

For the Week of June 10, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

4th of July Celebration: Thursday, July 4, 2024

5K Fun Run:

- \$5.00 per participant
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.: Fun Run Registration at Union Memorial School
- 8:15 a.m.: 5K Race Begins - Middle Road

Parade:

- The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Colchester High School
- Parade Route: The parade will process from Colchester High School, down Blakely Road, and end at Lavigne Road. Road closure is expected to be approximately one hour.



Bayside Beach: Lifeguards will not be on duty for the 4th of July.

Bayside Park:

- 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Inflatables
- 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Food Vendors
- 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.: Music Entertainment: **THE HITMEN**
 - The Hitmen are: Jim Cheney (Bass and Vocals), Bob Young (Guitar and Vocals), Brian Donnelly (Drums and Vocals), and Bob Boedecker (Keys and Vocals).
 - Musical Style: 1970s- and 1980s-party rock & roll, featuring hot guitar, organ, and impressive vocal harmonies! The Hitmen play anything from John Mellencamp to Santana, The Atlanta Rhythm Section to Steely Dan - don't miss this fantastic group!

Fireworks:

- Fireworks will take place at dusk from the Bayside Softball Field. Please stay behind the safety fence.
- Parking available at: Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School, and Malletts Bay School.

Hot Weather Reminder from the VT Department of Health: As summer weather begins to stick around, we want you to be informed on how to keep yourself and others safe when it's hot outside. **Remember to never leave children or pets inside a parked vehicle.**

Stay Cool:

- Stay in the shade, in air-conditioning if you can, or in cool places
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- Take cool showers
- Use fans, but don't rely on them as the only way to stay cool
- Find a local cooling sites by using the map at

<https://ahs-vt.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0eff74cc997c49a88ffc737694a46a65>



Stay Hydrated:

- Drink more water than usual, especially if you are active outdoors
- Be proactive, don't wait until you are thirsty to drink water
- Don't drink alcoholic and caffeinated beverages

Stay Informed:

- Follow local weather and news reports
- Sign up for weather alerts at <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert>
- Check Health Department and Vermont Emergency Management social media
- If you choose to cool off in a lake or pond, be sure to look for cyanobacteria blooms at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/recreational-water/lake-conditions>

Listen to Your Body:

- Take it easy when it's hot and be more cautious if you have a chronic health condition
- Limit outdoor work and exercise to the cooler parts of the day
- Ask for help if you feel sick and stop what you are doing if you feel faint or weak

Check on Loved Ones and Neighbors:

- Call them, especially if they are older or have chronic health conditions
- Make sure they are drinking enough water and staying cool
- Remind them to take heat seriously

Cool Your Home:

- Draw shades to keep out the sun
- Close windows during the day and open windows at night
- Use fans to blow in cooler outside air or vent out warmer inside air
- Limit use of the stove, oven and other heat-generating appliances

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/climate-health/hot-weather>

Department Updates



Feeling Artistic? Join us 6/22 for a Stenciling Event in Colchester!

Join the Colchester Conservation Commission and Rethink Runoff at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 22nd at the entrance to South Bay Circle in Colchester for a morning of water quality art! The group will be using stencils and colorful paints to raise awareness about the importance of keeping storm drains clean from debris. This all-ages event is part creativity, part educational awareness of the importance in keeping Lake Champlain clean.

Paint, stencils, and light refreshments will be provided.
Please RSVP by June 15th to DPW@colchestervt.gov.
Rain date is set for 6 p.m., 6/26.

Can't attend but still interested in keeping basins clean? Check out <https://vt.adopt-a-drain.org>, an opportunity to adopt a Town storm drain as part of a citizen science effort aimed at documenting the volume and types of debris found in or near basins.



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)



Annual Book Sale: The Friends of Burnham Memorial Library will be hosting the Annual Book Sale this month at Colchester High School. If you are interested in donating books, please drop them off at the school on the dates listed below:

Drop Off Dates

- Monday, June 24, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Then plan to attend the sale on the following dates:

Book Sale Dates

- Friday June 28, 4 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday June 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 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, 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>



Colchester – What do you want to do today?

Colchester Conservation Commission: Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m. at South Bay Circle to stencil storm drains. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=ConservCommssn&path=BOARDS%2CConservCommssn%2C>

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