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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

For the Week of October 28th, 2024

Manager's Message:

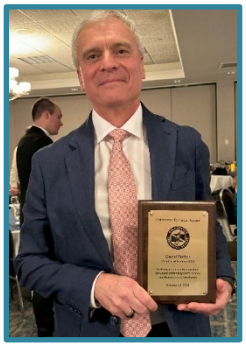
Happy Halloween



Please remember to drive cautiously and be especially alert during the evening hours on Halloween as there may be more foot traffic on the roads, at intersections, and on medians or curbs as folks partake in trick or treating.

Appreciation for Rescue and Tech Rescue

On Saturday, October 19th, we celebrated our Rescue and Technical Rescue teams at the annual Rescue and Technical Rescue Banquet.



The success of our Rescue teams depends on the hard work and dedication of our team, which includes both career and volunteer members. We especially wish to thank our volunteer members- their selfless contributions and commitment to the community are invaluable. There are currently 29 volunteer members, and four more soon to join. The service of our Rescue members is an inspiration, and the Town wishes to express its deepest gratitude.



At this year's banquet, volunteer members received awards in recognition of their many achievements:

- Colchester Technical Rescue Member of the Year: **Dave Potter**
- Rookie of the Year and Member of the Year: Rookie- **Abby Dippel, and Member-Olivia Stanley**
- 10 and 15 years of Service**: Ian Kilburn** (15 years) and **Megan Severance** (10 years)
- Five years of Service: **Petra Bajuk** and **Jake Cappiello**
- Most Volunteer Shifts: **Liam Foley**, 972 hours
- Completed Paramedic Licensure: **Lauren Pelletier**
- Completed EMT Certification: **Natalie Achilles, Ashley Armell, Zakir Beridze, Grant Moody, Landen Nipper**
- Completed Advanced EMT Certification: **Elliot Dolzani Nick Bender and Olivia Stanley**
- Completed Officer Training: **Petra Bajuk and Zach Benoi**
- Completed Senior Attendant Training: **Carter Wallace, Olivia Stanley and Abby Dippel**
- Completed Driver Training: **Nick Bender**

- Completed Probation: **Carter Wallace Liam Foley, Abby Dippel, Natalie Achilles, Ashley Armell, Zakir Beridze, Mike LeBlanc, Landen Nipper, and Roger Pidgeon**
- Stork Pins for Field Delivery: **Derek Cronin, Kat Shaw, Marcus Zimmermann and Kyle Smith** (Colchester Fire Department)

The Town also thanks St. Michael's Rescue team for covering rescue duties for the day so that we could hold this event.

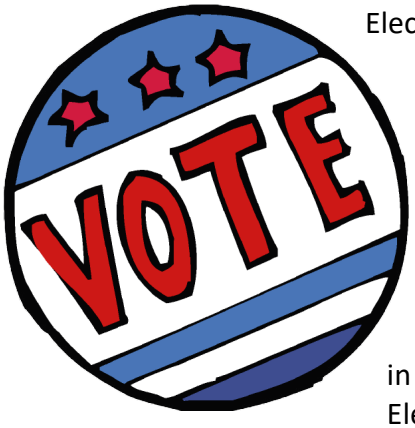









Election Information



Election Day is **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th**.

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTERS have until **Monday, November 4th, 4:30 p.m.** to return ballots to the Green Drop Box located between Town Hall and the Police Department. On Election Day, you may also drop your ballots at the CHS Gym Help Desk.

THOSE VOTING IN PERSON must bring the ballot they were sent in the mail and be checked off the checklist before voting. Elections open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

If you are not yet registered to vote or are unsure of your status, you may go to https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/registration/ to register or check your status. You may register to vote up until and including Election Day.

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Colchester-Milton Rotary Club: Election Day Fill-the-Truck



The Colchester Milton Rotary Club will be accepting food donations on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th at the polls in Colchester and Milton. Please bring non-perishable and non-expired food items when you come to vote. Your donations go a long way to helping families in our community!

For more information on how and what to donate, follow this link: https://cmrotary.org/Stories/fill-the-truck-on-election-day-1

Colchester Historical Society

Congratulations to WVMT Radio, celebrating 100 years!





Located here in Colchester at Fort Ethan Allen, it's Vermont's oldest radio station. If you haven't already seen it, be sure to check out Ella Ruehsen's in-depth story in the "Colchester Sun" about the station's rich history. Here's the link: https://bit.ly/colchester-sun-history-of-wvmt

Music lives on in this building at Fort Ethan Allen that once served as home to the military band and is now the home of WVMT and the musical offerings of its sister stations.

Got company coming this season? Take them on the award-winning **Colchester Historical Self-Guided Driving Tour.** Explore interesting local historical sites such as Colchester Village, Colchester Pond, churches, Colchester Bog, Fort Ethan Allen, St. Michael's College, Marble Island, Niquette Bay State Park, and several more. Do the whole thing or pick and choose your own route. Have fun and enjoy! Get started here: **https://colchestervt.gov/3257/Driving-Tours**.

The Colchester Historical Society values and appreciates our members and volunteers. Thank you for your continued support. If you're already a member of the Colchester Historical Society, 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 dues are only $15 per person and $25 per family. Membership dues, book sales, and donations help support our mission in the work we do to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history. Please see our membership form at **https://colchestervt.gov/.../7621/CHS-New-Member-Application**. We hope to see you soon!

Mark your calendar for the Colchester Historical Society's special Veterans Day presentation. Joe Smith, a UVM graduate and U.S. Army veteran who served with the 101st Airborne Division and as a military police officer in Germany, will discuss the history of Veterans Day and historical accuracy of military movies. **November 11, 7 p.m. at the Parsonage, 828 Main Street, Colchester** (please use the back-porch entrance). Parking, admission, and refreshments are free.

About the Colchester Historical Society:
The Colchester Historical Society is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Colchester's history. It shares historical information and hosts history related events within the community. To learn more or become a member, please visit https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society. Everyone is welcome at programs and events. Membership fees, sales, and donations help support the organization's mission to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 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: NOTICE, in light of Election Day, the November meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, November 6th, 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, November 13th, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C

Development Review Board: Wednesday, November 13th, 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, November 21st, 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

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