

For the Week of February 9, 2026

Volunteer Drivers Needed – Special Services Transportation Agency (SSTA)

At their January 27, 2026, meeting, the Colchester Selectboard voted to allocate more funding to the Older Adults & Persons with Disabilities (O&D) transportation program in Colchester, specifically for riders who utilize the program to get to work and to fund a reduced number of personal trips through the end of FY26.

These two types of trips (work and personal) were scheduled to be cut from the program at the end of February.

Town staff and the Selectboard worked hard to find a solution for the remainder of the fiscal year, but SSTA still needs your help!

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.



Town Meeting Day Information

The Annual Town Meeting will meet in-person and will be held Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester High School Auditorium. The ballot items, to be voted on by Australian Ballot, can be found at the following link, but will also be presented at the Annual Town Meeting: <https://colchestervt.gov/344/Ballot-Items>.

Please view the proposed FY27 Municipal Services Budget here: <https://colchestervt.gov/349/Budget-Documents>



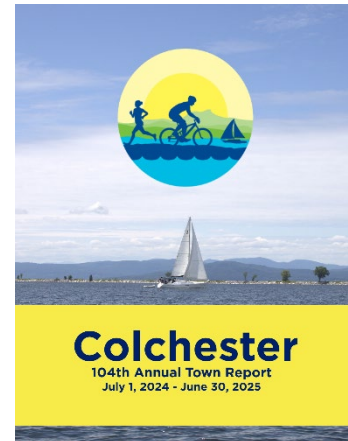
Voting by Australian Ballot will take place Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Colchester High School, but early/absentee voting is also an option. In-person and early/absentee voting information can be accessed here: <https://colchestervt.gov/325/Elections-and-Voter-Information>

Annual Town Report Available

Town of Colchester has completed its 2024-2025 Annual Town Report.

The report includes directories of local officials and services; shares challenges and successes from the past year from your Town Selectboard, boards, commissions and staff, and reviews proposals for the upcoming year.

You can pick up a copy from the Town Offices, Burnham Memorial Library, or Colchester Recreation Center or read it online here: <https://colchestervt.gov/368/Town-Reports>



2027 Town Plan Kick-Off: February 17th, 7:00 PM

The Town Plan is THE vision document for the Town of Colchester. Revised and adopted every eight years, the plan is the exciting culmination of a comprehensive, transparent, engaging process to ensure that as many stakeholders as possible provide insight into planning for the future of this amazing community. The Town has evolved over more than 250+ years and its economic vitality, natural beauty, and engaged citizens strive to keep moving it in a direction reflective of its best self. The previous plan was adopted in 2019, and work is beginning now for the 2027 Colchester Town Plan. We invite you to be a part of it!

Join the Colchester Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM for the first kickoff meeting to let us know what is important to YOU when thinking of Colchester's future. If you cannot join us on the 17th, there will be at least 10 more subject-based meetings to follow. A full schedule will be posted on the Planning and Zoning website shortly.



For more information, contact clarose@colchestervt.gov, call (802) 264-5606, or visit <https://colchestervt.gov/3374/2027-Town-Plan>.



Congrats to the following Colchester Businesses!

CONGRATULATIONS
to the following Colchester businesses that have been named to VT Business Magazine's Best Places to Work 2026

Age Well
Champlain Community Services
Edward Jones
Green Mountain Surgery Center
Northeastern Reproductive Medicine
NuHarbor Security
Saba Marine
Vermont Information Processing

Thank you to our 2026 Winter Carnival Sponsors!

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Colchester Winter Carnival

American Legion Post 91
Bevins' Door LLC
Coates Island Marina
Colchester Contracting Services
Cummings Electric P.C.
Dick Mazza's General Store
Gardner Real Estate
Kent Booraem - State Farm Insurance
Malletts Bay Self Storage
Mike's Auto Parts
Partner Tire & Service, Inc.
Rivers Edge Building Development LLC
Saba Marine LLC

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Upcoming Blood Drive!

The Red Cross has declared a severe shortage after the national blood supply fell about 35% over the past month; *blood donors are urged to book an appointment now!*

- **You can help! The Colchester-Milton Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive this month.**
- **Where: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 784 Main St. Colchester, VT**
- **When: Tuesday, Feb. 17th. From 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM**
- **How: call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter: CMROTARY to schedule an appointment.**

As a thank you, every donor will be sent a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice and be entered to win an assortment of items generously donated by the Milton Artists Guild.

Department Updates

Colchester Recreation Center – February Wellness Newsletter and Fitness Schedule



WELLNESS NEWSLETTER COLCHESTER RECREATION CENTER

February 2026

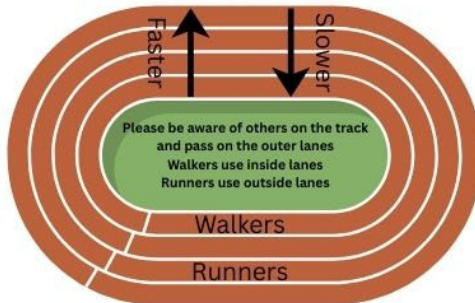
STEP CHALLENGE

February may be short, but it's the perfect month to build momentum! Join our February Step Challenge and commit to moving a little more each day. Whether you're taking lunchtime walks, pacing during calls, or going all-in on weekend strolls, every step counts. Track your daily steps, stay consistent, and challenge yourself to finish the month strong!



Join us Tuesday, February 17th as we celebrate the Colchester Recreation Center's 1-year anniversary! More information coming soon!

ATTENTION TRACK USERS!



INDOOR SHOES REQUIRED!



Please bring a pair of clean, indoor sneakers to use in the facility.

Bring A Friend February!

In February, members are invited to bring one friend to the Rec Center for a one-time visit. It's the perfect time to try the equipment out together, try a new class, or show off your favorite spot. Just check in at the front desk and enjoy! Must be 18+ to participate.

ATTENTION! FITNESS CLASS USERS

Can't make it to class? Please cancel your reservation so another member can take your spot. Classes are filling quickly—thank you!

42nd Annual Winter Carnival January 31 & February 1

- Inflatables
- Hall Walkers
- Arts & Crafts
- Hay Rides
- Playdough Room
- Sensory Room
- Family Friendly Performances
- Skating with the Police at Leddy
- Family Open Gym at the Rec Center

*Must purchase a Winter Carnival Bracelet (\$8)

SNEAK PEEK

New Fitness Class - ZUMBA!

Tuesdays, February 3-24 @ 5:30 PM

Tap Into Maple: Sugaring Basics for Beginners

Wednesday, February 11 @ 11:15 AM

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Wednesday, February 11 @ 5:30 PM

Valentines Cake Decorating

Friday, February 13 @ 6 PM

Dodgeball Night

Friday, February 27 @ 6 PM



February 2026

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-Registration is required for all Fitness Classes
 -Classes are subject to change monthly, and we encourage any new class suggestions
 -Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to class if the class requires weight set-up
 -You must bring indoor sneakers for all classes in any of our spaces. Outdoor sneakers are not permitted
 -It is recommended that you bring your own yoga mat and blanket for classes
 Visit our website for full class descriptions

*These are 6-week programs that do not qualify as a fitness class for fitness class memberships. For more information please visit the front desk.

Register Online at colchestervt.gov/recreation

To view this newsletter and schedule and register online visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation>

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 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 17, 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: Monday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor Champlain Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda:

https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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