

**For the Week of November 27, 2023**

## **Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

### **Parks & Recreation's Dinner with Santa!**

**December 8, 2023**

**Colchester Middle School Cafeteria**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Register here:** <https://secure.rec1.com/VT/colchester-vt/catalog>



Once again Santa is visiting Colchester on his way to the North Pole to get ready for the holiday season! Join Santa and all of the elves in the Colchester Parks & Recreation Department and Colchester Lions Club for a delicious 'breakfast' dinner of pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Santa will read a bedtime story the last 10 minutes, so make sure to have your visit with Santa prior to that!

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**Colchester Historical Society:** The Colchester Historical Society is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Colchester's history. They share historical information and hold history-related events within the community. If you'd like to learn more or become a member, please visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/3050/Member-Application-Form>. Everyone is welcome at events and to become a member, and membership fees and donations help support their mission in to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history.

Do you have a local history enthusiast in your life? Help support the Colchester Historical Society this holiday season by considering the below for your next gift! These items may be purchased at the Burnham Memorial Library or at the Colchester Town offices. All proceeds benefit the Colchester Historical Society. Thanks for supporting your local history!



**\$15.00**

**"Colchester Center – The Evolution of a Village"** by Kenneth A. Degree (Colchester Historical Society, 2000). Lots of great information about the early days of our Town from 1790-1982. Soft cover.

**\$50.00 (rare)**

**"Colchester Vermont From Ice-Cap to Interstate, 1763-1963"**

by Ruth Wright (Queen City Printers, Inc. 1963). A very detailed account of our Town's history

including people and places. Hard cover.

**\$1.00**

### **Postcard of "Nourse's Place"**

Many local folks and visitors from back in the day remember Nourse's Place with great fondness. This postcard refers to it as "The Alrite Nite Spot." The snack bar/restaurant once stood on the sharp bend in Mallett's Bay where Bay Road and East Lakeshore Drive meet. That bend is often still referred to as "Nourse's Corner."

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## **Department Updates**



### **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 15th to March 15th, no vehicles may be parked within the Town's public streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 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.

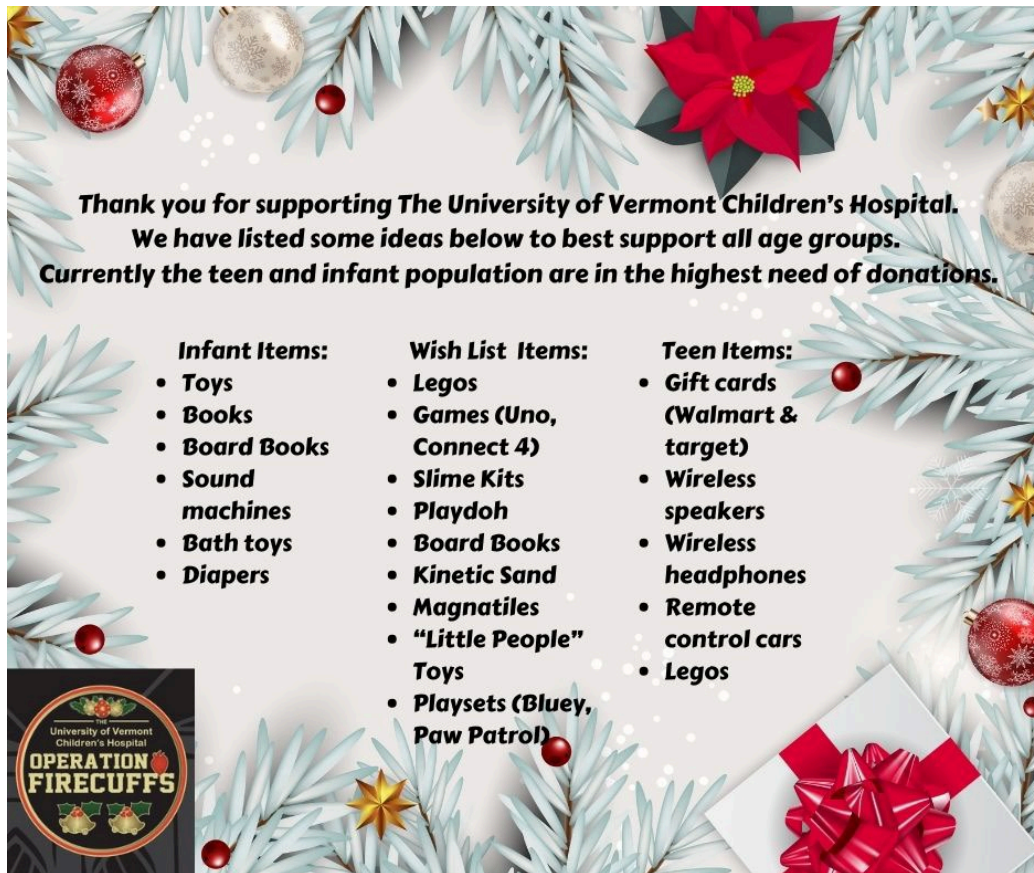
Please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works with any questions:

[DPW@colchestervt.gov](mailto:DPW@colchestervt.gov) or (802) 264-5620.



**Colchester Police, Rescue, and Fire Departments**, along with many surrounding emergency services agencies, are participating in Operation Firecuffs again this year. Operation Firecuffs is a joint effort to collect toys for the children at the University of Vermont Medical Center. This is the 12th year of the annual event.

Drop-off locations include the Police station at 835 Blakely Rd (open 24/7) and the Town Offices at 781 Blakely Rd (M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). **Donations can be dropped off any time before Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.** That afternoon, all of the participating agencies will send an emergency apparatus filled with toys to the hospital to deliver the toys with Santa Claus.



## Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard - Municipal Services Budget Work Session:** Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Selectboard - Municipal Services Budget Work Session** Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Selectboard – Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12, 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)

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Development Review Board:** Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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, December 21, 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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