

For the Week of April 22, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

National Volunteer Week: April 21st to the 27th is National Volunteer Week, and we ask you join us in appreciating the Town's many selfless volunteers who aid in all capacities, from responding to an emergency, helping run a smooth election, cleaning up our community, or assisting in making a special event memorable for our residents. We would like to recognize the 34 volunteer Emergency Medical Service providers of Colchester Rescue Squad, the 38 volunteers of the Colchester Fire Department, the 15 Fire Members and 30 Rescue Members at Saint Michael's Fire and Rescue Departments who provide emergency services to the Town of Colchester, the 24 volunteers that run the Colchester Technical Rescue Squad, around 85 people who serve on the Town's nine boards and commissions, and over 200 youth and special event volunteers for their dedication and continued service to the Town. We are extremely proud of all these folks for encouraging resilience and community within our Town. Thank you!



Colchester Blooms! Donations

For over a decade, a committee of Colchester volunteers known as Colchester Blooms! has sought donations for the planting and maintenance of public flowerbeds at several Colchester locations: two traffic islands at the junction of Malletts Bay Ave and Blakely Road and the entrance to the Bayside Park. This has been possible thanks to generous donations from local businesses and residents. Any amount helps us add to the beauty of Colchester.



Can we count on your support so Colchester will bloom this summer?

Checks should be made payable to the "Town of Colchester" and sent to Colchester Blooms! c/o Liz Hamlin-Volz, 123 Holy Cross Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446. **Please include "Conservation Reserve Fund" on the memo line of your check, so the money is allocated properly.** All deductions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided.

Questions? Contact Theresa Carroll at tcarroll110@gmail.com or visit <https://colchestervt.gov/3293/Colchester-Blooms>. Thanks for your support in advance!



It's Your Bay

The Colchester Planning Commission wants to hear from you as it considers potential updates to height regulations along West Lakeshore Drive.

Attend in person on

May 7th
7:00 pm

at the Planning Commission Meeting

Can't make the meeting? Submit your thoughts anytime to
Cathyann LaRose, Director of Planning and Zoning.
clarose@colchestervt.gov or 264-5606

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 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, May 7, 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>

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

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

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, May 16, 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>

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, May 20, 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>

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