

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Taxes are due. To avoid penalty, payment must be made by Monday, February 3rd.

Next Thursday, February 6th, Old Creamery Road will be closed from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for State inspection of the Old Creamery Road bridge.

Last Saturday, the Colebrook Fire Department honored 47-year veteran Thomas G. “Tommy” Odell, who passed away on January 16th, with a color guard at his visitation and funeral. You can view his obituary [here](#).

For the last several months, the Town Composting Advisory Committee has been researching ways to enable residents to separate food waste from garbage. To that end, we are in discussion with USA Recycling, our vendor for curbside garbage and recycling pickup, for a “bear-safe” and convenient way to facilitate food composting. Separately, and as part of our next USA Recycling contract, due to take effect this fall, we are looking for ways to make bear-proof garbage cans more affordable for residents.

The Community & Senior Center served a record 48 breakfasts this past Tuesday. We appreciate the hard work of our kitchen volunteers: Betty Foglia; Carol Sherwood; Cindy Fixer; Kate Kennedy; Kathy Riiska-Lovejoy; Kim Janak; Linda Deloy; and Phylis Bernard. Breakfast is \$6 and is served every Tuesday from 8-9:30 a.m. The Center also invites you to be a part of its Breakfast Mug Club. Bring in your own mug from home and receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the month, one person will win free breakfasts for the following month.

Last week, we kicked off research to identify options for replacing our Community & Senior Center bus. We have seed money in the capital budget and will seek grant funds to complement.

The Community & Senior Center is now offering Chair Yoga every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Town Hall upstairs meeting room. To learn more, contact seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org.

The Colebrook Associates food pantry is located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center. Items currently needed include: cake and muffin mixes, and frosting. Donations can be placed inside the pantry drawers.

After seven games, our 5th and 6th grade basketball team is undefeated. Games are Saturday mornings at Pearson School in Winsted. Upcoming games are 2/1 at 8 a.m., 2/8 at 10 a.m. and 2/15 at 8 a.m.

As noted previously, electronic items for recycling may be left at the Town Garage (43 Sandy Brook Road), outside of the storage unit which sits to the right of the garage.

Accepted items include:

- Computers/Monitors/Modems/Printers/Keyboards/Mice
- TVs/VCRs/DVD Players/Video Game Players
- Copiers/Scanners/Fax Machines
- iPods/Personal digital assistants
- Stereos
- Telephones/Cell phones
- Tablets/E-readers
- Microwaves
- Other small appliances

Items NOT accepted include:

- Smoke detectors
- Hazardous materials (lighter fluid/liquids/paint/oils)

Upcoming community events and fundraisers

The Colebrook Fire Department will host its annual ice skating party this Saturday (February 1st) from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Colebrook Recreation Area (behind Town Hall). Come skate under the lights and enjoy hot cocoa, donuts and a warm fire.

The Colebrook Congregational Church is hosting a Valentine Chili Dinner on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) of Colebrook Congregational Church. The price is \$15 for adults. Children under 10 are \$5. First come first serve. For more information, please contact Susan Kenny at 860.738.9831, or skenny9832@charter.net

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Education – Wednesday, February 5th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Consolidated School
Capital Improvement Program Committee – Thursday, February 6th, at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

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

Planning & Zoning – Monday, February 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, February 10th, 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, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Cordially,

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