

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

On Tuesday, July 14th, the town of Colebrook will hold a special town meeting at 8 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room at Colebrook Town Hall (562 Colebrook Road). As prescribed by ordinance, voters will consider a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2025/26, necessitated by unanticipated special education and health insurance costs.

The question to be considered is as follows: *“Shall the town approve a supplemental budget request for up to \$39,900 for the Board of Education for fiscal year 2025/26, as recommended by the Board of Finance?”* Any Colebrook property owner with \$1,000 in assessed value is eligible to vote at this special town meeting.

Taxes were 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.

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. To learn more, or to volunteer to help the Conservation Commission with knotweed control efforts, contact Commission Chair Joyce Hemingson at jhem1022@gmail.com.

The Community & Senior Center served 39 breakfasts earlier this week. Breakfast is available every Tuesday from 8-9:15 a.m. for \$6. Lunch is served every Thursday at noon for \$7 (advance registration required for lunch). Next Thursday, July 16th, is the July Birthday Lunch.

On Tuesday, July 21st (and on the third Tuesday of each month) from 8:40-9:40 a.m., a free blood pressure clinic will be hosted at the Center by the Foothills Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County.

Bingo is held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Center. New players are always welcome, and if you’d like to volunteer to call Bingo, please let me know.

Next week, the Community & Senior Center is again hosting “*Learn to Play Chess with Cal.*” Free lessons (any age or level) are available Thursday, July 16th, at 10 a.m. Chess boards provided. Stay up to date with programming and events at the Community & Senior Center on [Facebook](#).

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.

The Community & Senior Center is looking for volunteers to support its presence at the Fair, with opportunities to donate food items, pies, raffle baskets, or time. Please use the following Sign-Up Genius link to view available donation and volunteer opportunities and sign up for what works best for you:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A49A8A928AAFD0-64718002-thecolebrook>

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. Items currently in need include baking supplies and personal care products.

Upcoming events

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.

On Saturday, July 25th, from 1-4 p.m. the Colebrook Historical Society is hosting an Antiques Appraisal Day at the Seymour Inn (558 Colebrook Road). Bring your treasures and discover their value as Jay Kohler of West Hill Antiques offers verbal appraisals and answers your questions. Cost is \$10 per item. Limit of three items per person. Learn more at the attached flyer.

On Friday, July 31st, The Colebrook Historical Society is hosting, “*Litchfield County in the American Revolution.*” Local Historian Pete Vermilyea will discuss his latest book, which explores the significant role our county played in the war. The event begins with refreshments at the Seymour Inn at 7 p.m. The program will commence in the second-floor meeting room at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming meetings

Planning & Zoning – Monday, July 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

Board of Selectmen – Tuesday, July 14th, at 7:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Selectmen meeting room)

Special Town Meeting – Tuesday, July 14th, at 8 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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