Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection yesterday announced that, effective immediately, the statewide burn ban for Connecticut's State Parks, Forests, and Wildlife Management Areas has been lifted. This decision comes as recent precipitation has significantly improved conditions and lowered the forest fire danger level to LOW-to-MODERATE, statewide. Open burning regulations are now back to normal.

Town Hall will be closed tomorrow and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be pushed back one day this week.

Seventy residents attended a Public Informational Hearing earlier this week to ask questions and learn more about a proposed 20-year, \$4.9 million Tax Stabilization Agreement with Wind Colebrook South. On Monday, December 9th, there will be a special town meeting adjourning to referendum on Tuesday, December 10th, where taxpayers will have an opportunity to consider the proposed agreement and approve, or disapprove. Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office, as provided by law. Requests must be made in person.

Upcoming community events and fundraisers

The Colebrook Community & Senior Center Quilters & Crafters is raffling a Handmade Tulip Quilt on December 7th. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased by contacting seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org.

Colebrook's Annual Children's Christmas Party with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 1-3 p.m. at the Colebrook Center Firehouse at 31 Bunnell St. Bring your little ones, birth through 5th grade, for a visit and receive a gift from Santa. Refreshments and light snacks provided. Feel free to bring a plate of snacks to share. This event has been sponsored by the Colebrook Center Ladies Auxiliary for 61 years!

The Colebrook Historical Society is hosting its Holiday Open House and Silent Auction on Sunday, December 8th, from 3-5 p.m. Music and refreshments will be provided. The event will conclude with the lighting of the trees on 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. Please consider donating items 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. Breakfast with Santa will take place from 9-11 a.m. that day in the lower level of the Colebrook Congregational Church.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at <u>bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org</u>, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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