

For the Week of April 21, 2025

Volunteer for Green Up Day!

Green Up Day will be here soon! This year, Green Up Day will be held **Saturday, May 3rd**.

Residents, businesses, and community groups are invited to join the effort to clean up the Town's roads, beaches, parks, and bike paths. You can pick up bags and road assignments at the Police Station on Blakely Road between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Green Up Day.



You may select your own Town road or area to clean, provided it has not already been assigned, and can work as many hours as you want.

The Conservation Commission, which coordinates Green Up Day efforts for the Town, will provide instructions on where to leave bags for pick up by the Town's road crews.

Bags and a sign-up sheet will be available at the Police Station the weekend before Green Up Day (April 26 & 27).

Last year, 698 volunteers participated in Green Up Day, collecting 6.97 tons of trash (the most in Chittenden County!).

Thank you to all who coordinate and participate in this event, we hope to see you on May 3rd!

Questions can be directed to the Green Up Day Coordinators Theresa Carroll and Pam Loranger at greenupcolchester@gmail.com.

2025 Capital Paving Program Start Up

The Town of Colchester Capital Paving Program is returning for the 2025 construction season. Starting the week of April 21, 2025, local contractor, FW Whitcomb will begin roadwork operations to repair and restore roads in the community.

Roads to be repaved starting the week of April 21st include: Rathe Road, Lower Mountain View Drive between the Maplefields Gas Station and Spare Time Bowling Alley, and Lavigne Road.



Roads to be repaved later this season, pending coordination of adjacent work, include: Shore Acres Drive, Summit Ridge, Hillcrest Lane, Cedar Ridge Drive, and Mill Pond Road.

Paving operations may impact mailboxes overhanging roadway curbing. Mailboxes installed in the right of way should be 6”- 8” back from the edge of the road, and not overhang into the roadway. Residents and businesses should confirm that their mailboxes are installed correctly, as it is the property owner’s responsibility to provide and install mailboxes.

Please be advised that traffic controls will be in effect during operations, and regular working hours are between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Contact: Danylo Whalen, Public Works Engineer, dwhalen@colchestervt.gov, 802-264-5515

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week begins this Saturday, April 27th. We ask you to join us in appreciating the Town’s volunteers who help us in many capacities. These selfless volunteers respond to emergencies, help run elections, clean up our communities, and so much more.

We would like to recognize the volunteer Emergency Medical Service providers of Colchester Rescue Squad, the volunteers of the Colchester Fire Department, the Fire Members and Rescue Members at Saint Michael’s Fire and Rescue Departments who provide emergency services to the Town of Colchester, the volunteers that run the Colchester Technical Rescue squad, around 85 people who serve on the Town’s boards and commissions, and over 200 youth and special event volunteers.

We are incredibly grateful for everyone willing to dedicate their time and energy to serve our community. Thank you!



A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update

DATE: Friday, April 18, 2025

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The construction of the new Interstate 89 Exit 17 northbound ramps will require nighttime closures in the upcoming weeks. Traffic will be maintained via an off-site detour during these closures.

The work is scheduled for two weeks: from Sunday, May 4, at 7 p.m. to Friday, May 9, at 6 a.m., and from Sunday, May 11, at 7 p.m. to Friday, May 16, at 6 a.m. The Exit 17 northbound off-ramp will be closed to traffic between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night, with periodic closures of the Exit 17 northbound on-ramp between May 11 and May 16. During the off-ramp closures, northbound traffic will be directed to exit the interstate at Exit 18, turn right onto U.S. Route 7, and travel approximately 9.5 miles south to the Chimney Corner intersection of U.S. Route 2 and U.S. 7. During the on-ramp closures, northbound traffic will be detoured to U.S. 7 at the Chimney Corner intersection, travel approximately 9.5 miles north on U.S. 7, and re-enter I-89 at the Exit 18 interchange in Milton. Temporary traffic control signage and portable changeable message boards will be installed along the detour route to guide travelers.

Visit the project website for more information: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/colchester-exit17>

Questions and concerns about the project can be directed to VTrans at:

- Email: info@ColchesterExit17.com
- 24-Hour Project Hotline (802) 595-4399

Department Updates:

Parks and Recreation:

Reminder! The Colchester Recreation Center will be **closed through Thursday, April 24th** for scheduled maintenance.

The Parks and Recreation team will be available by phone, email, and in person at Town Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., during this closure.

For additional information, please email CRC@colchestervt.gov or call (802)264-5640.



Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas:

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 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, May 6, 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, May 14, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Recreation Center, 80 Dick Mazza Drive. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

Development Review Board: Wednesday, May 28, 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, May 15, 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, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Colchester Town Office. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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