

For the Week of January 26, 2026

Volunteer Drivers Needed – Special Services Transportation Agency (SSTA)

Increased needs and costs for the Vermont Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities (O&D) Transportation Program have left many of our neighbors facing uncertainty in how they will get to work, attend medical appointments, go to the grocery store, see friends and family, and participate in community events.

At the January 13th Colchester Selectboard meeting, these neighbors expressed the importance of SSTA and the O&D program in their daily lives. Read the meeting minutes here:

https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=jan13_26td&path=Colch_CityCouncil%2CColchester_BOSDRAFT%2Cjan13_26td%2C



If you'd like to support your neighbors and are looking for something to fill up some of your time, **SSTA is looking for volunteer drivers!** Being a volunteer driver is incredibly flexible; you choose your hours and SSTA will coordinate the rest for you!

You can be in the comfort of your own vehicle, while still supporting your community! SSTA reimburses at the current GSA mileage rate of 72.5 cents per mile for your travel.

If you'd still like to support the vital services SSTA provides to our community but don't have time to spare, donations are always welcome! Donations go directly to SSTA and help keep this essential program running.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver or donating to the program, visit <https://www.sstarides.org/volunteer-community-drivers> or call (802) 878-1527.

Book Discussion with New York Times Bestselling Author Liz Moore

The Burnham Memorial Library will host an online talk with Liz Moore to discuss her latest work: *The God of the Woods*. This thriller became an instant bestseller and was one of NPR's 2024 "Books We Love."

The book talk will be held on
Wednesday, January 28th at 7:00 PM.

Visit this link
(<https://libraryc.org/colchestervt/88929>) to register and to see more programs offered at the Burnham Memorial Library!



A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, January 26, through Friday, January 30, between 6:30 AM and 3 PM, lane closures and lane shifts will be in effect on the east side of U.S. 2/7 in the vicinity of the Starbucks, Hampton Inn, and Lighthouse Restaurant, and on the west side, between the Park and Ride and Shaw's. There will also be lane closures and lane shifts on Lower Mountain View Drive and Upper Mountain View Drive near their intersection with U.S. Routes 2/7 (U.S. 2/7).



Independent utility companies will periodically be on-site conducting utility work along U.S. 2/7 between the Winooski town line and Sunderland Woods Road under lane closures.

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



Department Updates

Department of Parks & Recreation - 2026 Winter Carnival!

42nd Annual Colchester Winter Carnival

Jan. 31st 2026
9:00-10:30am - Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Activities throughout the day from 10:00-3:00pm:

Jolley & Joy: Wacky Balloon Twisters	Sensory & Playdough Room
Marc Hughes Caricatures	Arts & Crafts Room
The Big Blue Trunk Games	Green Screen Room With LCATV
Airbrush Face Painting	National Guard
Music Exploration Room	Pony Rides
Inflatable Obstacle Courses	Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
Sugar on Snow & Maple Cotton Candy	Food Concessions (additional fee)
Stephen Gratto Stilts & Balloon Animals	

Performances Throughout the Day:
 10:00am - 12:00pm - Studio 3 Dance
 1:00 - 2:00pm - Robert Clarke: The Boston Magician & Juggler
 3:00 - 4:00pm - Stephen Gratto Comedy Juggling Show

Feb. 1st, 2026
Open Gym at Colchester Recreation Center
8:00am-4:00pm

Bracelets Available Soon!!
For More Information:
colchestervt.gov/wintercarnival

Bracelets are available for purchase at:

- Bibens ACE Hardware
- Burnham Memorial Library

- Colchester Recreation Center
- Dick Mazza's General Store

Visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/663/Winter-Carnival> or call (802) 264-5640 for more information!

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, January 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: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Planning Commission: Tuesday, February 3, 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, February 11, 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, February 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 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, February 19, 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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