

For the Week of September 9th, 2024



Mark your Calendars!

The Town of Colchester will be hosting our third annual fall market at Severance Corners. This event highlights our local businesses, artisans, music, and food trucks. Activities for kids are also part of this event.

WHEN: Saturday, September 14, 2024

(Rain Date: Sept. 15)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Severance Green

“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.”

Town Clerk’s Office

Office Closure Next Week: The Town Clerk’s Office will be closed Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th for annual staff training. Please leave any messages for the Town Clerk’s Office at 802-264-5520 or townclerk@colchestervt.gov.

Town-wide Reappraisal Information:

On August 27th, 2024 the Colchester Selectboard moved to authorize the Town Assessor to enter into a contract with Vision Government Solutions, an appraisal firm certified by the Vermont Department of Taxes to reassess all taxable parcels within the boundaries of the Town of Colchester, in compliance with a Vermont Department of Taxes issued Reappraisal Order.

The State mandates reappraisals if a town’s Common Level of Assessment (CLA) decreases below 85%. Since 2020, the real estate market has increased significantly, and the Town’s CLA has decreased to 66.8 %, falling below this threshold. In 2022, the State mandated a Town-wide reappraisal for Colchester. The reappraisal will be completed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

The reappraisal itself is revenue neutral and will not increase property taxes, instead, adjusts property to the fair market value. Assuming the same level of municipal service or State Education Tax funding needs, tax rates are simply lowered to yield the same amount of taxes. Taxes would not increase to yield the same amount of municipal service or State Education Tax Funding. If a property or properties increase in value more than other properties the tax for that property will increase because of the increase in value above and beyond other properties. This generally happens by property class, very broadly, such as residential vs. commercial properties. To learn more, please visit: https://clerkshq.com/Content/Attachments/Colchester-vt/240827_05d.pdf?clientSite=Colchester-vt

Parks & Recreation Fall Brochure

The Fall 2024 brochure is now available and it is packed with programs and offerings for all ages: <https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10655/2024-Fall-Brochure?bidId=>

Parks & Recreation's Fall Concert

Summer is too short, so we are continuing the music one last evening. Join us for a beautiful evening with foliage and Satin & Steel who are a horn-based band. Admission is free and the concert will start at 6 p.m. on Friday September 20th at Bayside Park Pavilion.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 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, October 1, 7:00p.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, September 11, 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, September 11, 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, September 19, 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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