

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Town Hall will be closed next Friday, July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day. Trash pickup is on a normal schedule next week.

Next week, on July 1st, Cathie Norton will officially assume the role of Town Assessor. Cathie, who has been serving as Assistant Assessor, succeeds Dave Dietsch, who has been our Assessor since 2022.

We are also pleased to report that Colebrook resident Regina Caron has accepted the position of Co-Director of the Community & Senior Center. Regina, who started this week, will have responsibility for managing the kitchen and working with volunteers in support of our Tuesday breakfast and Thursday lunch programs. Breakfast is served every Tuesday between 8 and 9:15 a.m. Lunch is available at noon on Thursdays, with advance signup requested. Bingo is held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.

Tax bills were mailed last week. Taxes are due July 1st, and are considered late if not paid by Monday, August 3rd (with the Tax Collector's office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. that day) and will be subject to interest from the due date. During July, the Tax Collector's office will be 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.

Dog license renewal is available online via the town website (www.townofcolebrook.org/town-clerk/). In-person licensing is available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. To renew by mail, please include a check and a self-addressed, stamped, return envelope. Please make checks payable to the "Colebrook Town Clerk." Please contact the Town Clerk's office (860) 379-3359, extension 203, with any questions. See details on the attached flyer.

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

Colebrook Recreation is once again sponsoring "Popsicle Thursdays" at the Town Pond every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. during July and August. Popsicles and fun will be provided by Colebrook Recreation. No lifeguard on duty. This is not a drop-off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See flyer attached.

This summer, the Colebrook Conservation Commission and the Department of Public Works are collaborating to control Japanese knotweed growing along local roads in town. Left unchecked knotweed can quickly take over entire areas and block road signs, guardrails and shoulders, limiting motorist visibility. This spring, the Conservation Commission reached out to local residents to assist them with knotweed patches on properties adjacent to local roads. To learn more, or to volunteer to help the Conservation Commission with knotweed control efforts, contact Commission Chair Joyce Hemingson at jhem1022@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed for the 81st Colebrook Labor Day Fair, to be held on Saturday, September 5th. If you are interested in volunteering—or participating as vendor—please contact Karen at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org. Cardboard and duct tape for Cardboard Regatta participants is available at Town Hall.

News from Colebrook Town Hall will not be published next week and will resume on July 9th.

Upcoming events

This Sunday, June 28th, at 11 a.m. the Colebrook Lions Club, in collaboration with Colebrook Recreation, will host the annual baseball awards picnic at the Town Pond.

Later that day (Sunday, June 28th), at 4 p.m., the [Colebrook Land Conservancy](#) will present “*Snakes Alive!*” in the Colebrook Town Hall second-floor meeting room. Please join Jay Kaplan from the Roaring Brook Nature Center for a personal, up-close look at a variety of live snake species (non-venomous). This is a free event and refreshments will be served. Learn more at the attached flyer.

On Wednesday, July 1st, from 5-7:30 p.m. “*Defiance & Declaration: Connecticut 1776*” will be held at Connecticut’s Old State House. This free event is billed as an evening of history, oration and colonial “musick” marking our 250th birthday. See attached flyer to learn more.

On Saturday, July 4th, the Colebrook Associates will present their annual *July 4th Celebration*. As outlined on the attached flyer, festivities kick off with a bike parade (lineup at Colebrook Consolidated School at 10:45 a.m.). The program will begin at 11 a.m. at Colebrook Church and feature a talk by Historian, Stan Svek, back by popular demand. The event will conclude with a free Ice Cream Social on the front lawn of the Colebrook Historical Society.

The Northwest CT Veteran Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, July 18th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pearson Middle School in Winsted. Learn more at the attached flyer.

Upcoming meetings

Board of Finance – Thursday June 25th (today), at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

Board of Selectmen – Thursday, June 25th (today), at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Selectmen 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.

Happy Independence Day!

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