

For the Week of April 29, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

International Firefighter's Appreciation Day:

May 4th is a day to remember, celebrate, and thank firefighters all around the world. In Colchester, our firefighters are often the first to an emergency and provide life- and property-saving protection and service. The Town wants to express its utmost gratitude to all of the Colchester Fire Department and St. Michael's Fire members, volunteer and career, who are ready to respond on short notice to help protect our community from the threat of destructive fire and other natural or technological emergencies. We also extend our thanks to the volunteer members' families who support and allow them to protect and serve this Town every day. We encourage you to take a moment to thank your local firefighters for what they do and to learn more about the department by visiting a station or training session, contacting Chief Crady at 802-862-4415 or scradyc@colchestervt.gov, or checking out the webpage at <https://colchestervt.gov/3245/Fire-Department!>



VOLUNTEER FOR GREEN UP DAY! Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4th. Residents, businesses and community groups are invited to help clean up the town's roads, beaches, parks and bike path.

You can pick up bags and road assignments at the Police Station on Blakely Road between 8 a.m. and noon on Green Up Day. The Conservation Commission, which coordinates Green Up efforts for the town, will provide instructions on where to leave bags for pick up by the Town's road crew. You may select your own Town road or area to clean, provided it has not already been assigned, and can work as many hours as you want.

Bags and a sign-up sheet will be available at the Police Station beginning on Monday, April 29.

In 2023, 628 volunteers, including 375 high school students, participated in Green Up Day.

Questions? Contact Green Up Day Coordinators Theresa Carroll (greenupcolchester@gmail.com) or Pam Loranger (ploranger@colchestervt.gov)

Colchester-Milton Rotary Annual Fill the Truck for the Food Shelf:

For the month of May, please considering bringing and donating nonperishables goods when you stop by the Colchester Town Offices, Burnham Memorial Library, or Police station to contribute to this annual effort. There will be collections barrels at all locations. To learn more, please visit: <https://cmrotary.org/Stories/fill-the-truck-2024> Thank you in advance for your support!



Project Announcement from the VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans):

In early May, VTrans will begin their work to improve the interchange at Exit 17 and the Chimney Corner intersection of U.S. 2 and

U.S. 7 to enhance safety and mobility in Colchester. In addition, this project will replace aging and deteriorating infrastructure through the full replacement of the existing U.S. 2 bridge over I-89.

This work will require impacts to U.S. 2, U.S. 7, and I-89 within the project limits. Work will take place throughout the week with crews working during both daytime and nighttime hours. Construction activities are anticipated to begin along U.S. 7 between just south of the Shell Gas Station/Simon's Chimney Corner Store and Wiley Road. This work will take place Sunday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The project is anticipated to be completed in July 2026.

To learn more, please visit:

<https://resources.vtrans.vermont.gov/FactSheet/default.aspx?pin=14T213>.

For questions, please contact VTrans at their 24-Hour Project Hotline 802-595-4399 or info@ColchesterExit17.com.

Department Updates

Parks & Recreation: Come out and see what it's like to be in the big trucks at the **15th Annual Touch-a-Truck!** On **Saturday, May 4th** at **Colchester High School's parking lot**, children (and parents) can climb, sit and play on tractors, police cars, dump trucks, fire trucks, and a variety of other vehicles. Don't forget your cameras to capture the smile on your child's face as they sit on the large trucks!



Time Specifics:

- 9:00-10:30 AM: "Quiet Time" (no sirens used)

- 10:30-11:00 AM: Sirens & Air horns may be used

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, May 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, 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>

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