

For the Week of December 16th, 2024



Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Happy Holidays! Your Town staff wishes all residents, businesses, and visitors a happy holiday season, with all the love, warmth, and cheer of spending time with your family and friends. In observance of the holidays, there will be adjusted hours:

Town Offices

Tuesday, December 24th: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31st: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st: CLOSED

Burnham Library

Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31st: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

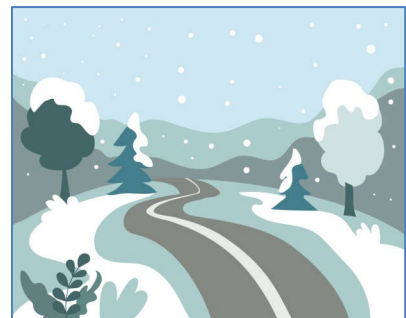
Wednesday, January 1st: CLOSED

Emergency services, winter snow and ice removal, and other emergency work will be provided as usual. May your days be merry, bright, and safe!

Holiday Safety Tips from Colchester Police Department

The holiday season is upon us. We hope that whatever holiday you celebrate, you are able to do so in the comfort of friends and family. Some thoughts for a safe holiday season:

- Celebrate responsibly – designate a driver or use alternate transportation if drinking.
 - Road conditions change quickly. Plan extra time to get to your destination.
 - Lock your vehicle. Remove valuables.
 - Use caution with telephone solicitations.
- If you have doubts, hang up and call us at 802-264-5555.



A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update

DATE: Friday, December 13, 2024

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: In observance of the winter holiday season, crews will be off-site from 8 p.m. on Friday, December 20, through the end of 2024. Crews may return to the project area in mid-January 2025 to complete work outside of the roadway.

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, December 16, through Friday, December 20, Interstate 89 (I-89) will intermittently reduce to a single lane in both directions near Exit 17 during off-peak hours: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on I-89 northbound and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on I-89 southbound. The I-89 northbound off-ramp slip lane to U.S. Route 2 (U.S. 2) westbound will remain closed 24/7 for bridge construction. Motorists can turn right or left onto U.S. 2 at the signalized intersection.

Motorists should slow down, use caution, and pay attention to road signs while traveling through the work zone.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES: Next week, crews will continue working on the structural steel beams for the new U.S. 2 bridge superstructure over I-89 at Exit 17.

This is the final construction Update for this season. Construction activities are anticipated to resume in winter 2025.



Crews construct the new U.S. 2 bridge over I-89 at Exit 17 adjacent to the existing bridge in Colchester, VT.

Project Website: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/colchester-exit17>

CONTACT US:

24-Hour Project Hotline – 802-595-4399

Email – info@ColchesterExit17.com

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th, 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, January 7th, 2025 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, January 8th, 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, January 8th, 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&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, January 16th, 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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