

**For the Week of June 17, 2024**

## **Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

**Pictures of Progress:** Every couple of months, photographs and updates from varying Town departments and Town happenings are shared with the Selectboard at their bi-monthly meetings. Below are a few slides from the most recent meeting, but if you'd like to see the entire presentation, please click [here](#) to see what your Town has been up to!

PICTURES OF PROGRESS

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**The entrance driveway to the Fort Ethan Allen solar farm was created and its racking was delivered.**



**Colchester's solar farms produce local, affordable energy, and support our local economy. They also help maintain a lower municipal services tax rate, as they are less costly than purchasing electricity for use in providing municipal services.**

## The Capital Paving Program began in June!



Town roads being paved this summer include:

- Abigail Drive
- Carriage Way (midpoint to Colonial Drive)
- Colonial Drive (Malletts Bay Ave to Renkin Drive)
- Colonial Drive (Reynolds Drive to Young Street)
- Renkin Drive
- Reynolds Drive
- Young Street
- Country Meadows
- LeClair Drive
- Indian Circle
- Shetland Lane
- Wintergreen Drive
- Lois Lane
- Pine Meadow Drive

A new flashing beacon was installed at the corner of Williams Road and Blakely Road.



As Bryan gears up for his retirement, this photo was captured and shows 157 years and counting of service to the Town!



**Left to Right: Marvin Siple (Retired Highway Maintenance II, 48 years), Bryan Osborn (Retiring Public Works Director, 34 years), Ken Nichols (current Garage Foreman, 38 years and counting), & Scott Smith (current Highway Maintenance II, 37 years and counting)**

**Mark Your Calendars Now and a Call to Vendors!** The Town of Colchester will be sponsoring another fall market at Severance Corners highlighting our local businesses, artisans, music, and food trucks. Activities for kids will also be part of this event.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 14, 2024  
(Rain Date: Sept. 15)  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Severance Green



There is no cost to vendors to participate in the event, and all proceeds from your sales will remain yours. If you are interested in being a vendor, please note your interest and share your contact information in an email to [koreilly@colchestervt.gov](mailto:koreilly@colchestervt.gov). We will be supplying you with the application and set-up information prior to September 14th.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kathi O'Reilly, Director of Economic Development at [koreilly@colchestervt.gov](mailto:koreilly@colchestervt.gov) or 802-264-5508. We look forward to seeing you as a vendor or as a supporter of our great businesses!

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## Department Updates

**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.
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## **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

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## **Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas**

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to [TownManager@colchestervt.gov](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas)

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=PLANAGENDA>

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

**Development Review Board:** Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 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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