

For the Week of April 22, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Flood Warning continues for The Lake Champlain

At 6:00 AM Monday the stage was **100.2** feet. **Flood stage is 100.0** feet. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is **forecast**:

The lake will continue rising to near 100.5 feet by early Thursday morning. Additional rises may be possible thereafter.

Impact: At 101.0 feet...Flooding affects low lying roads and properties, and wind and wave action can compound flooding on exposed shorelines.

If you live or travel near streams and rivers seek higher ground immediately at first signs of rising water. Obey all road closure signs: they are there for your safety. Do **not** attempt to drive through flooded areas: most flood deaths occur in automobiles. Turn around, don't drown! Stay tuned to developments by listening to NOAA weather radio, or by visiting **weather.gov**.

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly McCagg, Director

We've had a very busy season at Burnham – over 230 people got their taxes done at the Library by AARP volunteers. We're looking forward to an even busier May; here are some of our upcoming programs:

- **Put Your House on a Diet:** Friday 5/3 & 5/10. Join Melanie Saia from KW Vermont and learn how to make your home more functional. Learn what staging is and how it works. Sign up on our website.
- **The Appealing Art of Model Railroading:** Monday 5/6, 6:30-7:30 PM. Join Tim Wilmot for a presentation on creating miniature worlds for model railroads.
- **VT Reads - Meet the March Authors:** Wednesday 5/8, 6:00 PM. We're screening a talk with authors Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The pre-recorded author event will run for about an hour. Light refreshments will be served as we discuss any topics of interest that arise during the talk with viewers. Our partner library, South Hero, will also screen the talk and we'll have a joint discussion over Skype with their patrons!

- **Social Internet and Online Safety:** Monday 5/13, 6:00 PM. In this next portion of our digital education series, we take you through social internet sites and services like Facebook, Twitter, Front Porch Forum, Email, and Instagram. Sign up online to reserve your spot and ask a question ahead of time.
- **Fiber Fest:** Wednesday 5/15 – Saturday 5/18. Visit our newly-renovated Meeting House space and celebrate traditional fiber crafts. Workshops include: loom weaving, fabric postcards, rug braiding, visible mending, quilting and color theory, spinning, rug hooking, crocheting and needlefelting. If you would like to take one of the workshops we offer for adults, please sign-up on our website. Visitors of all ages are welcome to observe.
- **Teen Craft – Scented Slime:** Tuesday 5/21 at 4:30 PM. Sign up online and tell us the scent you'd like to make. Teens grades 6-12.
- **VT Reads - Knowledge is Power! March Trivia:** Monday 5/20, 6:00 PM. Pop culture, history, and music. Win fabulous prizes and maybe learn a thing or two.

Would you like to get all the latest library happenings in the convenience of your inbox? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at <https://colchestervt.gov/718/Our-eNewsletter>.

For more about Burnham Library events visit <http://colchestervt.gov/library> or call (802) 264-5660.

Parks and Recreation Department
Glen Cuttitta, Director

Warm spring weather is on its way! Be sure to take a moment to get outside and enjoy your local parks and consider signing up for a program to learn something new and spend time with friends and family. Here are a few programs beginning soon – pre-registration required!

- **Rock Painting Social** (Families, All Ages): Saturday 5/11, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Bayside Activity Center. FREE PROGRAM!
- **Pickleball Round Robin Tournament** (Ages 30+): Saturday 5/18, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Airport Park Tennis Courts.
- **Self-Care for Hips, Legs & Feet** (Ages 18+): Sunday 5/19, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Bayside Activity Center.

- **Track & Field** (Ages 7 – 15): Monday/Wednesday, 6/17 – 7/20, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Colchester High School Track.

View digital copies of our Guides online at: <http://colchestervt.gov/335/Program-Registration>. Register online for all programs at <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester> or visit our office during regular business hours, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

Summer camps are beginning to fill up! If you haven't signed up your child for camp yet be sure to do so soon. A complete list of full programs can be found on our website.

For more about Parks & Rec visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. May meetings: Tuesday, 5/7 and **Monday, 5/20. This is a special Wasterwater Solutions Forum and will take place at Colchester High School!**
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. May meeting: 5/8
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. Champlain Room, 2nd floor. May meeting: 5/9
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 4/15
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. Next meeting: 4/23. May meetings: 5/14 & 5/28
- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Next meeting: TBA 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor.
- **Library Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM at Burnham Memorial Library. April meeting: 4/18.

(All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.)

Town Events


- **Legislative Hours:** Come meet Colchester Legislators to ask questions or share your thoughts and suggestions! Dates and locations:
 - Town Meeting House: Sunday, 5/19, 2-3 PM
 - Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor: Monday, 5/6, 12-1 PM
- **Green Up Day:** Saturday, May 4, 7:30 AM – 2PM. Hot dog barbecue at the PD from noon to 1 PM. Pick up bags at Colchester Police Department starting April 26, 7:30 AM.
 - Please note that **green bags will not be available at the Burnham Library this year.** Green bags will be available **ONLY** at the Colchester

Police Department on Blakely Road so that areas can be assigned and coordinated for bag pick-up after Green Up Day.

- **Important:** If you wish to pick up trash in a specific area **please coordinate where you will be collecting trash with Green Up Coordinator, Theresa Carroll, at News110@comcast.net**. This is to ensure that all bags are left on the Town's collection route. *If you do not sign up or coordinate your pick up area with the Green Up Coordinator your bags may not be collected from the roadside!*
- **12th Annual Touch-A-Truck:** Saturday, May 4, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (Quiet Time, No Sirens), 10:30 – 11:00 AM (Sirens may be used) Colchester High School Parking Lot; Rain or Shine. FREE!
- **7th Annual Colchester Causeway 5K/10K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 1 at Airport Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **35th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 28, 8:30 AM at Bayside Park. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.

Notices:

- **The second Planning Commission** meeting in May has been moved to **Monday, May 20, 7:00 PM** for a special Wastewater Solutions Forum at Colchester High School.
- Burnham Library will be **closed** on Wednesday May 22 for staff to attend the Vermont Library Association Conference.
- **Colchester Historical Society:** You can find upcoming events, vintage photos, opportunities and more in the Spring 2019 issue of the Colchester Historical Society's quarterly newsletter. You can read it all here: www.bit.ly/Historical-Society-Newsletter

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