

For the Week of July 15, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Colchester-Milton Rotary will be collecting food and money donations for the Colchester Food Shelf. Summer is sometimes the hardest time of year for food insecure families so please remember our neighbors when you venture out to our amazing concerts at Lower Bayside Park.



Recreational Water Safety After a Flood – A message from the VT Dept. of Health

The Health Department advises to stay out of rivers and streams until the water is clear and calm. Heavy rainfalls can create potentially dangerous conditions in swim holes, streams, rivers, and waterfalls. These conditions of high water or strong undercurrents can linger several days after a storm.

Learn more about recreational water safety after a flood

Primary Election

VT State Primary Election is on August 13th. Voting will be held at the Colchester High School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee/Early Voting is available by requesting your ballot at <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/> by phone or in-person. For more information and to see sample ballots go to <https://colchestervt.gov/325/Elections-and-Voter-Information>

Colchester Historical Society Information

Historical Society Summer Newsletter Now Available

Learn what's been going on at the Colchester Historical Society, what's coming up, and be sure to check out our summer reading recommendations. There are lots of photographs in the 2024 Summer Newsletter. Here's the link: <https://www.colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9445/Summer-2024-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=>.

Do You Have Guests Visiting This Summer?

Show your summer guests around town for an interesting and educational -- and free -- driving tour of Colchester's wonderful history. There are no lines, no waiting, and you can pick and choose from the list of areas and places you prefer to visit. Of particular interest this summer may be the Vermont Military Museum and Library (outdoor and indoor exhibits) and the Colchester Log Schoolhouse (a lovely step back in time). Get the details about the Colchester Self-Guided Historical Driving Tour at <https://www.colchestervt.gov/3257/Driving-Tours>. Have fun!

About the Colchester Historical Society: The Colchester Historical Society is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Colchester's history. It shares historical information and hosts history-related events within the community. To learn more or become a member, please visit <https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>. Everyone is welcome at programs and events. Membership fees, sales, and donations help support the organization's mission to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history.

2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Join us for Colchester's summertime tradition. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Lower Bayside Park for our summer concert series on Thursday evenings. Enjoy great music with the beauty of Malletts Bay as your backdrop!

- Lower Bayside Park (Beachside)
- All Concerts begin at 7:00 pm
- Admission is FREE
- Parking available at Bayside Park



July 18: INCAHOOTS

“InCahoots” is based out of Plattsburgh, New York and has been providing their audiences with a fresh new look at an American tradition, Entertainment with a smile. A four-piece band consisting of John Geno - Fiddle, Guitar, Sax, Keys and Vocals; Kevin Connelly - Guitar, Keys, Harmonica and Vocals, David Long - Drums and Vocals and Ryan Finney - Bass. Playing genres of music from Charlie Daniels to AC/DC and everything in-between, InCahoots entertains with airtight harmonies, instrumentation and a beat you can really stomp your feet to. Contact John Geno at 518-578-9483 for availability at your venue today!



July 25: THE DEVON MCGARRY BAND

Comprised of four seasoned musicians with common ambitions, The Devon McGarry Band presents an original music endeavor that can't be ignored. In the ever-changing world of rock music, they seek to be refreshing yet accessible. The music is rooted in McGarry's heartfelt lyrics and rhythms, but has been sculpted by his bandmates into a movement of sound. For nearly every catchy hook, Jeff Messina (lead guitar) offers up a blistering guitar solo to follow. Mitch Terricciano (bass guitar) and Rich Armstrong (drums) lock in to provide dynamic rhythms and uplifting grooves. Some songs hearken back to the 90's alternative scene, while others break the mold and blend genres.

August 1: ALI T BAND

Alison Turner, better known as Ali T, is an indie-pop singer-songwriter based in Vermont. The 90's-influenced songstress performs original favorites and puts her own spin on popular tunes. Having started writing songs at the age of seven, and picking up the guitar when she was 11, Ali has developed into an introspective songwriter and versatile performer.

Vermont's Seven Days named Ali T “Best Pop Artist” in 2023 and she has been a finalist for Best Vocalist and Best Pop Artist 2018-2022. She was also a nominee in the New England Music Awards for “Rising Star - Vermont” in 2022 and “Pop Act of the Year” in 2023. Ali graduated from Wagner College on Staten Island.



Ali has released three albums - “Smoke & Mirrors” (2019) with help from Grammy-winning sound engineer Ed Eastridge, “The Makeover” (2021), which is a remastered collection of original songs from her past, and her latest

release - the entirely self-produced, “Pancakes At Midnight” (2023). Visit sheisalit.com for music and more.

August 8: B-TOWN

B-town is a classic rock-n-roll and rhythm and blues band that appeals to all generations. We are not your standard toe tapping band. We play a variety of favorite classics that will get you up and dancing for a night to remember.



Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 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, August 6, 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, August 14, 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: August 14, 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>



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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, August 8, 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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