

For the Week of May 28, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager



New Hours at the Town Offices: At a recent 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.

Green Up Day 2024: This year's Green Up Day was full of volunteerism and work to clean up our community. In advance of Green Up Day, the Colchester Public Works crew filled a dump truck with 1.77 tons of trash and bulky items from the area around Ernie Farrar Drive. Then, on May 3rd, the Town's 2024 Green Up Day Co-Coordinator's Theresa Carroll and Pam Loranger, briefly entertained the 200+ students of Porters Point School with a history lesson on Green Up Day, a presentation on how we prevent trash from collecting on our landscape, and a demonstration on proper disposal techniques. The students were encouraged to share how they do their part to clean up their streets and properly dispose of their trash, and to submit their artwork for next year's Green Up Day Statewide Poster competition, which is open to all Vermont students.



A total of 698 volunteers, including 450 high school students, picked up litter around the school grounds on the Friday before the official cleanup day on May 4th. This is the second-highest number of volunteers since the Colchester Conservation Commission took over coordination of the Town's Green Up Day efforts in 1997. That first year, only 75 people participated. The record year for volunteers was 2019 when 955 residents took part in cleaning up and greening up the town. The Department of Public Works continually plays a major role in Green Up Day by sending crews out to pick up filled green bags left by the roadsides, as well as aiding in post-event cleanup by hauling away larger discarded items. In Chittenden County, Colchester consistently ranks in the top two of all participating towns in amount of roadside trash picked up, although this year the Town topped the list with 6.97 tons of trash, 602 tires and about 1.5 tons of scrap metal. Collectively, the 18 towns in the county reported a total of 34.55 tons of trash and 2,604 tires.

Thank you to the Colchester Conservation Commission members, Colchester Department of Public Works, volunteers, students, and participants from all around the community who helped Green Up Colchester on May 4th!



A special thanks to Casella Waste Systems for their sponsorship of Green Up Day and collecting and tracking trash data, CWSD for covering additional litter disposal costs for material that is not accepted at the landfill, and Myers Container Services for donating the roll off container at the Town Offices for litter that was collected in our community and covering the cost of the disposal fee for Colchester.

To read more about the 2024 Green Up Day, check out the article by Ella Ruehsen in the *Colchester Sun* at https://www.colchestersun.com/news/colchester-s-green-up-day-draws-nearly-700-volunteers-to-work-toward-a-cleaner-town/article_9c7247f0-0ca7-11ef-9d27-d352476bc806.html

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

For the month of May, please considering bringing and donating nonperishable goods when you stop by the Colchester Town Offices, Burnham Memorial Library, or Police station to contribute to this annual effort. There will be collection 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

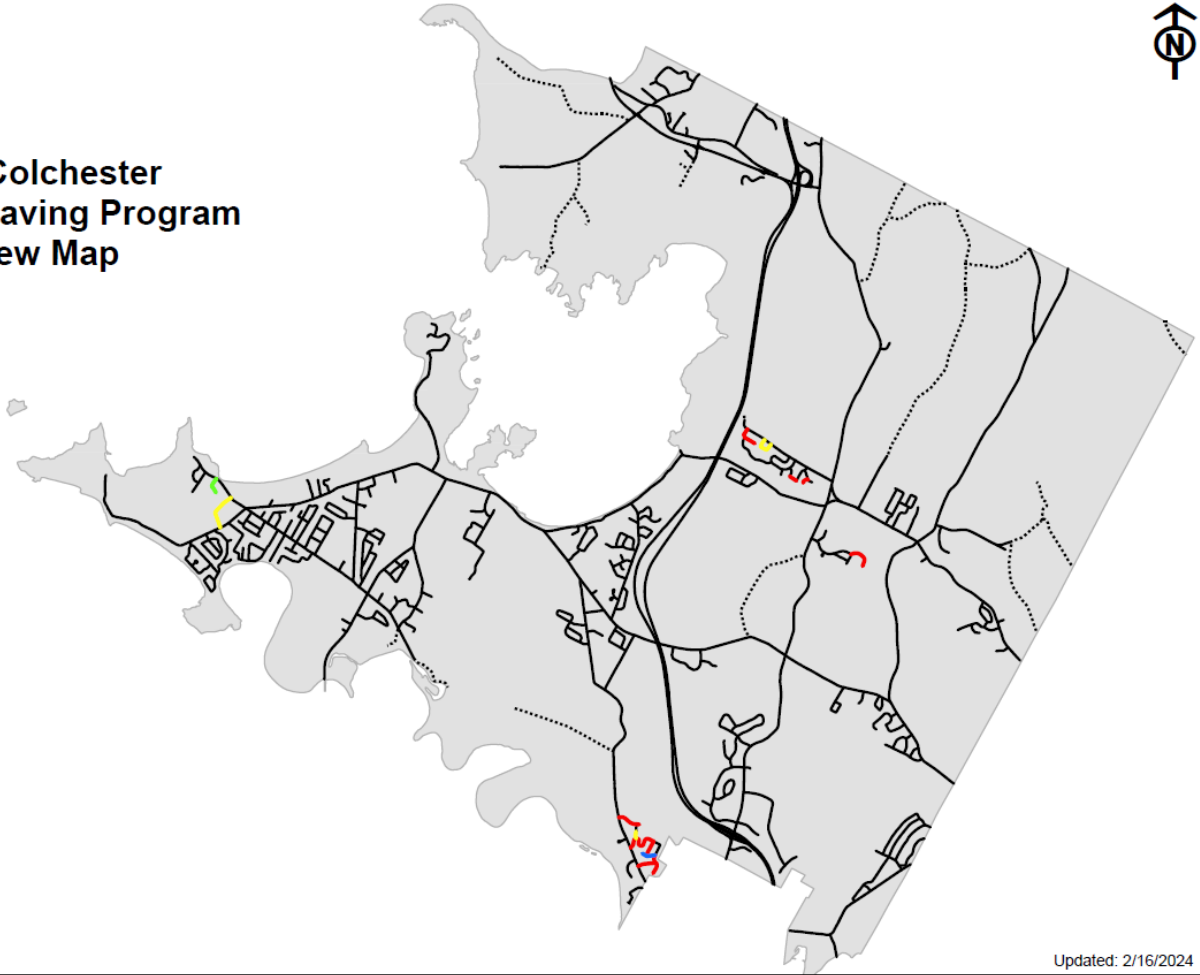
Public Works Update on Paving Projects: The following roads will be paved between now and the end of June 2024: Country Meadows, LeClair Drive, Indian Circle, Shetland Lane, Wintergreen Drive, Lois Lane, Pine Meadow Drive, Abigail Drive, Carriage Way, Colonial Drive, Renkin Drive, Reynolds Drive, and Young Street. Temporary Parking Ban signage will be installed on these roads in advance of the paving work. The typical hours of work for these paving projects are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Traffic delays during construction are anticipated for these roads and flaggers will be present to safely guide the public. Please drive cautiously in work areas. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your patience while we complete these important projects. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects, please contact us at 264-5620, or e-mail us at DPW@colchestervt.gov.



Town of Colchester 2024 Capital Paving Program Overview Map

Legend

- Full Depth Reclamation & Overlay
- Shim & Overlay
- Overlay
- Mill & Overlay
- Paved Public Road
- - - - - Gravel Public Road
- Colchester Town Boundary



Updated: 2/16/2024

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

Before



After



- Help with landscaping (cutting back bushes, etc.)
- Record keepers (keep track of monuments fixed)

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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