

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

The Connecticut U.S. Senate Republican Primary will be held on Tuesday, August 13th. Voting will take place in the upstairs meeting room at Town Hall. Hours are 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

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

Make plans now to participate in the Colebrook Fair Cardboard Boat Regatta. For years, this has been a highlight of the Fair. 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. Entry forms, cardboard and duct tape are available at Town Hall. Registration will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st, at the Town Pond. Festivities begin at 3 p.m. If you choose not to set sail, please come down to watch. The festivities never disappoint.

Congressman John Larson’s visit to the Community & Senior Center (previously scheduled for Thursday, August 15th) has been postponed until October. Details to follow.

During Co-Director Dana Towers’ upcoming vacation, our Tuesday morning breakfast program at the Center will highlight guest chefs! Our Tuesday, August 20th, breakfast will feature Spice 320 owners Alan Thayer and Rich Marchesseault. Breakfast is served from 8-9:30 a.m. (with last orders taken at 9:15 a.m.). The cost is \$6/person.

The Colebrook Conservation Commission has been working on a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for the Town Plan through a grant from the Farmington River Coordinating Committee. Draft lists of fish, mammals, birds and reptiles/amphibians are posted outside the Town Clerk’s office—and are also available in a binder at the Colebrook Senior and Community Center. Other lists are in process. Stop by the Conservation Commission’s booth at the Colebrook Fair to see winning photos from the NRI Photo Contest and to let us know what natural resources you have witnessed in Colebrook.

Upcoming community events

The Colebrook Historical Society (CHS) will host a “Friday Night Gathering” on August 16th from 7-9 p.m. The social evening will begin at the at the Seymour Inn with conversation and refreshments. At approximately 7:30 p.m., the group will move next door to the Colebrook Town Hall upstairs meeting room for a presentation by noted artist Debra Lill entitled, “*You Can Judge a Book by its Cover.*”

Debra has illustrated the covers of authors, including John Grisham, James Patterson, Danielle Steele, Mary Higgins Clark, Gore Vidal and Catherine Coulter. Her images are a unique blend of photography and illustration intended to evoke a mood and create a sense of time and place. She maintains a studio at the historic Whiting Mills in Winsted and lives in Colebrook. A Q&A session will follow the presentation and the evening will conclude with a return to the Seymour Inn for more refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

Camp Jewell will be hosting their annual fireworks display for Camp Rising Sun on Wednesday, August 21st. This is an annual show, visible from various points around Town. The rain date is Thursday, August 22nd.

On Thursday, August 22nd, Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) will hold Kindergarten Orientation from 5-5:45 p.m. Please RSVP to hmccaw@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.

The Forge Fire Company is planning a ceremonial wetdown for their new fire engine on Saturday, August 24th, with fire companies from neighboring towns participating. The tradition dates back to the late 1800s, when fire departments used horses to pull a fire apparatus to fires. After fighting the fire, the crews would wash and ready the horses and the apparatus in preparation for the next call. The wetdown is part of the Forge Fire Company’s annual open house from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the 24th. Everyone is invited.

On Wednesday, August 28th, CCS will hold 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

Planning & Zoning – Monday, August 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Inland Wetlands – Monday, August 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

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

I’ll be on vacation next week. Please reach out to Karen Odell at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org in my absence.

Our next Town Hall newsletter will be published on Thursday, August 22nd.

Cordially,

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