

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Town Hall and the Community & Senior Center will be closed next Friday, July 4th, for Independence Day. Next week’s Friday curbside trash and recycling pickup will be on Saturday.

The Colebrook Pond is open for the season. Lifeguards will be on duty on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, the gate will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with no lifeguard on duty.

The deadline for dog license renewal is Monday, June 30th. Renewal is available online at www.townofcolebrook.org/town-clerk/. In-person licensing is available at the Town Clerk’s office during regular business hours. Renewals continue beyond June 30th, with a \$1/month penalty beginning July 1st.

The Colebrook Conservation Commission is working with the state to control [Japanese knotweed](#), an invasive weed species, on state highway rights-of-way in Colebrook.

Tax bills were mailed earlier this week. Taxes are due July 1st, and are considered late if not paid by August 1st, and subject to interest from the due date. The Tax Collector’s office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-noon. For any questions, please contact Laura Bartlett at 860.379.3359, ext. 204, or at lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org.

The town is currently in the final stages of completion of its Plan of Conservation & Development, updated by state statute every 10 years. The Planning & Zoning Commission has submitted a draft plan to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) for review and expects to hold a public hearing following NHCOG approval. Once finalized, the POCD (including our newly updated Natural Resources Inventory) will be posted to the town website.

The 80th Colebrook Labor Day Fair will be held on Saturday, August 30th. If you are interested in volunteering—or being a vendor—please contact Karen at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

The Colebrook Associates Food Pantry in the foyer of the Community & Senior Center has added a small refrigerator to accommodate perishable food items (e.g., dairy and eggs).

Upcoming events

On Sunday, June 29th, at 11 a.m., the Town Recreation Board and the Colebrook Lions Club will be hosting their annual youth baseball awards picnic at the Town Pond.

Next week, The Colebrook Associates will present “*4th of July in Colebrook*” on Friday, July 4th, with a talk on local history, patriotic music—and ice cream. Festivities begin at 10:45 a.m. with a Bike Parade, starting from Colebrook School. The event itself will begin at 11 a.m. inside the Meeting House and will conclude with an ice cream social in front of the Historical Society at noon.

On Friday, July 25th, the Colebrook Historical Society kicks off its Friday Night Gatherings series. It all begins with refreshments at the Seymour Inn at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. shifts to the Town Hall second floor meeting room for the evening’s guest speaker. Local historian and author Peter C. Vermilyea will discuss, “*Litchfield County and the Civil War.*” Future speakers include noted WFSB meteorologist Scot Haney on September 5th, and a presentation on “*Witches in Connecticut*” on October 17th. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

- Planning & Zoning – Monday, July 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)
- Board of Selectmen – Monday, July 14th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)
- Rec Board – Tuesday, July 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Second floor meeting room)
- Conservation Commission – Tuesday, July 15th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Cordially,

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