

## For the Week of May 19, 2025

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### Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

### Town Hall & Library Closure – Monday, May 26

Colchester Town Hall & the Burnham Memorial Library will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.



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### Amendments to the Colchester Code of Ordinances – Chapter 10, Sewers

At the Selectboard meeting on May 13, the Selectboard approved changes to the Colchester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 – Sewers.

The amendment changes how interest and penalties are applied to wastewater bills. The Town outsources wastewater billing to Champlain Water District in order to free up staff time to be able to earn interest with no risk treasury bonds.

In order to align with Champlain Water District's interest and penalty charges, the aforementioned amendment changes the way interest and penalties are applied to delinquent wastewater bills.

Previously, interest and penalties were applied to wastewater bills in a manner that resulted in significant late fees added on to the bill as the primary incentive. To align with Champlain Water District's model, interest and penalties will be applied at a lower rate but after many months of unpaid bills and proper notice, Champlain Water District can shut off water as a consequence of non-payment.

As a result, this amendment enhances the Town's capacity to earn revenues from sources other than property taxes.

This is the only change that this amendment makes.

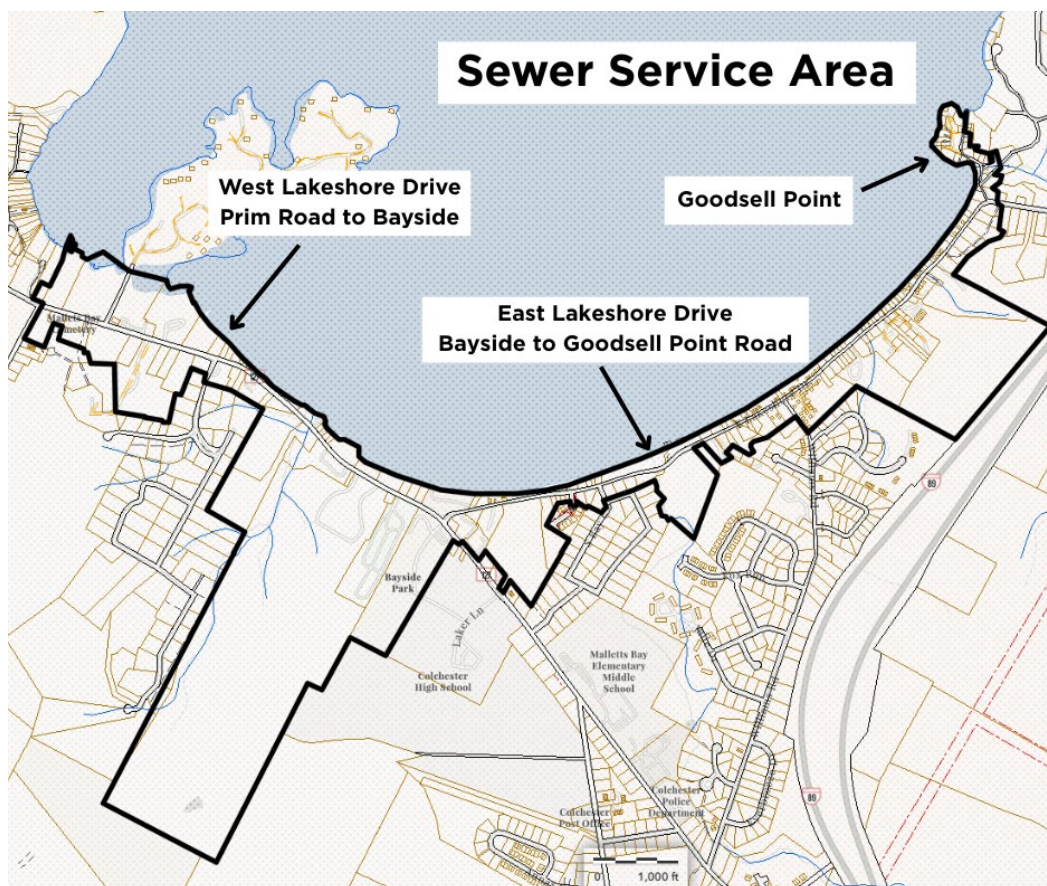
For more information, read this Memo from Town staff:

[https://clerkshq.com/Content/Attachments/Colchester-vt/250513\\_08c.pdf?clientSite=Colchester-vt](https://clerkshq.com/Content/Attachments/Colchester-vt/250513_08c.pdf?clientSite=Colchester-vt)

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### **Malletts Bay Sewer – Service Area Map**

As work on the Malletts Bay Sewer is proceeding, the Town would like to remind residents that the Malletts Bay Sewer will only serve residents in a specific part of Town. Please see the map below that details the sewer service area.



A larger version of the map can be viewed here: <https://colchestervt.gov/3319/Sewer-Service-Area-Map>

Additionally, for properties located in the sewer service area, the Malletts Bay Sewer Project is paying for connections to the sewer and the decommissioning of existing approved wastewater systems. This will occur for property owners who have permitted development as of May 7, 2024 and who enter into easement agreements allowing the Town to do this work.

The Town will contact property owners in writing when the Town is proceeding with groups of connections and is ready to request these easements.

The Malletts Bay Sewer is an environmental abatement project that will provide municipal sewer service to properties with frontage on West Lakeshore Drive between Prim Road and the Bayside intersection, all of East Lakeshore Drive, and Goodsell Point. The Town is not providing new sewer service to other areas of Town. There is a no-access force main along Blakely Road but it is only to convey sewer from the Malletts Bay Sewer Service Area to the Sewer in Severance Corners. It can not accept sewer from other properties.

For more information, visit the Town's project page: <https://colchestervt.gov/3291/Malletts-Bay-Sewer>

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### Social Media & Town Requests

You are welcome to post on social media, but if you wish for the Town staff or Selectboard to act on or consider something, please contact us directly by phone or email.



For issues of local concern that you believe should be addressed by your Town government--or if you read something in social media about Town government and are unsure of it--please contact the Town Staff directly. The staff directory of phone and email contact information for various Town departments is provided here: <https://tinyurl.com/Col-Town-Dir>

If you are uncertain who to contact, feel free to contact the Town Manager's office at 802-264-5509 or [TownManager@colchestervt.gov](mailto:TownManager@colchestervt.gov).

Your Town Selectboard serves as the legislative and judicial branch of municipal government, and oversees the Town Manager. If you have something to be shared with them at a Selectboard meeting, you are welcome to attend or 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 and address in the body of the email. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the upcoming Selectboard meeting and included in the following information packet. Individual Selectboard member contact information is available here: <https://www.colchestervt.gov/401/Selectboard>

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### A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** In observance of Memorial Day, crews will be out of the roadway by noon on Friday, May 23, and will return to the project area on Tuesday, May 27.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION:** From Sunday, May 18, at 8 p.m. through Friday, May 23, at 6 a.m., there will be single-lane closures with traffic controlled by flaggers at the Chimney Corner intersection of U.S. Route 7 (U.S. 7) and U.S. Route 2 (U.S. 2) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night.

From Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. through Friday, May 23, at 6 a.m., the Interstate 89 Exit 17 interchange northbound on and off ramps will be closed at night between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Traffic

will be detoured via Exit 18 in Milton. *A supplemental Traffic Alert will be issued before the closures. The Exit 16 interchange remains open as an alternate route for motorists familiar with the area.*

From Monday, May 19, through Friday, May 23, at 12 p.m., I-89 will be reduced 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.

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

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## Department Updates:

### Parks and Recreation – Upcoming Programs and Events

**Safe at Home Alone Training** (May 21 3:00-4:30 PM at Malletts Bay School) Come and join us for a program that teaches youth how to be safe at home alone. Students will learn about ways to stay safe while being home without an adult. This program is guided by Safe Sitter Inc.

**After School Basketball MBS** (Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 PM at Colchester Recreation Center) This 6-week program is designed to help students develop their skills, stay active and enjoy the game in a fun and supportive environment.

Forget to register? No problem, we can add your child to the list and prorate the fee to accommodate missed days. Students are able to walk from school and check in with the staff member at the Recreation Center.

**After School Basketball CMS** (Thursdays 2:15-4:00 PM at Colchester Recreation Center) This 6-week program is designed to help students develop their skills, stay active and enjoy the game in a fun and supportive environment. Forget to register? No problem, we can add your child to the list and prorate the fee to accommodate missed days. Students are able to walk from school and check in with the staff member at the Recreation Center.

**After School Water Games** (Afterschool until 4:30 PM) Summer is almost here! What's a better way to jump into summer than to jump into some water games? Join us for a fun afternoon of various water-based games!

Union Middle School – Tuesday, June 3

Porters Point School – Wednesday, June 4

Malletts Bay School -- Thursday, June 5





**Learn to Play Pickleball 18+** (Tuesdays June 3 and 10 at 5:30 PM) This beginners' class at the Colchester Recreation Center is designed to introduce you to the basics of pickleball, including rules, techniques, and strategies to get you started.

**Nutrition 101** (Wednesdays June 4 – July 9 at 6:30 PM) Learn how to transform and develop your relationship with food and fuel your fitness goals in this comprehensive 6-week nutrition program. Designed for beginners, this course combines guidance with practical tools to help you understand the science of nutrition and its impact on your body. Each week, you'll explore key topics like macro-nutrient balance, diet trends, meal planning, and hydration, all while learning how to make sustainable choices that fit your lifestyle.

**Track & Field Program** (Mondays and Wednesdays June 23 – July 19 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM) Our Track and Field program helps to develop and enhance skills of running, jumping, throwing and skills that are important in the success of any sport or fitness activity, with an emphasis on fun and fitness.

To register, please visit our website at [colchestervt.gov/recreation](http://colchestervt.gov/recreation) or give us a call at (802) 264-5640.

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## Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, June 10, 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, June 3, 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, June 11, 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, June 12, 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/ConservCommssn.htm# CPA1>

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