

For the Week of December 15, 2025

Upcoming Holiday Building Closures

Happy Holidays! Below is a reminder of the upcoming building closures. Please note that some of these closures are different than in years past.

Colchester Town Offices (781 Blakely Road)

December 25 – CLOSED

December 26 – CLOSED

January 1 – CLOSED

Burnham Memorial Library (898 Main Street)

December 24 – CLOSED

December 25 – CLOSED

December 31 – Closing early at 5:00 PM

January 1 – CLOSED

Colchester Recreation Center (80 Dick Mazza Drive)

December 25 – CLOSED

December 31 – Closing early at 12:30 PM

January 1 - CLOSED

Emergency services, winter snow and ice removal, and other emergency work will be provided as usual.



A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, December 15, through Friday, December 19, between 6 AM and 3 PM, lane closures will be in effect on U.S. Route 2/7 (U.S. 2/7) between the Interstate 89 (I-89) Exit 16 southbound off-ramp and Highpoint

Center/South Park Drive, and between the Park & Ride and Rathe Road. Lane closures will also take place along Lower Mountain View Drive near its intersection with U.S. 2/7. Intermittent blasting events will also require U.S. 2/7 between the Park & Ride and Rathe Road, and all intersecting



sideroads to be shut down for approximately 10 minutes. To learn more about traffic impacts associated with blasting activities, [click here](#).

Visit the project website for more information:

<https://www.exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/stay-informed/weekly-construction-update-friday-september-19-2025/>

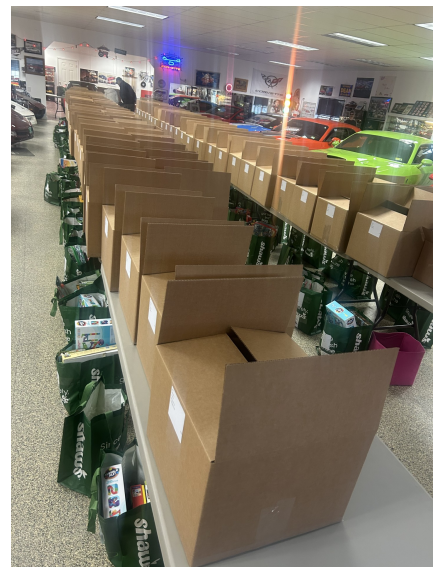
Questions and concerns about the project can be directed to VTrans by calling the project hotline at (802)595-4399 or emailing info@exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov

Colchester-Milton Rotary Club Delivers Holiday Baskets

'Tis the season for giving! This December, the Colchester-Milton Rotary Club organized their annual holiday donation drive and delivered holiday gift baskets to 115 families, including 406 people and 176 children under the age of 14. Colchester Fire and St. Michael's Fire lent staff, volunteers, and vehicles to help with deliveries.

The Colchester Holiday Basket Project is a longstanding tradition of nearly fifty years. In 1976, two Colchester public school teachers realized that for some students, the holiday break presented a challenge to them and their families and they set out to gather food and supplies to make available to students who needed it. Since then, both the need and participating donors have increased, and today the project is led by the Colchester Rotary Club.

All of this is made possible by the generous donations and participation of many local organizations, businesses, churches, and individuals.



Department Updates

Parks & Recreation 2026 Winter Programming

Resident registration for winter programming is now live! Non-resident registration will begin at midnight on December 22.

Visit <https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation> for more information.



REGISTER NOW!

Programs starting January through May are now available for Registration!

CONTACT US:
Phone: (802) 264-5640
Email: Recreation@colchestervt.gov
colchestervt.gov/recreation

Library Programming: Week of December 15



LIBRARY EVENTS

MONDAY

Mah Jongg—MH at 1:00pm
Teen Advisory Group Meeting—TR at 3:00pm

TUESDAY

Knitting & Crochet for Kids—MH at 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Holiday Storytime—Children's Area at 10:30am
Lego Club—MH at 4:00pm
Read to Theo the Therapy Dog—Children's Area at 4:30pm
Trivia for Adults & Teens—BR at 5:45pm
Virtual Needlecrafters: Knitting & More —6:00pm

THURSDAY

Young Writers: Kindergarten thru Grade 5—MH at 3:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting—BR at 4:00pm

FRIDAY

NO Baby Storytime
Arctic STEM Activities (Ages 5 and Up)—MH at 3:30pm

SATURDAY

Drop-In Storytime—Children's Area at 10:30am
Puzzle Race—BR at 1:00pm







For more information about our programs, visit <https://colchestervt.gov/calendar>

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Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 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, January 6, 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, January 7, 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, January 7, 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, December 18, 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, January 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor Champlain Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.
https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

Subscribe to the Town Newsletter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jkMAO2v>

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