

For the Week of October 30, 2023

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Happy Halloween-Eve! Please remember to drive cautiously and be especially alert during the evening hours tomorrow as there may be more foot traffic on the roads, at intersections, and on medians or curbs as folks partake in trick-or-treating.



Traffic Alert - East Lakeshore Drive: Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd and also on Monday, November 6th, a single lane closure will occur on East Lakeshore Drive between house numbers 161 and 258. Flaggers will be present to direct traffic in alternating directions while one lane remains open.

Starting at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 5th, a full road closure will occur at this location. Detour signage will be installed to direct traffic around the road closure. The road will be reopened by 6 a.m. on Monday, November 6th.



Remembrance: The Town of Colchester would like to remember and thank Chief Donald “Pappy” Sutton for his service to the Colchester community. He was a founding member of Saint Michaels College Fire and Rescue serving as its first Chief in 1969 until his retirement until 1993. Chief Sutton improved the safety on Saint Michael’s College Campus and across Colchester. Today, Saint Michael’s Fire and Rescue serves about 1/4 of Colchester’s geography and responds to calls across Town as needed. A full obituary is available here: <https://www.readyfuneral.com/obituaries/Donald-R-Sutton?obId=29619137>



Colchester Recreation Center

Groundbreaking: Last week, a group of members of the Colchester Recreation Center project gathered at the site to celebrate the start and progress of its construction. Those in attendance included Town staff from Administration, Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Public Works; project architects, engineers, and consultants; the Colchester Recreation Advisory Board; the Colchester Selectboard; and several other project contributors.

Town Manager Aaron Frank began the groundbreaking by welcoming everyone who came to celebrate the beginning of construction on this project following decades of work by elected and appointed volunteers and community members and leaders, supported by Town staff and design and construction contractors. He thanked everyone for their input and ongoing support of the Colchester Recreation Center, which will create a community space close to Malletts Bay, Colchester’s gem.



Selectboard Chair Pam Loranger continued by highlighting and thanking contributors for the collaborative efforts on the Colchester Recreation Center, which has been in the works since 2001, and is finally coming to fruition after Town voters approved the project last Town Meeting Day. She noted that this project’s centralized location joins recreators of all ages, brings folks to Colchester businesses, and increases



new, year-round, multigenerational, recreational space.

Parks and Recreation Director Glen Cuttitta ended the ceremony by thanking everyone who has been a part of this project's journey and all the folks who will be continuing to actualize it through these next few years.

While the Town recognized this important milestone with a small group of folks that played key roles in bringing the project where it is today, Town staff members look forward to the grand opening of the Colchester Recreation Center when they can invite the entire community and honor ALL who have contributed to bring this community desire to fruition.



the community's health and social fabric by offering dynamic meeting spaces for connection, learning, and growth.

Recreation Advisory Board Chair Adriane Martin also thanked and congratulated every board and Town staff member who has worked on this project over these past 20 years, and shared her excitement to watch the community flourish with the addition of this

**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



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.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, November 14, 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, November 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Development Review Board: Wednesday, November 8, 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, November 16, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

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

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