

For the Week of December 8, 2025

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Holiday Season is upon us! Your Town staff wishes all residents, businesses, and visitors a happy holiday season, with all the warmth and cheer of spending time with your family and friends. In observance of the holidays, and for an employee appreciation event, there will be adjusted hours:



Colchester Town Offices (781 Blakely Road)

December 11 – Closing early at 1:45 PM

December 25 – CLOSED

December 26 – CLOSED

January 1 – CLOSED

Burnham Memorial Library (898 Main Street)

December 11 – Closing early at 1:45 PM

December 24 – CLOSED

December 25 – CLOSED

December 31 – Closing early at 5:00 PM

January 1 – CLOSED

Colchester Recreation Center (80 Dick Mazza Drive)

December 24 – Closing early at 12:30 PM

December 25 – CLOSED

December 31 – Closing early at 12:30 PM

January 1 - CLOSED

Emergency services, winter snow and ice removal, and other emergency work will be provided as usual.

A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, December 8, through Friday, December 12, between 6 AM and 3 PM, U.S. Route 2/7 (U.S. 2/7) will have lane closures at the Interstate 89 (I-89) Exit 16 southbound off-ramp and northbound on-and-off ramps, and potential lane width reductions along the ramps for drainage work. In addition, U.S. 2/7 between Hercules Drive and Rathe Road will have lane closures for stormwater pond work and blasting. Intermittent blasting events will also require U.S. 2/7 between the Park & Ride and Rathe Road, and all intersecting sideroads to be shut down for approximately 10 minutes. To learn more about traffic impacts associated with blasting activities, [click here](#).



Exit 16 DDI
Diverging Diamond Interchange

Visit the project website for more information:

<https://www.exit16ddi.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/stay-informed/weekly-construction-update-friday-september-19-2025/>

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

Information from the Colchester Historical Society

Annual Holiday Concert: You are cordially invited to the Colchester Historical Society's Annual Holiday Concert featuring the beautiful musical styling of the Colchester High School Chamber Singers and Chorale. The event, held at Colchester's oldest church, and is co-sponsored by the United Church of Colchester on our town's historic Village Green, will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9 at 900 Main Street. Parking is available at the church, the library, and a limited number of spaces at the Historical Society building. Overflow parking is available at Our Lady of Grace Church, just down the street. Members and special guests are welcome to bring savory, prepared dishes to share for the fellowship afterwards. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m.



Who Doesn't Need New Reusable Bags?

Also, please know that Shaw's has once again selected the Colchester Historical Society to be the recipient of money raised through Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program partnership. Throughout December, when you purchase a reusable GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS



Reusable Bag for \$3.00 at the Shaw's located here in Colchester, \$1 will be donated to the Colchester Historical Society. Who doesn't need a refresh of reusable shopping bags? To make the most of this opportunity, we encourage you to share this news with your friends and family. Make sure everyone knows to look for GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bags on display racks at Shaw's this month. And, be sure to ask your check-out cashier about them.

Gifts for the History Enthusiast

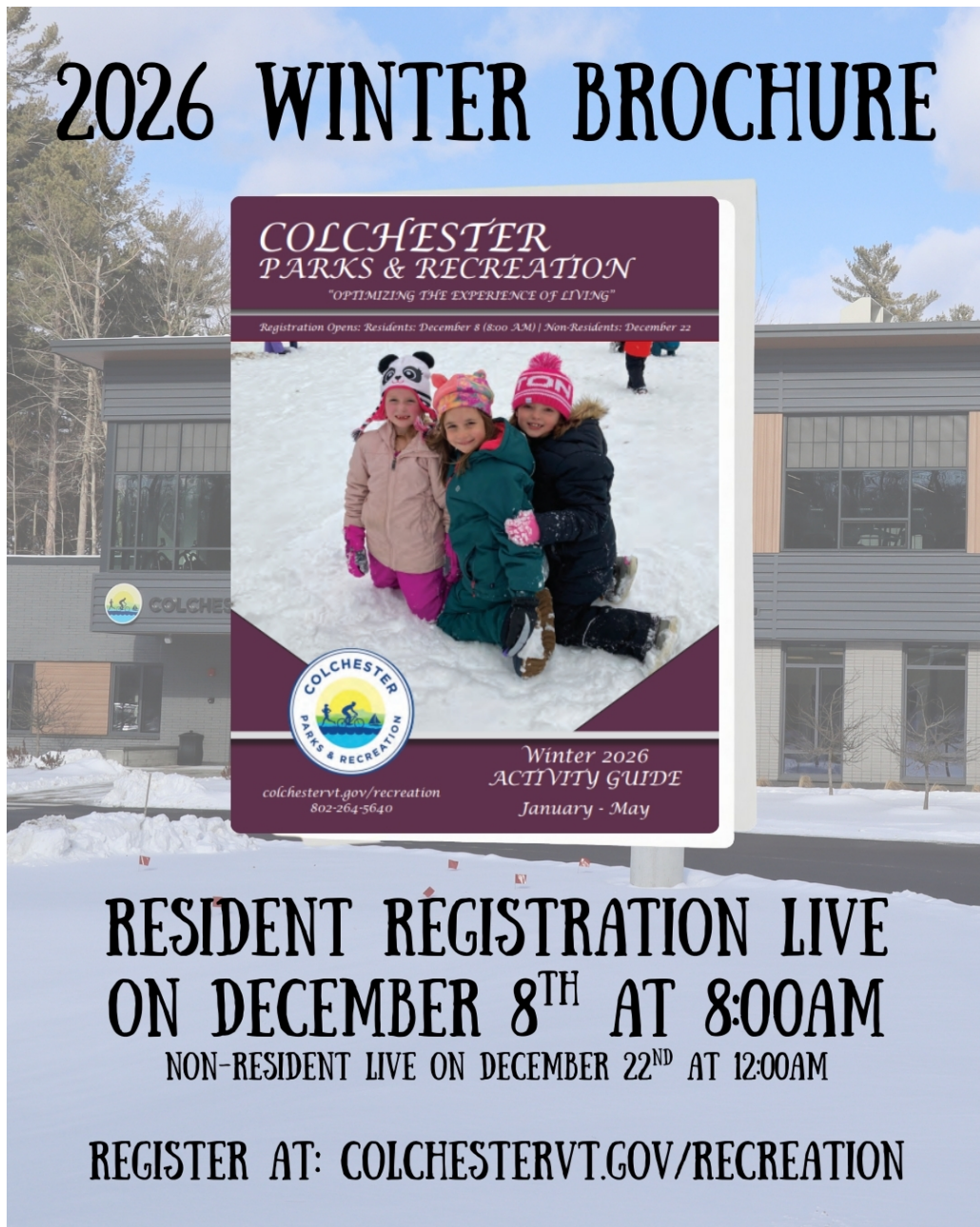
As you seek out holiday gifts for the history enthusiast on your holiday shopping list, our new jigsaw puzzles have been restocked and are now available at the Burnham Memorial Library and at the Colchester Town Clerk's Office. Dick Mazza's Store and Claussen's also carry them. Just \$20 per puzzle will help with maintenance expenses at Colchester's Historic Log School at Airport Park. And, your friends and family will enjoy the time putting together the puzzle this holiday season. Also available are three history books about Colchester and two vintage postcards featuring Nourse's Corner. These items are available for purchase at the Burnham Memorial Library and at the Town Clerk's Office.



Department Updates

Parks & Recreation 2026 Winter Brochure


Resident registration for winter 2026 programming and activities goes live on Monday, December 8 at 8:00 AM. Non-resident registration will begin at midnight on December 22.



2026 WINTER BROCHURE

*COLCHESTER
PARKS & RECREATION*
"OPTIMIZING THE EXPERIENCE OF LIVING"

Registration Opens: Residents: December 8 (8:00 AM) | Non-Residents: December 22


colchestervt.gov/recreation
802-264-5640

Winter 2026
ACTIVITY GUIDE
January - May

**RESIDENT REGISTRATION LIVE
ON DECEMBER 8TH AT 8:00AM**
NON-RESIDENT LIVE ON DECEMBER 22ND AT 12:00AM

REGISTER AT: COLCHESTERTV.GOV/RECREATION

Visit <https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation> for more information.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 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, January 6, 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, December 10, 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, December 10, 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, December 18, 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, January 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor Champlain Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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