

**For the Week of April 28, 2025**

---

### **Thank you Animal Control Officer Gingras!**

Stephanie Gingras has announced her departure from the Colchester Police Department as the Town's Animal Control Officer, effective June 30, 2025. Stephanie is the longest serving Animal Control Officer in the last three decades, at ten years.

While we are sad to see her go, the Town is incredibly grateful for the invaluable service Stephanie provided to our community. She brought a deep care for animals and great expertise to this challenging and unique role.

Thank you, Stephanie, for your dedication and service to the people and animals of Colchester. We wish you the best.



---

### **Volunteer for Green Up Day!**

Green Up Day is this **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**! Residents, businesses, and community groups are invited to help clean up the Town's roads, beaches, parks and bike path.

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



Bags can be picked up at the Police Station on Blakely Road between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Green Up Day.

Bags and a sign-up sheet will also be available ahead of time starting today, Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Police Station.

Questions can be directed to the Green Up Day Coordinators Theresa Carroll and Pam Loranger at [greenupcolchester@gmail.com](mailto:greenupcolchester@gmail.com).

---

---

## International Firefighters Appreciation Day

This **Sunday, May 4th** is a day to celebrate, thank and remember firefighters all around the world.

The Town would like to express its gratitude to all the members of the Colchester Fire Department and St. Michael's Fire who protect and serve our community day in and day out.

Our firefighters are often the first to an emergency and provide vital life-saving service.

We also extend our thanks to the firefighter families in our community that support and allow them to serve our Town.

We encourage you to take a moment to thank your local firefighters for what they do.

To learn more about the Colchester Fire Department, visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/3245/Fire-Department>



---

## Colchester-Milton Rotary Annual Fill-the-Truck for the Food Shelf

For the Month of May, please consider donating nonperishable goods when you stop by the Town Offices, Burnham Memorial Library, or Police Station to contribute to this annual effort. There will be collection barrels at all three locations.



Additionally, there will be donation sites at local supermarkets in the area on select Saturdays during the month.

Please visit the Colchester-Milton Rotary [website](#) for specific details.

---

## Department Updates

### Parks and Recreation:

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be holding their annual Touch-a-Truck event on **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., at Colchester High School.**

Children (and parents) can climb, sit, and play on tractors, police cars, dump trucks, fire trucks, and a variety of other vehicles.

Keep in mind that from **9:00 - 10:30**, sirens will not be used. From **10:30 - 11:00**, sirens and air horns may be used. Please plan accordingly based on the interests and needs of your group. We hope to see you there!

Questions about the event can be directed to the Department of Parks and Recreation at (802) 264-5640.



---

### **Planning and Zoning:**

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is working with cities and towns to implement a regional Future Land Use Map that will help guide how land in the region will be used in the future.

CCRPC will be leading a mapping workshop on **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p. – 8:15 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices.**

At this workshop, you will learn about the Future Land Use Mapping process, have a chance to ask questions, and be able to view and provide feedback on the map.

To learn more about the history of this project, please see the following materials:

- This [one page](#) summary of the Future Land Use map.

- This [5-minute video](#) and [3-page summary](#) for an overview of the Future Land Use mapping process and related law (Act 181).
- This [graphic](#) that provides more details about each land use category you'll see on the map.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to provide comments through the online mapping tool, available [here](#). Online comments will be accepted through Monday, May 19, 2025.



---

### **Burnham Memorial Library:**

April is Financial Literacy Month, so join us for a workshop to help plan for retirement.

**Financial Workshop: Planning for Retirement**  
**April 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Burnham Memorial Library, 898 Main Street**

This workshop will cover how to envision your retirement, how to build your retirement strategy, different sources of retirement income, and key risks to consider.

Register for the event here:

<https://colchesterlibworkshops.rsvpify.com/?securityToken=h4RpWzsfNt9AeTo5JLUBZCKco5Agy7hA>

---

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

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, 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, May 6, 7:00 p.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>

**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, 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&path=DRB%2CDRB\\_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C](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:** Next meeting date to be determined.

**Subscribe to the Town Newsletter:** <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jkMAO2v>

For more information or to comment, call 802-264-5509 or email [townmanager@colchestervt.gov](mailto:townmanager@colchestervt.gov)