

For the Week of May 4, 2026

National Small Business Week!

This year's National Small Business Week kicked off on Sunday, May 3. We want to acknowledge small businesses all around the country, especially those close to home.

The contributions that small businesses bring to Colchester are significant to the economy and to the community.

We appreciate all the dedication and hard work that goes in to running a small business. If you are able, please consider buying local whenever possible!



Information from the Colchester Historical Society

Monday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Historical Society Parsonage

828 Main Street, Colchester, Vermont

Presenter: Suzanne Blanchard of the Vermont Genealogy Library

Explore the often-overlooked contributions of Canadian families to the American Cause and the settlement of our region. Parking, admission, and refreshments are free. Please use the back porch entrance to the building.





The 1815 Log Schoolhouse Visitor Center and Museum will be open all summer, June - Labor Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fridays - Mondays. Come learn about the early days of education before cell phones and computers. Children may enjoy a fun scavenger hunt or craft a vintage toy. Volunteer hosts are needed, and hours are very flexible. Please contact Carol Reichard at winchris65@comcast.net for more information.

Need a little Cabin Fever Reliever? Here is a great opportunity to see the historic sites of Colchester. Get started on your own personal tour here: <https://colchestervt.gov/3257/Driving-Tours>. Enjoy!

The 2026 Spring Newsletter of the Colchester Historical Society is now available. See what's coming up and what's been going on. Here's the link: <https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11981/Spring-2026-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter>.

Champlain Water District Hydrant Flushing Program

Champlain Water District (CWD) has begun its annual hydrant flushing program in Colchester. Hydrant flushing will occur Monday-Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until September 2026.

Residents who are served by Champlain Water District may experience temporary low water pressure or discolored water during the hydrant flushing process. If discoloration occurs, residents are encouraged to run their cold-water faucet until the water clears.

Any questions about this program should be directed to CWD at (802) 864-7454.

To determine if your property is serviced by CWD and may be affected by hydrant flushing, visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/502/Colchester-Water-Supply-Services>





Department Updates

Parks & Recreation: Upcoming Programs

JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR

MURDER MYSTERY




**“A BACKFUL OF BULLETS”
A WESTERN THEMED ‘CATCH
THE KILLER’ MURDER
MYSTERY!**

**THURSDAY
MAY 14
2:00-5:00 PM
\$10**

**AT THE COLCHESTER
RECREATION CENTER**

18+

REGISTER AS A CHARACTER OR A
PARTICIPANT ONLINE AT
colchestervt.gov/recreation





CONTAINER GARDENING

Learn some tips and tricks on how to make the most of limited space and add charm to your outdoor areas with container gardening

MAY 16 @ 10 AM (18+)

**AT THE COLCHESTER
RECREATION CENTER**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
[COLCHESTERTV.GOV/RECREATION](https://colchestervt.gov/recreation)**

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 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

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, May 13, 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>

Planning Commission: Tuesday, May 5, 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>

Town Plan Meetings: Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Recreation Center, 80 Dick Mazza Drive. Topic – Education and Parks & Recreation

Development Review Board: Wednesday, May 13, 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://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAGENDA&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, May 21, 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: Wednesday, May 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Blakely Road flower beds. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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