

**For the Week of November 13, 2023**

## **Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

**Colchester-Milton Rotary Veterans Day Event:** The Colchester-Milton Rotary recognized Veterans Day at Dick Mazza's Store this past Saturday. We thank the Rotary members for organizing the event and for honoring Veterans and other local heroes, including medical workers, first responders, all essential workers, teachers, and local neighbors who have supported our communities in many ways; Green Mountain Chorus for performing a musical tribute; and the Colchester Police Department for serving as the honor guard. We also send our congratulations to State Commissioner of Public Safety Jennifer Morrison and former Police Chief Doug Allen on being named Paul Harris Fellows. The event was held around the Operation Flags for Heroes display, a project that began four years ago to honor our veterans and people in individual's lives and the community who have made a difference. The flags on display are individual- or business-sponsored and honor a Veteran or local hero, and all of the names of those sponsored were read at the ceremony.



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## **Colchester Historical Society:**

**Harvest Festivals – Celebrations and Symbols presented by Michelle Penca**

**November 13, 7:00 p.m.  
Colchester Historical Society  
828 Main Street, Colchester, Vermont  
Free parking and admission**



Across time and from many places, people have celebrated the end of the growing season. The celebrations share similarities that highlight the multicultural nature of harvest festivals. Join the Colchester Historical Society to learn about the cultivation of thankfulness and gratitude from New England traditions and those of other places. Sample some old-fashioned treats, make a leaf for a gratitude tree, and take home some ideas that you can use in your family's next harvest celebration. Refreshments will follow the program.

*Courtesy of Michelle Penca*

If you'd like a free tour of our historic Parsonage building, please arrive at 6:00 p.m.



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT (M-F 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, until Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>)

**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, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays from now until November 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, as we will be bringing donations to Saba Marine's on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Department Updates

### Town Clerks Office:

The second installment of Property Tax Bill payments are **due November 15, 2023**. For more information, please visit <https://colchestervt.gov/329/Property-Taxes> or call the office at 802-264-5520.



### Department of Public Works: Winter Parking Ban

The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents of the Town's Winter Parking Ban. From November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, no vehicles may be parked within the Town's public streets between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. We would also like to remind residents that pushing, blowing, or placing snow within

the Town's right of way, including sidewalks, is also prohibited.

We thank you for your cooperation in assisting the Public Works crew in our efforts to keep Colchester's transportation network safe for all.

Please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works with any questions:  
[DPW@colchestervt.gov](mailto:DPW@colchestervt.gov) or (802)264-5620.

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### Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m. (public portion beginning at 6:30 p.m.) at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to [TownManager@colchestervt.gov](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas)

**Library Board of Trustees:** Thursday, November 16, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

**Colchester Conservation Commission:** Monday, November 20, 6:00 p.m., at the Colchester Town Offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**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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