

For the Week of October 2, 2023

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

National Community Planning Month

The month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the U.S., and it is a time to recognize how community planning helps provide a framework for private sector development to balance the needs of the natural environment that supports human life and the developed areas where we live, work, learn, shop and recreate. Town planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in the creation and administration of these regulations by serving on boards and commissions or through public input. We thank the Town's volunteer Planning Commission, volunteer Development Review Board and the Planning and Zoning Department staff for the time and expertise they've contributed to our planning and development framework!



**WINTERIZATION
FILL THE BOAT
FOOD DRIVE**

Help us fill up a boat with non-perishable foods for the Colchester Community Food Shelf.

WHEN?
SEPTEMBER 18TH - NOVEMBER 17TH
8AM-5PM M-F, 9AM-2PM SATURDAY

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
390 PRIM ROAD, COLCHESTER, VT

 **SABA MARINE**

ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATION: Colchester Town Offices, 1st Floor, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT (M-F 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, until Nov. 16th)

Help Fill a Boat with Food for Those in Need! Saba Marine is holding a food drive to support the **Colchester Community Food Shelf**. Help them fill up a boat with non-perishable foods by dropping donations off at 390 Prim Road, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from now until November 17th. If you can't make it to their location, you can place your item(s) in the container located by the front door when you walk into the Colchester Town Offices. We will be accepting donations at the Town Offices, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until November 16th, as we will be bringing donations to Saba Marine's on November 17th.

Colchester Historical Society: Evolution of Immigration Law

Monday, October 16, 2023

7 - 8 p.m.

828 Main Street, Colchester



Judge Jack Penca, with over 30 years of immigration law experience, will discuss the evolution of immigration law. This evolution reflects changes in politics, migrant flows, and other concerns over the years. Free parking and admission. Stick around for refreshments and fellowship after the presentation. If you'd like a free tour of the Parsonage before the presentation, please arrive at 6 p.m.

Department Updates



Teen Advisory Board interest form:

<https://forms.gle/9av1aU9T5VjQtKjr9>

If you're in grades 8-12 and interested in helping the library in a unique way, come to our info meeting about our about-to-be-restarted Teen Advisory Board! **At noon on Friday, Oct. 6**, stop by for some pizza and to learn about this

opportunity -- whether you can make the lunch or not, if you're interested in the Teen Advisory Board, please fill out this brief Google form: <https://forms.gle/9av1aU9T5VjQtKjr9> Questions? Email Meg, the YA librarian: mmalone@colchestervt.gov

Burnham Memorial Library: Free Covid Tests

Thanks to the Vermont Department of Health, Burnham Memorial Library has free Covid tests available. Their expiration date has been extended to December 19, 2023. To make sure we have enough for everyone, please only take what you need.

Trunk-Or-Treat Event: Halloween is coming and we're once again hosting a trunk-or-treat at the library. There are two ways to participate in this community event:

1. **Register your TRUNK** and/or dress up and join your favorite librarians to get lots of goodies! To register your vehicle: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trunk-or-treat-at-the-burnham-library-register-your-trunk-here-registration-724223119847?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl> Registration is required for all TRUNKS!
2. **Come dressed up and walk** our parking lot and lawn to collect bags of ghoulish goodies: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trunk-or-treat-at-the-burnham-library-registration-726153343197\[...\].tor](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trunk-or-treat-at-the-burnham-library-registration-726153343197[...].tor) Walking begins at noon. Trick-or-treaters, please park at our Lady of Grace Church.

Looking for more of what the library offers? Follow the link to browse their calendar of events and programs: <https://colchestervt.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=25>

Colchester Parks and Recreation: Fall Brochure

The Department's Fall Brochure became available in early September. If you have not taken a peak at the programming for the rest of the season, you can find it here:

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8304/2023FallBrochureWeb>



Human Resources: Full-Time Employment Opportunities with the Town

The Town is hiring! Open positions include: Mechanic, Maintenance Highway Worker I, Career Captain - EMT/Paramedic, Police Dispatcher, Police Officer

To learn more and apply, please visit:

<https://colchestervt.gov/321/Human-Resources>

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, October 10, 6:15 p.m. (Public portion beginning at 6:30 p.m.) at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, 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>
- Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Development Review Board: Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or public comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by email to zmaia@colchestervt.gov or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, October 19, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

Agendas available: <http://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt>

Note: Agendas are posted at least 48 hours before the meeting, so you may find past agendas when clicking the link. Revisiting the link closer to the date of the meeting should provide you with the current agenda.

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