

For the Week of October 19, 2026

2026 Colchester Fall Market!



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Fall Market

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION
10/24/26	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Colchester Recreation Center 80 Dick Mazza Drive Colchester, VT 05445

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**BROWSE GOODS MADE BY
LOCAL VENDORS AND ARTISANS!**

GOODS INCLUDE HANDMADE JEWELRY,
HONEY, BOOKS BY LOCAL AUTHORS,
POTTERY, HANDCRAFTED BAGS,
AND MUCH MORE!



Police Department Records Appreciation Week



It's that time of year again here at Colchester Police: Records Appreciation Week! The third full week of the month, this year being Oct. 18-24, is reserved for celebrating and thanking the dedication and outstanding efforts of our Records Unit staff: Sheila Kaiser and Shantel Longe, who have been with the Colchester Police Department for nearly 9 and 5 years, respectively.

These hard-working Colchester Police Department (CPD) civilians help manage the

paperwork for over 10,000 incidents each year – including providing necessary paperwork to bring the work of our sworn personnel, --hundreds of cases annually, -- to the State Attorney's Office. Additionally, our Records staff fulfills public records requests, inter-agency requests, and assistance with official background investigations – among many other daily tasks.

We truly cannot complete our mission without them and are grateful that these two are part of our CPD team. While we appreciate them and all that they do throughout the year, we're happy to set aside this week to give them a little extra, well-deserved recognition!

Information from the Colchester Historical Society

Autumn Newsletter Now Available

Is history boring? Not at all! Find out what the Colchester Historical Society has been doing lately and what events are upcoming. Check out the new jigsaw puzzle, and learn who recently celebrated 100 years on Malletts Bay. The Autumn 2026 Newsletter is now available. Read the news and check out the photographs at

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12270/Autumn-2026-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter>



Upcoming Events:

- October 24, Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 80 Dick Mazza Drive

Come see the Colchester Historical Society at the Colchester Fall Market at the Recreation Center. They'll have new jigsaw puzzles, books, and memberships for sale. And, they love to chat about Colchester's wonderful history.

- October 31, Saturday, Noon – 2 p.m., 828 Main Street

Visit the Colchester Historical Society's Halloween display and its scary representatives as part of the Burnham Memorial Library's Trunk or Treat event.

Hazard Mitigation Planning - Your Input Is Needed!

The Town of Colchester is in the process of updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An LHMP is a document that reviews a community's risk for natural hazards and develops strategies and actions to reduce the impact of those hazards on life and property.

Colchester's last LHMP was completed in 2022, and an updated plan is due in early 2027. As part of the plan update, the Town is seeking input from residents and stakeholders. Please take a few moments to [complete a brief survey](#) to share your thoughts on natural hazard risks, important community assets, and strategies to reduce the impact of natural hazards on the Colchester community.

The survey will be available through October 31, 2026. Thank you!

Department Updates

Town Clerk's Office – November Election and Voter Information

The November General Election Absentee/Early Ballots were mailed out October 1st to all Colchester registered voters.

The address in the registration system as of September 5th is where your ballot is going.

Please be sure to check your mail in the upcoming weeks. To see sample ballots and understand the ways to return your voted ballot go to <https://colchestervt.gov/325/Elections-and-Voter-Information>

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk's Office with any questions. We can be reached at townclerk@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5521.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 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: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=AGENDA&path=Colch_CityCouncil%2CColchester_BOS_Agendas%2CAGENDA%2C

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Recreation Center, 80 Dick Mazza Drive. Agenda: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv_1&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2CRecAdv_1%2C

Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=PLANAGENDA&path=PLAN%2CPLAN_Agendas%2CPLANAGENDA%2C

Development Review Board: Wednesday, November 11, 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://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAGENDA&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, November 19, 4:00 p.m. at the Library Meeting House*. Agenda: <https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>

***Updated Location (830 Main Street)**

Colchester Conservation Commission: Next meeting date: TBD

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