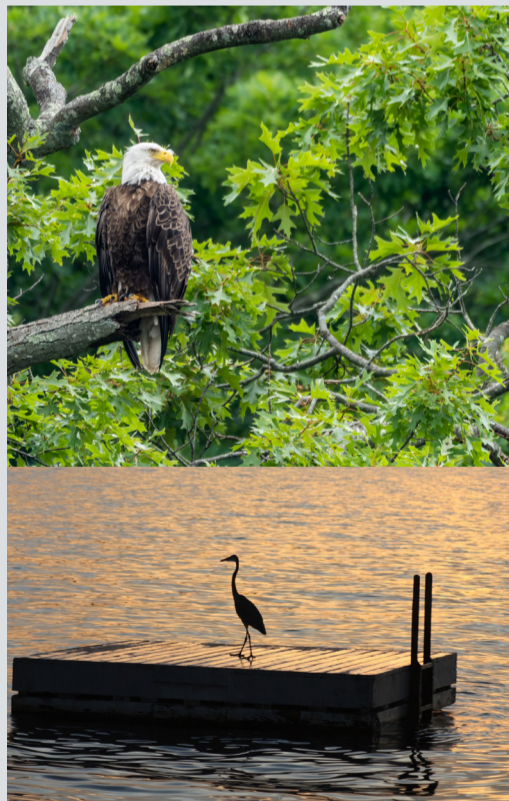


COLUMBIA



UPDATE JULY 2023



TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Please join us for the Annual 4th of July Parade sponsored by the Columbia Lion's Club on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, kicking off at 10:00 am. The parade's theme is "Let Freedom Ring". The parade route is from H. W. Porter School to Lake Road.



LET FREEDOM RING



Photo Credit: Scot Fortna



TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

COLUMBIA LAKE BOAT PARADE:

PRE-REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN: -

Email Columbialakeassociation@gmail.com with your name, telephone number and a brief description of your boat; CLA will assign a number for you to create as part of your decorations. Affix the number on the front starboard side (right side) and back of your boat so judges can view it from the land and water.



WEATHER THREAT - light rain is acceptable; beyond that if there is a weather issue such as a thunderstorm, we will send an email announcing a cancellation; unfortunately there will be no makeup date.

PARADE ROUTE, JUDGING & AWARDS -

The parade starts at the dam and proceeds counterclockwise around the lake. Gather at

3:50 pm. The parade starts when the judge's boat at the dam blows its fog horn. The theme for the 2023 parade is ~ 'LET FREEDOM RING'. Be creative, yet safe, in decorating boats related to the theme. Judges are on shore and on the water. Awards will be given in the following categories: Most Spirited, Most Decorated, Best Representing the Theme, Land Recognition Decorations.

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.



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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

Find us on 



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

- 7/03/23 Mon: Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7:00 PM
- 7/05/23 Wed: Lake Management Advisory Committee, 7:00 PM
- 7/06/23 Thur: Conservation & Agriculture Commission, 7:00 PM
- 7/06/23 Thur: Recreation Commission, 6:30 PM
- 7/10/23 Mon: Horace Porter School HVAC Building Committee, 6:00 PM
- 7/10/23 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 7/10/23 Mon: Board of Education, 7:30 PM
- 7/11/23 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 7/12/23 Wed: Fiscal Policy Board, 8:30 AM
- 7/12/23 Wed: Economic Development Commission, 7:00 PM
- 7/13/23 Thur: Szegda Farm Management Committee, 6:00 PM
- 7/17/23 Mon: Horace Porter School HVAC Building Committee, 6:00 PM
- 7/18/23 Tue: Hop River Preserve Committee, 5:30 PM
- 7/18/23 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 7/19/23 Wed: Safety Committee, 1:30 PM
- 7/19/23 Wed: Financial Planning & Allocation Commission, 7:00 PM
- 7/20/23 Thur: Open Space Committee, 9:00 AM
- 7/24/23 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 7/26/23 Wed: Commission on Aging, 9:00 AM
- 7/27/23 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 2020 calendar year.

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.

The Assessor's Office is open Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Thursdays 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. until Noon. Our telephone number is 228-9555.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER: The International Health & Wellness Day will be held Monday, July 17th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Columbia's Recreation Park!

Intergenerational Health & Wellness Day!

Monday, July 17th
10am - 1pm

Columbia's Recreation Park

A Fun Collaboration with Beckish Senior Center, Columbia's Recreation Department & Columbia's Social Services!
Bring your family & friends out for a fun filled day at the park!

Scheduled Events:

- 10-10:30—Free Pickleball Instruction with Ernie
- 10:30-1pm—Pickleball Open Play
- 10-11— Free Yoga Class
- 10-1pm—Disc Golf Open Play
- 10-1pm Yard Games, Cornhole, Ring Toss etc..
- 10-1pm Table Games, Chess, Checkers, Cards etc...
- 10-1pm Plein Air—Painting in the park
- 11-11:30—Walking Group
- 11-1—Live Music & Ice Cream & Coffee Truck
- 10-1pm—Vendors—SERAC—Marlborough Rehabilitation-Colebrook Village—CT Care Partners—RHAM Youth Football and Cheer— AHM Youth & Family Services and more...

Intergenerational Health & Wellness Day at Recreation Park

Monday July 17, 2023
10am –1pm

Bring your family and friends to Recreation Park to enjoy a fun filled time doing various activities for all ages. Walk, run, play and relax while you create opportunities for all generations to build friendships, reduce social isolation, increase understanding, boost mental wellbeing, and to simply feel valued and part of your community.









































































































































































































































































































































































TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES:

Bridging the Digital Divide: A collaboration between the Department of Aging & Disability Services State Unit on Aging & the CT Tech Act Project has started a 2 year pilot program with the goal to help bridge the digital divide by providing one on one or group services to adults with disabilities (18 and older) and aging adults (60 and older). Services include providing tech support, teaching built in device accessibility features, increase access to technology and more.

To learn more please see the following flyer or visit <https://cttechact.com/bridging-divide/#sthash.kJP8nHKd.5Uu2IDNE.dpbs> for more information

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeep

Program and Narcan Training: This past June, over 10 people participated in a Suicide Prevention and Narcan Training conducted by SERAC at the Beckish Senior Center. Participants learned how to recognize the warning signs of suicide and best practices to gain clarity, offer hope, and get help. We appreciate the community support as we try our best to look out for ourselves and each other.

If you are interested in a QPR Suicide Prevention Training please contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008 or kwilt@columbiact.org.

Please know help is available. 988 is a suicide and crisis lifeline that is available by calling or texting and is available 24/7.



Digital Divide program

A collaboration between the Department of Aging & Disability Services (ADS) State Unit on Aging & the CT Tech Act Project (CTTAP).



This 2 year pilot program allows us to have a Full Time *Digital Divide Coordinators (DDC)* at two of our community AT Partner agencies: the NEAT Center at Oak Hill & UCP of Eastern CT. Our goal is to help bridge the digital divide by providing one on one or group services to adults with disabilities (18 and older) and aging adults (60 and older).

Services to individuals include:

- Increase access to technology & technology use
- Provide tech support, troubleshooting, & teach built in device accessibility features
- Increase access to the community, virtual programming & telehealth to reduce social isolation
- Connect Individuals to community resources for ongoing supports
- Provide tablet technology (with or without hotspot) to individuals 60 & older, if eligible

Why connect with a DDC?

If you or an individual you work with has technology but struggles to use it and would benefit from some training & support, such as

- Connecting to their Wi Fi
- Learning to use social media to connect to family and friends
- Learning to use virtual platforms like Zoom, Teams or virtual community services
- Learning how to use built in accessibility features in their devices – speech to text, magnification, text to speech, etc.
- And more ...

Contacts: Contact the CT Tech Act Project for more information by [sending an email via our website](#) or calling 860-803-0588. You can contact a DDC directly at the following:

NEAT Center – serving Litchfield Hartford, Tolland & Windham Counties, Call (860) 488-5923 or email William.Seaman@oakhillct.org

The Connecticut *Bridging the Digital Divide* program is funded by the federal Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTINUED:



MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Medicare Made Clear

This seminar will educate individuals on **all aspects** of Medicare plans and their associated **costs**. You will be primed in selecting the **correct plan** that fits within **your medical and financial needs**.

This efficient, **30 minute event** will allow you to **build connections** with a trusted advisor and **expand your knowledge** on Medicare to ensure there are no surprises down the road. There will be time allotted for questions.

Please join us for this **FREE** educational seminar.



Beckish Senior Center
188 CT-66,
Columbia, CT 06237



Friday
July 14th
at 11:00am

For more information email
stabor@seracct.org or
merdman@seracct.org

Presented by:

- SERAC will be partnering with **Aidan Gagnon, BS.** for this educational event. Aidan works in collaboration with Medicare With T, LLC based in Wallingford, CT.
- Aidan is specialized in providing education for all things Medicare. He is able to evaluate and correlate an individual's current needs to the most up to date services and coverage available.
- When working with Aidan, he will ensure that you have the correct plan, and that you will never be alone in your Medicare process even after plan selection.



Katie Wilt | Community Social Services Coordinator

kwilt@columbiact.org

860-228-1008

(Office hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm)

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Summertime Greetings!

Happy Fourth of July! Summer is officially underway. School is out, vacations are happening and Columbia Lake is in full swing with activity. Take a look at what happened in June and all the exciting things yet to come this summer.

JUNE RECAP: Highlights began with the grand opening of our 9-hole Disc Golf Course at Rec Park. Since the grand opening on June 8th, the course designed by Karl Molitoris, has been enjoyed by all ages, sizes and skill levels. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers, DPW, Board of Selectmen, Dan Johnson and Karl Molitoris for helping to make the course a reality. Want to give the course a try and need equipment? Parks and Recreation has you covered. Stop by our office for loaned discs with a refundable deposit.



On June 14th, rain didn't deter Bruce John and Peggy Ann from giving a fantastic concert at Yeoman's Hall. Pizza, flying discs to earn a water and community enjoyment seeing Bruce John back in action and better than ever left all concert goers with a smile on their face.

Columbia Beach kicked off the official first day of summer with a Beach Party. In addition to free admission to the beach for Columbia residents, beach goers participated in Log Rolling, slip n' slide, balloon toss, greased watermelon, sand castle building, and water relays.



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:



Continued exercise favorites at the beach have been Yoga and CORE Blast. Classes will continue through Labor Day.

Beach Party, Swim Lessons and fitness classes at the beach.



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:



Time to eat the tasty watermelon...

Teamwork!



Sand Castle prize winner!

Water relays in action....

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:



And she scores!



Another score for the team....



Greased watermelon fun...



See the watermelon?

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

We closed out June with a concert at Rec Park. The band Night Shift put on a terrific show that had the crowd dancing and bopping about. Jayy's Food Truck was delicious and Columbia Package Store provided libations. A huge thank you to our sponsors Titan Energy, The Discovery Zone and Cross Fit Columbia who helped make the Summer Concert Series Possible.



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 6th ~ Nature Trail Hike ~ 9:00 a.m. @ Rec Park: Looking for some company to exercise and explore Uteley Preserve Trail? Meet at the Trail entrance (near Facilities Garage and information board) and enjoy!

July 10th ~ Volleyball @ Rec Park ~ 9:00 a.m. (ages 8 – 12): Take advantage of an opportunity to learn skills and free play rounds of volleyball. Meet at the sand volleyball court @ Rec Park.

July 11th ~ Tye-Dye Tuesday at the Beach 1:00 p.m.: Let's get artistic.....and make a t-shirt or two! Cost is \$5 to participate.

July 12th ~ Summer Concert Series Continues! Audacity ~ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. @ Rec Park: Live music with the band Audacity heats up Rec Park on July 12th. Come early to get your spot and partake of the food trucks and the beer garden provided by Columbia Package Store. The 5-piece cover band will have you dancing, singing along and wishing the night could go on forever. Let's pack the park and enjoy another evening of music and community gathering.

July 15th ~ Nature Trail Hike #2! 9:00 a.m. @ Mono Pond: Another opportunity to exercise and explore with others. Meet in the parking lot.

Columbia Summer Concert Series

AUDACITY

www.audacitytheband.com

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH
6:30 – 8:30 PM
@ REC PARK

Audacity is a 6-piece Connecticut based cover band that plays Rock and Modern Country music. They cover artists like Journey, AC/DC, Guns 'n' Roses, and Elton John to Luke Combs, Carrie Underwood, Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan.

Sponsored by:

Columbia Board of Selectmen

Bring a chair and join us for a fun evening of live music, food, beverage and community.

THANK YOU, PLATINUM SPONSORS!
Discovery Learning Center * Columbia CrossFit * Titan Energy

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 17th ~ Intergenerational Health and Wellness Day @ Rec Park ~ 10:00 a.m.

– 1:00 p.m.: In collaboration with Columbia's Beckish Senior Center and Social Services, Parks and Rec invites you to bring family and friends for a fun-filled day at the park doing various activities for all ages. Yoga, Pickle-ball, Disc Golf, and more. FREE ice cream and live music too!

July 18th ~ Paint-a-Rock Day @ the Beach: We will supply the paint (and rocks too if needed) you do the artwork. Paint pictures, positive messages, happy notes ~ your imagination is the limit. Help us 'decorate' the beach area and take a few home with you too.

July 19th ~ Beach Day II ~ Its' a Beach Party!!! 11:00 – 3:00: We are celebrating mid-summer fun by opening the beach to all Columbia residents free of charge. Come ready to play water games and join various contests, or just enjoy a chill day at the beach. Pizza and snack concessions will be available for purchase. Join us for Beach Party Fun!
*Rain-date July 20th.

Boating License Class Offered:

July 18th & 20th: Final chance of the summer for the convenience to get your boating license right here in Columbia. Veteran instructor Mark Vining will have you knowledgeable and ready to safely enjoy the boating season.

COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION
Boat Safe Connecticut, LLC

BOATING LICENSE CLASS

\$98 PER PERSON

SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

There will be breaks
1-day Class
Saturday, May 20th
8:30am- 4:30pm
@ Town Hall Conference Room

2- day Classes 5:30- 9:30pm:
***May 30th @ Town Hall Conference Room**
& June 1st @ Beckish Center

***June 26th @Yeomans Hall**
& June 28th @ Beckish Center

***July 18th & July 20th**
@ Beckish Center

Students successfully completing the class can purchase their license from the DEEP for \$50 and leave the class with their boating license in hand. The classroom-based presentation is PowerPoint and video format including student interaction with hands on demonstrations of common boating equipment and supplies.

<https://columbia.recdesk.com>
860-228-8513

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Columbia Splash! August 19th:

Looking for a fun way to swim Columbia Lake and test your endurance? Join us for 1 mile and ½ mile swim races @ Columbia Lake.

August 19th ~ Register by July 31st to get an early bird discount. To register:

<https://columbialakesplash.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=15803>

Columbia Splash!



Join us for swim races at Columbia Beach!

August 19th

9:00 am

1 mile race (9am) & ½ mile race (10am)

To register: <https://columbialakesplash.itsyourrace.com/>

Register by:

June 30th	July 1 st – Aug. 4 th	August 5 th – Race Day
\$20 for one race \$35 for both	\$25 for one race \$40 for both	\$30 for one race \$45 for both



For more information: recdirector@columbiact.org; 860.228.8513 or visit www.columbiact.org/recreation



Columbia 5K

Saturday, September 16th

9:00 am

A Road Race for all Levels!

Family friendly!



Start & Finish at Columbia Rec Park

Music! Vendors! Prizes awarded to the top finishers in age groups

To Register:

<https://columbiaparksrec5k.itsyourrace.com/>

Register By:

June 30th

\$20

July 1 – Aug. 31st

\$25

Sept. 1 – 15th

\$30

*T-shirt included!

For more information, contact Debbie Fiske:
Recdirector@columbiact.org
or 860.228.8513

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors!

DISCOVERY ZONE, TITAN ENERGY & CROSSFIT



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

NEED EQUIPMENT? Parks and Recreation has you covered. Stop by our office for loaned equipment with a refundable deposit.

BEACH PASSES: Beach passes are now on sale and can be [purchased online](#) or at the Parks and Recreation Department. ****Day passes are the only passes that are sold directly at the beach.***

LIFEGUARD HOURS OF OPERATION

JUNE 12TH – AUGUST 18TH ~ FULL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 19TH – SEPTEMBER 4TH ~ **WEEKENDS ONLY**

10:30 A.M. – 6:15 P.M.

MARINE PATROL: The mission of the Marine Patrol Unit is to promote safe and recreational boating on Columbia lake by conducting regular safety inspections of recreational vessels. Inspections are completed to ensure proper safety equipment, compliance with boating regulations and licensing and to educate boaters while promoting safety on the water. The marine Patrol is observant of boating violations that hold the potential to cause a hazard or danger to others using the water.

2023 MARINE PATROL SCHEDULE

May 26th – September 4th ~ 11:00 – Sunset
(*gate monitoring begins at 10:00 a.m.*)

September 9th – October 9th ~ 11:00 a.m.

WEEKENDS ONLY – Sunset (*gate monitoring begins at 10:00 a.m.*)

**MARINE PATROL
NUMBER
860-256-9720**

Please call the Marine Patrol number if assistance is needed for boating violations or to assist operators with disabled watercrafts at 860-256-9720.

If there is an emergency, please call 911.

The Marine Patrol is on duty:
weekends from 11:00 am to 8:30 pm
and on weekdays 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

If you need assistance with the Gate or have questions regarding the town beach, please contact the Recreation Department at 860-228-8513.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

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

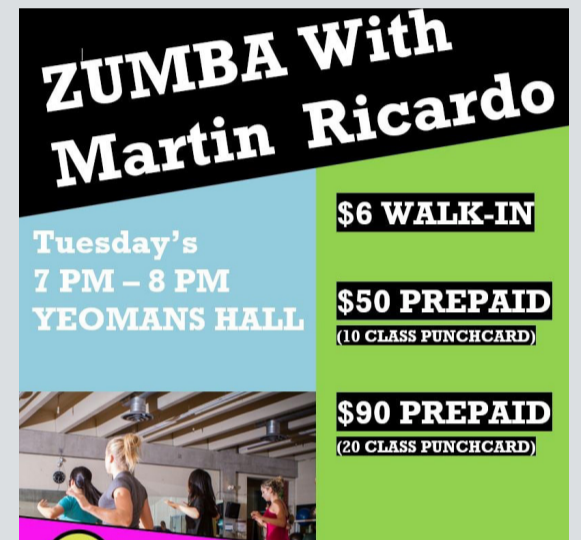
EXERCISE PROGRAMS: YOGA @ THE BEACH! Looking for a great way to start your day?



Try Yoga on Tuesday mornings with instructor Gina LaRosa. Wear comfy clothes, bring a mat/towel and water bottle.

FIT FUSION ~ *Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 4:30-5:30 PM *Yeoman's Hall. *Moves to the Beckish Senior Center for the summer months. Join instructor Carolyn Ritchie for a total body workout for all fitness levels.

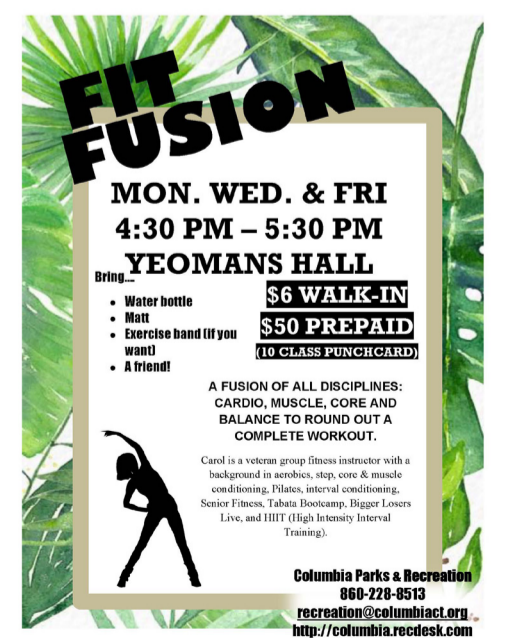
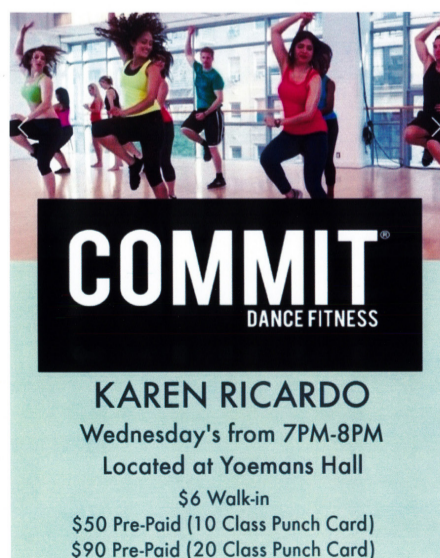
ZUMBA ~ Tuesdays, 7-8 PM @ Yeoman's Hall. Join instructor Martin



Ricardo for an exhilarating, heart pumping dance class. Fun & Fitness all in one!

COMMIT ~ NEW START TIME! Wednesdays, 6 - 7 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!

CORE Blast ~ Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. @ the Beach! Bring a mat/towel and water bottle and get a short, but sweet! 20-minute workout to strengthen abs and back musculature. FREE! For Columbia residents; \$3 for non-residents. *Weather permitting. **Call in advance for date exclusions due to instructor vacations**.



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

MORE BEACH FUN! The Concession stand is open at the Beach! Thirsty or looking for a snack when you are enjoying the beach? Be sure to stop by the concessions window during lifeguard hours to treat yourself to chips, candy, ice cream and beverages.



KAYAK AND PADDLE BOARD RENTALS: Explore Columbia Lake from a kayak or paddle board. Rentals for Kayaks are \$10 for two hours and are on a first come, first served basis during lifeguard hours. Due to a generous gift from the Eastern Highlands Health District, as an initiative to encourage active lifestyle living, paddle boards will be 'rented' free of charge.

SWIM LESSONS AT COLUMBIA LAKE: Session II begins July 10th. The classes are scheduled Monday - Thursday with Friday reserved for make-up if a class is canceled due to inclement weather. [Register online at: Programs \(recdesk.com\)](https://www.recdesk.com).

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

Basketball: WINS Basketball Camp @ Horace W. Porter School - July 12-14 (9am-12pm). Big FUN for students entering grades 3-6 (boys & girls).

*Outstanding Instruction *Gain Confidence *Improve Skills & Ability *Valuable Life Lessons

Registration Options: 1) Online (wins4life.com) 2) Mail 3) via Columbia Rec Dept.

(<https://columbia.recdesk.com/Community/Home>)

SPORTS galore: 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.

For more dates and offerings, please visit our [Website](#), follow us on Instagram and/or Facebook.

NEW TENNIS/PICKLE BALL COURTS ARE COMPLETE! The Newly constructed pickle-ball courts and tennis court are now playable! Please keep in mind the following 'Rules of the Court'.

1. Please be respectful to the courts, facilities and all patrons.

2. The pickle-ball courts located within the tennis court are overflow courts that can be utilized when the tennis court is unoccupied. If tennis players arrive while a pickle-ball game is in progress, the PB players may finish their game to no more than 9 points (no winning by 2) then must vacate the court.

3. When the available pickle-ball courts are fully occupied and people are waiting to play, racquet's should be lined up to determine who plays next.

4. When there are four or more people waiting to play, all four players on a court must exit and place their racquet's at the end of the line at the conclusion of their game. (No "winners stay on" when four others are waiting to play.)



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

AROUND TOWN



A visitor to the beach...

A view from above...

Sailing... Rowing...

Delicious Strawberries grown at Szegda Farm...

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

AROUND TOWN



Raising of the flag when the beach is open...Happy 4th of July! Rec Park is now equipped with an AED at all times. Thank you to Kara Bowen and all who were a part of the initiative to make Columbia not only a Heart Safe Community, but a well-prepared town too.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

EVENTS TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

TOC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!

Mark your calendar for live music on the Town Green
and at Rec Park

**SUMMER CONCERT
SERIES LINE-UP**

June 14th Bruce John
@ Town Green

June 27th Night shift
@ Rec Park

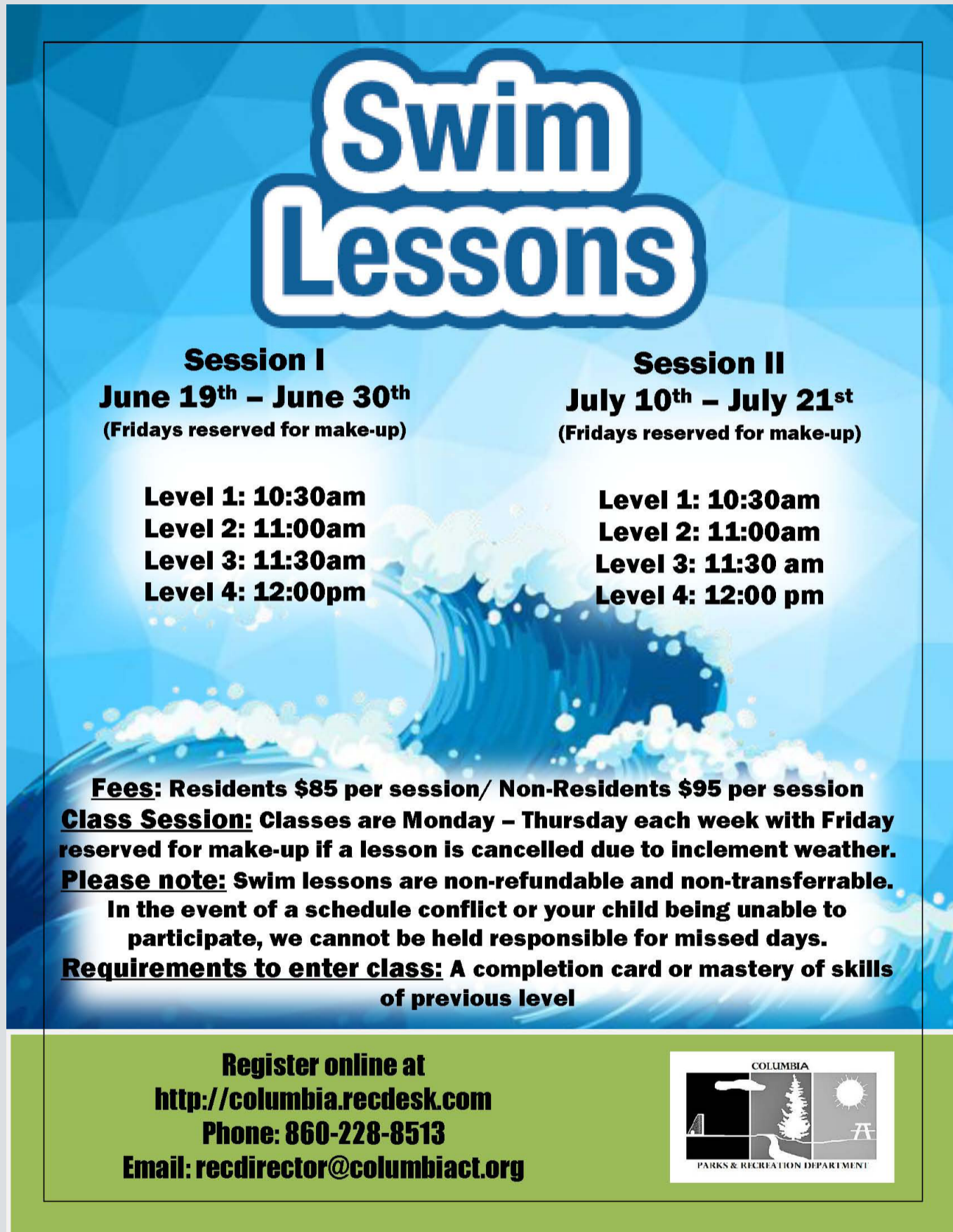
July 12th Audacity
@ Rec Park

August 16th Cover 2 Cover
@ Rec Park

An evening of Live Music, Food
Drinks and Community Fun

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):




Swim Lessons

Session I June 19th – June 30th (Fridays reserved for make-up)	Session II July 10th – July 21st (Fridays reserved for make-up)
Level 1: 10:30am Level 2: 11:00am Level 3: 11:30am Level 4: 12:00pm	Level 1: 10:30am Level 2: 11:00am Level 3: 11:30 am Level 4: 12:00 pm

Fees: Residents \$85 per session/ Non-Residents \$95 per session
Class Session: Classes are Monday – Thursday each week with Friday reserved for make-up if a lesson is cancelled due to inclement weather.
Please note: Swim lessons are non-refundable and non-transferrable.
In the event of a schedule conflict or your child being unable to participate, we cannot be held responsible for missed days.
Requirements to enter class: A completion card or mastery of skills of previous level

Register online at
<http://columbia.recdesk.com>
Phone: 860-228-8513
Email: recdirector@columbiact.org



COLUMBIA
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

TAX DEPARTMENT: Tax bills for the 2022 Grand List were mailed on June 28, 2023 with a due date of July 1, 2023. The last day to pay without a penalty will be Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Bills will be available online on July 1, 2023. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or interest per CT State Statute. If you have not received your tax bills, please contact the tax office at 860-228-0230 or taxcollector@columbiact.org.

If you are coming to pay in person in July and on August 1, 2023, please be aware that there may be a line and you may have to wait for service. Please plan your visit accordingly.

Property taxes on the Grand List of 10/1/2022 will become due and payable July 1, 2023. Real estate and personal property taxes (other than registered motor vehicles) may be paid in two installments if the total tax due is over \$250.00. The second installment of these taxes will become due Jan 1, 2024. All Motor Vehicle taxes, the first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes will become delinquent on August 2, 2023.

Mail must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2023 to be considered paid on-time. **By law this office uses the USPS postmark as the payment date. If you are waiting until the last few days to pay, it is recommended that you have your envelope hand stamped in the Post Office. Putting your envelope in a blue postal box may not guarantee an on-time postmark.**

If taxes are not paid on or before Aug 1, 2023, interest is charged at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per year) from the due date of July 1st. On August 2nd the interest will be 3% (1.5% for July and 1.5 % for August). The minimum interest charge is \$2.00 (per vehicle).

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 and service fees apply. The Tax Collector's office hours in the Town Hall, 323 RT 87 Columbia in July & Aug 1st are MON through WED 8AM to 4PM, THURS 10AM to 6PM and FRI 8AM to 12PM.

For those seeking an immediate clearance for DMV due to delinquent Motor Vehicle 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 tax office hours for assistance.**

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

TAX DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED): If you no longer own a Motor Vehicle and received a tax bill, please contact the Assessor's office at 860-228-9555 or mhawley@columbiact.org or mlittlefield@columbiact.org. You will need to provide the proper proof to the Assessor's office for any adjustments to the bill.

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.

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.

DOG LICENSING: JUNE began dog licensing month.

The license year for your dog runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. When licensing your dog, if their rabies vaccination has expired, please provide us with a copy of their current rabies vaccination certificate. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, include a copy of the veterinarian's certificate as well.

Please note: If you are licensing your dog(s) in July, there is now a \$1.00 late fee per dog.

Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July holiday!

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).

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

COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:



325 Route 87
860 228 9306



2nd Saturday Community Breakfasts

July 8 August 12



Share Food and Joy with
Family and Friends

NEW TIME: 7:30 AM to 10 AM

All you can eat \$12; Special Rates
for Families with Children



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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WELCOME!

JULY HAPPENINGS



Services 10 AM Sundays with Rev. MaryAnn Purtil
Live & on YouTube

Watch for our float in the July 4th Parade

2nd Saturday Breakfast 7:30 – 10 AM July 8th

Upcoming events: Shredathon Sept. 16th

Bible Study, Watch Parties, & Sunday School
resume in the fall check our website for details.

For details check out our webpage: Columbiacongregationalchurch.org

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SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY: Welcome Summer!

Find Your Voice! Our Summer Reading Program for both kids and adults will officially kick off June 24th (but look for sign ups to open for programming earlier!) We have a lot of exciting things planned from animal visits to crafts to educational programs. Our summer reading program has been made possible by grants from the Savings Bank of Manchester Foundation. Join us - - We have something for everyone!

Story times are still taking place Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. Baby Bees are continuing Friday mornings at 10:30.

All of our usual programs (book groups, Spice Club, Stitchers, Writers) will remain throughout the summer also.

To sign up for a program or get more information, contact the Library at: 860.228.0350 / SBL@columbiactlibrary.org / www.columbiactlibrary.org