

**For the Week of July 29, 2024**

## **Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Here are some employee updates across a number of your Town's departments:

### **Colchester Police Department**

We officially welcomed four new officers to the Town of Colchester Police Department. Chief Hull swore in officers Joseph Poulima, Hunter Tabor, Bryon Meyers, and Addison Cook, (photo left)



The newest CPD members will be joining already-sworn Officer Cunningham (photo 2, center) in attending the 118th Basic Training Class of the Vermont Police Academy starting in early August and then almost a year in training with training officers at the CPD. These new hires follow five retirements over the last 18 months. Congratulations and good luck to all of our new Colchester Police officers!

Detective Michael West was promoted to the rank of Corporal at our Police Department. Please join us in extending our congratulations to Michael.

### **Public Works**

The Colchester Sun recently ran a story on Norm Baldwin, our newly appointed Director of Public Works. Although Norm has been on the job since

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, many of our residents and businesses have not had the opportunity to meet him. Here is a [link](#) to the article.

## **Economic Development**

Kathi O'Reilly, Director of Economic Development was presented the Colchester-Milton Rotary's prestigious Paul F. Harris Award for her work on the Colchester Holiday Baskets, which provide food, books and toys for food insecure residents during the holiday season. She has been a member of the Basket Committee for over 10 years and has served as Co-Chair of the Basket Committee for many of those years.

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## **Driver's Ed now offered by Colchester Parks & Recreation**

The Colchester Recreation Department will be offering Driver's Ed programs by the 802 Driving school. The Driver's Ed program will be taught by Joe Barch, who has over 15 years of experience teaching in the public schools.

The class runs for six-weeks and meets the State of Vermont DMV requirements. It is essential that the student and their family commit to the time frame. Classes will occur on weekdays in the evening, with driving occurring on weekends. Where daylight permits, there may be an option for driving after school. There is no ability to accommodate for camps, vacations, sports programs, or any other interruptions, except illness and emergencies. There will be a survey sent out to identify times for driving. When registering, you will receive policies and procedures pertaining to the class that must be adhered to at all times.

### **Fall Session A**

August 20 - September 26 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Time: 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

\*\*Driving Schedule is organized directly with the instructor

### **Fall Session B**

October 7 - November 13 (M-TH 3 days per week varies)

Time: 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

\*\*Driving Schedule is organized directly with the instructor

Log onto [colchestervt.gov/recreation](http://colchestervt.gov/recreation) for more information and to register today! Space is limited.

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## Primary Election

VT State Primary Election is on August 13<sup>th</sup>. 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>

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## New Vermont Car Seat Law



Did you know earlier this month, Vermont's Child Passenger Safety law was revised? One revision calls for children under 13 to be seated in the back of a motor vehicle. The statute reads, "A child under 13 years of age shall always, if practical, ride in a rear seat of a motor vehicle"

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## 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 the programs and events. Membership fees, sales, and donations help support the organization's mission to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history.

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**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 p.m.
- Admission is FREE
- Parking available at Bayside Park

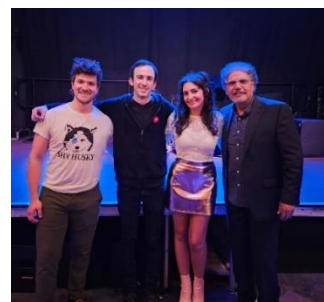


**PLEASE NOTE:** Food and money donations for the Colchester Food Shelf are being collected at all concerts by the Colchester-Milton Rotary.

### **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](http://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.




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## Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, August 27, 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, August 6, 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, August 14, 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:** August 14, 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, 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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