Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

At this week's Annual Town Meeting, 10 residents were elected to serve on four different boards and commissions. The following appointments were voted upon and approved by those in attendance:

Planning & Zoning—Todd Correll and Will Sweeney (regular members); Jim Bickford (alternate)

Zoning Board of Appeals—Fred Williams and Penny White (regular members); Helen Campbell (alternate)

Recreation Board—Scott Salmon and Dan Ward (regular members)

Historic District Commission—Phil Bainbridge (regular member); Carol Lord (alternate)

Early voting for the November State and Federal elections is available through Sunday, November 1st. Learn more at the attached flyer.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd, polls in the second-floor meeting room at Colebrook Town Hall will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Breakfast is available at the Community & Senior Center every Tuesday from 8-9:15 a.m. for $6. Lunch is served Thursdays at noon for $7 (advance registration required for lunch).

Our new, 10-passenger wheelchair-accessible Community & Senior Center Ford transit van made its inaugural run today transporting our monthly destination lunch group. We will be selling our current 2014 van via the state municipal auction process.

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.

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 at the Post Office.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is this Saturday, October 24th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility in Harwinton. Attached, please find a flyer with a QR code to use to register via Eventbrite on your mobile phone. You will *not* need to present a ticket or QR code at the event. As long as you have registered in advance, provide your first and last name and staff on site will check you in. The flyer also discusses items eligible (and ineligible) for disposal.

Next week, USA Recycling will be replacing our food scrap recycling stations with bins that will be more user-friendly, with lids much easier to open and close. To date, more than 70 food scrap recycling kits have been distributed. During our first year, we diverted approximately seven tons of food scraps from landfills in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and the purity of our food scrap waste stream has been excellent. If you'd like to participate in our food scrap recycling program, please contact me at bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org.

The Colebrook Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 12th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The day will include vendors, Cookieland, the Holiday Café, and more. During November, you can donate items for the Children's Shopping Table at the Fair in the collection bin next to the elevator on the lower level of Town Hall. If you'd like to participate as a vendor, contact colebrookholidayfair@gmail.com.

The town is accepting applications for energy assistance. Please contact Karen Odell at 860.379.3359, ext. 201, or at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

Upcoming events

Pinney Stables and the Colebrook Rec Board invite you to join them for "Halloween on the Farm" this Saturday, October 24th, from 1-3 p.m. The event will include a Trunk or Treat, and costume contest.

Later that day (also Saturday, October 24th), Camp Jewell will host its Halloween Harvest Festival from 5-7:30 p.m. The event at the Camp will include trick or treating, a haunted house, and a pasta dinner. Dinner is $5 per person. No RSVP required.

Northwestern Regional School District #7 is hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast on Wednesday, November 11th, at 8 a.m. in the school cafeteria at 100 Battistoni Drive in Winsted, with a program to follow from 9-10 a.m. in the auditorium. Veterans should RSVP to Lisa Smith at 860.379.8525, ext. 2000, or lsmith@nwr7.org.

On Thursday, November 12th, the Colebrook Community & Senior Center will host a Veterans' Lunch, with admission free for Veterans. Details to follow.

The Colebrook Historical Society will host their annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 6th, from 3-5 p.m. A Holiday Treasures Silent Auction will be held. If you'd like to contribute a Holiday Treasure to the Auction, please contact Diane Johnstone at dejpasta@aol.com.

Upcoming meetings

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

Planning & Zoning Commission – Monday, November 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall

Board of Selectmen – Monday, November 9th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall

Rec Board – Tuesday, November 10th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall

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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