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*Colchester – What do you want to do today?*

**For the Week of November 4th, 2024**

## Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager



**Thank You Veterans!**

Veterans Day was designated by the United States Congress and President Eisenhower in 1954 to thank and honor all those who served in the military, whether in wartime or peace. We appreciate Veterans' contributions to our national security. We thank all Veterans and recognize their sacrifice in duty to our nation which affords us the freedoms we have in our country today. In observance of Veteran's Day, **the Town Offices and Burnham Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, November 11th.**

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## Congratulations to Green Mountain Surgery Center

Green Mountain Surgery Center has been named in Newsweek's list of America's Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers for a second year in a row, ranking fifth in the Northeast.

Newsweek's list is reserved for the top 650 centers in the country with more than 5,000 applicants being evaluated on quality of care, patient experience, performance data and peer recommendations.

Congratulations and thanks to Green Mountain Surgery for making Colchester your home.

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## Public Works Update on Malletts Bay Sewer



***Overall Update:***

The two current contracts

- Contract 2 - Blakely Road Force Main
- Contract 1A - West Lakeshore Drive and East Lakeshore Drive Gravity Main

Both Contracts are continuing to advance and are anticipated to be shut down by the end of November. The Town staff and contractors are looking forward to making your daily commute more routine without interruptions. We appreciate your patience throughout this construction season.

***West Lakeshore Drive:***
The Town's contractor, J. Hutchins has completed:

- Installation of the Main Line Gravity Sewer from Prim Road to the intersection of West Lakeshore/Blakely/East Lakeshore
- Installation of a manhole structure at the northwest corner of West Lakeshore/East Lakeshore/Blakely Intersection
- Installation of the sewer laterals from the waterside of West Lakeshore Drive to the land side of West Lakeshore Drive

November 4th-November 22nd J. Hutchins will be working:

- On pressure testing of Main Line Gravity Sewer installed along West Lakeshore
- Early to mid-November on the asphalt repaving of the road surface along the trenchline on West Lakeshore Drive. This will require alternating lane closures similar to the Main Line Gravity Sewer construction.

Between April and September 2025 J. Hutchins will resume their work on East Lakeshore Drive installing the main sewer line from the intersection with Blakely to South Bay Circle.

***Blakely Road:***
The Town's contractor, Kingsbury will continue to work on the installation of the Blakely Sewer Force Main for the month of November including:

- Working outside of the roadway just north of Blakely Road by the interstate, on the Force Main Sewer
- Restoration of roadway surface with asphalt patches
- Relocation of project material and equipment to secure sites
- Cleanup and soil stabilization

Between April and September 2025 Kingsbury will complete the Blakely Road Force Main.

***Project Public Information:***

Town webpage related to the sewer: https://colchestervt.gov/3291/Malletts-Bay-Sewer.
We provide updates on a special signup for both town-wide residents/businesses/visitors as well as people who live or have businesses adjacent to the Malletts Bay Sewer at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/9zF9gU5

The Town's weekly Newsletter includes updates and is: 1) distributed directly via email to people who sign up, 2) posted to the Colchester Sun, 3) posted to Front Porch Forum, 4) posted on the Town's web site 5) announced with links and topics on Facebook, and 6) announced with links and topics on Instagram.

The Malletts Bay Sewer Project is an environmental abatement project that will provide municipal sewer service to properties with frontage on West Lakeshore Drive between Prim Rd and the Bayside intersection, all of East Lakeshore Drive, and Goodsell Point.

*More information is available here: https://colchestervt.gov/3291/Malletts-Bay-Sewer. You may also call or email Public Works Director Norm Baldwin at MBS@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5620.*

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## National Veterans Small Business Week & Boots to Business




The US Small Business Administration will celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week from November 11 – 15th. The week will highlight veteran entrepreneurs in Vermont. Boots to Business, an in-person, all day introduction to entrepreneurship will also be held at their Williston office. For more information please contact holly.aker@sba.gov

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## Colchester Historical Society

**Congratulations to American Legion Post 91 on its 25th Anniversary**

American Legion Post 91 first began in Winooski at the RVA (Regular Veterans Association) in 1999 and today is Vermont's second largest post. Post 91 supports a broad array of services for veterans that connect veterans with housing, food, VA resources and more. Post 91 also supports children's programs including Special Olympics, educational scholarships, Boys and Girls State, and toy drives for families.

Fundraising efforts for the post's programs and services continue through Sunday breakfasts, weekday lunches, and Thursday dinners that are open to the public, as well as space rental for group events such as wedding receptions.

For more information about the American Legion, visit legion.org. Follow local Colchester Post 91 on Facebook for updates about upcoming events, including meal menus and the ever-popular musical performances.

*This article is an abbrevation of the Historical Society's story about Post 91. For the full article, including a more in-depth history of Post 91's programming and their journey to their present location, follow this link: https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety*

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*Left: Post 91 building prior to the fire*
*Right: Post 91 today*

**Special Veterans Day Program**
November 11, 7 p.m. at the Parsonage, 828 Main Street, Colchester (please use the back porch entrance). Parking, admission, and refreshments are free.

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.

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## 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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