

For the Week of July 27, 2026

Municipal Services Tax Rate & First Tax Installment Due Date Extension to August 31

At their meeting on July 27, the Selectboard voted to approve the FY27 municipal services tax rate at \$0.3734 per one hundred dollars of assessed property value. This rate was calculated based on the updated FY27 Grand List value following the town-wide reappraisal. The town-wide reappraisal was mandated by state law, and brings the assessed property values up to their current fair market value.

It is important to note that the Town doesn't collect more taxes due to a town-wide reappraisal. Based on the Town's Charter and state law, the taxes collected by the Town cannot be more than what was approved by voters on Town Meeting Day in March. As a result of the reappraisal, the total assessed value of all taxable property in Colchester (Grand List) increases to fair market value and the tax rate decreases so the total amount of municipal services taxes collected (billed) will remain the same as was approved by voters at the March 2026 Town Meeting Day.

Please see the table below for what the FY27 tax impact is for residential properties with new FY27 assessed values of \$400,000, \$600,000 and \$800,000.

<i>FY27 Estimated Municipal Services Property Tax Impact</i>			
Assessed Value	400,000	600,000	800,000
Annual	\$1,494	\$2,240	\$2,987
Monthly	\$124.47	\$186.70	\$248.95
Weekly	\$28.72	\$43.08	\$57.45

At the same meeting, the Selectboard voted to change the first tax installment due date from August 15 to August 31, 2026. The town-wide reappraisal led to a delay in setting the municipal services tax rate and in order to allow 30 days between the mailing of the tax bills and the due date, this change is necessary.

FY27 tax bills will be mailed out on or before July 31, 2026, with a due date of August 31, 2026.

The due dates for the second and third tax installments will remain unchanged (November 16, 2026, and March 15, 2027).

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

Stormwater Updates – Depot Road

The Department of Public Works recently completed work on Depot Road to improve the Town's stormwater system.

This work involved replacing a failing culvert underneath Depot Road.

Culverts help mitigate stormwater runoff by channeling water underneath the road, instead of letting it flow on top of it. This protects roads from erosion when there is a lot of stormwater runoff during rainstorms.



For more information about stormwater, visit:

<https://colchestervt.gov/3355/Stormwater-Home-Page>



Colchester Police Department – Pregame Ceremonies in Boston!

A few weeks ago, Corporal Jaime Bressler, Officer Jacob Cunningham, and Officer Lucas McClanahan participated in the pregame ceremonies at a Boston Red Sox game by taking the role of the Honor Guard!

Department Updates

Department of Parks & Recreation Summer Concert Series – InCahoots

This week's concert (Thursday, July 30) will feature music by InCahoots.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Lower Bayside Park for our concert series on Thursday evenings. **This year, all concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

Admission is free and parking is available at Bayside Park. We look forward to seeing you there!



Department of Parks & Recreation – August Wellness Newsletter & Fitness Schedule



WELLNESS NEWSLETTER

COLCHESTER RECREATION CENTER



Recreation Center Updates

August Fitness Class Registration Updates!

Registration for August Fitness Classes begins Monday July 27th, at 8:00 AM. You can now sign up for all of your favorite fitness classes from your own computer!

Log on to your Civic Rec account, select CATALOG → CRC FITNESS CLASS STUDIO → Add your favorite classes to your cart and check out!

If you have issues signing on and/or registering please feel free to call the front desk for assistance (802) 264-5640. This is our first attempt at self-registration so please be patient with us and yourself.

NEW! Mat Pilates

This dynamic, low-impact workout uses your bodyweight to build core strength, improve posture, and increase flexibility. Guided by controlled breathing, you'll move through a flowing sequence of exercises. No machines are used; small props may appear but aren't required. Pilates is an excellent accompaniment to anything else you do (e.g., running, biking, skiing).

Fitness Class Highlight: Sculpt Yoga

Sculpt Yoga is a higher energy fitness fusion class that combines traditional yoga postures with light hand weights and strength training exercises.



Upcoming Event! Fall Market

We are excited to host this year's event once again at the Colchester Recreation Center on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Merchandise Available!



Explore our Colchester Recreation Center merchandise for the whole family. Scan the QR code or visit our website to shop.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

KALE CHIPS

1 bunch kale, washed & dried
2 tablespoons of olive oil
Sprinkle of sea salt
Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

Remove the ribs from the kale and cut into 1½ inch pieces. Lay on baking sheet and toss with olive oil and salt. Bake until crisp, turning leaves halfway through, about 20 min. Serve as finger food.

JAM OUT AT THE REC CENTER

Mark your calendar for our Fall Concert here at the Colchester Recreation Center on Friday, September 18th, from 6-7:30 PM. Featuring the Devon McGarry Band



August Fitness Challenge

Get moving and join our Bike Challenge indoors or outdoors. Record the total time you spent riding after each session and report it to the front desk. Challenge yourself, stay active, and see how many minutes you can log throughout the month of August. Happy riding!



The Recreation Center will be closing early on Monday, September 7th at 12:30 PM.

TEST MY HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

Which of the following is the best protocol for fat loss while maintaining muscle mass?

- A. A high-calorie, high-protein (1.8–2.2 g/kg body weight) diet and resistance training
- B. A calorie-restricted, low-protein (0.4–0.8 g/kg body weight) diet and resistance training
- C. A calorie-restricted, high-protein (1.8–2.2 g/kg body weight) diet and cardiovascular training
- D. A calorie-restricted, high-protein (1.8–2.2 g/kg body weight) diet and resistance training

Check in with the front desk to check your answer!

To view August's fitness schedule and a description of the classes offered at the Recreation Center, visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/3341/Fitness-Schedule>

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 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, August 18, 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, August 12, 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, August 20, 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: Next meeting date TBD.

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