

For the Week of March 16, 2026

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?origin=IprLink>



Town Plan Survey – Closing March 16!

The Colchester Planning Commission has put together a brief survey to gather community input on the importance of big picture themes (education, development, transportation, etc.) in Colchester.

Completing this survey will help guide the creation of the 2027 Town Plan, which will be THE vision document for the Town of Colchester. The Town Plan is revised and adopted every eight (8) years and seeks to gather input from as many stakeholders as possible. **If you'd like to submit your survey responses, please do so by the end of the day Monday, March 16!**

Fill out the survey by visiting this link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FzQGla3q7kSAQCXFqR11tycqA28oTcNMIj>

[N7PtUQtphURFNPV0QyQUgzVkkxTVVQRUIVQVhIRFVJTi4u](#)) or by scanning the QR code below. We encourage you to pass on the survey to your neighbors and Colchester friends!



A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, 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) in front of Whitcomb Street,
- on the north side of Upper Mountain View Drive near its intersection with U.S. 2/7,
- on the west side of U.S. 2/7 between Mountain View Drive and the Park & Ride, and,
- on the south side of Rathe Road near its intersection with U.S. 2/7.

In addition, the lane width of the Interstate 89 (I-89) Exit 16 northbound off-ramp will be reduced, with traffic maintained.

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-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



Women's History Month: Colchester Historical Society Remembers Ruth J. Dunn Morgan

March is Women's History Month, a national recognition of the vital roles women have played throughout history. Locally, the Colchester Historical Society honors Ruth J. Dunn Morgan this year.

Ruth grew up in the Boston area but enjoyed her summers in Colchester at Clarey's Bayside in Malletts Bay – a popular local resort owned by Ruth's grandfather, George F. Clarey. It was there at age 14 that Ruth met her future husband, Charles G. Morgan, while roller skating. They married a few years later in Dorchester, Massachusetts, then built their home in Malletts Bay and raised three children. According to her obituary, Ruth loved being a sister, wife, mom, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, neighbor and friend to a large extended family, inspiring love and fun in hard work.



Ruth was active in the Colchester Historical Society, serving as President of the Board of Directors from 1982-1985 and as Treasurer from 1988-1997. She also served as a volunteer host and educator at the Colchester Log Schoolhouse at Airport Park. At the Ethan Allen Homestead, Ruth always enjoyed an opportunity to learn and share the history of Vermont and particularly of Malletts Bay. Ruth worked for the Colchester School District for 28 years, many of them as a secretary at Colchester Junior High School. She also volunteered as a local Girl Scout leader.

"Eight of the many photos in the Malletts Bay chapter of my book Images of America - Colchester were provided by Ruth," said local historian and author Inge Schaefer. She was delighted to share the family's history of her grandfather's Clarey's Bayside that included -- among many other attractions -- cabins for rent and a roller skating rink during the week and on the weekends



big bands such as as Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, and Glenn Miller brought in thousands of people to the Bay. Inge added, "Ruth also helped me with my second book, Chronicles of Colchester. She added many treasured memories and wonderful photos in the chapter entitled 'Clarey's Bayside'. Ruth was a very special lady."

For more information about the Colchester Historical Society, please

visit <https://colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society> and follow on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety>.

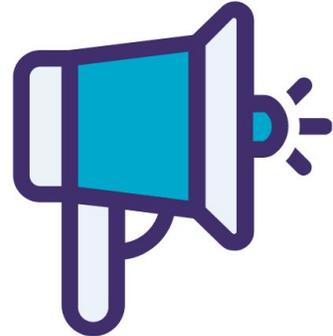
Department Updates

Department of Planning and Zoning: Public Service Announcement

Staff in the Department of Planning and Zoning were informed about a phishing scheme, in another community, in which criminals impersonate Town officials to solicit fraudulent payments for Town zoning permits.

The Department of Planning and Zoning would like to remind people to be vigilant about looking out for suspicious emails from people posing as Town staff.

If you have any doubts about emails that look like they are coming from staff in the Planning and Zoning Office, please call (802) 264-5606 to validate any suspicious correspondence.



A Reminder from the Town Clerk's Office – Property Taxes Due March 16

The third property tax installment is due Monday, March 16.

Please note that postdated payments of property taxes will not be accepted. In order for taxes to be considered timely, they need to arrive on or before March 16.

For more information visit: <https://www.colchestervt.gov/329/Property-Taxes>

To pay your property taxes online and explore payment options visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/330/Payment-Options>

Questions can be directed to the Clerk's office at (802) 264-5520 or townclerk@colchestervt.gov

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 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, March 17, 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, 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, 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, March 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: Monday, March 16, 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

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