

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

To encourage compliance with posted speed limits in Town, next week we will take possession of two additional solar-powered speed monitors, similar to those currently in use on Route 183 adjacent to Colebrook Center.

Later this month, following DOT approval, these monitors will be installed by our Department of Public Works (DPW) crew on Route 8 in Colebrook, where the speed limit is 40 MPH. The signs will be on loan to the Town for two months, from the traffic center at the University of Connecticut. We intend to apply for a Federal grant to purchase monitors for permanent placement in 2025.

Early voting is available next week at Colebrook Town Hall for the Connecticut U.S. Senate Republican Primary. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in the upstairs meeting room at Town Hall. Primary Day is Tuesday, August 13th, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available to registered Republicans for the Primary, as well, and can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. Learn more [here](#).

The Colebrook Associates will again be offering a free technology support session at the Colebrook Community & Senior Center (on Tuesday, August 13th, from 8-10 a.m.). Bring your cell phone, laptop, tablet—and your questions.

On Thursday, August 15th, Congressman John Larson will join us for lunch at the Community & Senior Center (lunch at noon; program at 12:30 p.m.). RSVP by Tuesday, August 13th, at 1 p.m. by contacting seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org, or by using the signup sheet at the Center.

The 79th Colebrook Labor Day Fair is fast approaching (Saturday, August 31st), with volunteer opportunities available. To volunteer, please reach out to Karen at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

During August, our DPW crew will be supporting the early stages of the HVAC project at Colebrook Consolidated School by digging trenches for the power and fuel lines.

The Colebrook Conservation Commission reports that wild parsnip, an invasive weed, is now setting seeds—and each plant can produce hundreds. Commission Chair Joyce Hemingson advises cutting the seedheads off and keep them in a black plastic bag for at least a week in the sun before disposing in the trash.

When working with wild parsnip, wear long sleeves, pants and gloves as a precaution. If you get sap from the leaves on your skin, and it's exposed to sunlight, it causes a chemical burn that can take a while to go away. If you come into contact with the sap, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. Learn more [here](#), and [here](#).

Upcoming community events

More than 50 were in attendance at the Colebrook Historical Society last Friday for a presentation by author and historian Peter Vermilyea entitled, "*The Hidden History of Litchfield County*."

Future topics include: "*You Can Judge a Book by its Cover*" (Aug. 16th), and "*The Civilian Conservation Corp – Its History and Work in CT.*" (Oct. 18th).

The Historical Society is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. throughout the summer. "Rediscovering Colebrook River, the Town that Disappeared" and "The One Room Schoolhouses of Colebrook" are the featured exhibits this season.

On Thursday, August 22nd, Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) will host Kindergarten Orientation from 5-5:45 p.m. Please RSVP to hmcaw@colebrookschool.org. A PTO Community Picnic will follow at the CCS soccer field from 5:30-7 p.m. Pack a picnic or purchase food onsite. Enjoy yard games and free ice cream.

On Wednesday, August 28th, CCS will host a "Back to School" Celebration. The community is invited to join staff and students on the first day of school, from 8:30-9 a.m. The program will begin with coffee and mingling in the school's multi-purpose room. At 8:45 a.m. everyone will participate in a Flag Ceremony and Outdoor Assembly.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Education/School Building Committee – Monday, August 5th at 6 p.m. – Google link to join [here](#)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, August 5th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs meeting room)

Community & Senior Center Advisory Committee – Tuesday, August 6th, at 10:30 a.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Education – Wednesday, August 7th, 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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