

For the Week of May 12, 2025

Manager's Message

Town Manager Aaron Frank

2025 National Police Week: Sunday, May 11, marked the beginning of National Police Week.

Beginning in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

This week, communities all across the country will honor and remember the law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends, and fellow officers they left behind.

We are thankful for and proud of the dedicated law enforcement officers of the Colchester Police Department who serve our community. Thank you for everything you do to keep us safe!



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.

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

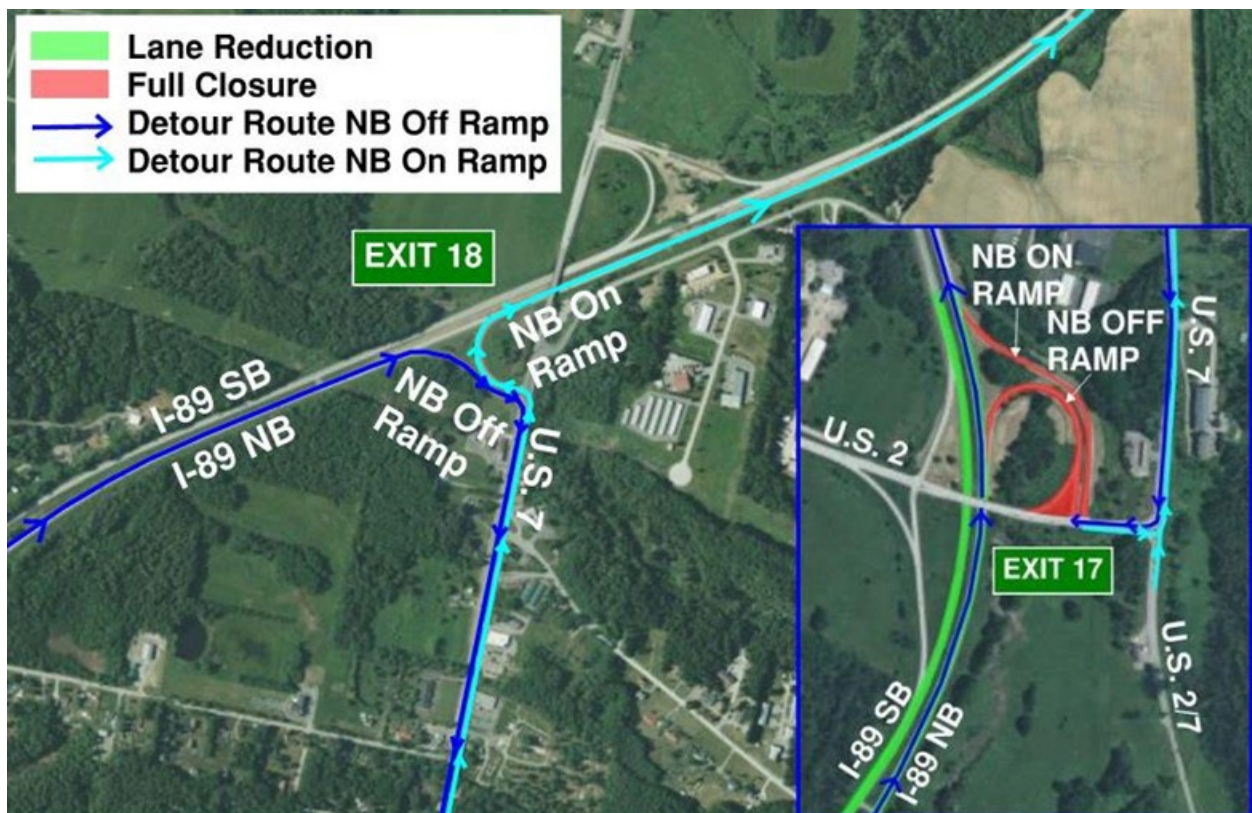


A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update

DATE: Friday, May 9, 2025

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Sunday, May 11, at 7 p.m. to Friday, May 16, at 6 a.m., the northbound off-ramp at the Interstate 89 Exit 17 interchange will be closed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night. From Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m., to Friday, May 16, at 6 a.m., the Exit 17 northbound on-ramp will also be closed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. During these nighttime ramp closures, traffic will be detoured via the signed route at the Exit 18 interchange in Milton. *Motorists familiar with the area are advised that the Exit 16 interchange remains open and can be used as an alternative route during the nighttime ramp closures.*

From Sunday, May 11, at 7 p.m. to Friday, May 16, at 8 p.m., I-89 will be reduced to a single lane in both directions near Exit 17, except during peak hours (3 p.m. to 8 p.m. for I-89 northbound and 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for I-89 southbound).



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:

Upcoming Events at Parks and Recreation!

Plan Your Next Event with Us at the Colchester Recreation Center! Need a space for a birthday party or special event? We offer affordable rentals for our small and large activity rooms, kitchen, and gymnasium. Let us help make your celebration easy and memorable! For more information log onto colchestervt.gov/recreation or email Jenn at jturmel@colchestervt.gov



Animals in your Backyard (Wednesday, May 14 at 11:00 AM) - Take a journey into your backyard with Lee Cordner, a Colchester resident who takes photos of the beautiful wildlife our town has to offer. Most people do not realize what's living in our backyard including plants and wildflowers. This presentation will allow open discussion and questions as Lee navigates through his amazing presentation of pictures.

Intro to E-Bikes (Tuesday, May 20 at 11:00 AM) – Looking to learn more about E-Bikes? Come and join us for an E-Bike presentation and learn more about different types of Electric Bikes. The owner of Mountain Trail Paddle boards & Bike will be providing in-depth information along with answering any questions. There will be bikes onsite for those looking for a hands-on experience. If you would like to demo a bike please make sure you bring a helmet.

Move Freely: Improving Spinal Mobility (Thursday, June 6 at 2:00 PM CRC- Activity Room) Improve your spinal health and well-being in this hands-on workshop! We'll delve into the importance of spinal mobility and practical strategies for spinal hygiene. You'll learn how to assess and adjust your posture throughout the day, and discover simple yet effective spinal mobility exercises. We'll provide you with a ready-to-use morning mobility routine to help you cultivate a more flexible and resilient spine. Speaker, Eniel Rolon (Mahoney Chiropractic Group)

Coffee and Puzzles (Thursday May 15 & May 29 at 9:30 AM) - Grab your friends and come hang out every other week for our coffee and puzzle program! Grab a coffee, puzzle and some friends and spend some quality time putting together your puzzle of choice. Freshly brewed coffee and a variety of puzzles will be provided!

Senior Alcohol Ink Art (Monday May 19 at 10:00 AM) - Come spend your late morning creating a beautiful piece of art display in your own home! Alcohol ink art is a fluid art technique that uses alcohol-based inks to create colorful and fluid compositions on various surfaces. Each participant will bring home their own set of coasters that they made during the program!

Matinee Movie (Tuesday May 13 at 11:00 AM) - Come join us at the Colchester Recreation Center on the second Tuesday of each month for a matinee movie! Enjoy popular flicks from the past to

the present each month. This month's featured film is Secretariat! Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

To register for programs or find out more information stop by the Colchester Recreation Center, call us at 802-264-5640 or log onto colchestervt.gov/recreation

Burnham Memorial Library Upcoming Events:

May Legislative Hour

Saturday, May 17
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Burnham Memorial Library
898 Main Street

Join your local legislators and learn about what is being considered at the Statehouse. These monthly events are a great chance to meet our Colchester representatives and to become informed about proposed legislation.

Student Debt Financial Workshop

Wednesday, May 14
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Burnham Memorial Library
898 Main Street

Join us for an educational workshop to provide you with helpful information for managing student debt. Topics include a general overview to help understand your debt, classify your debt, steps to create and implement a payment plan, and how to balance debt with other financial goals.



Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 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, June 3, 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: Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m., Blakely Road Garden. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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