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For the Week of August 25, 2025

Manager's Message
Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Town Hall, Library, & Recreation Center (half-day) Closure – Monday, September 1

Colchester Town Hall, the Burnham Memorial Library, and the Colchester Recreation Center **(half-day closure)** will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

Please note that the Colchester Recreation Center will be open in the morning on this date but **will close early at 12:30 p.m.**



Remembering Al Voegele

Town staff and the Selectboard want to extend their sympathies to the Voegele family following the news of Al Voegele's passing a few weeks ago.

Al Voegele served Colchester from 2000-2001 as the Assistant Town Manager and from 2001-2013 as Town Manager. Prior to his time in Colchester, Al served in the U.S. Army and worked in non-profit management. He volunteered on a variety of local, regional and state boards including many in his commumnity of Saint Albans where he also served in key interim roles as Operations Manager and Town Manager.



A photo of Al taken during his time as Colchester Town Manager.

We thank Al Voegele for his lifetime of public service.

Read Al's obituary here: https://www.healdfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Albin-Al-D-Voegele?obId=43954963

Colchester Fall Market

We are getting so excited to host this year's Fall Market! This year will mark our fourth annual event and will be held on **Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please note that the event will be held at the **Colchester Recreation Center** located at 80 Dick Mazza Drive.

We look forward to seeing you there!





For interested vendors, the vendor application for this event is now live! To obtain an application or ask questions, please reach out to rtetrick@colchestervt.gov

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A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update – Traffic Alert

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: On Thursday, August 21, the new U.S. Route 2 (U.S. 2) bridge over Interstate 89 (I-89) at the Exit 17 interchange opened. Traffic will shift onto the new northern alignment of U.S. 2 and over the new bridge.

Drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution when traveling through the project limits.

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Demolition of the existing U.S. 2 bridge is scheduled to begin Sunday, August 24, and continue for three weeks. This work will require nighttime closures of I-89 near Exit 17, including the Exit 17 northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp for U.S. 2 westbound traffic, from August 24 through September 12. Traffic will be maintained via detour routes. I-89 and the Exit 17 ramps will remain open during daytime hours and on weekends. ***Click here*** *to view the latest Traffic Alert for more details.*

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

Enjoy Colchester's Wonderful Local History!



- There are only a couple of weekends remaining this summer before the historic Colchester Log Schoolhouse closes its doors for the season. Be sure to visit this weekend to enjoy a lovely step back in time to the days of one-room schoolhouses and simple learning equipment. Bring your family and friends. Kids can participate in crafting a vintage-era toy or a fun "find-it" game. The Colchester Log Schoolhouse is open to visitors Fridays - Mondays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. It's located within Airport Park at 500 Colchester Point Road. Parking and admission are free, although donations are always appreciated. Anyone interested in becoming a part-time volunteer host at the Schoolhouse next summer is encouraged to contact Carol Reichard at winchris65@comcast.net for more information.



- The Colchester Historical Society values its members. If you're already a member of the Colchester Historical Society, thank you, and please know it's time to renew your membership. If you're not yet a member, now is the time to join. Everyone is welcome. Annual fees are only $15 per person and $25 per family. Membership fees and donations help support its mission to learn, preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history. New and returning members are encouraged to fill out and send in the membership form at https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11456/CHSNewMember_MemberRenewalApplication.

- In honor of its 50th anniversary, the Colchester Historical Society has been selected as a nonprofit partner in the Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program for the entire month of August. Your local Historical Society will receive $1 for each $3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag sold during this month at Shaw's in Colchester. The bags are durable and reusable. Look for them when you shop at Shaw's in Colchester. If you don't see them, please be sure to ask

your check-out clerk or a staff member at the store's office. Thanks for supporting the Colchester Historical Society.



- Enjoy local history! Colchester has a lot of it, and it's interesting. For more information about the Colchester Historical Society, please visit https://colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society, and its Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety. Stay tuned for information about upcoming events and programs.

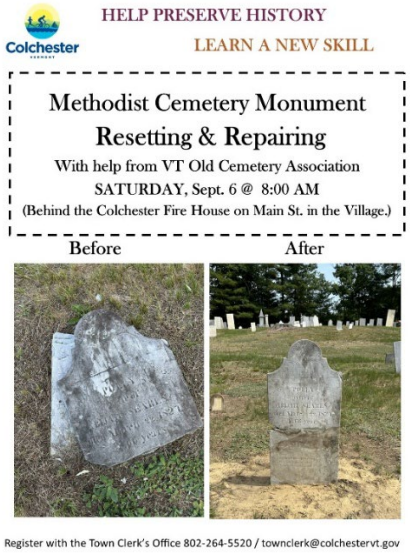
Department Updates

Town Clerk's Office

Help preserve history and learn a new skill!

Staff in the Town Clerk's office with help from the VT Old Cemetery Association will be resetting and repairing monuments in the Methodist Cemetery located behind the Colchester Fire House on Main Street. The event will be on **Saturday, September 6 at 8:00 a.m.**

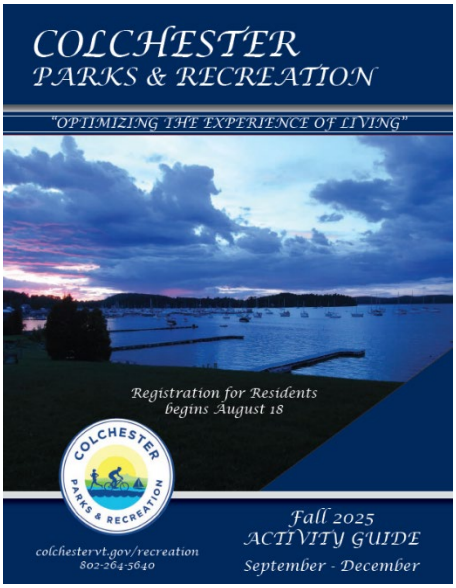
Register with the Town Clerk's Office by calling (802) 264-5520 or emailing townclerk@colchestervt.gov to help in the efforts!



Department of Parks & Recreation – Fall Brochure Live!

Fall programs offered by the Department of Parks & Recreation can be viewed now! Please visit https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation to explore all the fun and interesting things going on in Colchester this fall!

Questions regarding programming can be directed to (802) 264-5640 or recreation@colchestervt.gov.



Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 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, September 2, 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, September 10, 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, September 10, 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, September 18, 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: Next meeting date to be determined. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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For more information or to comment, call 802-264-5509 or email townmanager@colchestervt.gov