Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Town Hall will close at noon next Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open on Monday, November 30th, at 8:30 a.m.

Curbside trash and recycling will be pushed back one day next week. Thursday pickups will occur on Friday. Friday pickups will take place on Saturday. Our next Town Hall newsletter will be published on Thursday, December 3rd.

At its November meeting, Tim Brainard was elected chair of the Colebrook Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Tim succeeds Fred Williams, who has served as ZBA chair for the past 25 years—and as a member of the Board for the past 42 years. Fred was re-elected to his 22nd term at our October Annual Meeting, and will continue as a regular member. We thank him for his dedication and service to our community.

During November, the Town participated in two workshops hosted by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Topics included planning for and dealing with weather-related events, and cybersecurity for local municipalities.

The Colebrook Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 12th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The day will include vendors, Cookie Land, and the Holiday Café. The Colebrook Historical Society will conclude their Holiday Treasures Silent Auction (details later in the newsletter). The Holiday Fair spans several buildings in town, and there will be maps to guide shoppers and diners.

Collection bins for the Children's Shopping Table at the Fair—for items that children may purchase to complete their holiday shopping lists—are located at Town Hall, the Community & Senior Center and the Post Office.

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.

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

The Colebrook Lions Club sells poinsettias to support scholarships and charitable outreach. Learn more at the attached flyer. Orders are due tomorrow, Friday, November 20th.

**Upcoming events**

The fall play at Northwestern Regional High School, "*Peter and the Starcatcher,*" runs this weekend, from November 20th through the 22nd. Learn more at the attached flyer.

The Colebrook Historical Society will host their annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 6th, from 3-5 p.m. At the event's conclusion, holiday trees in the Center will be lit for the season.

The Historical Society's bi-annual Holiday Treasures Silent Auction will launch at the Holiday Open House, and will conclude during the Holiday Fair.

The Historical Society will be open for items to be dropped off on the following dates: Thursday December 3rd, from 4-5:30 p.m.; Friday, December 4th, noon-3 p.m.; with the final date for dropoff on Saturday, December 5th, from 9 a.m.-noon.

In the coming weeks, the Community and Senior Center is hosting the following:

- A Holiday Sing-Along and Piano Performance by Houry Yapoujian Schmeizl and her students from The Piano Academy in South Egremont on Sunday, December 6th, 5:30-6 p.m. (following the Colebrook Historical Society Tree Lighting)

- A Classical Piano Performance and Holiday Sing Along again featuring Houry Yapoujian Schmeizl on Tuesday, December 15th, 9-9:30 a.m. (during breakfast).

Stay up to date with programming and events at the Community & Senior Center on Facebook.

**Upcoming meetings**

Board of Education – Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Consolidated School

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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