

# TOWN OF COLUMBIA



MONTHLY COMMUNITY UPDATE



*PHOTO CREDITS PAUL RAMSEY*

# UPDATE August 2021



## TOWN OF COLUMBIA

### OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

I would like to thank the Columbia Lions Club and all the parade participants for another terrific Independence Day Parade. This year seemed all the more special because last year's parade was canceled due to the Corona virus.



Photo credit: Scot Fortna



I would also like to thank Joyce Kearns for her donation of several large red, white and blue buntings that we have used on several of our buildings. The additional buntings added to the patriotic theme throughout Columbia

Enjoy the many opportunities available to you in town. See a concert or sign-up for the 5k road race, grab a great meal at the Columbia Lions Chicken

BBQ on August 15th from noon to 3 PM at Rec Park, take a walk on one of the many [town trails](#), enjoy Rec Park with a game of pickle ball or a game of basketball, relax at beautiful Columbia Lake, stop in and have lunch or dinner at one of Columbia's restaurants, or take part of some of the wonderful programs at Saxton B. Little Library.

Thank you and please be safe.

Steven M. Everett, First Selectman

severett@columbiact.org

860-228-0110

*(More photos of the parade courtesy of Scot Fortna can be viewed on the Town of Columbia's website.)*



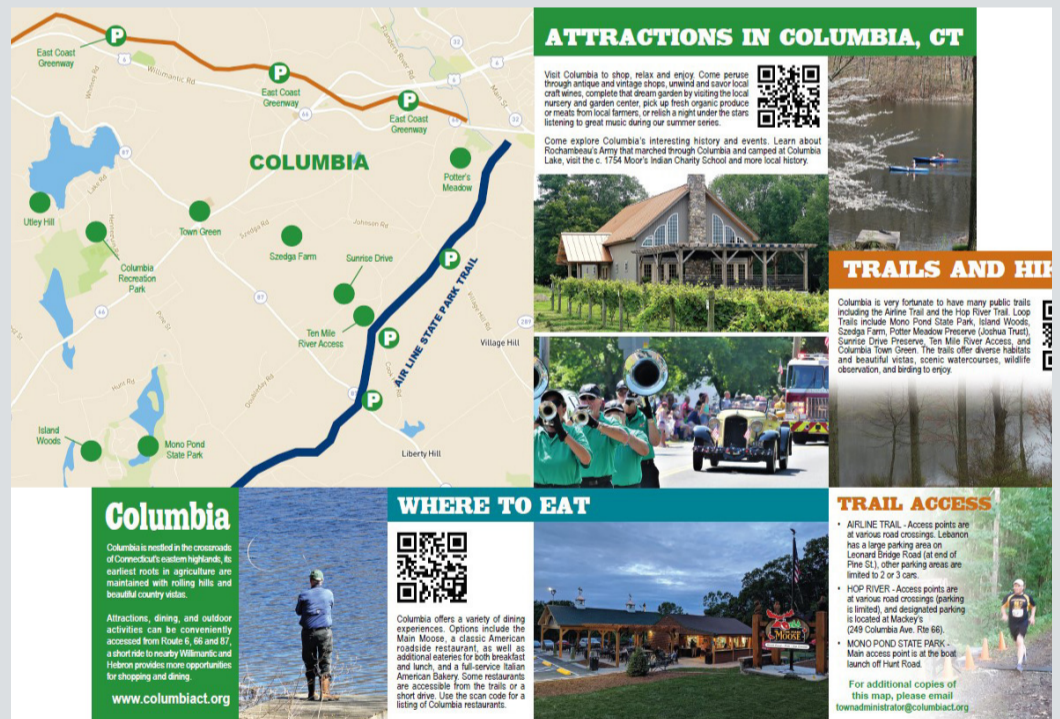
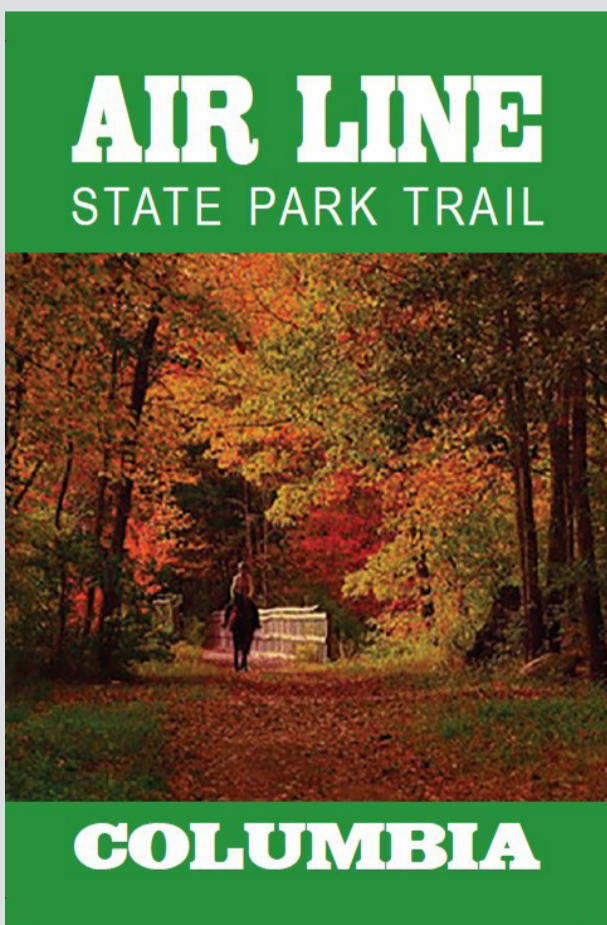
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# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

## OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Both the state and towns are returning to pre-pandemic normal by focusing on increasing support for businesses, restaurants, and tourism. The Eastern Regional Tourism District received a grant for the promotion of regional and town assets along the CT Airline trail through the Regional Marketing Partnership program. The program provided the funds for Columbia and several other towns located in Eastern CT to produce a beautiful and convenient pocket-size z-fold brochure. The brochure highlights Columbia's trail system and venues along our trail systems that both residents and visitors alike can enjoy. We would like to also thank the Main Moose for their generous gift towards the brochure. Please stop by Town Hall to pick up the new trail map.



Front Cover Photo Credit: Fischer S. Bessi  
 Inside Z-Fold Photo Credit: Paul Ramsey

Columbia has not been sitting still during the last 15 months of COVID. I am proud of how hard our departments and employees have been working to improve the look and functionality of our buildings and to service your needs. Our town campus saw a beautiful addition to the walkways around our Town Green Veterans Memorial that provides improvements for handicap access and reduces slips and falls from the previous stamped concert walkway.

**OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Continued:** The Town Hall received an upgrade to the conference room so that we can now hold hybrid virtual meetings and you will notice improved signage and a newly painted interior. The Beckish Senior Center is now fully open with a new water fountain, ice machine, interior new paint, and an improved food bank. We are very proud of the talent of our Public Works department in their skills at building a new road and parking lot at Rec Park and refinishing the walkways. The new courts at Rec Park are in full use and the new soccer fields and softball field are finally being enjoyed by the kids. The maintenance facility has been finished as a joint facility for our School and Town.

Our gardens at the library, town green, Moor's Indian Charity School and Occum herb garden, History Place, Beckish Senior Center, Murphy House, and the Old Yard Cemetery, all owe a big thanks to Millie Ramsey, Ingrid Wood, Kathie Tolsdorf, Joan Hill, and Justin Holbrook plus our public works employees again for their tireless efforts at making our town shine.

Please thank all of these volunteers and keep your ideas coming, we are determined to make Columbia the best town in Connecticut to live!

**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](mailto:townadministrator@columbiact.org).

Thank you,

Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator  
323 Route 87  
Columbia, CT 06237  
860-228-0110  
[townadministrator@columbiact.org](mailto:townadministrator@columbiact.org)

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# UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 2021

**Many meetings will be held by utilizing remote access; however, some meetings are being held in-person. Please check the Town calendar for meeting dates and times. The posted agenda will have the information on whether the meeting is in person, remote access, or a hybrid meeting. Each board or committee will provide the information needed to join using an online conferencing platform. For a complete monthly calendar of other Board & Commission events, click [HERE](#).**

- 8/3/21 - Board of Selectmen, 7:00PM - Hybrid Meeting (Conference Room)
- 8/3/21 - Town Meeting for Purchase (Wells Wood Rd.) & Donation of Land (Tunxis Dr. ) AND Code Adoption Ordinance at 6:45 PM in Yeoman's Hall
- 8/9/21 - Board of Education, H.W. Porter School Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.
- 8/17/21 - Board of Selectmen, 7:00PM - Hybrid Meeting (Conference Room)
- 8/18/21 - Financial Planning and Allocation Commission (FIPAC), 7:00PM - Hybrid Meeting (Conference Room)

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

**ASSESSOR:** The Town of Columbia will be undergoing revaluation for the year 2021. The Town has hired eQuality out of Waterbury Connecticut to help with the process of valuing all real estate. The eQuality staff will be taking all COVID precautions when reviewing properties in town.

Prior to the eQuality staff conducting data collection in your neighborhood a postcard will be mailed to you. [CLICK HERE](#) for the town letter that includes their picture and vehicle information and further information on Revaluation questions you might have.

## **Town of Columbia 2021 Revaluation**

**eQuality Valuation Services, L.L.C. of Waterbury Connecticut**, has been contracted to assist the Assessor in conducting the October 1, 2021 revaluation of all properties in Columbia, as mandated by state law. A representative of eQuality will soon begin data collection in your neighborhood.

Under the Assessor's supervision, eQuality collects and analyzes information about all properties. An important part of the valuation process involves measuring the outside and listing interior features of each structure by a representative of eQuality.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to ensure the safety of both our residents and the eQuality representatives. The data collector will perform only an exterior inspection and take a photo of the front of each building. At this time, there will be no interior inspections. If you would like an interior inspection, please contact the assessor directly at [mlavallee@columbiact.org](mailto:mlavallee@columbiact.org).

If you are not at home, in the next few months, we will mail you a property data questionnaire. Please review your information and return the form in the pre-paid envelope. We appreciate your cooperation in this process.

All representatives will carry photo identification and the original letter of introduction signed by the Assessor. Homeowners are encouraged to ask for identification from the data collector. Their vehicles are registered with the Columbia Resident State Trooper's Office.

If you have questions or concerns, please visit the Town website or call the Town Hall at (860) 228-9555.

Respectfully,  
Mary Lavallee, CCMA II, Assessor Town of Columbia

Still have questions? Call the Assessor's Office at: (860) 228-9555 M-W 8-4, TH 8-6, F 8-12

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

**BECKISH SENIOR CENTER:** The Beckish Senior Center is open to the public. Come in anytime and join us! No Pre-registration required—except for lunches

- Monday - Friday from 8am to 3pm.
- Lunches are Monday - Wednesday & Fridays at 12 noon.

**NO MASKS REQUIRED IF FULLY VACCINATED!**

The Town of Columbia's Transportation Program is running at full capacity. We operate Monday through Friday from 8am to 3pm. We will provide transportation for our seniors and disabled persons 18 and over. The seating will be limited on the 14-passenger van to 1 wheelchair and 6 passengers plus your driver. The Town of Columbia has a Ford Escape SUV 2020 for medical transportation. The medical car will also only allow for 2-3 people plus the driver.

If you have a medical appointment or would like to go food shopping or run errands please call the senior center to book your rides. Please call Margaret or Lisa at 860-228-0759 ext. 2 only. I am sure we will be filling up fast due to limited space on the van. To ensure the safety of you and our drivers the following rules will need to be followed:

- 1.) You and your caretaker must always wear a mask during your ride.
- 2.) If you are feeling sick on the day of your ride please contact our office as soon as possible to reschedule.
- 3.) Sanitizer and masks will be available on the van and car if needed.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Derring

Director Senior Services & Transportation

Ph:860-228-0759 or email at [beckish@columbiact.org](mailto:beckish@columbiact.org)

**COLUMBIA'S**  
**MOBILE FOODSHARE**

**Beckish Senior Center**  
**188 Route 66, Columbia**

**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY**

**Aug 12th, Aug 26th, Sept 9th, Sept 23rd, Oct 7th, Oct 21st,  
Nov 4th, Nov 18th, Dec 2nd, Dec 16th, Dec 30th**

**1:00PM TO 1:30 PM**

**NOTE CHANGE:**

**PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR, SAFELY GET IN LINE  
ALONG SIDEWALK TO PICK UP YOUR FOOD AT THE  
TRUCK. BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME—NO PERSONAL INFO REQUIRED FOR  
PARTICIPATION**



# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

**COLUMBIA COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES:** As part of the Local Prevention Council Grant awarded to the Town of Columbia to prevent the use and harm of e-cigarettes, commonly referred to as vaping, the Park and Rec playground has new signage to make it clear the playgrounds are smoke and vape free. For quick facts on the unknown risks of e-cigarettes visit the CDC website [here](#).

Thinking of quitting? Call or chat with an expert. Get free, personalized support from a tobacco cessation expert by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW or 1-877-44U-QUIT, or chat with an expert online using the National Cancer Institute's [LiveHelp](#) service.

Considering getting the COVID-19 vaccine but haven't yet? Even people who were eager to get the vaccine had questions, i.e., What if I don't get my second dose exactly 21/28 days from my first shot? Nothing wrong with wanting more information! When it comes to your health, you deserve an opportunity to discuss concerns with a medical provider. Reach out to your doctor today! For answers to frequently asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination visit the CDC website [here](#).

To schedule an appointment and get connected with a ride, call the Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line at 877-918-222. The COVID-19 vaccine is free and rides can be free, too!

Please reach out to me with any questions or for more information on the above-mentioned programs. I can also be contacted to:

- Talk with a social worker
- Receive guidance/advocacy with eligibility/benefits/energy needs
- Learn about what programs you may qualify for
- Get referrals to appropriate programs/services

My typical office hours are Monday, Tuesday, & Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Contact me by phone at 860-228-1008 or email at [kwilt@columbiact.org](mailto:kwilt@columbiact.org).

Wishing wellness among you and the community.

Sincerely,

Katie Wilt, Community Social Services Coordinator

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Transfer Station stickers can be purchased online on the [Reckdesk](#) page or at the Town Clerks Office.

The standard permit price (2 stickers) is \$40 per household for non-seniors and \$20 per household for seniors (62 and over). Up to 2 additional stickers may be purchased at \$20 each.

**FIRE MARSHAL:** OPEN BURNING - The Town of Columbia allows campfires and the burning of brush. Both are governed by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regulations and town ordinance 15-8. These regulations and guidelines can be found on-line at [CT.GOV website](#) or the [Town's website](#).

## ***Campfire Safety***

- No permit is required, but follow safety guidelines.
- Campfires should not be larger than 3 feet in diameter.
- Burn tree wood only.

## ***Brush Burning***

- A permit is required.
- Do not burn to clear land.
- Brush should be 3 inches in diameter or less.
- Burn piles should not exceed 10 feet in diameter or height.

## ***Safety Tips for All Fires***

- If the smoke affects your neighbors, find a different location to burn.
- Have a 5-gallon bucket of water and a metal rake available, if needed.
- No burning of garbage, furniture, tires, manufactured lumber, stumps, or hazardous materials.
- Do not place fire under electrical lines, the smoke can be a conductor.
- Always burn safely and never leave a fire unattended.

If you have any questions or need to obtain an open burning permit, please contact the Town of Columbia Land Use Department at 860-228-0440. Michael Lester

Fire Marshal/Open Burning Official  
Town of Columbia

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## **TAX OFFICE: TAXES DUE BY AUGUST 2, 2021**

All Motor Vehicle tax and the first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property tax will become delinquent on August 3, 2021. Mail must be postmarked on or before August 2, 2021 to be considered paid on time (Placing your payment in a USPS mailbox on August 2, may not guarantee an August 2 postmark).

Taxes may be paid by mail or put in one of the drop boxes outside of the Town Hall; or online via [www.columbiact.org](http://www.columbiact.org) (service fees apply). Taxes may also be paid in person, but due to high volume, residents paying taxes in person may experience a wait. We appreciate your patience.

The Tax Collector's office hours in July & Aug 2nd are Mon. thru Wed. 8AM to 4PM, Thurs. 10AM to 6PM and Fri. 8AM to 12PM.

Please contact the Tax Collector's office at 860-228-0230 with any questions.

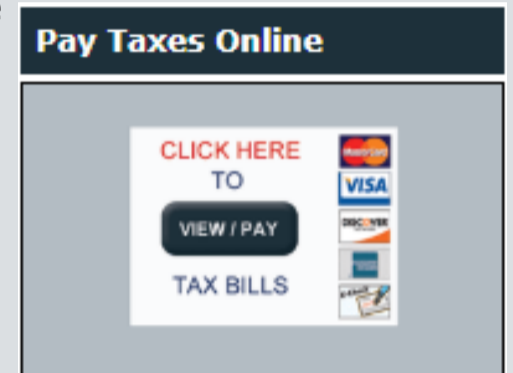
Please contact the Assessor's office at 860-228-9555 with questions about value or adjustments.

**TOWN CLERKS OFFICE:** The Town Clerk's office is fully open to the public – no appointment necessary. We are here for those services you might need – Recording and Searching of Land Records, Dog Licenses, Transfer Station stickers, Certified copies of Vital Records, Marriage licenses, Fishing and Hunting licenses, etc.

Due to the continuing pandemic, the need for social distancing and for your convenience, a large white drop box was installed 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 or reach out to us by email – Robin ([townclerk@columbiact.org](mailto:townclerk@columbiact.org)) or Gail ([atownclerk@columbiact.org](mailto:atownclerk@columbiact.org)).

Enjoy Summer – stay safe.



# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** Please note that the Parks and Recreation Department is now located at the Murphy House at Columbia Lake. Follow us on [FaceBook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

**BEACH PASSES** can be purchased online using this [link](#).

- Family maximum = \$120 per household, EXCLUDING ALL OTHER passes. (***If purchasing online*** email at [recdirector@columbiact.org](mailto:recdirector@columbiact.org) and an invoice will be emailed to you)
- Passes are required for admission for each person age 5 and over.
- Proof of age required for resident senior citizens (age 62 and over).
- Guests must be accompanied by pass holder at all times.
- Residents may purchase a day pass at \$5 per day per resident, ages 5 and over.
- Fishermen using the town dock must have a beach pass.
- Transferable guest passes are \$40, up to a limit of 4.

**FEES PAID ARE NON REFUNDABLE (Checks payable to TOWN OF COLUMBIA)**

| <b>Resident</b>     | <b>Season Pass</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>5-17</b>         | <b>\$25.00</b>     |
| <b>18-61</b>        | <b>\$35.00</b>     |
| <b>62+</b>          | <b>\$15.00</b>     |
| <b>Non Resident</b> | <b>Season Pass</b> |
| <b>5-17</b>         | <b>\$200.00</b>    |
| <b>18-61</b>        | <b>\$300.00</b>    |
| <b>62+</b>          | <b>\$100.00</b>    |

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:**

### **LIFEGUARD HOURS OF OPERATION:**

- June 7th- August 13th (weekdays) from 10:30 AM -6:15 PM
- Weekends from 10:30 AM - 6:15 PM
- August 14th – September 6th from 10:30 AM -6:15 PM

## **MARINE PATROL AND GATE MONITORING:**

### **GATE MONITORING**

- May 23rd - September 13th: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Weekends Only: September 19th - October 11th:10:00 AM -8:00 PM

### **BOAT PATROL**

- Dates: May 16th - September 13th
- Weekends: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Weekdays: 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:** Columbia Parks & Recreation: Join Our 5k Summer Sizzler on August 13th. Race start time @ 6:45

Start and finish line: Columbia's Rec Park

To sign up [CLICK HERE](#) !



5K Road Race

**Summer Sizzler**

*Columbia, CT*

**August 13th**  
**6:45pm**

|                        |                            |                              |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| No day-of registration | Start & Finish at Rec Park | First 100 people get T-shirt |
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**Register by:**

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| <b>\$20</b><br><b>July 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>\$25</b><br><b>July 4<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 7<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>\$30</b><br><b>Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b> |
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Columbia Parks & Recreation 860-228-8513 recdirector@colubmiact.org

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:



**SUMMER  
CONCERT**

**FEATURING BRUCE JOHN**

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Columbia Town Green**

Sponsored by:  
**Law Office of Marguerite T. Friar, LLC**  
**MOOYAH Burgers, Fries and Shakes**

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**COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION**



# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:

**COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION**

# YOGA

\$10 per class, Register online or day of  
**July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>**

WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING AND BRING A  
TOWEL/YOGA MAT  
Saturday 9 A.M

Rec. Park  
Lawn  
By Pavilion

860-228-8513  
[recreation@columbiact.org](mailto:recreation@columbiact.org)  
<http://columbia.recdesk.com>



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

## **COLUMBIA BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:**

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### COLUMBIA BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

In accordance with Section 12-110 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Columbia Board of Assessment Appeals will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2020 starting at 7:00 p.m. by appointment only via Zoom virtual platform for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 and the Supplemental Grand List of October 1, 2019 in the Town of Columbia.

Appellants are encouraged to provide any documentation they believe support their appeal. Examples include, but are not limited to, bill of sale from new or used car dealership, repair bills, clear photos showing condition of vehicle, and photo of odometer reading. Motor vehicle appeal applications and supporting documentation must be filed in writing and postmarked no later than Monday, August 30, 2021. Arrangements may be made with the Assessor to have your vehicle photographed during business hours at Town Hall to show condition and mileage prior to the meeting by calling 860-228-9555.

The meeting agenda with appointment confirmation and links to join the virtual zoom meeting will be emailed prior to the meeting to applicants who have filed applications in a timely manner. Please contact the Assessor at 860-228-9555 or email the Board Clerk at [boardclerk@columbiact.org](mailto:boardclerk@columbiact.org) with any questions.

Applications are available in the Tax Assessor's Office or at [www.columbiact.org](http://www.columbiact.org). Completed applications may be put in the Town Hall drop box (write "BAA application" on application envelope) or mailed to: Board of Assessment Appeals, Assessor's Office, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT.

Dated at Columbia, Connecticut this 30th day of July 2021.

Linda McDonald, Chairman



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

**COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Are you interested in the reflective house numbers that are now appearing around town? Please print and mail this [form](#) or fill out the electronic form [here](#).

**Columbia Volunteer Fire Department**

## REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Address Number Requested**

Note: If your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

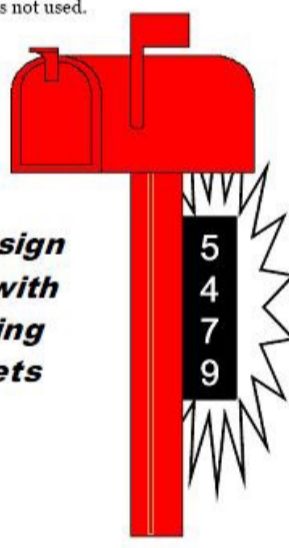
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***\$10 per sign  
or \$12 with  
Mounting  
Brackets***



**Mail to:**  
Columbia Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 26  
Columbia, CT 06237  
  
(860) 228-9602

**SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY:** The Library thanks all for their support over the last year and half and for your continued support as we work our way back to normal. If you have not heard, our stacks are open and our hours back to “normal.” This means that we will be closed on Saturdays July and August.

Electronic materials are available 24/7 & Curbside pickup is still available upon request.

We are optimistically looking to Fall for cooler temperatures, but also we hope for continued return to “normalcy.” We welcome you to join any one of our six adult book groups, two kids book clubs, weekly Stitchers meet-up, and bi-monthly Writers group. Expect a return to our Tuesday night adult programming and Thursday night children’s programming. Library staff is looking forward to our Iceland in My Heart program on September 21st!

We even have a couple of new initiatives to share: Experience Kits and Saxton’s Stuff. Our Experience Kits offer you a package of a couple of books or video on a topic and the means to engage in the topic hands-on! One of people’s favorites is the Scrabble Kit, that includes a video on competitive Scrabble and a travel game board for your own at-home enjoyment. Saxton’s Stuff is an odd collection of things you might on limited occasion need, but don’t want to purchase. For example: Traveling out of the country? Borrow Saxton’s plug adapter. Glasses need a fix? Borrow Saxton’s eye glass repair kit.

## **LIBRARY EVENTS**

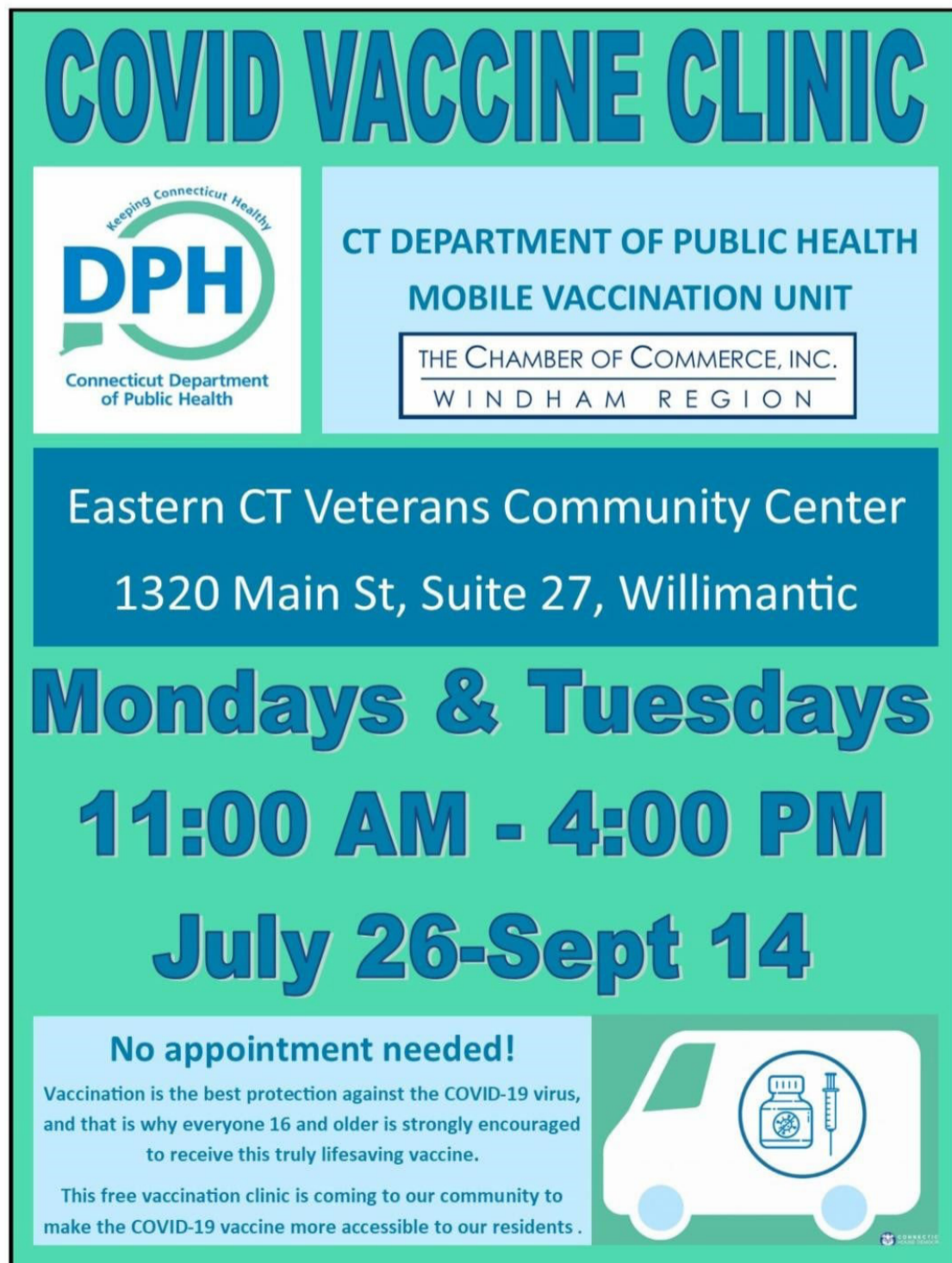
- Summer Craft Kit: Drawing Challenge: Monday, August 2, 2021
- Summer Reading Program: Monday, August 2, 2021
- Outside Story Time (Bookworms): Tuesday, August 3, 2021
- Bats are the Good Guys (adult program): Tuesday, August 3, 2021
- Picture This! Picture book book group for adults: Thursday, August 5, 2021
- Outside Baby Bees Lapsit Program: Friday, August 6, 2021

*Call the Library (860.228.0350) or email us or check our website for more information:*


[www.columbiactlibrary.org](http://www.columbiactlibrary.org)

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

**COVID 19 VACCINATION CLINICS:** The Department of Public Health and the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce are partnering to bring the COVID vaccine FREE clinic to Willimantic. You do not need an appointment. You can come for your first dose or your second dose, regardless of where you got your first. All types of vaccine are available. The clinic will last for 8 weeks so you will be able to get both doses of the vaccine through this clinic.



**COVID VACCINE CLINIC**

 **CT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
MOBILE VACCINATION UNIT**

**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.  
WINDHAM REGION**

**Eastern CT Veterans Community Center  
1320 Main St, Suite 27, Willimantic**

**Mondays & Tuesdays  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
July 26-Sept 14**

**No appointment needed!**  
Vaccination is the best protection against the COVID-19 virus, and that is why everyone 16 and older is strongly encouraged to receive this truly lifesaving vaccine.  
This free vaccination clinic is coming to our community to make the COVID-19 vaccine more accessible to our residents.



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

**COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB:** Columbia Lions Chicken BBQ - August 15th

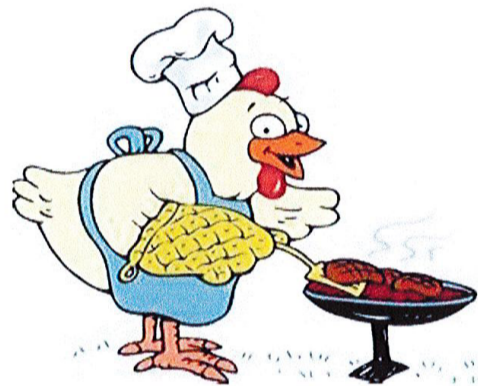
Noon to 3 PM at Rec Park, Hennequin Rd., Columbia, CT.

Tickets and Information: Brendan Keenan 860-228-1854 or Bob Fowler 860-228-3076



August 15, 2021  
Noon – 3 pm

Rec Park, Hennequin Rd.  
Columbia, CT.



## COLUMBIA LIONS CHICKEN BBQ

1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, dessert, beverage

### Tickets:

Adults \$13.00

Seniors \$11.00

Children \$8.00

Senior & Adult tickets \$1.00 extra when  
purchased at the door

### Tickets and Information:

Brendan Keenan 860-228-1854

Bob Fowler 860-228-3076

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT HELP FUND THE MANY PROGRAMS  
AND CHARITIES SPONSORED BY THE COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB

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

The Columbia Historical Society presents

## **ARCHAEOLOGY** Digging the Past

**A free interactive exhibit about how the science  
of archaeology studies evidence to learn more  
about human history.**



**Starting Aug. 15**

**Sundays 1 - 4**

**Admission Numbers  
Limited**

**Entry at 1 or 2:30**

**To reserve a time contact: Judy Ortiz at 860 208-9881 or  
jortiz6151@gmail.com**

**Covid Precautions in Effect**

**Masks required for all, regardless of vaccination status.**

**at the History Place 310 Rt. 87 West Columbia**

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

**THE COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** is once again hosting a community paper shredding event on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Hours this year will be SHORTER--9:00 AM to NOON. -- Next to the old firehouse on RTE 66. Don't miss your opportunity to donate to the mission work of the church and clear out your years of accumulated papers.

Staples and clips DO NOT need to be removed. If you have questions call Michele at 860-228-9306.



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**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:** Columbia Open Space Committee has been working on conserving the southwest corner of Columbia for many years. It takes time to engage the public and the government in large projects. I am delighted to inform you that we have acquired half of our goal: 500 hundred of the 1000 acres we seek are protected.

How did we pay for this land? Certainly, the generosity of the people of Columbia played a role. The Town of Lebanon contributed too. Most of the funding came through the State of Connecticut's allotment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The USDA Forest Service leverages royalties from offshore oil and natural gas to preserve our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, recreation areas, and American Indian schools and distributes this revenue to the states through the LWCF.

However, it was The Trust For Public Land (TPL), a national organization with a Connecticut field office since 1986, that made all the difference. TPL provided the professional expertise that Columbia lacks to accomplish the real estate negotiations, mapping, appraisals, surveys, legal services, and grant writing services. Fulfilling their commitment of creating parks and protecting land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come.

Columbia Open Space will host a fundraiser for the Connecticut field office of The Trust For Public Land at HEARTSTONE WINERY on Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 3 to 6 PM.

Please join us!

Ann Dunnack, Open Space Chairman



*fundraiser*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Mono Pond Expansion-Trust for Public Land  
Fundraiser at Heartstone Winery**

**October 9, 2021  
3-6 PM**

**Celebrate our Successes!  
Look to the Future!**

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**Give Now**



Many children in Connecticut will face hunger this summer. Their hardworking parents are still facing tremendous hardships a year after the COVID-19 pandemic entered our community.

**Without school-provided meals, they simply won't be able to afford two extra meals per day — per child — and kids like Izzie will suffer.**

"Since mom lost one of her jobs, we don't have a lot of food at home," Izzie says. "When our schools stop for summer break...we won't be able to eat."

But you can make a difference. With your gift to Connecticut Food Bank/Foodshare, you can help give a hunger-free summer to children in need, like Izzie and her brothers. Every gift will help provide nutritious meals.

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Families like Izzie's have faced hunger for months now. And this summer will only make it worse. They urgently need your help to get by amidst this ongoing health and economic crisis.

[Please respond to the critical need and help provide food to children all summer long. During these difficult times, your generosity will give them hope for a future free from hunger.](#)

With gratitude,

Jason Jakubowski  
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