

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Due to extremely high fire danger across the state, ALL open burning in Colebrook is strictly prohibited until further notice. This includes ALL leaf burning, and the use of fire pits and chimineas, without exception. Please exercise extreme caution, especially when disposing of smoking materials outdoors.

As of noon today, 241 votes have been cast since early voting began on October 21<sup>st</sup> (out of approximately 1,100 registered voters in town). Early voting will continue in the upstairs meeting room in Town Hall through Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily—except for today (October 31<sup>st</sup>) when early voting hours are extended until 8 p.m. On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The Post Office drainage project is underway. The budget is approximately \$15,000 (plus the cost to re-stripe the parking area) and will be paid from our Post Office maintenance reserve budget, which has a balance of approximately \$80,000, and can only be used for expenditures specifically related to the Post Office.

We are moving forward this week with drilling our new Town Hall well. The budget is approximately \$16,000 and is funded by a grant from the Draper Foundation Fund, a fund of the Northwest CT Community Foundation. We researched various options for location of the well. Ultimately, at the recommendation of the Farmington Valley Health District, the well is being drilled behind the Seymour Inn building, the location of the Colebrook Historical Society.

Anyone interested in applying for the position of highway maintainer for the Town should contact me at [bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org) for more details.

The Colebrook Associates are sponsoring a mental health awareness training called QRP (Question, Persuade, Refer.) QRP is a suicide prevention initiative designed to help people recognize the signs of declining mental health—and learn ways to help those in need. You can register [here](#).

A wooden Colebrook Conservation Commission plaque recognizing Jeb Burrows for his donation to the trail linking the Town Pond and Colebrook Consolidated School has gone missing. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts should contact Debi McKeon at Town Hall at [dmckeon@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:dmckeon@colebrooktownhall.org)

### **Upcoming community events**

Colebrook Consolidated School will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the school. Community members are cordially invited to join students, staff and alumni for the festivities.

Northwestern Regional School District #7 is hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. in the school cafeteria at 100 Battistoni Drive in Winsted, with a program to follow from 9-10 a.m. in the auditorium. Veterans should RSVP to Gail at 860.379.8525, ext. 2100, or [grogers@nwr7.org](mailto:grogers@nwr7.org).

Later that day, the Colebrook Community & Senior Center will be hosting a Veterans Day Lunch at noon. Veterans are free. Guests and community members are \$7.

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. the Colebrook Historical Society is hosting a special concert at the Colebrook Congregational Church. World-renowned violinist Stephanie Chase will perform “Inspired by Bach,” a recital honoring the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach’s Six Sonatas and Partitas for violin solo, and other works. Admission is free.

### **Upcoming municipal board meetings**

Board of Ed – Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m., at Colebrook Consolidated School

Planning & Zoning – Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org), or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Happy Halloween,

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