

For the Week of February 26, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Town Meeting Day is next week! The Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, March 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester High School Auditorium, and voting by Australian Ballot will take place Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Colchester High School. You can drop off your early/absentee ballots in the **GREEN** dropbox to the right of the Town Offices until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4th. On Election Day, please bring your voted absentee ballot to the Colchester High School Gym. There will be a drop box at the **HELP DESK**. You can view the sample ballot [here](#).



Legislators Town Hall: Please join your state legislative delegation on **March 4th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Colchester High School cafeteria for the first Legislators Town Hall**, all thanks to the organization and coordination of Julie Hulburt, Rachel Stringer, and Mark Hoppman. There will be coffee, lemonade and treats to share, and your legislative delegation will have time to mingle with the community, as well as share the latest from the State House. We look forward to this informative and engaging event on Town Meeting Eve!

At-home and Site-based

Vaccination Offerings: The Vermont Center for Independent Living is pleased to announce a new partnership with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists for both home and site-based vaccination.



There is no cost for these visits thanks to a grant from USAging. However, insurance information will be collected and billed for the vaccines including Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial insurance.

Entire households and facilities, including caregivers, friends, residents, and staff, can be vaccinated at once for:

- COVID for ages 3+ (Pfizer and Moderna)
- Flu for all ages (Flucelvax and Flud 65+)

- Shingles for all 50+ and 19+ who are immunodeficient/immunosuppressed (Shingrix)
- Pneumonia for all 65+ and others 18+ with chronic health conditions/immunocompromised (Pneumovax-20)
- RSV for 60+ or people who are 32-36 weeks of pregnancy (Abryvo)
- Tetanus/pertussis for anyone who has not has a booster in past 10 years (Boostrix)

You can learn more and register via the following links: [Home-Based Vaccination](#) (for individuals, families, and caregivers) or [On-Site Vaccination](#) (including healthcare facilities, congregate care settings, employers, etc).

Treatment of American Women by the Legal System

Saturday, March 9th, 10 a.m.

828 Main Street, Colchester

March is Women's History Month. Please join the Colchester Historical Society for this presentation by Jack Penca. He will discuss the timeline of the progress of women in the legal system from near invisibility to the current status. Jack Penca is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School and has worked as a prosecutor, immigration attorney, and an administrative law judge. All are welcome to attend this program. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Parking and admission are free. Tours of the Parsonage will be available upon request.

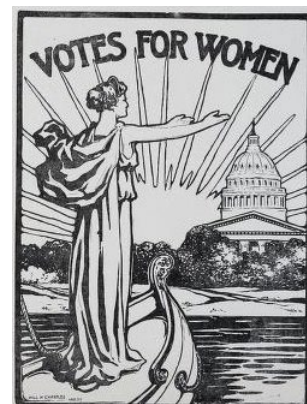


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Colchester Historical Society Fundraiser: Show the Colchester Historical Society a little love with your purchase of reusable shopping bags when you're at Colchester Shaw's this month. For each \$3 bag purchased during February, the Colchester Historical Society will receive \$1. There are just a few days left, so please be sure to ask your clerk for these bags at check-out when you shop this week. Thanks for your loving support.

About the Colchester Historical Society: The Colchester Historical Society is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Colchester's history. It shares historical information and hosts history-related events within the community. To learn more or become a member, please visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/3050/Member-Application-Form>. Everyone is welcome at programs and events. Membership fees and donations help support the organization's mission to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history.



Department Updates



Malletts Bay Sewer Project Update: The Malletts Bay Sewer Project is an environmental abatement project approved by voters in March 2022 to address human waste bacteria in Malletts Bay. The sewer service area includes both sides of West Lakeshore Drive, from Prim Road to East Lakeshore Drive, both sides of East Lakeshore Drive, and a portion of Goodsell Point. A total of 289 properties will be connected to the new sewer system. The wastewater will then be pumped through a no-access force main running the entire length

of Blakely Road to where it will be discharged into the Town's existing sewer system at Severance Corners. The wastewater will then be pumped through the Town's existing sewer system to the Airport Parkway Wastewater Treatment Facility in the City of South Burlington for treatment.

The overall project will take three to four years to complete and will include seven separate construction contracts. Three contracts are planned for 2024-2025 which will include the main sewer lines along West Lakeshore Drive, the no-access force main along Blakely Road, and the two pumping stations planned for the system. For these first three contracts, design, permitting, and right-of-way are now complete, and contract plans and documents are currently being developed. Bid dates for these contracts are tentatively set for the winter-spring of 2024. The remaining work, including the installation of private service laterals on West Lakeshore Drive as well as the sewer mains and private service laterals for East Lakeshore Drive and Goodsell Point are scheduled for 2025-2027.

With the recent receipt of an \$800,000 grant, the total available funding for the project is now \$17.5 million. Total funding is comprised of grants and low interest loans to be paid for through sewer user fees.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 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

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, March 13 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda:

<http://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

Development Review Board: Wednesday, March 13, 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. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda>

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m., at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=ConservCommssn&path=BOARDS%2CConservCommssn%2C>

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, March 21, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>

Planning Commission: Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=PLANAGENDA>

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