

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

In the wake of this past weekend's winter storm, curbside recycling and garbage pickup will be delayed one day this week. Today's (Thursday) pickup will take place tomorrow (Friday). Friday pickup will be on Saturday.

Thank you to our Public Works team for their tireless efforts during this lengthy storm. Thank you also to residents for your help in refraining from blowing, plowing or shoveling snow into the street, especially after it has been plowed. Thank you also for your courtesy to our plow drivers

Sand mix is available at the Town Garage (43 Sandy Brook Road) for Colebrook residents, by hand bucket. Limit 2 buckets, per household, per winter storm event. Please bring your own shovel.

The Community & Senior Center is a designated warming center for the town and is open Monday- Thursday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

We are currently interviewing candidates for the position of Community & Senior Center Co-Director, with duties including responsibility for Tuesday breakfasts, Thursday lunches, and support of the Labor Day and Holiday Fairs, in collaboration with our dedicated team of kitchen volunteers, and working closely with Center Co-Director Serena Brainard. The position is part-time (up to 18 hours per week for managing the kitchen, food prep, shopping and volunteer coordination). If you're interested in learning more, please contact me at bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org.

Breakfast is available at the Center every Tuesday from 8-9:15 a.m. for \$6. Lunch is served every Thursday at noon for \$7 (advance registration required for lunch). When Region 7 and Colebrook School are closed due to inclement weather, the Center is also closed. Breakfast is also cancelled when Region 7 and Colebrook School have a delayed opening on Tuesday.

Taxes were due January 1st, and are considered late if not paid by Monday, February 2nd, and subject to interest from the due date. The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday. For any questions, please contact Tax Collector Laura Bartlett at 860.379.3359, ext. 204, or at lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org.

Budget season is here. Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) Superintendent Bob Gilbert presented the FY 26/27 Board of Education budget to the PTO and community members yesterday. Superintendent Gilbert will present the proposed budget to the Board of Finance on Thursday, February 19th. The Board of Selectmen will present its proposed town operating budget to the Board of Finance on Thursday, February 26th. Next week, the town Capital Improvement Program Committee will hold its kickoff meeting for this budget cycle and revisit the town's 5-year capital plan.

The Colebrook Associates food pantry, located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center, is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Donations may be left at the pantry, or in the collection bin in the Post Office.

For energy assistance, contact Karen Odell to set up at appointment at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org, or call 860.379.3359, ext. 201.

The Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department is looking for new members to join their ranks and help our community. There are many ways to serve, everyone is welcome, and no prior training is needed. For more information, contact Todd Correll at 860.459.0292.

Our Norbrook Coyotes fifth and sixth grade basketball team is on the road again this weekend playing at Litchfield at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st. Go Coyotes!

Upcoming events

Next weekend is the Colebrook Fire Department's annual ice skating party. It will be held on Saturday, February 7th, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Colebrook Recreation Area (behind Town Hall). Come skate under the lights and enjoy hot cocoa, donuts and a warm fire.

Looking ahead, the Colebrook Associates will host its "Winter Warmer" on Saturday, March 7th, from 2-4 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall. Admission is free. Enjoy tea, coffee, hot chocolate, light snacks and great conversation. Gift baskets will be raffled off and two special raffles are available for advance purchase. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Rec Board – Tuesday, February 3rd, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

Board of Education – Wednesday, February 4th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Consolidated School

Capital Improvement Program Committee – Thursday, February 5th, at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Finance – Thursday, February 5th, at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

Planning & Zoning – Monday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, February 9th, 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.

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