

# **Town Newsletter**

## What Do You Want to Do Today, Colchester?

**August 1, 2021** 

### Town Manager's Message

The 1815 Log Schoolhouse at Airport Park recently opened its doors once again to the public! The structure, discovered in 2000 at a local camp, was relocated in 2006 and restored on-site in accordance with the approved architectural plans. Today, the renovated Schoolhouse operates as an exhibit, showcasing 1815 artifacts and masonry, as well as a visitor center.





Museum Hours Friday: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Monday: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Address: 488 Colchester Point Road Colchester, VT 05446

information the Schoolhouse's For more on history, visit colchestervt.gov/477/Log-Schoolhouse-Restoration.

#### A Fond Farewell

Denise Johnson-Terk has accepted a position with the State of Vermont. Like many in town government, Denise wore many hats — Wastewater Official, Health Officer, Building Inspector, and Permit Specialist. These roles all helped keep buildings and property safe for their occupants and in conformance with state and town rules. We thank Denise for her contributions and wish her the best of luck in her next career chapter!

### A Congratulations to Chief Allen

Thomas Scanlon is the Senior Vice Commander of the American Legion's Department of Vermont, an organization chartered and incorporated by

Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

At the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>, Vice Commander Scanlon presented Colchester Chief of Police Douglas Allen with the Vermont Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Chief Allen previously volunteered in rescue and various youth sports programs and now volunteers with the Rotary and local skating club. Chief Allen has supported the funding, integration, and implementation of community outreach and community justice in the town.

### Covid-19 Update

In the last 14 days, there have been 149 recent cases of Coronavirus in Chittenden County. For further information, please visit the Vermont Department of Health's Dashboard.

Walk-in clinics and appointments for the Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, or Pfizer vaccines are available today. To find a site near you, make an appointment, or for further information about before- and after-care, please visit the Vermont Department of Health's webpage, Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine, or call 855-722-7878.

Check out CNN's recent article, 'I don't feel any fear going out.' How residents are living in America's most vaccinated state!



85.5% of Chittenden County residents 12+ have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of July 30, 2021.



### Department Spotlight

Colchester Public Works is currently developing a project to completely reconstruct the Prim and West Lakeshore Drive intersection. The project is designed to congestion, public safety, and water quality through a re-alignment of the roadways, the addition of a traffic bicycle and pedestrian signal, and advanced improvements, stormwater treatment. The project is being funded entirely with state and federal funds and is expected to be under construction in the next two years.



### **Employee Spotlight**

Amanda traded the ocean for the green mountains when she moved from Rhode Island to Vermont. She studied civil engineering as an undergraduate at UVM and then completed a Master of Business Administration at the University of Road Island. Before joining the staff in 2019, she worked as a consulting engineer, designing and overseeing the 2019 – 2020 Colchester Causeway repairs.



#### At the Office

Amanda manages public works projects to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal standards and regulations. She has worked on the following projects: Blakely Road and Laker Lane Intersection, West Lakeshore Drive Shared-Use Path, and Bayside Intersection Roundabout.

#### **Outside of Town Hall**

Amanda's summer has been filled with gardening, swimming, and quality time with her pitbull, Bella!



### **Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Development Review Board 7:00 pm

 Location: Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room

#### Tuesday, August 24th

- Selectboard 6:30 pm
- Location: Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room
- Note this meeting is in-person. Masking is based on vaccination status, or send a note to townmanager@colchestervt.gov with 'Citizens to be Heard,' your name, and address — the email will be shared with the entire Selectboard before the meeting.

- Selectboard Meeting Agenda: bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas
- Livestream: lcatv.org/live-stream-2

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Burnham Memorial Library

Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Outdoor Storytime
- 10:30 11:00 am

#### Wednesday, August 4th

- The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum Presents: Raptors & Us
- 10:00 11:00 am
- Weekly Booktivities: Papier Mache Animal Masks Part II
- 2:00 3:00 pm

#### Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- Outdoor Yoga for Kids
- 11:00 11:30 am

#### **Summer Concerts**

Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

- Chad Hollister Quartet 7:00 pm
- Location: Lower Bayside Park

#### Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- CHS Alumni Jazz Band 6:30 pm
- Location: Lower Bayside Park





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