

**For the Week of March 23, 2026**

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**Volunteer Drivers Informational Session – Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM**

SSTA is still looking for volunteer drivers to help support transportation needs in Colchester! If you'd like to help support your neighbors by signing up for this important role, **stop by the Town Offices (781 Blakely Road) on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM to learn more!**

Being a volunteer driver is incredibly flexible; you choose your hours and SSTA will coordinate the rest for you! You can also volunteer from the comfort of your own vehicle. SSTA reimburses at the current GSA mileage rate of 72.5 cents per mile for your travel.

Town Staff will be joined by SSTA's Executive Director, Adam Lawrence, to answer any questions about becoming a volunteer driver and to get the process started for interested folks.

Pizza and refreshments will be provided!

If you are interested in attending, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/R4idGfn95E>



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**A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update**

**TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION:** From Monday, March 23, through Friday, March 27, between 6 AM and 3 PM, lane closures and lane shifts will be in place at the following locations:

- on the west side of U.S. Route 2/7 (U.S. 2/7) from the Highpoint Center intersection north to the Park & Ride intersection, and,
- on the east side of U.S. 2/7 from the Winooski town line near Checkerbay Carwash north to the Interstate 89 (I-89) Exit 16 southbound on-ramp.



Barriers are in place along the I-89 Exit 16 northbound off-ramp and on U.S. 2/7 in front of The Lighthouse Restaurant, and the roadway shoulder in this area is closed.

*Independent utility companies will periodically conduct 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-3-20-2026/>

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](mailto:info@exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov)

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### Colchester Lions Club Diaper Drive

The Colchester Lions Club is hosting a diaper drive to collect diapers and wipes to be donated to various community centers in the area. There are several places in Colchester where diapers and wipes can be dropped off including:

- Colchester Town Hall: 781 Blakely Road
- Burnham Memorial Library: 898 Main Street
- Dick Mazza's General Store: 777 West Lakeshore Drive
- M&T Bank – Colchester: 794 West Lakeshore Drive
- State Farm Insurance at Creek Farm Plaza: 65 Creek Farm Plaza
- Shaw's Supermarket: 66 Mountain View Drive

Drop boxes can be found at the listed locations. The Diaper Drive will run until April 30, 2026.

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## Department Updates

### Department of Parks & Recreation - Upcoming Programs:

**Nocturnal Navigators: All about Bats**- Friday March 27th, 2026, at 11:15am at Colchester Recreation Center

Join bat specialist Meghan Lout for an engaging class exploring bats, their fascinating behaviors, and why these often-misunderstood animals are so valuable to our natural world.

**Senior Potluck**- Wednesday April 8th, 2026 at 12:00-2:00pm at Colchester Recreation Center



Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy good food and great company! **Registration Required**

**Upcoming Special Events:**

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 4th, 2026, at 10:00am at Bayside Park

Join the Easter Bunny for a fun egg hunt! Bring a bag or basket to gather eggs and goodies. The Colchester Lions Club is hosting a food drive for the Community Food Shelf please bring non-perishable items.

**Touch-A-Truck:** Saturday May 2nd, 2026, at 9:00-11:00am at Colchester High School

Our Touch-A-Truck event provides an opportunity for children to get up close and personal with their favorite types of big-rigs, fire trucks, tractors, construction vehicles, school buses, and a variety of other large display vehicles. This is a free event.

For more information on these events, visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation>

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## Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas)

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docid=PLANAGENDA>

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, April 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, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docid=DRBAGENDA&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C)



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**Library Board of Trustees:** Thursday, April 16, 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, April 20, 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](https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1).

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