

For the Week of September 21, 2026

Manager's Message

Town Manager Aaron Frank

Upcoming Closures: Town Hall & Burnham Memorial Library

Colchester Town Hall and the Burnham Memorial Library will be closing at 11:45 AM on Thursday, September 24 for an Employee Appreciation event.

The Library will reopen at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 24.

Town Hall will reopen at 8:00 AM on Friday, September 25.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) is now open!

Traffic on U.S. Route 2/7 (U.S. 2/7) at the I-89

Exit 16 Interchange in Colchester has

transitioned to the new traffic pattern. Drivers should stay alert, slow down, and pay close attention to roadway markings, signage, traffic signals, and traffic control personnel as construction activities continue and motorists become accustomed to the new traffic pattern. To learn more about DDIs and how to navigate them, visit the [project website](#).

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: *Daily, starting the morning of Monday, September 21, through the afternoon on Friday, September 25, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted:*

- Lane closures along either side of U.S. 2/7 between South Park Drive and Mountain View Drive. Two-way traffic will be maintained. The traffic signals within the interchange will continue to be operational and control crossover traffic.
- Periodic lane closures controlled by flaggers at the intersection of Tigan Street and U.S. 2/7. Traffic will be maintained in all directions.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES: *Daytime work will take place between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., starting the morning of Monday, September 21, through the afternoon on Friday, September 25.* Throughout the week, crews will be working to install the center islands along U.S. 2/7 and the splitter islands on the interstate ramps within the Exit 16 Diverging Diamond Interchange. Crews will be installing temporary traffic signals at the intersection of Tigan Street and U.S. 2/7.

The Exit 16 DDI is now open. Crews will be working to construct the center and splitter islands in the coming weeks.

Visit the project website for more information: <https://www.exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/>

Questions and concerns about the project can be directed to VTrans by calling the project hotline at (802) 595-4399 or emailing info@exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov

Information from the Colchester Historical Society: Special Open House Event

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 10 AM to 2 PM

1815 Log Schoolhouse at Airport Park, Colchester Point Road, Colchester, VT

Be sure to stop by the 1815 Log Schoolhouse at Airport Park for this special day beyond its regular summer season. The Colchester Historical Society is participating as a proud co-sponsor, along with the Milton and Georgia Vermont Historical Societies, in a 250th American birthday celebration honoring the sacrifice and heritage of three Vermont communities during a time of challenge. The theme of this event is "Duty and Service: A Civil War Saga".

For more information about this and other events in Milton and Georgia that weekend, please visit https://www.miltonvthistory.org/uploads/1/8/9/8/18989561/civil_war_event_web.pdf

2027 Town Plan Neighborhood Survey

The second Town Plan Survey is open for a few more weeks!

Completing this survey will help guide the creation of the 2027 Town Plan, which will be THE vision document for the Town of Colchester. The Town Plan is revised and adopted every eight (8) years and seeks to gather input from as many stakeholders as possible.

Fill out the survey by visiting this link (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1976397047e948dd8a802e43863f529f/>) or by scanning the QR code. We encourage you to pass on the survey to your neighbors and Colchester friends!



For more information on the Town Plan, visit: colchestervt.gov/townplan

Department Updates

Book Discussion with Author and Musician Lucky Diaz

The Burnham Memorial Library will host an online talk with Lucky Diaz, author and Latin Grammy award winning musician.

Lucky Diaz will discuss his bilingual picture book, *Paletero Man!* Diaz's work bridges music and storytelling, creating a distinct body of bilingual work rooted in the cultural life of Mexican American communities in Los Angeles.

Please note that this talk will be held twice, once in Spanish and once in English. Be sure that you are registering for your preferred format. The talks will be held on:

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. – This talk will be held in English

Thursday, September 24 at 8:00 p.m. – This talk will be held in Spanish

To register for the talk and see information on other upcoming events visit:

<https://colchestervt.gov/3100/Library>





COLCHESTER PARKS & RECREATION

NEW BAYSIDE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS



**OPENING
MONDAY
SEPT 28**



***Opening Date subject to change based
on weather***

colchestervt.gov/recreation

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 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: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=AGENDA&path=Colch_CityCouncil%2CColchester_BOS_Agendas%2CAGENDA%2C

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Recreation Center, 80 Dick Mazza Drive. Agenda: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv_1&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2CRecAdv_1%2C

Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=PLANAGENDA&path=PLAN%2CPLAN_Agendas%2CPLANAGENDA%2C

Development Review Board: Wednesday, October 14, 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 pzinfo@colchestervt.gov or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Agenda: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAGENDA&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, October 15, 4:00 p.m. in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library. Agenda: <https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, September 21, 5:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor Champlain Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=ConservCommssn&path=BOARDS%2CConservCommssn%2C>

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