

For the Week of November 25, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The year has flown by quickly and Thanksgiving is here already! Given the season (and since Mother Nature appears to have skipped autumn and moved directly to winter) it is appropriate to give thanks for our Public Works and Parks employees. These wonderful guys are on call and out with their plows at any hour necessary to maintain Town roads and public spaces for your safety.

The Colchester Police and our Rescue/Tech Rescue employees and volunteers are also available 24/7/365 when our citizens call for help. We are grateful to all of them for their exemplary service.

Of course, all Town employees strive to provide the best service to residents and businesses with our available resources. They also give back to the community during the holidays with food, toy, and winter clothing contributions to help neighbors in need.

I wish a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday to everyone.

For more about the Town Manager's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

- **Winter Parking Ban Reminder:** We have experienced winter weather much earlier than usual. The good news is that our community seemed to heed the weather warnings and we had relatively few issues on our roadways. November 15th saw the renewal of the Town's winter parking prohibitions. Parking on any municipal roadway or parking lot is prohibited **now until March 15 from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM**. Officers will be tagging vehicles with reminders. Multiple warnings and/or a vehicle that is preventing complete snow removal may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.
- Officer Nicole Talcott will be graduating from the Vermont Police Academy on Friday November 22nd. She will continue her training over the next few months. CPD Canine, Ozzy and his handler, Cpl. Dave Dewey will also graduate on that date from the Canine Patrol School at the Vermont Police Academy.

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509

- Since September 25th, CPD has responded to 932 calls for service. These calls resulted in 29 arrests for violations including Driving Under the Influence, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Domestic Assault among others.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

As we are entering the winter months, here are a few things to remember:

- Rescue responds to a lot of slip and fall incidents during the winter months, which can result in severe injury for the elderly. Please remember to shovel, salt, and sand your driveways and walkways and those of your elderly loved ones. This not only makes it safer for you and them, but in case emergency services are needed this helps tremendously with moving the patient from the home to the ambulance.
- Please remember to keep the exhaust of heating devices clear of snow and ice. A blocked exhaust vent can lead to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in your home. Install a carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is the “silent killer” as you cannot see, smell or taste it.
- We are nearing completion of the repairs to the Rescue Station and plan to be completely moved back in before Thanksgiving.
- There were 130 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 139 calls last year at this time.

For more about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. December meeting: 12/17 (12/3 meeting is cancelled)
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. December meeting: 12/11
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. December meeting: 12/11
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** December meeting: Thursday, 12/19, 8 AM in the Champlain Conference Room, Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor.

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- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. December meeting: 12/16
- **Library Board of Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30 PM at Burnham Library. Next meeting: 12/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM. December meeting: 12/10 (The 12/24 meeting is cancelled)

(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.)

Upcoming events:

- **Operation Firecuffs:** The 9th Annual Operation Firecuffs is collecting presents to deliver with Santa at the UVM Children's Hospital. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped at Colchester Police Department or in the lobby of the Town Offices. Last day to donate will be December 18, 2019. Toys will be delivered December 19. Some suggestions from the hospital: *Infants:* Rattles, mobiles; *Toddlers:* Musical, pop-up, stand & walk and stacking toys, large blocks; *School Age:* Legos, art kits, athletic gear, balls. Tweens: Nail polish, lotion, journals. Gift cards: iTunes, Walmart, Best Buy, etc. See the Colchester PD Facebook page for further details.
- **Christmas Party and Concert:** Tuesday, 12/10, 7 PM. 900 Main Street Welcome the festive holiday season at the lovely and historic United Church of Colchester at the Colchester Historical Society's Christmas Party and Concert, featuring Colchester High School choral groups. Parking, admission and refreshments are free.
- **Dinner with Santa:** Friday, 12/13, 6:15–7:15 PM at the Colchester Middle School. Registration is now open – get your tickets early!

Notices of Closures:

- **The 12/3 meeting of the Colchester Planning Commission** has been *cancelled*.
- **The Town Offices will close at 1:30 PM on Friday, December 6** so that our employees may attend an employee event
- **Burnham Library will close at 2 PM on Friday December 6** so the employees may attend an employee event
- **Burnham Library will close at 5 PM on Wednesday, November 27**
- **The Town Offices and Burnham Library will be closed** on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, in observance of Thanksgiving
- **The Town Offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and be closed** on Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas
- **The 12/24 meeting of the Colchester Selectboard** has been *cancelled*
- **The Town Offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31 and be closed** on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, in observance of New Year.



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