancel last year's race due to the pandemic, it was great getting folks back out and reconnecting at our first major event. We had a beautiful morning for the race; it was a bit windy out on the Causeway, but no one was deterred!

We had 200 registered and saw 168 people total compete in both the 5K and 15K races. To maintain distance, we sent racers out in 20-person waves every 2 minutes, which worked very well. Thanks to Matt Chandler for doing the timing for both races, as he has since we started the Colchester Causeway race in 2013. A big thank you also goes out to volunteers, Mike Lapan and Selectboard Chair Pam Loranger, Colchester Technical Rescue and the Parks & Recreation staff who helped to make this event



happen.

See some results and photos below:

5K Results - 1st Place in Each Age Group

Name	Age Group	Gender	Time
Nicholas Kidder	0-19	M	20:57
Rich Gallagher	40-49	M	21:08
Christopher Chase	20-29	M	22:02
Kipp Bruning	50-59	M	22:22
Nathan Rossetti	30-39	M	23:03
Dannelle Pratt	30-39	F	23:18
Kim Corrow	40-49	F	23:32
Lauren Cootware	20-29	F	23:54
Laurie Brooks	50-59	F	27:41:00
Brendan Finn	60-69	M	27:57:00
Aya Yousey-Hindes	0-19	F	31:13:00
Meg Clark	60-69	F	34:11:00
Pat Schiller	70-99	F	35:42:00
Michael Colburn	70-99	M	44:23:00

15K Results - First Place in Each Age Group

Name	Age Group	Gender	Time
Waylon Kurts	0-19	M	0:53:58
Dave Dunham	50-59	M	0:59:30
Seth Kutikoff	30-39	M	1:01:55
Kevin Glenn	60-69	M	1:03:39
Hibby Regan	30-39	F	1:05:33
Naomi Holzhauer	20-29	F	1:07:32
Anthony Scorsome	20-29	M	1:08:41
Luke Hulbert	40-49	M	1:10:41
Meredith Breiland	40-49	F	1:15:00
Suzette Gagne	50-59	F	1:20:24
Lisa Zhou-Hackett	0-19	F	1:36:48
Carol Boivin	60-69	F	1:52:08
Mike Lozan	70-99	M	1:54:30
Marycate Bene	70-99	F	2:07:41





For more photos and race results, visit
our [website](#).



We are also looking forward to some more events this summer. Come celebrate the 4th of July with us! We are kicking off the 4th with the 50th Annual Colchester Parade of Blakely Road at 10 a.m. Starting at 5 p.m., food trucks will be operating at Bayside Park. From 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., The Hitmen will be performing at Bayside Park. Finally, fireworks will start at dusk from the Bayside Softball Field. Join us in the celebration! Note: There will be NO 5K fun run on July 4th. For more information, visit our [website](#).

We are also gearing up for summer camps and other activities. The waterfront will be opening June 21st, and lifeguards will be on-duty. Bayside Paddle Sports will also be opening, with kayaks and paddleboards for rent. NOTE: there will be no inflatable water park at Bayside this year. There will also be NO Triathlon this year.

Finally, **FREE summer concerts** will be returning to Bayside Waterfront Park this year! First up is Quadra on July 15th, then Chad Hollister on July 29th. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Parking will be available at Bayside Park. Bring chairs, towels, and a picnic dinner and enjoy the summer evenings with us! For more information, visit our [website](#).



Upcoming Town Meetings

[Agendas available here](#)

- **Planning Commission:** June 15 at 7:00 P.M. via [Zoom](#); *Zoom Meeting ID:* 935 984 6003
 - [Live stream](#)
 - Mail or email public testimony prior to the hearing (PZinfo@colchestervt.gov or Town of Colchester Planning Commission, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446)

- **Development Review Board:** Next meeting: June 14 at 7:00 PM
 - [Live stream](#)
 - Mail or email public comments prior to the hearing (lriddle@colchestervt.gov) or Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446) or participate at public comment periods during the Zoom meeting.

- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Next meeting: TBA

- **Conservation Commission:** Next meeting: July 19, 6:00 p.m.

- **Library Board of Trustees:** Next meeting: June 17 at 4:30 PM; *Dial in:* (929) 205 6099 *Meeting ID:* 992 1600 9241 *Passcode:* 988244

- **Selectboard:** Next meeting: June 22 at 6:30 PM at 781 Blakely Road in the third floor Outer Bay Room. Attend in person with masks if you are unvaccinated. Masks are optional for fully-vaccinated folks. Alternatively, send a note to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and your name. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you SHARE YOUR ADDRESS. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting. Watch the meeting online via live stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>

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