

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

As noted in recent weeks, due to severe drought conditions, 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.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, the Colebrook Associates is sponsoring the first of two mental health awareness training workshops called Question, Response, Refer. The goal is to help everyone recognize the signs of declining mental health—and help those in need. A second session will be held on Sunday, November 17th, at 2 p.m., at Town Hall.

At a joint BOS/BOF meeting in late-October, December 10th was established as the date for a Town-wide referendum to allow taxpayers to consider a proposed 20-year, \$4.9 million Tax Stabilization Agreement with Wind Colebrook South. Polls will be open from noon-8 p.m. Wind Colebrook South owns and operates the wind turbine facility on 17 and 29 Flagg Hill Road in Colebrook.

In advance of the December 10th referendum, the Town will host a Public Informational Hearing on Monday, November 25th, at 7 p.m. to enable residents to share opinions, ask questions and learn more prior to the December 10th vote.

More than 60 parents, alumni and community members joined staff and students at Colebrook Consolidated School last week to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary. Alumni and local residents Ed Lord and Jake Thompson spoke. State Representative Jay Case presented the school with a citation from the State of Connecticut, and a flag marking the occasion.

Earlier this week, more than 50 veterans and guests attended our Veterans Day lunch at the Colebrook Community & Senior Center. Veteran and past Colebrook First Selectman Christopher Johnstone delivered remarks.

The Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) Class of 2027 is designing a wall calendar of artwork submitted by CCS students. Proceeds from calendar sales will benefit the 6th grade class trip to Nature's Classroom. Business card-sized ads will be included on the calendar for \$20. Learn more [here](#), or by contacting Mary Stauffer at maryhubbard86@gmail.com.

The Colebrook Community & Senior Center Quilters & Crafters is raffling a Handmade Tulip Quilt on December 7th. Tickets are \$1 apiece and can be purchased by contacting seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org. The Center is also hosting a Grief Support Series beginning Thursday, November 21st at 6 p.m. The series will be run by hospice-trained Paula Petty-Barber, RN, and will take place on alternate Thursdays over a 16-week period. Reach out to seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org to learn more.

The Colebrook Lions Club is selling poinsettias to support scholarships and charitable outreach. Learn more [here](#), or contact Maureen Judge at maureenjudge7@gmail.com.

Upcoming community events

On Sunday, November 17th, 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 300th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach's Six Sonatas and Partitas for violin solo, and other works. Admission is free.

The fall play at Northwestern Regional 7 is the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and runs from November 22-24. Tickets can be purchased at <https://nwrtheater.ticketleap.com/>.

The Colebrook Historical Society is hosting its Holiday Open House and Silent Auction on Sunday, December 1st, from 3-5 p.m. Music and refreshments will be provided. The event will conclude with the lighting of the Green.

The Colebrook Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 14th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The day will include breakfast with Santa, a Holiday Fair with vendors, Cookieland, the Holiday Café, and more. You can donate items now for the Children's Shopping Table at the Fair by placing items in the collection bin next to the elevator on the lower level of Town Hall.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Selectmen – Thursday, November 14th, at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)
– This will be a joint meeting with the Norfolk Board of Selectmen to discuss the potential for K-6 educational collaboration.

Rec Board – Tuesday, November 19th, at 7 p.m., at Colebrook Town Hall (Selectmen's 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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