Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Tomorrow is the last day to pay taxes. They were due July 1st and are considered late, and subject to interest from the due date, if not paid by tomorrow (August 1st). The Tax Collector’s office is open tomorrow from 9 am-noon. For any questions, please contact Laura Bartlett at 860.379.3359, ext. 204, or at lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org.

We are pleased to report the Community & Senior Center is now more handicapped accessible. Automatic door openers have been installed at the main entrance of the Center. We are grateful to the Draper Foundation Fund, a fund of the Northwest CT Community Foundation, for the generous grant to purchase and install the equipment.

This week, Public Works shimmed portions of Sandy Brook Road. Shimming is a paving technique where a thin layer of asphalt is applied to an existing pavement surface to correct minor irregularities and create a smoother, more uniform surface. Shimming will continue on Sandy Brook Road through early next week.

On Deer Hill Road, drainage work is ongoing in anticipation of paving there (as well as on Gaylord, Phelps and Millbrook Roads, and of the Center Firehouse parking lot) later this summer. To that end, timing is dependent on final approval from the state regarding the $400,000+ Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant awarded earlier this summer to help fund the project.

Earlier this week, the town participated in a workshop sponsored by the Northwest Conservation District and the Northwest CT Community Foundation to better understand and mitigate the threat of roadside invasive plants. Learn more about the workshop from yesterday’s *Republican-American* [here](https://www.ctinsider.com/waterbury/article/japanese-knotweed-connecticut-invasive-plants-20788863.php).

The Northwest Conservation District is also making available a practical, easy-to-use guide to help landowners identify and control non-native invasive plants in their yards. Invasive plants thrive outside their natural range, threatening the health of our native plant and animal communities. The guide provides detailed identification and control information on common backyard invasives, along with recommendations for native alternatives. Hard copies are available at Town Hall. [Download the PDF (2.7 MB)](https://www.conservect.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/invasives-guide-2025_final_web_reduced.pdf)

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 Odell at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

Entry forms, cardboard and duct tape for the [Colebrook Fair Cardboard Regatta](https://colebrookfair.weebly.com/cardboard-boat-regatta.html) are available at Town Hall. The Regatta features homemade cardboard boats with judges selecting winners for each race, and awards for categories including the “Funky-est” boat and best costume.

An important annual fundraiser for the Community & Senior Center is their Basket Raffle at the Colebrook Fair. If you would like to contribute a basket, please contact the Center at 860.738.9521. Baskets in need of wrapping should be dropped off by August 26th and baskets already wrapped by August 28th.

Last week, 60 guests turned out for the kickoff of the Colebrook Historical Society (CHS) Friday Night Gatherings series. Local historian and author Peter C. Vermilyea discussed, “*Litchfield County and the Civil War*.” [Learn more at this link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMYAK6UFRTk) to Vermilyea’s presentation last year on this topic to the Litchfield Historical Society.

**Upcoming events**

On Friday, September 5th, the CHS 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.

**Upcoming municipal board meetings**

Planning & Zoning – Monday, August 11th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Rec Board – Tuesday, August 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Second floor meeting room)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, August 18th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Second floor meeting room)

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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