

COLUMBIA



UPDATE APRIL 2023



TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



Thank you Lions Club! The Columbia LIONS CLUB gifted a large donation to the Town of Columbia to assist in buying a new scoreboard for Columbia Little League. The gift was headed by Lions Club President Mike DiRaimo as part of his 'President's Project'. The current scoreboard was terrific throughout the many years it served the Little League, but it is no longer functioning properly. The new scoreboard will still maintain the sign that honors Jerry Dunnack. Mr. DiRaimo was adamant Jerry Dunnack's memoriam would continue to bless the Little League field. The new scoreboard is expected to arrive in May. From the pitcher's mound with the current scoreboard in the background, President Mike DiRaimo is

presenting First Selectman, Steven Everett and Debbie Fiske, Parks and Recreation Director with their generous donation of \$6,000.

In more Lions news please see pages 20-22 regarding the Annual 4th of July Parade and how you can enter your float in the parade!



Photos by Scot Fortna



TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Public Hearing on the budget with a Financial Planning and Allocation Commission (FiPAC) Special Meeting to follow will be held on 4/26/23.

The Annual Town Budget Meeting will be called by the Board of Selectmen per the Charter between the 2nd Tuesday of May and the 1st Tuesday of June. The date of the Annual Town Budget Meeting will be posted on the town's website at www.columbiact.org and at the Town Clerk's Office.

EVERBRIDGE NOTIFICATIONS: We will from time to time issue an Everbridge Notification with a message from the First Selectman, Steven M. Everett to help keep you informed. If you would like to sign up for Everbridge Notifications please go to the Town's website and on the [Everbridge Notifications](#) tab.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS: To receive Town news please go to the Town's website and click on the [Email Notifications](#) tab.

If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call the Town Administrative Office or the First Selectman at 860-228-0110 or email us at townadministrator@columbiact.org.

Steven M. Everett, First Selectman
Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237
860-228-0110

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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Many meetings will be held by utilizing remote access; however, some meetings are being held in-person. Please check the Town calendar and the Agenda posted for directions on login information if virtual, or the meeting location if in person. Each board or committee will provide the information needed to join using an on-line conferencing platform. Please check the Town of Columbia's [website](#) for updates.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- 4/03/23 Mon: Board of Education, 7:00 PM
- 4/03/23 Mon: Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7:00 PM
- 4/04/23 Tue: Special Town Meeting, 6:45 PM
- 4/04/23 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 4/05/23 Wed: FiPAC Special Meeting with Budget Workshop, 7:00 PM
- 4/05/23 Wed: Lake Management Advisory Committee, 7:00 PM
- 4/10/23 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 4/12/23 Wed: Fiscal Policy Board, 8:30 AM
- 4/12/23 Wed: Economic Development Commission, 7:00 PM
- 4/17/23 Mon: Horace Porter School HVAC Building Committee, 6:00 PM
- 4/18/23 Tue: Hop River Preserve Committee, 5:30 PM
- 4/18/23 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 4/19/23 Wed: Safety Committee, 1:30 PM
- 4/19/23 Wed: Financial Planning & Allocation Commission, 7:00 PM
- 4/20/23 Thur: Open Space Committee, 9:00 AM
- 4/24/23 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 4/26/23 Wed: Public Hearing on Proposed FY 23/24 Budget, 7:00 PM
- 4/26/23 Wed: Financial Planning & Allocation Commission, Immediately Following the Public Hearing
- 4/27/23 Thur: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 PM

Public Comment will be accepted by our dedicated email at PublicInput@columbiact.org or by USPS mail to 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT 06237 and must be received prior to the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting).

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

ASSESSORS OFFICE: The Renter's Relief program will begin April 1 and will run through October 1st. You will need proof of rent payments and utilities paid in the 2022 calendar year.

HOMEOWNERS ELDERLY RELIEF PROGRAM

If you filed for the Homeowners elderly relief program in 2022, you do not need to file this year. Persons who filed in 2021 will need to apply by May 15th. Please call our office and we will instruct you on what you need to supply our office and how to get that to us.

Motor Vehicle Adjustments: In order to have a motor vehicle bill adjusted we need two forms of proof because the tax is a car tax not a road tax.

- The first is a copy of your motor vehicle plate return receipt
- The second is something proving you got rid of the vehicle. For a list of accepted proofs look on the assessor's website or call the office.
- If you traded a vehicle and kept the same plate do not bring us any documentation because DMV will automatically process the adjustments.

Income and Expense Forms: Connecticut General Statute 12-63c requires all owners of rental real property to annually file an Income and Expense form with the Assessor's Office by June 1st.. The information filed and furnished with this report will remain confidential and is not open to public inspection. Any information related to the actual rental and operating expenses shall not be a public record and is not subject to the provisions of Section 1-19 (Freedom of Information) of the Connecticut General Statutes. All properties that are rented or leased, including commercial, retail, industrial, land and residential properties, except "such property used for residential purposes, containing not more than six dwelling units and in which the owner resides" must file and in the case of a non-residential property that is partially rented and partially owner-occupied.

In accordance with Section 12-63c(d), of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, any owner of rental real property who fails to file this form or files an incomplete or false form with intent to defraud, shall be subject to a penalty assessment equal to a Ten Percent (10%) increase in the assessed value of such property.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

ASSESSORS OFFICE CONTINUED: The Assessor's Office personnel is available Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon, Thursdays 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. until Noon. Our telephone number is 228-9555. Email is mhawley@columbiact.org.

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER: The Beckish Senior Center welcomes SPRING! We were lucky to have a mild winter and hopefully a beautiful spring to come with many buds on the trees, daffodils, and crocus blooming.

On that note, we are excited that we will be offering new exercise classes. They begin on April 3, 2023, featuring Clancy's HITT and Fit. This is a family owned and operated business striving each day to motivate others to live a healthy and happy lifestyle.

- Each Monday and Wednesday will feature Dance Fit from 8:45am to 9:45 am.
- Monday afternoon from 1:30pm to 2:30pm an All-Level Gentle Yoga class is offered.
- Friday mornings, 8:45am to 9:45am, Clancy HIIT and Fit will have a class on Strength & Mobility.

Beginning April 11, 2023, and every Tuesday thereafter, starting at 2:30pm, please join Susan in line dancing. Please call to reserve your spot!

The TAI CHI class is offered every Tuesday afternoons from 1pm to 2pm.

We hope to see everyone at one or all of the classes. Let's get moving!

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES:

ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Elderly and disabled homeowners who qualify can apply for reduced property taxes on their homes until May 15, 2023. This year's income limits are \$40,300 maximum for an individual and \$49,100 for a couple. All gross income is counted including Social Security benefits. Documents you will need: Signed 1040 Federal Tax form (if you file); Social Security Statement (SSA-1099); Pension Statement; Bank Interest Statement; Any other Income. Applicants must be disabled or 65+ as of 2022. Contact the Columbia Assessor's office at 860-228-9555 to apply. Please feel free to contact Katie Wilt at Columbia Social Services with questions or assistance in applying!

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

Need help with Medicare costs? The Medicare Savings Program may be able to help! You may qualify for help from the State of CT to pay your Medicare premiums and other Medicare costs if your monthly income is less than \$2,989 for a single person and \$4,042 for a couple. These are the current income guidelines as of March 1, 2023. There is no asset test! CHOICES (CT's program for Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, Eligibility Screening, <https://portal.ct.gov/ADS-Choices>) counselors are available to discuss if you are eligible by calling 1-800-994-9422.

Applications for the Medicare Savings Program can be found online at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicare-Savings-Program/Medicare-Savings-Program>

Please feel free to contact Katie Wilt, Columbia Community Social Services Coordinator, at 860-228-1008 with any questions, for an application, or assistance in applying!

Katie Wilt | Community Social Services Coordinator

kwilt@columbiact.org

860-228-1008

(Office hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm)

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: April Showers bring May flowers..... rain or shine, we hope you join the Recreation Department program fun as Spring springs! Join an activity today!

March Recap: March Madness and St. Patty's Day fun highlighted the month of March. Our Youth Basketball program wrapped up the season with exciting playoff games and crowned champions.



5th/6th Girls Champs!



7th/8th Girls Championship Game

St. Patty's Day fun was enjoyed on a 'warm' evening at Rec Park. November Sound played their beautiful music, leprechauns hid, shamrocks too, and kids had fun hunting all and posing for photos. Hot chocolate was enjoyed, and a few arts and crafts created too. Here are a few photos from the event:



In search of sneaky



Successful Leprechaun



St. Patty's Day coloring after treasures found

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):



Photo time!



Strike the pose....



Some delish hot cocoa after the Leprechaun hunt



Never too old for some Leprechaun fun!



Bring on the St. Patty's Day spirit!



Hot Cocoa with marshmallows brings smiles to all...



Father/son tandem showing very impressive coloring skills

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):



Happy St. Patty's Day!



November Sound bringing the music

Upcoming Events:



Playground Games ~ Thursday, April 13th @ Rec Park, Upper Pavilion: 5:00pm

Freeze Tag, kickball, Capture the Flag. Let out some energy and enjoy free play!

Coming in May! Yoga @ the Beach ~ Tuesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Wear comfortable **clothing, bring a towel/mat, and water bottle. Start off your day with exercise that will have you feeling relaxed and ready to tackle the day.**



2-4-1 Sports Camp:

August 14th – 18th.

Looking for a unique, fun-filled camp for your child this summer? 2-4-1 Sports Camp may be what you are looking for. See flyer for more information or [click here](#) for website.

Award Winning Multi-Sport Camp

Rec Park at Top Pavilion
August 14-18, 2023
9am-3pm (before/after care available)
Financial Aid Available

Camp to be held at Horace Porter if inclement weather



Scan me for more info

Offered in Partnership with Columbia Parks and Recreation

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

AROUND TOWN:

An evening of Co-ed Pickleball in March

Around Town: An evening of Co-ed Pickleball in March



Going for the spike!



Making a play...



Bump!



Making a dive for it!



Teamwork!



Great form!



Going for the Serve...



Co-ed Volleyball Fun!

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED): Lake fun is just around the corner! Due to a generous gift from the EHHD to encourage active living, Parks and Rec is the proud owner of 3 new paddle boards. They will be available for FREE 'rental' this summer.



Indoor pickleball fun...



Columbia Lake on a beautiful afternoon in late March

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

EXERCISE PROGRAMS:

FIT FUSION ~ *Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 4:30-5:30 PM @ Yeoman's Hall. Join instructor Carolyn Ritchie for a total body workout for all fitness levels.

ZUMBA ~ Tuesdays, 7-8 PM @ Yeoman's Hall. Join instructor Martin Ricardo for an exhilarating, heart pumping dance class. Fun & Fitness all in one!

COMMIT ~ Wednesdays, 7-8 PM @ Yeoman's Hall. Join Instructor Karen Ricardo for a fun, high intensity interval training style dance class from music all over the world. All ages, fitness levels and abilities welcome!



FIT FUSION
MON. WED. & FRI
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
YEOMANS HALL

Bring...

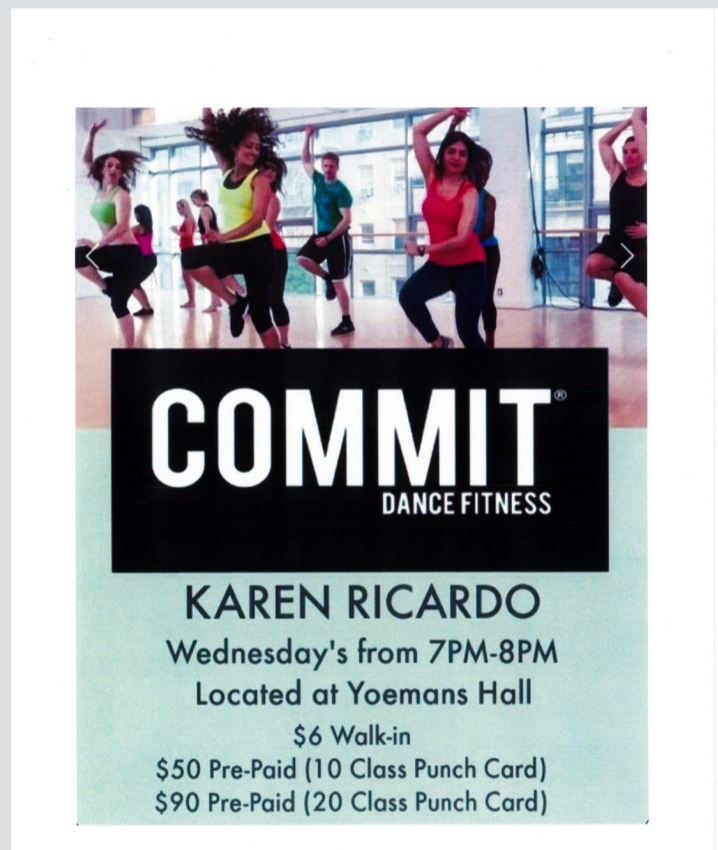
- Water bottle
- Mat
- Exercise band (if you want)
- A friend!

\$6 WALK-IN
\$50 PREPAID
(10 CLASS PUNCHCARD)

A FUSION OF ALL DISCIPLINES: CARDIO, MUSCLE, CORE AND BALANCE TO ROUND OUT A COMPLETE WORKOUT.

Carol is a veteran group fitness instructor with a background in aerobics, step, core & muscle conditioning, Pilates, interval conditioning, Senior Fitness, Tabata Bootcamp, Bigger Losers Live, and HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training).

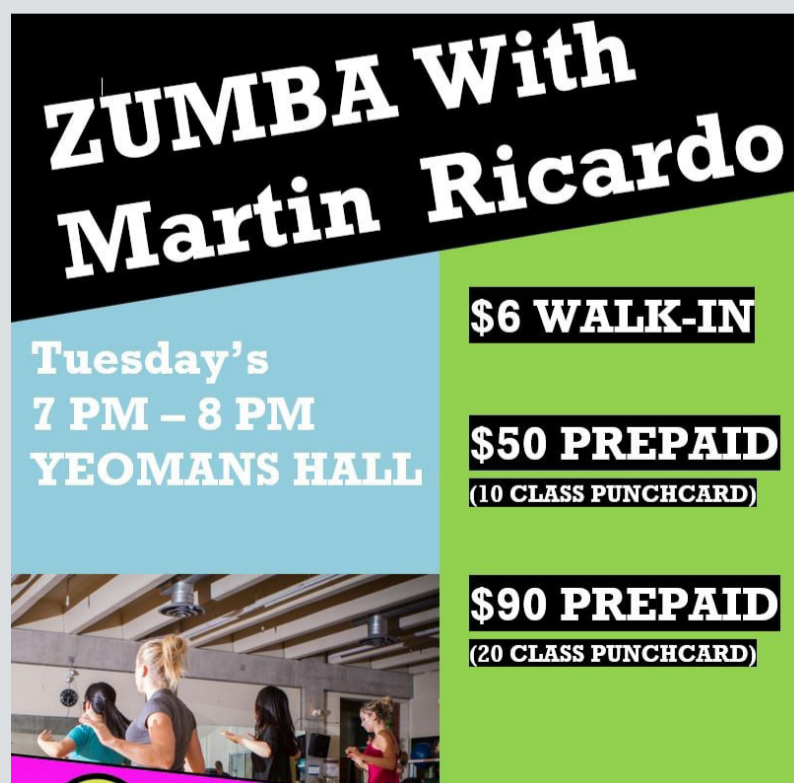
Columbia Parks & Recreation
860-228-8513
recreation@columbiact.org
http://columbia.recdesk.com



COMMIT
DANCE FITNESS

KAREN RICARDO
Wednesday's from 7PM-8PM
Located at Yeomans Hall

\$6 Walk-in
\$50 Pre-Paid (10 Class Punch Card)
\$90 Pre-Paid (20 Class Punch Card)



ZUMBA With Martin Ricardo

Tuesday's
7 PM – 8 PM
YEOMANS HALL

\$6 WALK-IN
\$50 PREPAID
(10 CLASS PUNCHCARD)
\$90 PREPAID
(20 CLASS PUNCHCARD)

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

ADULT PROGRAMS: Registration open for all adult programs can be done online through RecDesk or a walk-in option. [Click here](#) to register online.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Tuesdays, 7-9 PM @ Horace Porter School

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Wednesdays, 7-9 PM @ Horace Porter School

INDOOR PICKLEBALL: Thursdays, 6-8 PM @ Horace Porter School

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Mondays, 7-9 PM @ Horace Porter School



COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION

Spring 2023 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Wednesday, 7-9 PM

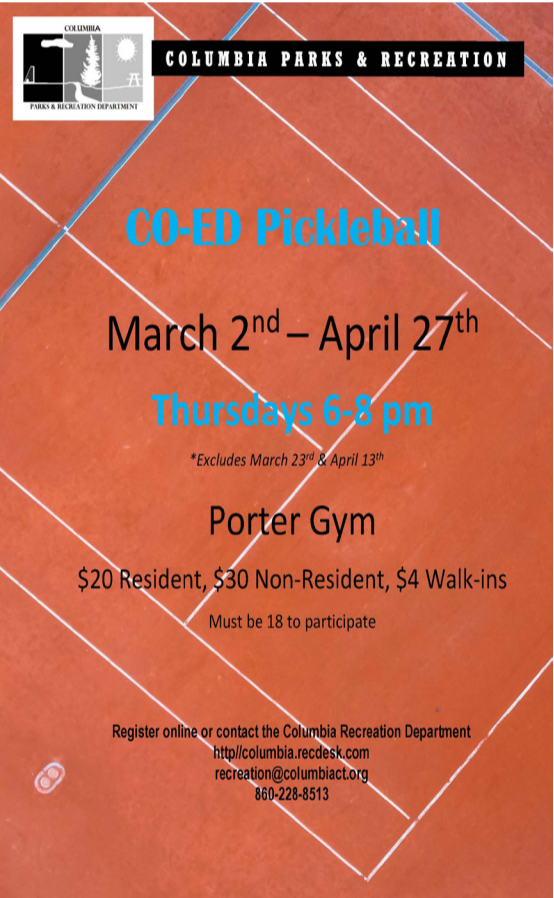
March 1st – April 26th
**Excludes April 12th*

Porter Gym

\$20 Resident, \$30 Non-Resident, \$4 walk-in

Must be 18 to participate

Register online or contact the Columbia Recreation Department
<http://columbia.recdesk.com>
recreation@columbiact.org
860-228-8513



COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION

CO-ED Pickleball

March 2nd – April 27th

Thursdays 6-8 pm

**Excludes March 23rd & April 13th*

Porter Gym

\$20 Resident, \$30 Non-Resident, \$4 Walk-ins

Must be 18 to participate

Register online or contact the Columbia Recreation Department
<http://columbia.recdesk.com>
recreation@columbiact.org
860-228-8513



COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

\$20 Residents
\$30 for non-Residents
\$4 walk ins

February 28th – May 25th

Tuesdays 7-9PM

Porter Gym

**Excludes April 11th*

**Must be 18 to participate*

Register online or contact the Columbia Recreation Department
<http://columbia.recdesk.com>
recreation@columbiact.org
860-228-8513

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED): SURVEY: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parks and Recreation survey. We have reviewed the responses and greatly appreciated your comments and feedback. With the information received, we look forward to implementing many of your suggestions over the next few years. Go to: <https://www.columbiact.org/recreation> and scroll down to supporting documents to see general summary results.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boat and Kayak Mooring Lottery: The Town of Columbia will hold its annual Boat Mooring Lottery at the Board of Selectmen meeting on **Tuesday, April 18th**. Any resident wishing to enter the lottery should submit a lottery application to the Parks and Recreation Department **no later than Friday, April 14th @ noon**. The purpose of the lottery is twofold. First, it establishes eligibility to rent a mooring (since there are usually more applicants than available moorings). Second, it establishes the order in which residents will choose the location of their boat mooring. Those awarded a mooring will be notified.*Applications can be found [HERE](#) or go to the Town website, Recreation, Boat and Kayak Moorings

WE'RE HIRING: SWIM INSTRUCTORS Swim Instructors needed. Not certified? We will cover the training and certification. Call the Rec office for more details.

Sponsors needed: Looking to partner with Columbia Parks and Recreation? Being a sponsor is a great way to promote your business to the community. We are currently making plans for many upcoming events where sponsorship is needed: Summer Concert Series, Dinner and a Dip, Road Race, and swim races to name a few. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department to sponsor a sign at Rec Park or one of our major events.



A heartfelt **THANK YOU to Columbia Crossfit** for being a 2023 Platinum Sponsor. **Columbia Crossfit** joined the Discovery Zone Learning Center as lead sponsors for the Parks and Recreation Department.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED): A PEAK INTO SUMMERTIME FUN....

TOC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!

Mark your calendar for live music on the green and at Rec Park. More Details to follow.



**SUMMER CONCERT
SERIES LINE-UP**

June 14th Bruce John
@ Town Green

June 27th Night shift
@ Rec Park

July 12th Audacity
@ Rec Park

August 16th Cover 2 Cover
@ Rec Park

An evening of Live Music, Food
Drinks and Community Fun

Debbie Fiske, Director of Parks & Recreation

323 Route 87, Columbia, CT, 06237

recreation@columbiact.org or 860-228-8513

HOURS: Mon-Wed: 8am-4pm, Thurs: 8am-6pm, Fri: 8am-12pm

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

TAX DEPARTMENT: The last day to pay the second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes without a penalty was February 1, 2023. Taxes not paid on or before February 1, 2023 will be charged interest at the rate of 1½% per month (18% per year) from the due date of January 1, 2023 (6% for Jan., Feb., March & April). The minimum interest charged is \$2.00 (per vehicle). Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or interest per CT State Statute. Bills are not sent for the second installment.

Please be aware that using the official US blue post office box may not guarantee the postmark of the day you drop it in the box.

Mailing address for tax payments: Town of Columbia, Dept # 347, PO Box 150512, Hartford, CT 06115-0512

Drop boxes for payments and correspondence are located at the right side of the entrance of the Town Hall and in front of Yeoman's Hall. The drop boxes are emptied at 8:00AM each weekday, weekend tax payments are processed on Monday. Tax payments put in the drop box after 8:00AM will be processed the next day the **Tax Office** is open.

Regular office hours for the TAX OFFICE: Monday through Wednesday 8:00-2:00, Thursday 10:00-6:00 and **closed on Friday**.

You can view and pay taxes online. Service fees for tax payments are, .95 cents to use a bank account and 2.95% for credit and debit cards.

To find your tax bills online:

- go to www.columbiact.org and click on the pay taxes online tab.
- on the next page click on the square that says view/pay tax bills.
- the search criteria will need to be entered exactly how the tax bill is written. last name, space, and your first initial.

You can also utilize this site to look up your payment history. Locate your bill using the instructions above, then hover over the icons in the option column and select tax payment history. If you have any problems using the online system, please contact the Tax Office at 860-228-0230 or taxcollector@columbiact.org and we will gladly assist you.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

TAX DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED): For those seeking an immediate clearance for DMV due to delinquent taxes please contact the Tax Office at 860-228-0230 or taxcollector@columbiact.org for information on the process. Paying the tax bill online does not clear you immediately at DMV. You will need to contact the tax office during the tax office hours for assistance.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: The Town Clerk's office is fully open to the public. We are here for all those services that you might need – Recording and Searching of Land Records, Marriage licenses, Certified copies of Vital Records, Fishing and Hunting licenses, Dog Licenses, Transfer Station stickers, etc.. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

For your convenience, there is a large white drop box outside the doors to Yeoman's Hall. This box can be used to drop off items for the Town Clerk and is shared with other offices in Town Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us (860-228-3284) or reach out to us by email – Robin (townclerk@columbiact.org) or Gail (atownclerk@columbiact.org).

Happy Spring!!

NON-MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT NEWS AND INFORMATION

COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: THE CVFD NEEDS YOU!



**167 ROUTE 66
P.O. BOX 26
COLUMBIA, CT 06237**

**PHONE: 860-228-9602
WEBSITE: COLUMBIAFIRES.ORG**

LEARN MORE!

SCAN HERE



**TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION, EMAIL:
MEMBERSHIP@COLUMBIAFIRES.ORG**



**COLUMBIA
VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
WANTS
YOU!**

**JOIN OUR TEAM
TO PROTECT LIVES
& PROPERTY**

**GET INVOLVED IN YOUR
COMMUNITY**

FULL TRAINING PROVIDED, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

- LEARN NEW SKILLS
- HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS
- POTENTIAL FOR TAX ABATEMENT

EMS
POSITIONS FOR EMTS AND EMRS

TOGETHER WE WILL:

- TREAT, STABILIZE, AND TRANSPORT PATIENTS
- RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND TRAUMAS





**COLUMBIA
FIRE DEPARTMENT
AMBULANCE**

FIRE
POSITIONS FOR FIREFIGHTERS & PUMP OPERATORS

TOGETHER WE WILL:

- SUPPRESS ALL TYPES OF FIRES
- EXTRACT VICTIMS AT FIRES & VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
- PERFORM SEARCH AND RESCUE
- PERFORM WATER AND ICE RESCUES

CADETS
FOR APPLICANT AGES 16 & 17

- GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR FUTURE
- MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

NON-MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT NEWS AND INFORMATION

COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB:

COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB

Mike DiRaimo, President
Tim Anderson, Secretary
Richard Mlyniec, Treasurer



Meets 2nd & 4th Monday of every month

"WE SERVE"

P.O. Box No. 1
Columbia, Connecticut 06237

March 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Columbia and the Columbia Lions Club are sponsoring the Annual July 4th Independence Day parade here in Columbia. We are extending an invitation to your organization to join us in celebration of our nation's independence. As usual it is our goal to make this year's parade "the biggest and best ever" and to do this we need your participation.

The theme for this year's parade is "Let Freedom Ring". **We have increased the cash prizes that will be awarded for the floats that best represent this year's theme!** First prize is \$250, second \$150, and third \$100. The parade will commence at 10:00 am on the morning of **TUESDAY, JULY 4TH 2023**. The parade route is approximately 1.1 miles long. Please reference the enclosed Parade Orders and map for further details.

Please email confirmation as soon as your group has decided to participate. We look forward to having a great parade and would love to have you be a part of it!

Sincerely,

Marc Czarnowski
Parade Chairman
(860) 942-0471
ColumbiaCtLions@gmail.com

NON-MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT NEWS AND INFORMATION

COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB:

PARADE ORDERS JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

ASSEMBLY: - (See Sketch Map)

1. **FLOATS:** Parking at Horace Porter School. Check in with Parade Unit Control by 8:15 to be eligible for judging.
2. **FIRE TRUCKS:** Trucks will Park in Firehouse Driveway and overflow into the Bank lot as needed. Check in with Parade Unit Control by 9:30.
3. **BANDS, MARCHING UNITS, DRILL TEAMS, BUSES etc.:** Assemble at Horace Porter School by 9:00. Check with Parade Unit Control for line of March to be announced that morning. Vehicles will proceed to pickup area at Lake Road. (see map)

In an attempt to reduce traffic congestion in the area of the fire house, please make every effort to arrive with your group. Ample parking is available in the field behind Horace Porter School.

JUDGING:

1. **FLOATS:** Judging will start promptly at 8:30 and will be completed by 9:30. To be eligible for awards, floats must be ready for judging at the appointed time. Awards will be presented at 9:45.

Please keep the parade route (see map) and potential obstacles in mind when designing your float.

2. **MARCHING UNITS, BANDS:** Units will be judged at the Judging Stand (see map).
3. **AWARDS:** The Float that best captures the theme will be awarded the following cash prizes:
1st Place = \$250.
2nd Place = \$150.
3rd Place = \$100.

Ribbons will be awarded to the Floats in the following categories:

- Artistic Float
- Float Organization

PARADE MARCH ORDER: This will be established by the parade Committee (considering strategic positions for Police & Fire Units) on the morning of the parade.

PARADE KICK-OFF: Promptly at 10:00 a.m.

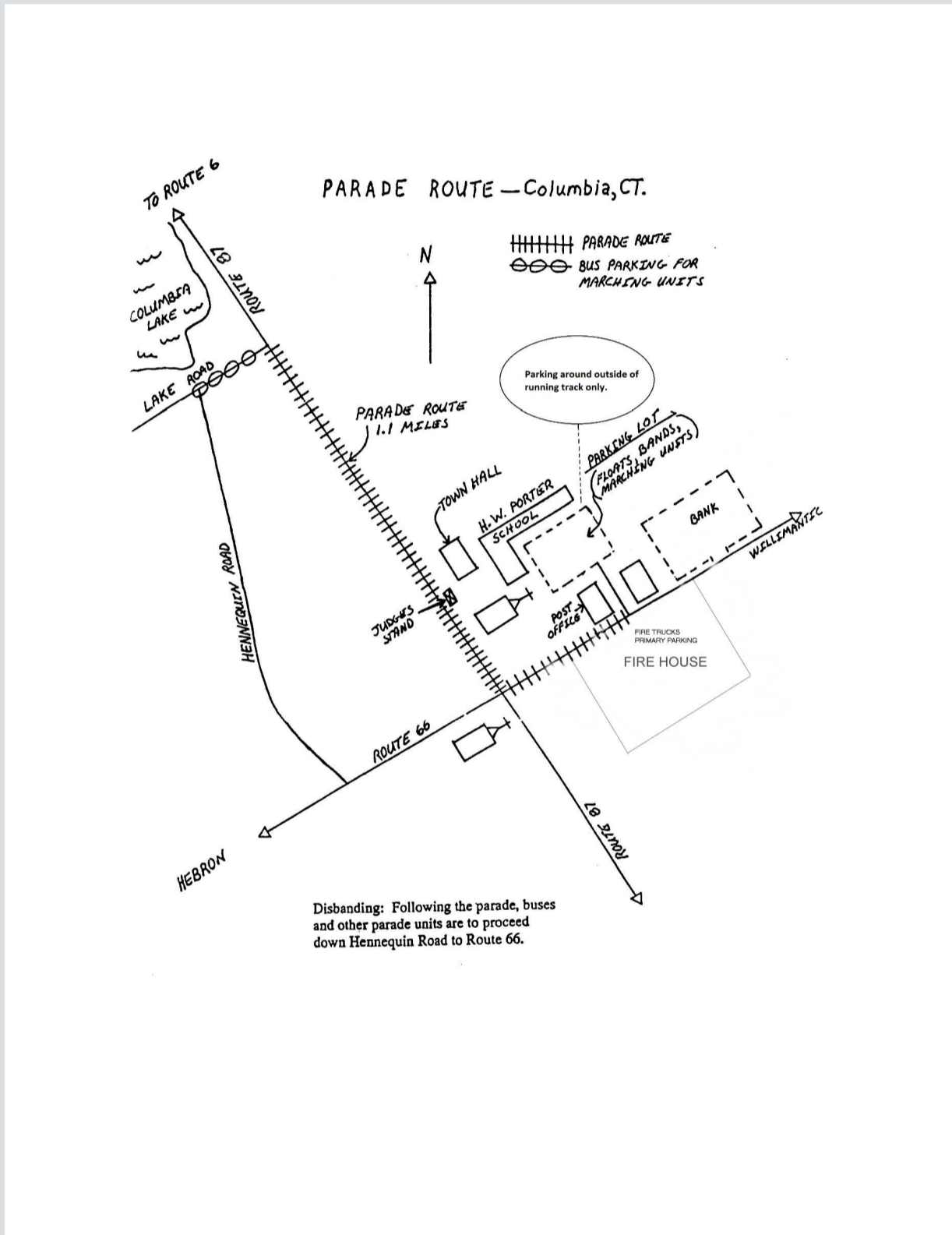
PLEASE NOTE: While many parade attendees enjoy getting wet, many do not: we ask that you exercise common sense and discretion in the use of water dispensing apparatus!!

REFRESHMENTS:

The Columbia Lions Club will provide free beverages following the parade. Location of beverage stand is along Lake Road.

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COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB:



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COLUMBIA DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE: The Columbia Democrats are hosting our annual Democrat of the Year event. This year we will be honoring William O'Brien.

Bill has lived in Columbia for most of his life and has served on the Board of Selectmen since 2009. He is also a member of the Economic Development Committee. He is the former chairman of the Columbia Youth Services Committee and has served on the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission, the Library Board of the Saxton B. Little Free Library, and the AHM Juvenile Review Board. We will recognize his leadership skills and thank him for his contributions to the town of Columbia.

The Wine Social will be held on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm at the Heartstone Winery, 468 RTE. 87, Columbia, CT.

Please join us as we honor a Columbia Democrat. A donation of \$20.00 per person would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Judy Ortiz at 860-208-9881.

Please Join Us

for a Democratic  Town Committee

Wine Social

This Celebration will honor




William O'Brien

SUNDAY, April 16th, 2023
11:00am-2:00pm

Heartstone Winery
468 Rte.87, Columbia

A donation of \$20 per person at the door would be appreciated
Or mail checks with names payable to Columbia DTC

RSVP by 4/8/2023 to Judy Ortiz
15 Columbia Landing, Columbia, CT 06237
(860) 208-9881 jortiz6151@gmail.com

Paid for by Columbia Democratic Town Committee, Judith S Ortiz, Treasurer

NON-MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY: Happy Holidays to all.

April at the Library is going to be busy! Please join us:

- At East Willow Farm for info on starting seed, Tue April 4th
- Make Bunnie Stuffies on Thurs April 13
- Swap out those winter puzzles for something new – Puzzle swap begins April 17 and will go all week as supplies last!
- Join us every third Wed at 5:30 for our local chapter of the national Silent Read Book Group.
- Thurs April 27, come learn how to make play-doh, silly putty and more with Coolology

As always, check our calendar and website for more! And don't forget any one of our 5 adult book groups are always welcoming new members, one is bound to have a book of interest!

Columbia Stitchers meets every Wed and Columbia Writer's Connection the last Wed of the month!

The town of Columbia is currently involved in the annual budget process. Your participation is important – stay involved!

See you in the Library!

To sign up for a program or get more information, visit our website at: www.columbiactlibrary.org. Call us: (860) 228-0350 or email: SBL@columbiactlibrary.org

Sue Epstein, Library Director

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COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**BREAKFAST ON
EASTER SUNDAY**

SCRAMBLED EGGS MAPLE GINGER GLAZED HAM
COUNTRY STYLE HOME FRIES YOGURT BAR

FREE APRIL 9 TH 7:30 -9:30 AM COMMUNITY HALL



EASTER SERVICES

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH
6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE AT CAMP
ASTO WAMAH, 42 RT. 87
7:30 - 9:30 AM BREAKFAST AT CHURCH
10:00 AM EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY



2nd Saturday Community Breakfast Saturday April 15th

Share Food and Joy with
Family and Friends
8 AM to 11 AM
All you can eat \$12; Special Rates for
Families with Children

Note: April's Breakfast is
moving to April 15th



Buffet includes design-your-own omelets, Belgian waffles, corned beef hash and two other meats, hash browns, scrambled eggs, fruit and home baked goods. Lots of choices!

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COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are all part of Columbia's history. Preservation of that history needs your assistance. The non-profit Columbia Historical Society was formed in 1966 with 112 charter members. By becoming a new member, you will help the Society further its mission to encourage historical research, to hold meetings on historical subjects for members and the public and to discover, collect and preserve whatever pertains to Columbia's history. Memberships may be paid for online at our website at www.columbia-history.org. *Please consider becoming a member of the Society.*

Columbia Historical Society MEMBERSHIP May 2023 – April 2024

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____
Email _____

Type of Membership: Individual (\$20/year) Family (\$30/year) Please circle Membership type and make checks payable to Columbia Historical Society.

A payment for membership of \$ _____ or a donation of \$ _____ is included. Payments may be made electronically by visiting our website at www.columbia-history.org

If you would like to support the Columbia Historical Society with your time and share special interests, please check which of the following activities may be of interest to you.

Cataloguing the collection Working on exhibits Sharing genealogy skills

Helping at programs Helping with publicity Sharing historical interests

Helping with newsletter Helping with website / technology

Other (list skill you would like to share) _____

Mail to: Columbia Historical Society, P.O. Box 551, Columbia CT 06237

Your membership/donation is deductible as a charitable donation to the extent it exceeds any goods/or services received. Visit our website at www.columbia-history.org to learn more about us. Thank you.

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COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (CONTINUED):

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

On April 28th the Columbia Historical Society will host our annual meeting. It will be held at the Columbia Congregational Church Hall, 325 Rte. 87, in Columbia. The hours are between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Please bring appetizers to share. Our speaker will be author and historian, Marty Podskoch who will give a Power Point presentation on the 90th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps and its work in Connecticut. Please support the Columbia Historical Society while learning about the CCC and how the program helped Connecticut.

The 90th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: its History and Work in Connecticut



Photo caption: These 17 boys from Camp Fernow in Eastford are ready to cut trees in the Natchaug SF with a forester (front row, left) and the foreman seated in the truck. CT CCC Museum

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