

For the Week of June 23, 2025

Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Burnham Library are gearing up to host this year's book sale. The event will be held in the cafeteria at the Colchester High School on:

Friday, June 27: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 28: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 29: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Donations are still being accepted. Please come to the high school on Monday, June 23 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, June 25 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to drop off used books.

Organizers noted that textbooks and out of date books would not be accepted.

For more information visit:
<https://colchestervt.gov/3100/Library>



Image from the 2024 book sale.

A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update

DATE: Friday, June 20, 2025

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, there will be lane closures and lane shifts on U.S. 7 between the Shell Gas Station and Wiley Road and on U.S. 2 between Jasper Mine Road and U.S. 7.

Motorists should slow down, use caution, and pay attention to road signs and flaggers while traveling through the project limits.

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

Colchester Middle School and Clerk's Office Field Trip

On June 11, Town Clerk Julie Graeter and Assistant Town Clerk Erin Hogan met with a group of Colchester Middle School (CMS) students at the Village Cemetery. This field trip, led by CMS Librarian Rebecca Sofferman, was the final stop on a trip around Colchester where the students got a chance to learn about community history.

Town staff showed the students how to properly clean monuments. During their visit to the cemetery, the students were able to clean 32 monuments!

Thank you to Ms. Sofferman for orchestrating this great learning opportunity for our students and thank you to the staff in the Town Clerk's office for assisting.



CMS students with a monument at the Village Cemetery

Department Updates

Department of Parks and Recreation – Fourth of July Events!

On Friday, July 4th, the Town will be hosting a series of events to celebrate Independence Day!

Below is the schedule and everything you need to know:



5K Fun Run

- \$5.00 per participant
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.: Registration at Union Memorial School (253 Main Street)
- 8:15 a.m.: Race begins at Middle Road

Parade

- The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Colchester High School (131 Laker Lane)
- Parade Route: The parade will process from Colchester High School, down Blakely Road, and end at Lavigne Road. Road closure is expected to last approximately one hour.

Bayside Beach

- Please note lifeguards will not be on duty for the 4th of July.

Bayside Park

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Inflatables
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Food vendors
 - El Gato: Mexican Food
 - Lions Club: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Chili dogs, Chili, Chips, and beverages
 - Maharaja Spice: Chicken Biryani (GF), Vegan Biryani (Vegan/GF), Chicken Popcorn, Veg Samosa (Vegan), Mango Lassi (GF)
 - Waffley Good: Ice Cream
- 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.: Music Entertainment: **The Hitmen**
 - The Hitmen are: Jim Cheney (Bass and Vocals), Bob Young (Guitar and Vocals), Brian Donnelly (Drums and Vocals), and Bob Boedecker (Keys and Vocals)
 - Musical Style: 1970s and 1980s party rock & roll, featuring hot guitar, organ, and impressive vocal harmonies! The Hitmen play anything from John Mellencamp to Santana, The Atlanta Rhythm Section to Steely Dan - don't miss this fantastic group!



Fireworks

- Fireworks will take place at dusk from the Bayside Softball Field. Please stay behind the safety fence
- Parking available at: Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School (452 Blakely Road), and the Malletts Bay School (609 Blakely Road)

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 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, July 1, 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, July 9, 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, July 9, 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, July 17, 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, July 21, 5:30 p.m., Holy Cross Road Rain Garden https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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