

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Chip sealing of Sandy Brook Road from Route 183 to the new Sandy Brook Road bridge has been postponed until tomorrow (Friday, August 22nd) due to weather. Expect delays.

Paving of Deer Hill, Gaylord, Millbrook and Phelps Roads, and the Center Firehouse parking lot, has been postponed until the week of September 2nd (tentative), pending release of STEAP grant funds from the state.

With our new cloud-based phone system, calls to existing Department of Public Works, Community & Senior Center, and Town Hall phone numbers all now go to a central greeting. When you hear the greeting, please dial 300 for Public Works, or 400 for the Community & Senior Center. These and other Town Hall extensions are referenced in the greeting.

As we close our books for fiscal year 2024/25, the Selectmen are pleased to report that we will end the year with a surplus of approximately \$25,000, or slightly more than one percent of the amount budgeted last fiscal year for Town Hall operations, Public Works and the Community & Senior Center.

You can purchase tickets for the Colebrook Fair Cow Plop, and check out the rules [here](#), and at [Facebook.com/colebrookctfair](https://www.facebook.com/colebrookctfair). The Cow Plop is sponsored by Pinney Stables and benefits Colebrook Recreation.

There’s still time to build a boat for the [Colebrook Fair Cardboard Regatta](#). The Regatta features homemade cardboard boats with winners for each race, and awards for “Funky-est” boat and best costume. Entry forms, cardboard and duct tape are available at Town Hall.

Our Community & Senior Center set another record this past week with 59 breakfasts. Thank you to our tireless, volunteer kitchen staff for serving the best breakfast in town!

The Center is seeking volunteers for help with Labor Day Fair set-up on Friday, August 29th, from 3-5 p.m. and take-down at the Fair’s conclusion on Saturday, August 30th. To volunteer, please reach out to seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org.

Baskets in need of wrapping for the Center’s raffle at the Fair should be dropped off by August 26th and wrapped baskets by August 28th. Pie donations should be dropped off by August 29th.

The Colebrook Associates Food Pantry, located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center, is in need of baking items (e.g., cake mixes, frosting, brownie mixes etc.), bottled juices, and personal hygiene products. Donations may be left at the pantry, or in the collection bin in the post office.

The Town Pond will close for the season on Saturday, August 30th.

We’ve been asked about the orange bridge construction signs for the Sandy Brook and Old Creamery Road bridges. These are state signs and will be removed once the state closes out their procedures pertaining to these projects.

Upcoming events

On Wednesday, August 27th, from 5-7 p.m., the Colebrook Land Conservancy, in collaboration with other area land trusts, is hosting, “*Meet Your Greens*,” at Norbrook Farm Brewery. This casual event is free, open to the public, and an excellent opportunity to get to know others working or volunteering in the conservation field.

On Friday, September 5th, the Colebrook Historical Society will host, “*The Life and Times of Scot Haney – What a Ride*.” Noted meteorologist Scot Haney will share his many experiences both on air and off. The evening kicks off with refreshments at the Seymour Inn at 7 p.m., with the program taking place at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall second floor meeting room. There is no cost to attend, and everyone is welcome.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Capital Improvement Program Committee – Thursday, August 21st, (today) at 5 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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