

For the Week of October 5, 2026

Save the Date! 2026 Colchester Fall Market



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- 5th Annual -
COLCHESTER
Fall Market

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 **Saturday, October 24, 2026**

 **9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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 **Colchester Recreation Center**
80 Dick Mazza Drive



Department of Public Works Completes New Salt Shed

The Department of Public Works unveiled its newly completed salt shed at a Selectboard meeting in September.

This salt shed will allow the Town to store an additional 2,000 tons of salt and help avoid the impacts of salt shortages that have impacted many Vermont municipalities in recent years.

Prior to the construction of the new, larger salt shed, the Town could only store 200 tons of salt at a time, amounting to around 10% of the Town's annual salt use. 200 tons of salt can be depleted in a single long-duration storm, and only being able to store a limited amount of salt at a time forced the Town to rely on an uninterrupted supply chain while competing with many other municipalities for available material and delivery.



The Department of Public Works will continue to thoughtfully prioritize salt use, which minimizes environmental impacts and maximizes cost savings. Currently, the department utilizes computer-controlled salt spreaders that control and track the amount of salt used, as well as improved plow blades that remove more snow and ice from the road surface, reducing the amount of salt needed.

As we look forward to another Vermont winter, we look forward to having our annually budgeted amount of salt on site before winter, and want to thank the Department of Public Works for all that they do to keep our roads safe!

Give Someone a Second Chance At Life! – Upcoming Blood Drive

Take the right path this fall and make your way to a lifesaving donation. The American Red Cross and the Colchester-Milton Rotary are asking community members to get in the spirit of giving by making a blood donation and giving folks a second chance at life!

When: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 from 12:00 to 5:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 784 Main Street, Colchester, VT

We provide easy parking, a comfortable waiting area, and delicious homemade baked goods after you donate. In addition donors that day will be entered to win a \$25 gift card generously donated

by The Spanked Puppy. All donors will also receive a \$15 e-gift card for the merchant of their choice from the American Red Cross.

To make an appointment, please visit <http://RedCrossBlood.org> and enter CMROTARY.



McClure Miller Respite House Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Last month, University of Vermont (UVM) – Home Health & Hospice celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the McClure Miller Respite House, located in Colchester.

Since opening in 2016, the Respite House has served almost 3,500 residents and supported them at the end of their lives.

Thank you UVM Home Health & Hospice for providing this vital service to countless community members. Learn more about the Respite House here:

<https://vermontbiz.com/news/2026/september/22/mcclure-miller-respite-house-marks-10-years-colchester>

Department Updates

Upcoming Program – Department of Parks & Recreation



*Enjoy some.....
Coffee, Tea
& Identity Theft*



*Wednesday, October 7th
@ 11:00 am
Active Aging: 55+*

Protect your personal information and learn how to recognize the warning signs of identity theft. This informative class covers common scams, fraud prevention strategies, safe online practices, and steps to take if your identity is compromised.

*For more information contact us:
Phone: (802) 264-5640
Email: nconley@colchestervt.gov*

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Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. (public portion beginning at 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, October 14, 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, October 20, 7:00 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, October 14, 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, October 15, 4:00 p.m. at the Library Meeting House*. Agenda: <https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>
***Updated Location (830 Main Street)**

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, October 19, 5:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd floor Champlain Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://records.colchestervt.gov/Colchester-vt?docId=ConservCommssn&path=BOARDS%2CConservCommssn%2C>

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