

For the Week of August 3, 2026

Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Bills & Municipal Services Tax Rate

Tax Bills for Fiscal Year 2027 were mailed on Friday, July 31. Due to a delay in setting the municipal tax rate because of the town-wide reappraisal timeline, the first tax installment will be due on August 31, 2026.

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

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

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

A message from the Town Clerk's Office: VT State Primary Election

The VT State Primary is August 11th.

The Town Clerk's Office has absentee ballots ready for those who wish to vote early or have the ballots delivered via the mail.

If requesting and/or returning a ballot via the mail, please leave ample time for the ballot to be delivered to its intended location.

For directions on how to request and return an absentee ballot, please visit:

<https://colchestervt.gov/325/Elections-and-Voter-Information>

Additionally, please note that the Town Clerk's Office will close at noon on Monday, August 10th.

With questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-264-5520 or

townclerk@colchestervt.gov.

Green Up Day Results

Green Up Vermont recently released totals for the 2026 Green Up Day, held on May 2. Colchester had another successful day, with a total of 368 volunteers who collected 4.19 tons of trash and 721 tires, the highest amount of any town in Chittenden County. Collectively, the 18 towns in the county reported 20.4 tons of trash and 2,995 tires (approximately 32 tons). In addition, 400 high school students picked up trash on the school grounds the day before Green Up.

The Colchester Conservation Commission, which coordinates the event for the town, would like to thank the volunteers, many of whom show up every year, and the Department of Public Works' employees who pick up the filled green bags, tires, and other trash left by the roadsides to haul to Chittenden Solid Waste District transfer station to be weighed. The Commission also would like to give a special shout out to Carleen Landry, a dedicated volunteer who has not missed a single Green Up Day since the very first one in 1970.

Book Discussion with Author Paula J. Johnson

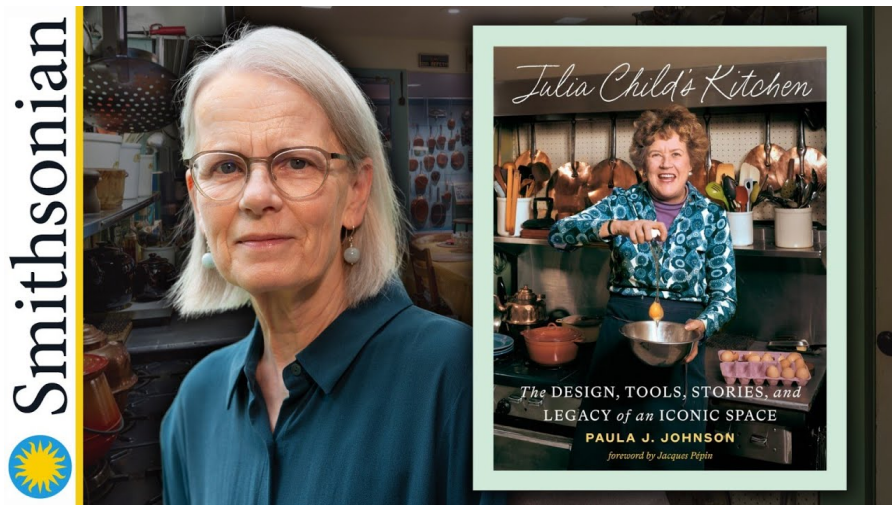
The Burnham Memorial Library will host an online talk with historian and Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson. Ms. Johnson is the Director of the Smithsonian's Food History Project and works at the National Museum of American History.

Johnson will be discussing her book *Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space*.

The book and discussion will explore the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child.

The talk will be held on: **Tuesday, August 4, at 2:00 p.m.**

Follow this link to register for the talk and browse other events being held by the Burnham Memorial Library: <https://libraryc.org/colchestervt/83621>



Department Updates

Department of Parks & Recreation Summer Concert Series – Buck Holler Band

This week's concert (Thursday, August 6) will feature music by Buck Holler Band.

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!



Vendors Needed – Colchester Fall Market!



CALLING ALL VENDORS

THE COLCHESTER FALL MARKET IS BACK

We invite local vendors to participate in our annual Fall Market, a popular community tradition that brings together residents and visitors for a fun-filled day. If you would like to be in attendance, please complete the attached application and return it to Nicole Conley Nconley@colchestervt.gov. Space is limited, so we encourage you to apply early.

✓ Homemade Treats ✓ Fashion & Accessories ✓ Eco-Friendly Products

 **Saturday**
October 24, 2026

 **Time**
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

 **Location**
80 Dick Mazza Dr Colchester, VT



 Colchestervt.gov/recreation

 (802)264-5640

 Nconley@colchestervt.gov

To obtain an application or more information, please contact Nicole Conley at NConley@colchestervt.gov.

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: https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=AGENDA&path=Colch_CityCouncil%2CColchester_BOS_Agendas%2CAGENDA%2C

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, August 12, 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, August 18, 6:00 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, 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://records.colchestervt.gov/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://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>

Colchester Conservation Commission: Next meeting date TBD.

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