



For the Week of January 19, 2026

Welcome Officer Caleb Nye!

Last week we welcomed Officer Caleb Nye to the Colchester Police Department. Officer Nye was sworn in by Police Chief Peter Hull at a ceremony surrounded by his family and new colleagues.

Officer Nye grew up in Hinesburg and has a degree in Criminal Justice from Endicott College. Prior to starting his training with CPD, Officer Nye will attend the Vermont Police Academy to complete basic Training.

Welcome to the team, Officer Nye!



Information from the Colchester Historical Society

The Colchester Historical Society's Winter 2026 Newsletter is now available. Find out what's coming up and what's been going on. Lots of photos and interesting tidbits. Enjoy local history! Here's the link: <https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11790>

Newsletter
Colchester Vermont Historical Society Winter 2026

Upcoming Events:

- Board of Directors work meeting
January 24 (Saturday), 11 a.m.
Historical Society Parsonage
828 Main Street, Historic Village Green
- Our Board of Directors will discuss issues at hand for the Colchester Historical Society, as well as upcoming plans. Interested members are welcome to attend.
- Vermont Schoolhouse Project
February 7 (Saturday), 10 a.m. at the Parsonage
828 Main Street, Colchester (back door entrance)
- History of the Platt House
March 14 (Saturday), 1 p.m.
828 Main Street, Colchester (back door entrance)
- Central Vermont Railway's Burlington Branch, including Winooski/Colchester material, 1850-2025
Please stay tuned for April date, time and location.
- Rail enthusiast James R. "Jim" Jones will present wonderful anecdotes and photographs about New England Central's woodchip hauling, waterfront interchange partner with Vermont Railway. "All aboard" for Essex Junction, Colchester's Fort Ethan Allen, Winooski, and beyond. His books will be available at a special rate for those who attend.
- Vermont Genealogy Library
May 11 (Monday), 7 p.m.
828 Main Street, Historic Village Green (back door entrance)
- Barbecue and Annual Meeting
June 8 (Monday), 6 p.m.
Historical Society Parsonage on the Village Green
828 Main Street, Colchester

Original Champlain School, circa 1923

For 19 years, our presenter Charlie Farrell has been collecting photographs and information to create a historical inventory of schools that have served Vermont students. He'll provide an interesting emphasis on Colchester schools.

Former owners Clinton and Carol Reichard will share the story about this elegant and formal two-story dwelling, built in 1836. It was once the manor house for an extensive farm. Reputedly, the house was built by John Munson and was occupied by various members of the Platt family for more than 50 years until 1869. Come to learn more.

Presenter Suzanne Blanchard will help us explore the often-overlooked contributions of Canadian families to the American Cause and the settlement of our region.

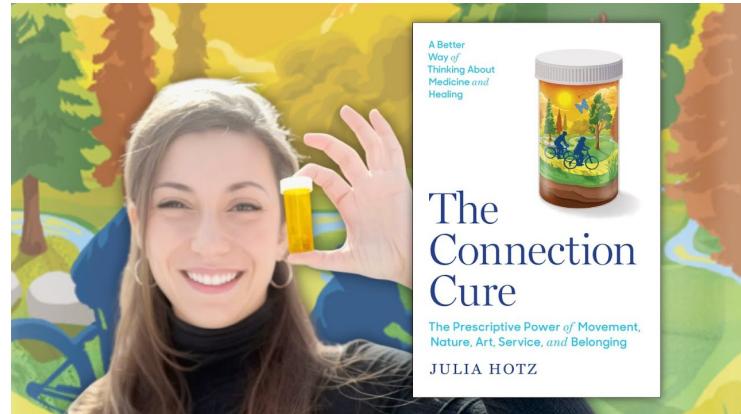
Members and special guests are invited to this fun and informational event. Please bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, burgers, and beverages will be provided. We'll be outdoors, weather permitting.



Book Discussion with Award-Winning Author and Journalist Julia Hotz

The Burnham Memorial Library will host an online talk with Julia Hotz to discuss her latest work: *The Connection Cure*. This novel combines diligent science reporting, moving patient success stories, and surprising self-discovery to help us discover the lasting and life-changing power of social prescribing.

The book talk will be held on **Tuesday, January 20 at 2:00 PM**.



Visit this link (<https://libraryc.org/colchestervt/88929>) to register and to see more programs offered at the Burnham Memorial Library!

A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Tuesday, January 20, through Friday, January 23, between 7 AM and 3 PM, lane closures and lane shifts will be in effect on Lower Mountain View Drive and Upper Mountain View Drive near their intersection with U.S. Routes 2/7 (U.S. 2/7). Later in the week, there is potential for a lane closure and shift on the east side of U.S. 2/7 near Starbucks, just south of Lower Mountain View Drive.



Independent utility companies will periodically be on-site conducting utility work along U.S. 2/7 between the Winooski town line and Sunderland Woods Road under lane closures.

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



Department Updates

Department of Parks & Recreation - 2026 Winter Carnival!

Put it on your calendar, the 42nd Annual Winter Carnival is scheduled for January 31st and February 1st, 2026!

Cost of attendance is \$8.00 per bracelet (required by all attendants over the age of 2).

On Saturday, join us for: inflatables, arts & crafts, playdough room, family friendly performances, hall walkers, hay rides, and a sensory room. On Sunday, enjoy: skating with the police at Leddy and Family Open Gym at the Recreation Center!

We hope to see you there! For questions, contact (802) 264-5640.



Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 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, February 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, February 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, February 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, February 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: Saturday, January 24, 2:00 p.m. in Cherey Room 101, St. Michael's College. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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