

**For the Week of October 14th, 2024**

**Manager's Message**



Thank you to Colchester Booms! and the Colchester Conservation Commission.

Colchester Booms! Conducts annual community fundraising to purchase seasonal plantings installed by Colchester Booms! as well as the Colchester Conservation Commission. This year they planted at the Blakely Road and Malletts Bay Avenue traffic island, Blakely Road and East/West Lakeshore both at the flagpole and at Lower Bayside Park.

The membership of Colchester Booms! includes: Mick Levine, Theresa Carroll, Patrick Volz, Lisa Halvorsen, Steve Signell, Lauren Morlino, Liz Hamlin-Volz, Alyx Belisle and Dylan Tompkins. Information on Colchester Booms! including donation opportunities: <https://colchestervt.gov/3293/Colchester-Booms>

The Colchester Conservation Commission includes: Theresa Carroll-Chair, Patrick Volz-Vice Chair, Lisa Halvorsen-Secretary, Steve Signell, Lauren Morlino, Liz Hamlin-Volz, Alyx Belisle and Dylan Tompkins-student Get Engaged member. The Conservation Commission is concerned with the public awareness, education, and preservation of Colchester's natural areas; water quality of rivers, ponds, and Lake Champlain; wildlife habitats; and beautification of the Town.

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**Colchester-Milton Rotary Club**



**When: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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

**URGENT NEED:** The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood donations in the wake of hurricanes Helene and Milton. The Colchester-Milton Rotary Club is hosting a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross, and your donation can help those in disrupted areas experiencing shortages. Please come join them and help save lives by donating a pint of blood!

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### Public Works Update on Malletts Bay Sewer

The Town's contractor has completed the installation of the Main Line Gravity Sewer from Prim Road to the intersection of West Lakeshore/Blakely/East Lakeshore. This portion of the work presented the greatest challenge to the driving public and is now complete.

The contractors will continue work until the end of the construction season (likely late November) including:

- Installation of a manhole structure at the northwest corner of West Lakeshore/East Lakeshore/Blakely Intersection.
- Pressure testing of Main Line Gravity Sewer installed along West Lakeshore.
- Night work to install eight sewer laterals from the waterside of West Lakeshore to the land side of West Lakeshore.
- Pavement restoration of the trenchline on West Lakeshore Drive, which will require alternating lane closures similar to the Main Line Gravity Sewer construction.
- Installation of the Blakely Sewer Force Main towards Severance Corners.



We anticipate continued traffic delays and impacts as the contractors complete their work for the fall. However, we anticipate this work will be generally less impactful to the traveling public.

The Malletts Bay Sewer Project is an environmental abatement project that will provide municipal sewer service to properties with frontage on West Lakeshore Drive between Prim Rd and the Bayside intersection, all of East Lakeshore Drive, and Goodsell Point.

More information is available here: <https://colchestervt.gov/3291/Malletts-Bay-Sewer>. You may also call or email Public Works Director Norm Baldwin at MBS@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5620.

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### Upcoming Events at Burnham Library

#### **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>:**

10:30a.m. Toddler Storytime  
1:00p.m. Afternoon Book Discussion: *Fuzz*  
3:30p.m. Knitting & Crochet for Kids  
5:30p.m. Family Craft: Bird Feeders

#### **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:30a.m. Preschool Storytime

#### **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

3:30p.m. Young Writers, Grades K-5 and 6<sup>th</sup>  
Grade & Up

#### **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:30a.m. Baby Story Time



#### **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:30a.m. Music with Liz  
1:00p.m. Mah Jong at the Meeting House  
3:00p.m. Teen Craft: Halloween Lanterns  
4:00p.m. Read to Theo the Therapy Dog

These are just some of the events being offered! Click here to view all upcoming events:

<https://colchestervt.gov/173/Events>

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### **Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas**

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 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. 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, October 15th, 7:00p.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>

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

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, November 13th, 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, November 13th, 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, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Colchester Town Office. <https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm# CPA1>

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