

For the Week of September 15, 2025

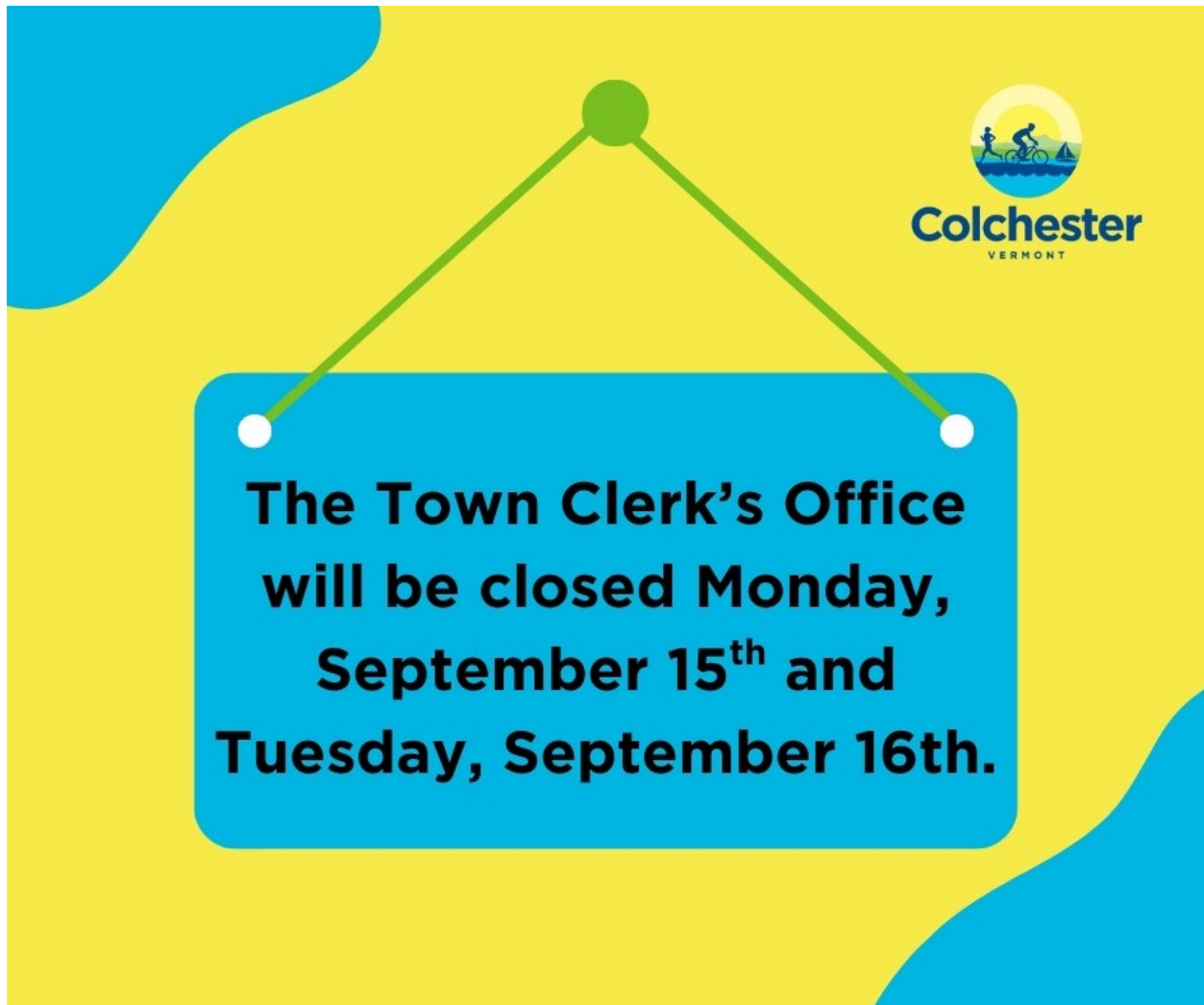
Manager's Message

Town Manager Aaron Frank

Please note the Town Clerk's Office will be closed today (Monday, September 15) and tomorrow (Tuesday, September 16) for annual training.

The Clerk's Office will return to normal hours on Wednesday, September 17.

Thank you for your understanding.



Remembering Former Lieutenant Thomas Stetch

Members of the Colchester Police Department, Town Staff, and the Colchester Selectboard want to extend their sympathies to the Stetch family following the news of the passing of former Lieutenant Thomas Stetch last week.

Lt. Stetch served the Town of Colchester beginning in 1975 as a Patrol Officer and retired in 2005 as a Lieutenant. Lt. Stetch served our community honorably and we thank him for the years of work he dedicated to the Town.



Visiting hours will be on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 1 PM at LaVigne Funeral & Cremation Service, 132 Main Street, Winooski, VT.

Lt. Stetch's obituary can be found here: <https://www.vtfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Thomas-J-Stetch?obId=45268278>

A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Major construction activities began on the Exit 16 Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Project on Sunday, September 14, at 7 PM. Construction activities will take place during nighttime hours (7 PM to 6 AM), Sunday through Friday, and during daytime hours (6 AM to 3 PM), Monday through Friday.

Work throughout the fall will focus on traffic signal work at the intersection of Tigan Street and Main Street in Winooski (U.S. Routes 2/7), ledge removal to widen U.S. 2/7 (including drilling and blasting), and the construction of new drainage and stormwater infrastructure.

Motorists should expect significant delays when traveling through the work zone and along adjacent roadways. Please plan ahead, leaving plenty of additional time to get to and from your destination. Whenever possible, consider alternate routes or other forms of transportation such as carpooling, ridesharing, transit, biking, or walking.

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Sunday, September 14, through Friday, September 19, between the hours of 7 PM and 6 AM, crews will be working on U.S. 2/7 near the Highpoint Center driveway under lane closures and lane reductions. This work may require lane closures within the Highpoint Center driveway. Access will be maintained.

From Monday, September 15, through Friday, September 19, between 6 AM and 3 PM, crews will be working on U.S. 2/7 between South Park Drive and Mountain View Drive under lane closures and lane reductions.

Motorists should expect significant delays and are encouraged to seek alternate routes or plan extra travel time. Drivers should slow down, use caution, and follow flaggers and road signs.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES: Crews will begin removing ledge and preparing for future blasting operations along U.S. 2/7 near Mountain View Drive and begin installing drainage and stormwater infrastructure along U.S. 2/7 between South Park Drive and Mountain View Drive.

Visit the project website for more information:

<https://www.exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/stay-informed/project-update-8-26-2025-project-update/>

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 Fall Market – 1 Month To Go!

The countdown is on to this year's Fall Market! This year will mark our fourth annual event and will be held on **Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please note that the event will be held at the **Colchester Recreation Center** located at 80 Dick Mazza Drive.

We look forward to seeing you there!

We still have a few spots available for interested vendors! To obtain an application or ask questions, please reach out to rtetrick@colchestervt.gov



Events and Information from the Colchester Historical Society

September 22 (Monday), 7 p.m.
Historical Society Parsonage on the Historic Village Green

828 Main Street, Colchester

Where Were We on September 22nd 1775?

Please plan to attend this presentation by Curt Taylor as we imagine what it was like 250 years ago, not knowing what would soon transpire. Share your own insights into the events we discuss, including the status of Colchester as a community; an overview of relations between the Colonies, Great Britain, France, and the lands that will become Canada; and events leading up to our War of Independence 250 years ago. This event is in recognition of and in preparation for Vermont's upcoming 250th Anniversary. All are welcome to attend. Parking, admission, and refreshments are free. Please use the back porch entrance to the Parsonage when you arrive.

About the presenter: Curt Taylor is a Colchester resident and history buff who recently became interested in the North American events prior to July 4th of 1776 when the United Colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. That interest stems from his early years in Concord, Massachusetts where the American Revolution began as an armed conflict. He has also spent many summers in the portions of Maine where Benedict Arnold's campaign against the British in Quebec City began in the fall of 1775.



Department Updates

Department of Parks & Recreation – Fall Programs

Colchester Parks and Recreation has a ton of fall programs coming up! To register for a program or to see what's happening in October, November and December, go to colchestervt.gov/recreation and [check out our catalog](#) or give us a call (802)264-5640. For now, here are the rest of our programs for the month of September!

Youth Programs

Afterschool Basketball – Starts Sept. 17th every

Wednesday until Oct. 15th (Grades 3-5)

Afterschool Basketball – Starts Sept. 18th every Thursday until Oct. 16th (Grades 6-8)

Field Hockey Clinic – Sept. 13th every Saturday until Oct. 18th (8:00am – 9:30am)

Active Generation Programs

Active Balance Intermediate Session – Starts Sept. 16th every Tuesday until Oct. 21st (11:00am-11:55am)

Age Well Luncheon – Sept. 19th (12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Art Cart – Sept. 17th (11:00am – 12:30pm)



Durable Medical Equipment Fraud – Sept. 26th (11:00am – 11:45am)

Silver Spinn Session A – Starting Sept. 19th every Friday until Oct. 17th (10:30am – 11:30am)

Recreation Center Fitness Classes

Cardio with Alli, Strength Training – Sept. 15th, 22nd, 29th (7:00am – 8:00am)

Cardio with Alli, Cardio and Core – Sept. 12th, 19th, 26th (6:45am – 7:30am)

Flow Yoga – Sept. 19th and 26th (9:00am – 10:00am)

Gentle Yoga – Sept. 18th and 25th (6:00pm – 7:00pm)

Intro to Weights Session B – Sept. 23rd every Tuesday and Thursday until Oct. 9th (10:00am – 10:45am)

Intro to Pilates (Mondays) – Sept. 15th, 22nd, 29th (8:15am – 9:15am)

Intro to Pilates (Thursdays) – Sept. 18th, 25th (10:15am – 11:15am)

Props & Pilates (Mondays) – Sept. 15th, 22nd, 29th (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Props & Pilates (Wednesdays) – Sept. 17th, and 24th (7:30am – 8:30am)

Spinn With Jenn (Tuesdays) – Sept. 16th, 23rd, 30th (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Spinn With Jenn (Wednesdays) – Sept. 17th, 24th (1:00pm – 2:00pm)

TRX - Intro (Wednesdays) – Sept. 17th, 24th (8:30am – 9:30am)

TRX (Thursdays) – Sept. 18th and 25th (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

TRX (Fridays) – Sept. 19th and 26th (12:00pm – 1:00pm)

Vinyasa Yoga (Sunday) – Sept. 28th (9:00am – 10:00am)

Yin Yoga (Tuesdays) – Sept. 16th, 23rd, 30th (6:00pm – 7:15pm)

Yoga For Fitness (Wednesdays) – Sept. 17th and 24th (5:30pm – 6:30pm)

Yoga For Fitness (Fridays) – Sept. 20th and 27th (9:00am – 10:00am)

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 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, October 7, 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, October 8, 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, October 8, 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, September 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, September 15, 5:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road.

https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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