

For the Week of October 20, 2025

Remembering Former Fire Chief Sandy Ladd

Members of the Colchester Fire Department, Town Staff, and the Colchester Selectboard want to extend their sympathies to the Ladd family following the news of the passing of former Fire Chief Sandy Ladd last week.

Chief Ladd served the Town of Colchester for 32 years with the Malletts Bay Fire Department, Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company, and Colchester Rescue Squad. Thank you Chief Ladd for your dedication to our community.

Chief Ladd's obituary can be found here:

https://www.minorfh.com/obituaries/sanford-sandy-ladd-ii?fbclid=IwY2xjawNc3eJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHKIGHsDz-XNSDpUSQRXYW-88E9blpoEqMNJiQky5LqPkdkJuxd831BjtJO_G_aem_9nn6SIDYZogvyVEkb95oCg



Welcome Elliot Dolzani – Colchester Rescue Captain

Colchester Rescue is excited to welcome back Elliot Dolzani as our new Rescue Captain!

Elliot brings a wealth of knowledge from his time at the University of Vermont Medical Center, Lamoille Ambulance Service, and Colchester Rescue as a per-diem employee!

Elliot's experience and familiarity with our Town makes him a great full-time addition to our team.

We are so excited to have Elliot serving our community on a full-time basis.

Colchester Historical Society – Autumn Newsletter

The Autumn 2025 Newsletter of the Colchester Historical Society is now available. Find out what's been going on and what events are coming up. See features and photos about recent acquisitions and our town's historic Log Schoolhouse. Also, take a look back at the Munson home/tavern/inn. Here's the newsletter link:

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11551/Autumn-2025-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter>

Enjoy local history! Colchester has a lot of it, and it's interesting. For more information, please visit <https://colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>, and its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety>.

New members are always welcome!



Police Department Records Appreciation Week

From Oct. 19-25, the Colchester Police Department will be celebrating its annual Records Appreciation Week. Held the third full week of October, the celebration recognizes and thanks the members of CPD's Records Unit for their crucial behind-the-scenes duties and responsibilities that are instrumental to the Department's mission and in garnering justice.



Records clerks Sheila Kaiser and Shantel Longe work diligently daily on a variety of immediate and long-term tasks; among those are processing arrest paperwork and evidence for prosecutors and the courts, as well as handling public records requests. But the full list is much more expansive than just that.

Not only do Sheila and Shantel facilitate a necessary part of the criminal justice process—they do it professionally, with attention to detail, and at the best level within their field. While their functions may largely go unnoticed by the populace, they certainly do not go unappreciated by their coworkers.

Thank you for attending and participating in Colchester's 4th Annual Fall Market!

This year we achieved our biggest turnout yet! Fine weather, great food, and a fantastic variety of art, crafts, and more made for a great time for all! We'd like to give a big thanks to all our local, regional, and Town vendors as well as visitors for making this year's market a success!

We look forward to next year's market and hope you'll join us again!



Department Updates

Burnham Memorial Library – Free Medicare Assistance Informational Session

On **Monday, November 10 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** and **Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**, Chad Piche, a licensed agent and consultant from Good Harbor Insurance Group, will be running an informational session **at the Burnham Memorial Library (898 Main Street)** to answer questions about Medicare and how your coverage may be changing in 2026.



Drop by during the two-hour window to get a free coffee or sweet treat and to ask questions - no need to sign up!

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 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, October 21, 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, November 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>

Development Review Board: Wednesday, November 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 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, November 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: Monday, October 20, 5:00 p.m. at the Blakely Road Flower Beds.
https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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