

For the Week of January 27th, 2025

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Winter Carnival: Mark your calendars for the 41st Annual Winter Carnival beginning from 8:30 AM Saturday, February 1st & 10:30 AM, Sunday, February 2nd, 2025.

Activities include: Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, Performance by Robert Clarke, Horse Drawn Hay Rides; Wacky Balloon Twisters; Marc Hughes Caricatures; The Big Blue Trunk; Mini Golf; Arts & Crafts Room; Playdough Extravaganza; Sensory Room; Inflatable Obstacle Courses; Pony Rides; Face Painting; Airbrushing Tattoos; Green Screen Room; VTANG Flight Simulator; Basketball Toss; Sugar on Snow & Maple Cotton Candy; Food Concessions; Stephen Gratto Stilts & Balloon Animals; Performance by Studio 3 Dance Co.; Performance by Jason Tardy; and Skating at Leddy Park w/ CPD Officers.



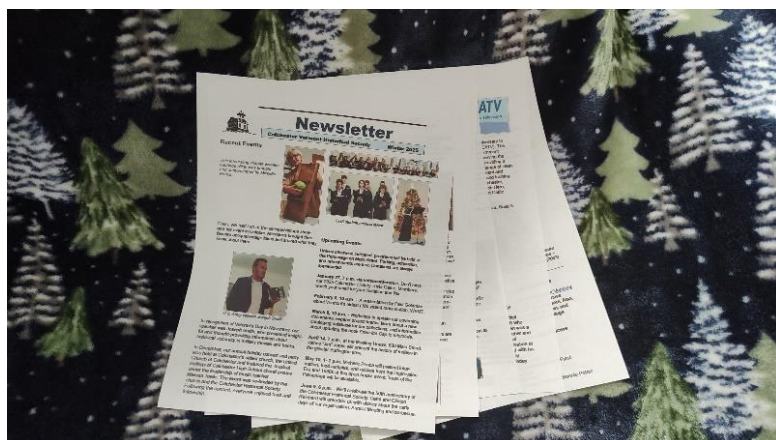
Bracelets for this winter tradition cost \$8.00 and are required by all in attendance over the age of two.

Review the full schedule of events here:
<https://colchestervt.gov/663/Winter-Carnival>



Colchester Historical Society:

Snuggle under a cozy blanket and take a few minutes to check out the Colchester Historical Society's Winter 2025 Newsletter. See what's been happening, what's coming up, recent milestone celebrations, and some history about the ice yacht "Storm King," and the Colchester Reef Lighthouse. Enjoy! Here's the link: <https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10888/Winter-2025-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=>.



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-HistoricalSociety>.

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

Department Updates

Town Clerk's Office: *Attention Colchester dog parents!* It's time to renew your dog's annual license.

New Fees as of January 1, 2025

Fees:

Fixed dog	\$20.00
Non-fixed dog	\$25.00

To avoid an additional \$5.00 fee, license your dog before April 1st.



The state of Vermont requires all dogs to be licensed with their town. A current rabies certificate along with proof of spay/neuter and fee is needed to issue the license and tag.

Licensing can be completed online, by mail or in person. For more information go to <https://colchestervt.gov/323/Dog-Licensing> or call 802-264-5520.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, January 28th, 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, February 4th, 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, February 12th, 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, February 12th, 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, February 20th 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, February 10th, 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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