

For the Week of May 20, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Memorial Day Closures: In observance of Memorial Day this coming weekend, the Town Offices and the Burnham Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, May 27th.



New Hours at the Town Offices: At last week's Selectboard meeting, a [memo](#) was shared informing the board and the community that the Town Offices will have new hours starting June 3rd. Beginning that day, the Town Offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Public Works Week: This year marks the 64th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association, and this week we recognize the importance of public works departments with the theme of "Advancing Quality of Life for All." Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities like ours and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of Colchester residents. These services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of our public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels. The staff maintain our high level of water quality and natural resources by rebuilding, improving, and protecting our community's transportation, wastewater, and stormwater systems; public buildings and spaces; right-of-way management and more. They help make our community a dynamic place to live and work and advance our quality of life. Please join us in celebrating the work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us!





National EMS Week: Rescue Chief Scott Crady and Assistant Rescue Chief Becky Alemy shared their gratitude for Colchester Rescue this week:

“From May 19-May 25, 2024 we celebrate the 50th year of EMS Week. This year’s theme is ‘Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future.’ We are proud of our history and look forward to our future at Colchester Rescue. With members ranging from less than six months to greater than 20 years of service, it’s easy to see that we have strong footholds in our past, our present, and our future.

Since forming in 1961, Colchester Rescue has grown from being staffed wholly by volunteers, responding to calls from both work and home, to being staffed 24/7 at the station with crews made up of both volunteers and paid staff. Our roster includes 51 members with certifications ranging from CPR to Paramedic. We are fortunate to have a strong base of 34 volunteers, 10 per-diem employees, as well as 7 full-time employees.

From our founding members to our newest, Colchester Rescue has continually provided high quality, compassionate care to the citizens we serve. While we focus on the EMS providers within Colchester Rescue, it is important that we also recognize our EMS colleagues within the ranks of both Colchester Fire Department and Colchester Technical Rescue. We are grateful for the support that the Colchester community provides to us, and we are looking forward to many more years of service.”

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!



Department Updates

Cemetery Monument Resetting & Repairing with the Town Clerk’s Office: Help preserve history and learn a new skill by attending a training from the VT Old Cemetery Association on **Saturday, June 15th at 8:00 a.m. at Munson Cemetery** (next to McClure Miller Respite House on Roosevelt Highway). Choose from several volunteer jobs (do what suits you best!):

- Repair Team Workers (getting your hands dirty)
- Repair Team Heavy lifter (need to be able to lift 50 lbs.)
- Repair Team Gofer (provide support as needed)
- Help with parking, food/drink table and sign-in table
- Help with landscaping (cutting back bushes, etc.)
- Record keepers (keep track of monuments fixed)



Colchester Rescue Squad Open House:

Colchester Rescue will be holding an open house on **Wednesday, May 22nd from 6-8 p.m.** Both Rescue and Technical Rescue, along with Colchester Police and Colchester Fire Department, will have personnel and apparatus available to explore!

Thanks to donations from Dick Mazza's General Store, McKenzie Meats, Coca-Cola of New England, and the Lions Club for providing a grill and a cook, there will be hot dogs and Coke products, free of charge to those in attendance.

Parks & Recreation Causeway Race: On **Saturday, June 1st**, run either a 5K, 10K or 15K and enjoy the scenic Colchester Causeway. The race will begin at Airport Park and follow a gravel trail out onto the historic Causeway where runners will make their way to designated turn-around points on the Causeway before returning to the finish at Airport Park. This race traverses flat gravel and dirt trails surrounded by diverse wetlands and scenic views of Lake Champlain. Proceeds will go towards the maintenance and improvements to the Causeway for future generations.



This race is open to all ages, however, runners in the 10K and 15K legs must be at least 12 years of age or older. Due to safety concerns, bicycles, roller blades, baby joggers, and running with a dog will not be allowed in the race, or on the path during the race.

- Race Check-in and Bib Pick-Up: 7:00 - 7:45 a.m.
- Race Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

- Location: [Airport Park](#) (500 Colchester Point Road)
 - Race Fee: \$35.00 + processing fee
 - Limit 200 5K runners and 250 10K/15K Runners
 - Register here:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Colchester/ColchesterCauseway5K10K15KRunningRace>
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Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 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, June 4, 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, June 12, 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, June 12, 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, June 20, 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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