

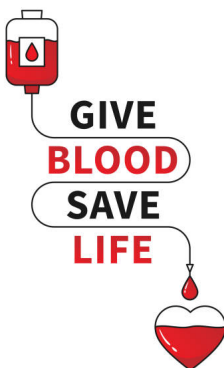
For the Week of October 7th, 2024

Message from the Town Clerk's Office:

Colchester registered voters began receiving ballots on 10/1.

A few friendly reminders when returning your absentee ballot:

- You must return your voted ballot in the ballot envelope and sign, date and print your name on this envelope. If the ballot is placed in the return-postage mailing envelope without using the ballot envelope OR you did not sign your ballot envelope, your ballot will not be counted. Depending on the contact information you've provided, you will receive communication from the Clerk's office by mail, email or phone on how to fix your ballot so it's counted.
- If you have multiple people registered to vote in your household, please be sure to use your certificate envelope when returning your voted ballot. Your name is pre-printed in the upper left-hand corner.
- The ballot drop box is located between Town Hall municipal building and the police department. If you drive around the front and circle around the back, you will be positioned to drive up to the green ballot drop box so you do not have to get out of your car.
- You are welcome to vote in-person on November 5th. Please keep the ballot you were mailed and bring it with you to the polls. We have a limited supply of extra ballots for those who register to vote for the first time, have moved into town, or did not receive their first ballot by mail.



Colchester-Milton Rotary Club

When: October 15th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Grace Church at 784 Main Street, Colchester

The Colchester-Milton Rotary Club is hosting a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Please come join them and help save lives by donating a pint of blood.

Historical Society

The Autumn 2024 Newsletter of the Colchester Historical Society is now available. Check it out to learn about upcoming events, the renovations at the 10th Cavalry buildings, where to buy the new Ira Allen biography, our recent acquisitions, and a little history about Gene Racine's Texaco. Link: <https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10732/Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Autumn-2024-Newsletter?bidId=>

Antique/Vintage Show and Tell October 14, 7 p.m. at the Parsonage 828 Main Street, Colchester

Bring along one or two of your favorite antique/vintage items and share what you know about it. It'll be fun and informational. Parking, admission, and refreshments are free. Please use the back-porch entrance. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

Register Now for Sampler and Embroider ID Days

The Vermont Sampler Initiative will host Sampler and Embroidery ID Days on November 15-16 in Essex Junction- register now to participate! If you have an antique sampler or embroidery made before 1900, consider sharing this piece of history.



Embroidered samplers, maps, and pictures historically were an essential component of a girl's education and give insight about their lives, families, and communities. Your heirloom will add to understanding of the history of women and girls in Vermont and beyond.

The Vermont Sampler Initiative is working to identify, photograph, and document all American-made schoolgirl embroideries made before 1900 that are now in public and private collections in Vermont. The images and information collected will be included in the online national Sampler Archive database and will be available to historians throughout the world.

Hours: November 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., by appointment only. November 16, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., by appointment or walk-in. To make an appointment, contact Samplersvt@gmail.com.

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.*

Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the Burnham Library

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM @ Library Lawn

It's time to register your decorated vehicle for Trunk-or-Treat! Register your vehicle, choose your theme and hand out goodies. Remember to keep your theme kid friendly - we don't want to scare anyone. Families & businesses are welcome! Please arrive early enough to have your trunk ready to go for 12:00 PM sharp! Registration is required for all trunks. Library staff will direct "trunks" to their parking spots.

There will be a separate registration for trunk-or-treaters. Come dressed up and walk our parking lot and lawn to collect bags of ghoulish goodies. Walking begins at noon. Please park at our Lady of Grace Church.



Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-trunk-or-treat-at-the-burnham-library-tickets-1014796402357?aff=oddtcreator>

Leaf Disposal

Where can I dispose of my leaves? At no charge, any Chittenden County resident may take leaves to select Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Drop-Off Centers; to Green Mountain Compost, or to the McNeil Wood and Yard Debris Depot. See their websites below for hours, maps, and more information about allowable materials.

CSWD Drop-Off Centers convenient to Colchester include:

- Essex: 218 Colchester Rd. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/essex-drop-center/>
- Milton: 36 Landfill Rd. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/milton-drop-center/>
- Williston: Green Mountain Compost: 1042 Redmond Rd.

<https://www.greenmountaincompost.com/leaf-drop-off/>

- Burlington: McNeil Wood and Yard Debris Depot: 111 Intervale Rd.

<https://www.burlingtonelectric.com/wastewood>

Parks & Recreation Fall Brochure

Check out the Fall 2024 brochure for programs and offerings for all ages:

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10655/2024-Fall-Brochure?bidId=>

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting. 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 15th, 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>

NOTICE: In light of Election Day, the November meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, November 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, October 9th, 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, October 9th, 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, October 17th, 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: Monday, October 21st, at 6 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Colchester Town Office. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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