Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

The 79th annual Colebrook Fair will take place on Saturday, August 31st, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Festivities include a <u>Car & Motorcycle Show</u> from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., <u>Frog Jumping & Pet Show</u> (with registration at 9 a.m.), 40 vendors, and food stands in a variety of locations.

Entry forms, cardboard and duct tape for the <u>Colebrook Fair Cardboard Regatta</u> are available at Town Hall. The Regatta features homemade cardboard boats with judges selecting winners for each race, and awards for categories including the "Funky-est" boat and best costume. Registration will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Town Pond. Festivities begin at 3 p.m.

The Community & Senior Center is seeking Labor Day Fair volunteers for advance food prep (including corn shucking), set up and cleanup. To volunteer, please reach out to seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org.

Stop by the Conservation Commission's booth at the Colebrook Fair to see winning photos from the Natural Resources Inventory Photo Contest and to let us know what natural resources you have witnessed in Colebrook.

Work is progressing at Colebrook Consolidated School on our HVAC project, approved earlier this year by the Boards of Finance and Selectmen, and supported by a state grant. This week, to help us stay within budget, our Public Works team has been trenching for a three-phase electric upgrade of the school building. Concrete pads were also poured to facilitate placement of new propane tanks, and a dedicated outdoor air system to pre-condition air brought into the building.

More than 40 people enjoyed a breakfast buffet at the Community & Senior Center this past Tuesday, thanks to guest chefs Alan and Richard from Spice 320, Nell from Orchard Hill Baking and Carrie from Railway Café.

The Town will begin accepting applications for energy assistance beginning September 9th. Please contact Karen to set an appointment or contact her with any questions at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

The last day for swimming at the Town Pond this season is Sunday, August 25th.

Trash pickup will be delayed one day the week of September 2nd, for Labor Day. Thursday pickup will be on Friday, September 6th, and Friday pickup will be on Saturday, September 7th.

Upcoming community events

The Forge Fire Company will host a ceremonial wetdown for their new fire engine this Saturday (August 24th). The wetdown will be in conjunction with the Forge Fire Company's annual open house from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Also, this Saturday, Northwestern Regional 7 is hosting a Food Truck Festival in support of their Kindness in Motion Back to School Kickoff. Admission is \$5, with all proceeds supporting <u>Kindness in Motion</u>. Games, inflatables and a DJ will be on hand to add to the celebration.

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

<u>Capital Improvement Program Committee</u> – Thursday, August 22nd, at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

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

Planning & Zoning - Monday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

<u>Board of Selectmen</u> – Monday, September 9th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs 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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