

For the Week of March 2, 2026

Manager's Message

2026 Town Meeting Schedule of Events

Monday, March 2nd

- **Community Dinner: 5:30 PM, Colchester High School Cafeteria**
 - Join your neighbors and state legislators for a free dinner before Town Meeting!
- **Annual Town Meeting: 7:00 PM, Colchester High School Auditorium**
 - Hear from Town and School Officials on their annual budgets to be voted upon on Tuesday.



Tuesday, March 3rd

- **Voting by Australian Ballot: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Colchester High School Gymnasium**
 - Early/absentee ballots can be dropped off in the **GREEN DROP BOX** at the Town Offices (781 Blakely Road) until 4:30 PM on Monday, March 2nd.
 - Voted absentee ballots can also be returned on Tuesday, March 3rd at the **HELP DESK** in the Colchester High School gymnasium.

For more information, visit: [Elections and Voter Information | Colchester, VT](#)

Congrats to Colchester Police Department Officers for receiving a Life Saving Award!

Officers Mevludin Bahonjic and Hunter Tabor were presented with the Colchester Police Department's Life Saving Award for providing aid to a gunshot victim in April 2025.

Recognized by Police Chief Peter Hull at a ceremony on Thursday, February 26, Officers Bahonjic and Tabor said the award was an honor.

Thank you, Officers Bahonjic and Tabor, for all that you do!



Officers Mevludin Bahonjic (left) and Hunter Tabor (right)

Volunteer Drivers Needed – Special Services Transportation Agency (SSTA)

If you'd like to support your neighbors and are looking for something to fill up some of your time, **SSTA is looking for volunteer drivers!** Being a volunteer driver is incredibly flexible; you choose your hours and SSTA will coordinate the rest for you!

You can be in the comfort of your own vehicle, while still supporting your community! SSTA reimburses at the current GSA mileage rate of 72.5 cents per mile for your travel.

If you'd still like to support the vital services SSTA provides to our community but don't have time to spare, donations are always welcome! Donations go directly to SSTA and help keep this essential program running.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver or donating to the program, visit <https://www.sstarides.org/volunteer-community-drivers> or call (802) 878-1527.



Fish caught by Colchester resident breaks Vermont state record!

A Freshwater Drum caught by 10-year-old Colchester resident, Grayson Carey, has been officially certified as a new Vermont State Record.

Carey caught the Freshwater Drum in June 2025. Weighing 28.5 lbs., and measuring 37.5 inches, Carey's catch beat the previous state record by three pounds!

Congrats, Grayson, on your record-breaking catch! Read more here: [A new fish record established in Vermont in 2026 | Vermont Business Magazine](#)

Colchester Community Food Shelf Donation Barrel at Town Hall

Interested in donating to the Colchester Community Food Shelf? Stop by Town Hall during opening hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:30) to drop off shelf-stable items!

Visit this link (<https://colchesterfoodshelf.org/client-shopping-list/>) for a list of high-priority items.

The barrel is located on the first floor of the building, between the Clerk's Office and the Planning and Zoning Office.



Department Updates

A message from the Department of Public Works: Road Salt Update

The Department of Public Works is in the process of permitting a larger, 65ft x 120ft, salt shed capable of holding our average annual salt use of 2,000 tons.

This follows 19 years of making do with a 200-ton shed. That practice worked in the past but, increasingly, with modern “just-in-time mining and delivery,” in heavy use years, it does not work anymore.

This project was approved as a plan in and is to be funded for FY27 in the Town’s Capital Budget Program. Pending permit approval, the new shed, like the image below, with asphalt paving, should be in place for winter 2026-2027. We will keep our existing salt shed as backup.

Questions can be directed to the Department of Public Works at: (802) 264-5620 or DPW@colchestervt.gov.



Example of a 65' x 120' salt shed.



Department of Parks & Recreation – March Wellness Newsletter and Fitness Schedule



Fitness Instructor Spotlight



Kerry Powell

Kerry Powell is a life-long Colchester resident and is thrilled to be sharing her love of music and dance with the Colchester community through Zumba Fitness®! Zumba is a high energy, Latin-inspired dance fitness party that blends musical genres from salsa to hip-hop, merengue to pop and all others in between. Kerry received her ZIN certification in 2014 and taught Zumba for a decade. After a two-year hiatus, she's back and ready to boogie. Kerry notes that 'Zumba is for everybody! No dance skills required. Just a desire to let loose and have fun! Sooner or later, the rhythm is gonna get you.' By day, Kerry is a Home Equity Loan Officer with Vermont Federal Credit Union. She resides in Colchester with her husband, Ian and their two children.

Healthy Recipe of the Month



Air Fryer Turkey Meatballs with Zoodles

INDOOR SHOES REQUIRED!



Please bring a pair of clean, indoor sneakers to use in the facility.



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Stay tuned to hear more about Colchester Parks & Rec merchandise coming soon!

March Squat Challenge

Join our 31-Day Squat Challenge and build stronger legs, glutes, and core...one rep at a time! Whether you're just starting out or pushing for a new PR, this challenge is perfect for bodyweight or weighted squats—you choose your challenge.

Record how many squats you complete each day and log it at the front desk!

*Must be done within the Colchester Recreation Center Facility

Discussion of the Month:
Nocturnal Navigators: All About Bats
Friday, March 27 @ 11:15 am

ATTENTION! FITNESS CLASS USERS

Can't make it to class? Please cancel your reservation so another member can take your spot. Classes are filling quickly—thank you!

SNEAK PEEK

Strength with Sarah

Thursdays @ 12:15 PM

Mega Jenga Charades

MBS 3/6 UMS 3/13 PPS 3/27

Kids Night Out

Friday, March 13 @ 5 PM

New Fitness Program- Shuffle Dance!

Thursdays, March 19 - April 23 @ 6 PM

Pickleball Madness Tournament

Saturday, March 28 @ 10 AM



2026 March

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Register Online at colchestervt.gov/recreation

The Wellness Newsletter and March fitness schedule can also be viewed here: [Colchester Recreation Center | Colchester, VT](#)

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 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, March 3, 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, March 11, 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, March 11, 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, March 19, 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: Monday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor Champlain Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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