

For the Week of September 22, 2025

Manager's Message

Town Manager, Aaron Frank

Congrats to Town Clerk Julie Graeter and Assistant Town Clerk Erin Hogan!

At this year's annual Fall conference of the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA), Julie Graeter, our Town Clerk, and Erin Hogan, one of our Assistant Town Clerks, were presented with certifications from the VMCTA.

Assistant Town Clerk Hogan was presented with her Certified Town Clerk certificate.

Town Clerk Graeter was presented with her Advanced Level 1 Certified Town Clerk certificate.

Both certifications require significant training completed over the course of a few years. We are very proud of both Julie and Erin for their dedication to our community and their motivation to improve their Municipal Clerk knowledge.

Thank you, Julie and Erin, for all you do and congratulations!



Statewide Burning Ban

Effective today, September 22, 2025, at 12:00 PM, the State of Vermont has issued a ban on burning permits.

Due to dry weather conditions, all local fire wardens are forbidden from issuing burning permits.

This notice is in effect until it is revoked.

Questions regarding the burning ban can be directed to the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation at (802) 828-1534.



A Message from VTrans: Exit 16 Construction Update

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Exit 16 DDI Project will be conducting drilling and blasting activities (blasting) to remove hard rock and ledge below the surface of the ground that cannot be removed using mechanical methods. Blasting is anticipated to begin the week of October 6. The start of blasting activities is dependent on both weather and the contractor's schedule. Blasting will take place along U.S. Route 2/7 (U.S. 2/7) within the project limits. Up to two blasting events will take place a day and will be restricted to weekdays and daytime hours. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. For additional information, [click here](#) to learn more.

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Sunday, September 21, through Friday, September 26, between the hours of 7 PM and 6 AM, crews will be working on U.S. 2/7 near the Whitcomb Street under lane closures and lane reductions. One lane will be maintained in each direction along U.S. 2/7 under traffic shifts. The entrance to Whitcomb Street will be closed during nighttime hours (7 PM – 6 AM), reopening each morning.

From Monday, September 22, through Friday, September 26, between 6 AM and 3 PM, crews will be working along U.S. 2/7 between Lower Mountain View Drive and the Interstate 89 (I-89) southbound on and off ramps under lane closures and lane reductions. Lane shifts on Lower Mountain View Drive will be in effect with traffic maintained.

Motorists should expect significant delays when traveling through the work zone and along adjacent roadways. Please plan ahead, leaving plenty of additional time to get to and from your destination. Whenever possible, consider alternate routes or other forms of transportation such as carpooling, ridesharing, transit, biking, or walking. Drivers should slow down, use caution, and follow flaggers and road signs.

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



Exit 16 DDI
Diverging Diamond Interchange

Book Discussion with Smithsonian Professionals Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key

The Burnham Memorial Library will host an online talk with Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key from the Smithsonian Institute to discuss *Nuestra América*. *Nuestra América* highlights inspiring stories of Latinos throughout history and their contributions to our country.

The book talk will be held on **Thursday, October 2, at 2:00 PM.**

Visit this link

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



Colchester Fall Market – 1 Month To Go!

The countdown is on to this year's Fall Market! This year will mark our fourth annual event and will be held on **Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please note that the event will be held at the **Colchester Recreation Center** located at 80 Dick Mazza Drive.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions about the event can be directed to rtetrick@colchestervt.gov



Events and Information from the Colchester Historical Society

September 22 (Monday), 7 p.m.
Historical Society Parsonage on the Historic Village Green
828 Main Street, Colchester

Where Were We on September 22nd 1775?

Please plan to attend this presentation by Curt Taylor as we imagine what it was like 250 years ago, not knowing what would soon transpire. Share your own insights into the events we discuss, including the status of Colchester as a community; an overview of relations between the Colonies, Great Britain, France, and the lands that will become Canada; and events leading up to our War of Independence 250 years ago. This event is in recognition of and in preparation for Vermont's upcoming 250th Anniversary. All are welcome to attend. Parking, admission, and refreshments are free. Please use the back porch entrance to the Parsonage when you arrive.



Department Updates

Department of Parks & Recreation – Fall Programs

Colchester Parks and Recreation has a ton of fall programs coming up! To register for a program or to see what's happening in October, November and December, go to colchestervt.gov/recreation and check out our catalog or give us a call (802)264-5640. For now, here are the programs available for the beginning of October!

Preschool Programs:

Little Dancers - Oct. 6 – Dec. 15 Monday (4:30-5:00)

Parent & Me Craft Time – Oct. 6 – Dec. 15 Sunday (9:00 – 10:00am)

Parent & Me Open Gym - Oct. 12 – Nov. 9 Every Sunday (9:00-10:00am)

Youth Programs:

Musical Theatre - Oct. 1 – Oct. 10 Wednesday (6:30-7:30pm)

Guys Only Hip-Hop Club - Oct. 1 – Dec. 10 Wednesday (4:45-5:30pm)



Toe Taps & Tutu's - Oct. 6 – Dec. 15 Monday (5:30-6:15)
Minute-To-Win-It Games - MBS Oct. 7 Tuesday (3:00-4:30)
Out of This World Crafts - UMS October 7 Tuesday (3:00-4:30pm)
Out of This World Crafts - MBS October 8 Wednesday (3:00-4:30pm)
Out of This World Crafts - PPS October 9 Thursday (3:00 – 4:30pm)
Youth Knitting - Oct. 9 – Oct. 30 Thursday (3:00-4:30pm)
Corn Maze Adventure - October 10 Friday (3:00-5:00pm)
Minute-To-Win-It Games - UMS Oct. 14 Tuesday (3:00-4:30pm)

Adult Programs:

Knit Yarn Pumpkins - Oct. 1 Wednesday (5:30-6:45pm)
Adult Ballet Barre and Conditioning - Oct. 1 – Dec. 10 (7:30-8:30pm)
Adult Tap - Oct. 2 – Dec 11 Thursday (6:00-6:45pm)
Continuing in ASL (Levels 4+) – Oct. 2 – Dec 11 Thursday 7:00-8:30pm
Adult String Art - Oct. 3 Friday (6:00-7:00pm)
Dodgeball Night - Oct. 3 (6:00-8:00pm)
Adult Basketball 18+ - Oct. 6 – Nov 3 Monday 6:45-8:45
Adult Knitting - Oct. 7 – Oct. 28 Tuesday (7:00-8:00pm)
Young Adult & College Estate Planning - Session A: October 7 Tuesday (5:30-6:30pm)
Fall Gnome Wreath - October 8 Wednesday (5:30-6:45pm)
Adult Basketball 35+ - Oct. 9 – Nov. 6 Thursday 6:45-8:45
Candle Making Session A Regular Candles - Oct. 10 Friday (5:30-7:30pm)

Active Generation:

Age Well Luncheons - October 3rd Friday (12:00-2:00)
The Buzz about Bees - Oct. 15 Wednesday (11:15am-12:15pm)

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 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 7, 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, October 8, 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, October 8, 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, October 16, 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, 5:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road.
https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

Subscribe to the Town Newsletter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jkMAO2v>

For more information or to comment, call 802-264-5509 or email townmanager@colchestervt.gov