

For the Week of June 22, 2026

Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Burnham Library are gearing up to host this year's book sale. The event will be held in the cafeteria at the Colchester High School on:

Friday, June 26th from 4 PM to 8 PM
Saturday, June 27th from 9 AM to 3 PM
Sunday, June 28th from 10 AM to 2 PM

Donations can be dropped off at Colchester High School on Monday, June 22nd from 3 PM to 6 PM and on Wednesday, June 24th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

For more information visit:

<https://colchestervt.gov/3100/Library>



A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: ***Nightly, starting the evening of Sunday, June 21, through the morning of Saturday, June 27, between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless otherwise noted:***

- Lane closures along the east side of U.S. Route 2/7 (U.S. 2/7), the northbound lanes, between the Interstate 89 (I-89) North ramps and Mountain View Drive, with two-way traffic maintained through traffic shifts onto the west side of U.S. 2/7.
- Single-lane closures on either side of U.S. 2/7 at its intersection with Hercules Drive, with two-way traffic maintained.
- Wednesday night through Friday morning, lane closures with traffic shifts on U.S. 2/7 between South Park Drive and the I-89 overpass bridges for paving.



Exit 16 DDI
Diverging Diamond Interchange

Daily, starting the morning of Monday, June 22, through the afternoon of Friday, June 26, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- Single-lane closure on either side of U.S. 2/7 between South Park Drive and the I-89 South ramps, with two-way traffic maintained.
 - *Independent utility companies will also be on-site on weekdays during daytime hours conducting work in this area under these traffic constraints. The work zones and traffic control will be coordinated with the Exit 16 DDI Project.*
- Single-lane closure on either side of U.S. 2/7 between the I-89 North ramps and Mountain View Drive, with two-way traffic maintained.

Please be advised that portions of U.S. 2/7 will be reduced to a gravel surface starting Sunday night through Saturday morning. Motorists should slow down, use caution, and follow traffic control personnel's instructions and signage. In addition, motorists should expect significant delays when traveling through the work zone and along adjacent roadways. Please plan additional travel time or consider alternative routes.

Visit the project website for more information: <https://www.exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/>

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

A message from the Chittenden County Community Justice Center: Volunteers Needed

Do you love your community and want to have a voice in the future of our county's Community Justice Center? The Chittenden County Community Justice Center (CJC) is looking for members of its new Community Advisory Board (CAB). Join representatives from throughout the county to assist in identifying CJC priorities, raising awareness about community and restorative justice, and gathering input from the community regarding the work of the CJC. We're looking for a diverse set of people with a variety of experiences to lend their voices and enthusiasm.

This will be the first CAB of its kind with a set of draft by-laws to begin with and modify as the group sees fit. In-person meetings will be held around the county and led by two co-chairs nominated and selected by the group.

Time commitment: roughly two hours/meeting for six meetings/year

Who we're looking for: anyone 16 and up who is interested in non-punitive methods of seeking repair and accountability related to harm, crime and conflict in our communities. We're especially interested in those who can bring diverse representation--geographic, racial, cultural, gender, lived experience in the criminal legal system, ability, etc.—to help bring an inclusive and equitable lens to the work. You will be serving as an ambassador for the CJC and advising the director in future visioning work of the organization.

Next steps: Interested? Please go to <https://www.burlingtoncjc.org/advisory-board> to read the draft By-Laws and to apply.

Department Updates

Department of Parks and Recreation – Fourth of July Events!

On Saturday, July 4th, the Town will be hosting a series of events to celebrate Independence Day!

Below is the schedule and everything you need to know:



5K Fun Run

- \$5.00 per participant
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.: Registration at Union Memorial School (253 Main Street)
- 8:15 a.m.: Race begins at Middle Road

Parade

- The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Colchester High School (131 Laker Lane)
- Parade Route: The parade will process from Colchester High School, down Blakely Road, and end at Lavigne Road. Road closure is expected to last approximately one hour.

Bayside Beach

- Please note lifeguards will not be on duty for the 4th of July.

Bayside Park

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Inflatables
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Food vendors
 - Lions Club: Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Hotdogs, Chili dogs, Chips, and Beverages
 - Maharaja Spice: Chicken Biryani (GF), Butter Chicken (GF), Popcorn Chicken, Chickpea Curry (GF, V), Samosa (V), Samosa Chat (V), Garlic/Butter Naan, Mango Lassi (GF)
 - Parking Lot Pizza: Pizza, Belgian Waffles
 - Waffley Good: Ice Cream, Homemade Cones
- 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.: Music Entertainment: **The Hitmen**
 - The Hitmen are: Jim Cheney (Bass and Vocals), Bob Young (Guitar and Vocals), Brian Donnelly (Drums and Vocals), and Bob Boedecker (Keys and Vocals)
 - Musical Style: 1970s and 1980s party rock & roll, featuring hot guitar, organ, and impressive vocal harmonies! The Hitmen play anything from John Mellencamp to Santana, The Atlanta Rhythm Section to Steely Dan - don't miss this fantastic group!



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Fireworks

- Fireworks will take place at dusk from the Bayside Softball Field. Please stay behind the safety fence
- Parking available at: Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School (452 Blakely Road), and the Malletts Bay School (609 Blakely Road)

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, June 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

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, August 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>

Planning Commission: Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=PLANAGENDA>

Development Review Board: Wednesday, July 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 pzinfo@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, July 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, June 29, 5:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road.
https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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