

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Connecticut law requires municipalities to conduct a general real estate revaluation at least once every five years. The assessment established on the revaluation date is used to determine real estate taxes for the subsequent five years. The Town of Colebrook is scheduled to complete its next revaluation by October 1, 2025, which will be reflected in tax bills due by August 1, 2026.

This week, the Board of Selectmen voted to accept a bid from eQuality Valuation Services, LLC. They were the low bidder from among proposals received. Work will commence this fall.

The Town is accepting applications for energy assistance. Please contact Karen to set an appointment or contact her with any questions at [kodell@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:kodell@colebrooktownhall.org).

On Wednesday, September 18th, Colebrook Consolidated School students and staff will join their counterparts from Barkhamsted, Hartland and Norfolk at Barkhamsted Elementary School's River Day event. All students in grades K-6 will enjoy a day of outdoor learning, including hiking and talks on insect life, fly tying and casting, and beaver habitats.

Northwestern Regional School District #7 is looking for veterans, retired policemen and first responders who need assistance with fall cleanup for its participation in the House of Heroes Project. This initiative includes assistance around the house, performing minor home repairs and improvements—at no cost to recipients. If you are familiar with anyone who might benefit, please email Diane Barrett at [dbarrett@nwr7.org](mailto:dbarrett@nwr7.org) or call 860.379.1084, extension 2401.

The Wall That Heals, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center, will be on display at Charter Oak Park in Manchester, Conn., from September 19th through the 22nd. The Wall That Heals is a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Learn more [here](#).

Members of our Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning commissions are required to participate in ongoing training and certification. We appreciate their time, both in serving the Town and for their participation in continuing education on our behalf. On a related note, Inland Wetlands member Dennis Gomez has been recognized by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection for completing the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program earlier this year.

Upcoming community events

This Sunday, September 15th, at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room the Colebrook Land Conservancy is sponsoring a presentation entitled, "Bats are Good Guys," by Gerri Griswold. Gerri is Director of Administration and Development at The White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield and has handled bats and porcupines for thirty years as a wildlife rehabilitator and educator. Admission is free. Refreshments will follow.

Next Friday, September 20th, the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) will host its annual STAND DOWN event. Its purpose is to support Connecticut's Veterans, Active Duty,

National Guard and Reserve military personnel, and their immediate families by providing “one stop” access to a range of programs and services. Learn more [here](#).

On Sunday, September 29th, at 2 p.m. at the Little Red Barn brewery in Winsted, the Beardsley Library will be hosting a celebration for its 150th anniversary. Tickets are \$35/person and include one drink, appetizers, dessert, a door prize ticket, a keepsake glass, historical library booklets, music and a good time with the librarians. You can learn more [here](#) and purchase tickets [here](#).

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5th, when the Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) fifth grade class will host its annual Pumpkin & Mum Sale from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school parking lot. In addition to pumpkins & mums, hot food, coffee and cider will be available, along with raffle prizes and a bake sale. Proceeds benefit the CCS 2026 class trip.

Later that day, the Colebrook Associates present Oktoberfest from 4-6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall. Beer, wine, gin, kombucha tea, and food and music will be featured. Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling 860.469.2208 or by emailing [colebrookassociates@gmail.com](mailto:colebrookassociates@gmail.com).

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance – Thursday, September 12th, at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs meeting room)

Board of Assessment Appeals – Thursday, September 19th, at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org), or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

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