

For the Week of November 3, 2025

Upcoming Public Meetings:

US 2 & Clay Point Road Intersection Study

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and the Town are holding a public input meeting regarding safety at the intersection of US Route 2 and Clay Point Road. This study is a key step in the state and federally required process to consider significant changes to the State of Vermont highway. This is also necessary to potentially access federal funds to design and construct any significant changes.



US 2 & Clay Point Rd Intersection Study

This intersection scoping study will develop alternatives to improve intersection safety and operations.

We want to hear from you

Your input is vital as we work to improve this intersection. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas at the meeting.

Learn more at our Alternatives Presentation
Thursday, November 6th, 2025
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Outer Bay Meeting Room at
Colchester Town Hall

For more information or to provide input
visit our project website [here](#) or contact:

Jason Charest, CCRPC jcharest@ccrpvt.org

Norm Baldwin, Public Works Director
nbaldwin@colchestervt.gov

802-264-5620

Visit CCRPC's project site for more information: <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/scoping/us-2-clay-point-road-intersection-scoping-study/>

To learn more about the project and its history, read this memo from the Town: www.clerkshq.com/Content/Attachments/Colchester-vt/info250513_c4.pdf?clientSite=Colchester-vt

Jamaican Farm Workers in Vermont

Considering the recent devastating hurricane that hit Jamaica, the Town would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Jamaican farm workers who help keep our community fed while working in Vermont farms.



Each year, workers from Jamaica make their way up north to work on farms in our area. Their hard work and dedication help put food on the tables of folks living in Colchester and beyond.

Hurricane Melissa has caused billions of dollars of damage to the country of Jamaica. Many of these workers are returning home from work in Vermont to uncertainty and will face a long road ahead while the country rebuilds.

Vermont farms have been organizing fundraisers on behalf of these vital community members. Visit the links below to find participating farms and orchards:

<https://vermontapples.org/>
<https://www.paulmazzas.com/>

A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Interstate 89 Exit 16 southbound on-ramp is scheduled to be closed overnight from 10 PM on Sunday, November 16, through 6 AM on Monday, November 17, for drainage work, with traffic maintained via a signed detour route. More details regarding this overnight ramp closure will be issued in upcoming Construction Updates and supplemental Traffic Alerts.

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, November 3, through Friday, November 7, between 6 AM and 3 PM, U.S. 2/7 will have a lane closure along the east side of the roadway between South Park Drive and the I-89 southbound on-ramp for drainage work, and along the west side of the roadway between the I-89 northbound on-ramp and Mountain View Drive for blasting. There is potential for a lane reduction on South Park Drive at its intersection with U.S. 2/7, and a width reduction on the I-89 southbound on-ramp. For each blasting event, U.S. 2/7 between South Park Drive and Mountain View Drive and all intersecting side roads will be shut down for approximately 10 minutes, and temporary traffic holds (rolling roadblocks) will occur on the I-89 Exit 16 interchange ramps. 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/>

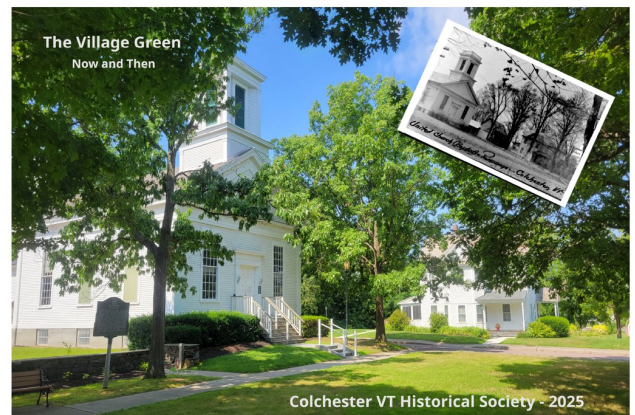
Questions and concerns about the project can be directed to VTrans by calling the project hotline at (802)595-4399 or emailing info@exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov



Information from the Colchester Historical Society:

Now Available – Colchester Historic Puzzles

The first-ever jigsaw puzzles featuring Colchester's beautiful and historic village green are now available. Each puzzle measures 12 x 18 inches, has 345 pieces, and was made here in Vermont. Pick one up for yourself and be sure to remember the puzzle-doers on your holiday gift list. It's a lovely keepsake and offers an enjoyable indoor activity for the winter months ahead. The price is only \$20. Proceeds will benefit maintenance expenses at the 1815 historic Colchester Log Schoolhouse. You can purchase the puzzles at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester Town Clerk's Office, Dick Mazza's General Store, and at Claussen's.



Beyond Borders: Our Patriots in the Revolution

Presenter: Suzanne Blanchard of the Vermont Genealogy Library



Monday, November 10, 7 p.m.
Historical Society Parsonage Building
828 Main Street, Colchester
Free parking, admission, and refreshments
All are welcome to attend.

This presentation explores the often-overlooked contributions of French Canadian families to the American Cause. This includes their motivations, allegiances, and the impact of shifting borders on their

lives during the conflict – the whirling complexity of the Revolution in the Champlain Valley – and how it led to early French Canadian settlement that shaped the region, including Colchester. Colchester played an important part in the early French settlement of the region, a legacy that continues to live in the town and region to this day.

Suzanne Blanchard is a former attorney and editor, and a longtime member and volunteer at the Vermont Genealogy Library. Her research there has focused on early settlers in the Lake Champlain Basin and most recently on early French Canadian settlers.

For more information about the Colchester Historical Society, please visit <https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>; and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety>. New members are always welcome.

Upcoming Job Fair:

The Vermont Department of Labor is hosting a series of job fairs in the area on **November 19, 2025 from 3:30 - 6:00 PM**. The Chittenden County job fair will be held at the Burlington Job Center, located at 63 Pearl Street, Burlington, VT 05401.

An **employvt** Series

WORK YOUR WAY

**A Vermont Job Fair Series Featuring
Part-Time And Seasonal Jobs**

**Wednesday,
Nov. 19, 2025**

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

**ONE
DATE**

**FIVE
EVENTS**

Presented by:



More information & register: bit.ly/VTWYW

Barre-Montpelier Job Center
5 Perry Street, #200, Barre, VT 05641

Burlington Job Center
63 Pearl Street, Burlington, VT 05401

Rutland Job Center
88 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701

Springfield Job Center
56 Main Street, #101, Springfield, VT 05156

St. Johnsbury Job Center
1197 Main Street, #1, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

For more information and to register, visit: <https://labor.vermont.gov/event/work-your-way>

Department Updates

Burnham Memorial Library – Free Medicare Assistance Informational Session

On **Monday, November 10 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** and **Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**, Chad Piche, a licensed agent and consultant from Good Harbor Insurance Group, will be running an informational session **at the Burnham Memorial Library (898 Main Street)** to answer questions about Medicare and how your coverage may be changing in 2026.



Drop by during the two-hour window to get a free coffee or sweet treat and to ask questions - no need to sign up!

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 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, November 4, 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 12, 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, November 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.



Colchester – What do you want to do today?

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 20, 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, November 17, 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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