

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

At the conclusion of last week's legislative session, Senator Paul Honig notified us that Colebrook will receive two \$25,000 grants from the state. These grants will be used to finalize the purchase of a new Community & Senior Center handicapped-accessible van later this year, and install a water filtration system for the Town Hall complex.

The new van will enable us to replace our current 2014 model. The filtration equipment will help to extend the life of our HVAC systems.

As part of an Eversource energy savings initiative, light fixtures in Town Hall and the Community & Senior Center were retrofitted with new LED lighting this week.

Chip sealing was completed on Sandy Brook Road (between Route 8 and the new bridge) earlier this week. Chip sealing helps to extend the life of our paved roads.

The parking lot at the Center Fire House was milled this week, and will be repaved next week.

Connecticut has declared next Thursday, "Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day." In recognition, Colebrook Consolidated School students will receive new bike locks and be fitted for new safety helmets (to be presented at a later date). This is being funded by an approximately \$5,000 Connecticut Department of Transportation grant the town received earlier this fiscal year. In addition to the gear, the students will benefit from a bicycle safety class and a bicycle skills presentation.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Falls Village Public Works Garage (100 Railroad St, Falls Village). This semi-annual event, organized and run by the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, is moving to online registration this year.

Attached, please find a QR code, with which you can use to register via Eventbrite on your mobile phone. You will *not* need a ticket or QR code at the event. Staff on site will be able to check registrants in from a list including your first and last name.

Also attached is a flyer discussing items eligible for disposal at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Karen Odell at 860.379.3359, ext. 201, or [kodell@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:kodell@colebrooktownhall.org) will be able to register those unable to do so via the QR code. The deadline to contact Karen is end-of-day on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Colebrook Historical Society plans to recognize military veterans from our town as part of this year's annual exhibit celebrating our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bob Grigg, our late town historian, compiled a list of residents who served our country and were discharged from service. Bob's list concluded in 2005.

To support this year's exhibit, the Historical Society is currently seeking to identify residents who were discharged from service between 2006 and 2026—and residents who were discharged prior to 2006 and subsequently moved to Colebrook. If you've not already done so, please email your name, dates of service and branch to me at [bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org).

Thank you to the Winsted Post Office and to everyone who supported their annual May Food Drive. Last weekend, our Colebrook Associates Food Pantry was the recipient of a generous donation through this initiative. The Associates' Pantry, located in the foyer of the Community & Senior Center, is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-noon on Friday.

### **Upcoming events**

This Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Colebrook Recreation Board is sponsoring their annual Kids Fishing Derby. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lines will go in the water at 9 a.m., and fishing will be enjoyed from 9-11 a.m. Live bait only. Prizes will be awarded. This is a free event, with egg sandwiches served by the Colebrook Lions Club. Please see the QR code on the attached flyer to register.

Looking ahead, on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m.-noon, a Monthly Veterans Coffee House will be held at the Winsted VFW Post 296 on Route 8. This is a dedicated space for Veterans to gather and socialize. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and soda, along with donuts, pastries, and cookies will be provided.

The Riverton Lions Club and Barkhamsted Forks are serving as food sponsors for the Veterans Coffee House. In attendance will be American Legion and VFW officers, members, and the Chaplain. Eventually, formal Veterans services and a Veterans information table will be added, depending on availability and community needs. For more information, please contact Timothy Sweeney at 860.459.5144, or Dan Ward at [spaero.usmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spaero.usmc@sbcglobal.net).

### **Upcoming meetings**

Inland Wetlands – Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org), or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

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