

COLUMBIA



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UPDATE MAY 2022



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Progress on the pavilion and maintenance garage at Rec Park is well on it's way to completion thanks to the combined efforts from local contractors, Department of Public Works, Facilities, Inland Wetlands and the Recreation Department employee's are producing to make the Rec Park facility one of the nicest in our county. The feature that residents ask about the most is, "Will the pavilion include a bathroom"? The answer is yes, plus storage and a concession room!



Once we complete the new dugouts the drainage improvements for the little league field will be scheduled after the baseball season is over. We are waiting on a new scoreboard for the large baseball field. Please thank Scott and Ann Dunnack for this generous gift. If you have not tried pickle-ball you need to, I just played for the first time with my wife and loved it. Next will be the new disc golf course that will wrap around the Rec Park. The course will be designed towards a beginner to medium difficulty, focusing on family fun.



Our municipal landscape has changed quite a bit due to COVID, thus creating challenges that our staff and boards and commissions addressed head on. We did not miss a beat with our hybrid technology for attending meetings both remotely and in person. Our electronic communication was improved with the digital newsletter and the new website. We will also be adding the ability to submit permits online through Permitlink, a cloud-based permitting software that will provide residents with an efficient and convenient way to submit permits to the building department and the health district. Stay tuned to when this option will go live. With the federal and state grants plus the American Rescue Plan funds, Columbia has started to build out our infrastructure on the following projects to improve the safety and health of our residents and employees.

We are now going out to bid with the Town of Coventry to build a new two-lane bridge over the Hop River on Hop River Road which should be completed in 2025, with the assistance of the Federal Bridge program.

Communications will be improved for the public works, emergency management, Columbia Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD), and the State Police, with American Rescue Plan funds to upgrade our mobile and portable radios. The CVFD is upgrading the old phone system to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Phone System.

The CVFD is improving the audio-visual training equipment so that the volunteers can conduct their training remotely and better communicate with agencies during Emergency Management major storm events.

A bid will be going out for a generator at The Beckish Senior Center so that we can use the center as a heating and cooling retreat.

Heating and Cooling systems are being updated in the CVFD, Town Hall and the Murphy House at the town beach to improve air quality and reduce energy expense.

An upgrade to the bathrooms at the Murphy House will be completed soon. This upgrade will provide handicap accessibility to the bathrooms.

Planned interior work of The Moor's Indian School including lead paint removal and repair to the plaster ceilings and interior painted surface is almost complete. This one room schoolhouse building serves as a small colonial era museum and is on the National Historic Register.

As you can see, all the projects are either completed or well on their way. These projects are designed to improve the quality of life in Columbia.

Thank you and please be safe.

Steven M. Everett, First Selectman

severett@columbiact.org

860-228-0110



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Thank goodness the warm weather is finally here. As our First Selectman mentioned we are going to appreciate all the new activities available in our Rec Park. We also need to get out to the newly expanded Mono Pond State Park, please check out the Facebook link for the [Friends of Mono Pond State Park](#) volunteer group lead by Tom McGrath. This group is going to be the backbone of our joint efforts with the State to create a new and well-designed walking and biking park that is connected to the Hop River State Park Trail.



Most of these outdoor parks and facilities are possible because of generous funding from partnerships with the State of Connecticut and Federal funding to enable residents to be able to spend more time in the healthy outdoors. In fact, Connecticut was recently placed at the top of the list for Safest States during COVID by [Wallethub](#). We need to thank the great efforts from our employees and health department and of course our residents for all working together to get ahead of this virus.

Budget season is almost complete. We will be meeting to vote on our 22-23 budget at **7:00 PM May 10th at Yeoman's Hall**. Many factors came into play that made this a challenging budget process. As a result of our Revaluation of the Grand List, the total value of our Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles increases as a percentage 16.58%. This increase in assessed value equals \$83,188,251 resulting in a new 2021 Net Grand List of \$584,914,851. To offset this, increase the FIPAC Board is proposing a reduction in the mil rate from 29.33 to 25.87.

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.

Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237
860-228-0110

Find us on 



**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING - MAY 10, 2022 AT 7:00 PM IN YEOMAN'S HALL
(in-person only meeting)**

Below is the annual notification from the Town of Columbia Financial Planning and Allocation Commission (FiPAC) to each town household regarding town finances. FiPAC is the town commission charged with financial planning, budget making and setting a mill rate.

Factors FiPAC considered during its review of various budget requests:

- Town needs to maintain current services;
- Volunteer Fire Department and Library needs;
- Education tuition and transportation costs;
- Infrastructure maintenance and capital needs.
- Changes in available state municipal aid;
- General Fund Balance;
- Current year property tax collections; and
- Result of the recent Revaluation on real and personal property.

FiPAC proposes a FY 2022-2023 budget that calls for a reduced mill rate of 25.87 as well as the use of \$696,756 from the General Fund in order to offset the impact of Revaluation on property tax assessments.

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

- 5.32% increase in State Municipal Aid
- 7.79% increase in the Board of Selectmen Operating Budget;
- 0.00% increase in Board of Education Funding Request;
- 47.33% increase in new Capital Budget Appropriations;
- No change in debt - town currently has no debt;
- 16.58% increase in the Grand List based on recent Revaluation.

FiPAC's official proposed budget document is now available online at www.columbiact.org and in the Town Clerk's office.

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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

- 5/02/22 Tue: Board of Education, 7:00 PM
- 5/02/22 Mon: Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7:00 PM
- 5/03/22 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 5/04/22 Wed: Lake Management Advisory Committee, 7:00 PM
- 5/04/22 Thur: Recreation Commission, 6:00 PM, Yeoman's Hall
- 5/04/22 Thur: Szegda Farm Management Committee, 6:00 PM
- 5/04/22 Thur: Conservation and Agriculture Commission, 7:00 PM
- 5/10/22 Tue: Annual Town Budget Meeting, 7:00 PM, Yeomans Hall (in-person only)
- 5/09/22 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 5/11/22 Wed: Fiscal Policy Board, 8:30 AM
- 5/11/22 Wed: Economic Development Commission, 7:00 PM
- 5/17/22 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 5/18/22 Wed: Financial Planning & Allocation Commission, 7:00 PM
- 5/19/22 Thur: Open Space Committee, 8:00 AM
- 5/25/22 Thur: Columbia Commission on Aging, 9:00 AM
- 5/26/22 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).

HOLIDAYS

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022

MEMORIAL DAY

TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY
WILL BE HELD

Monday, May 30, 2022

9:00 am

Veteran's Memorial
on the Town Green

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

ASSESSORS OFFICE: The Renter's Relief program will begin April 1st and run through October 1, 2022. The income guidelines for qualifying income are a maximum of \$42,900 for a married couple and \$35,200 for a single person. This income includes Social Security, interest, pensions, and any other income received during 2015. You will also need a statement listing all of your electric bill payments, a letter from your landlord listing the months you rented from them, and the amounts paid to them monthly for the entire 2015 calendar year. There may be other information necessary to process applications with unique circumstances. Notification to re-apply will be mailed to those currently on the program. Any other renters who are not currently on the program but feel they may qualify are encouraged to apply.

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.

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER:

CSO's Dinner Dance

**Featuring Bruce John and the Bandoleros Saturday, June 4, 2022 From:
5pm-10pm.**

Catered by Audiberts

Ticket Cost: \$22.00 pp

Tickets can be purchased at the Beckish Senior Center and by John Allen and Art Austin!
Please call 860-228-0759 if you have any questions!

9th Annual Art Show

in Memory of Rose Marrotte



**Monday, June 13th at 9am thru
Friday, June 17th at 2pm
at the Beckish Senior Center.**

Registration is on June 13th from 9am to 11am. The presentations of awards will be made at an awards party on June 17th at 10:30am—snacks and refreshments provided. Open to all seniors 55 years or older.

All artists and craftspeople (wood carving and quilting) are invited to participate. Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second and third prize in the

following categories:

1. Artwork—(Oils, acrylics, watercolor and pastels)
2. Woodcarving
3. Photography
4. Quilting

Art lessons, art trips, and art lectures will also be available thru the end of the year. Please stay tuned for more information regarding these events.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Derring
Director Senior Services & Transportation

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Warmer spring weather has arrived at last, and our busy work schedule is underway. We have begun street sweeping and will continue through the month of April. Line painting of all town roads will be conducted in June. Milling and Paving of a portion of Cards Mill Road from Rt 66 to the intersection of Baker Hill Road is planned for early summer.

There will be a significant amount of maintenance/drainage work performed this spring throughout town, please take extra care when you encounter our crews so they can complete their work as safely as possible.

FIRE MARSHAL: I have recently received a number of questions, concerns, and complaints regarding outside fires. Please follow these safety tips when using an open burning pit.

1. Be mindful of your neighbor's well-being. Smoke from your fire should not be traveling in your neighbor's direction.
2. The only item burning should be clean firewood. Do not burn leaves, manufactured wood, furniture, or any other hazardous materials.
3. Always burn in a safe location. Fires should not be located near wooded areas, homes/ other buildings, or overhanging trees.
4. Keep children and pets away from open flames and hot objects.

Please contact the Town of Columbia Land Use Department at 860-228-0440 if you have any questions regarding open burning.

Mike Lester
Fire Marshal
Town of Columbia

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

MARINE PATROL:

2022 MARINE PATROL SCHEDULE

MAY 21ST AND MAY 22ND 9:00- 3:00 PM

GATE MONITORING: MAY 23RD - SEPTEMBER 11TH: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

WEEKENDS ONLY: SEPTEMBER 17TH - OCTOBER 9TH:10:00 AM-9:00 PM

BOAT PATROL: DATES: MAY 28TH - SEPTEMBER 11TH

WEEKENDS: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: BEACH PASSES



Beach Passes: 2022 season passes are available for purchase on May 1, 2022. Adult Season Pass Holders may purchase up to 4 Transferable Guest Passes (TGP) per household at \$45 each or Guest Passes for \$ 5. ALL guests of season pass holders must be with their sponsoring adult at all times. All passes are sold at the Parks & Recreation Office. Only Day passes are sold at the beach. Family Max = \$120 excluding the TGP & Day Passes. For more info, visit <https://columbia.recdesk.com/recdeskportal>

RESIDENT	SEASON PASS	TRANSFERABLE GUEST PASS	DAY PASS
AGES 5-17	\$25	\$45	\$5
AGES 18-61	\$35	\$45	\$5
AGES 62+	\$15	\$45	\$5

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Party Enrollment Change Deadline

The Primary for State & District offices is scheduled for August 9, 2022 at HORACE W. PORTER SCHOOL. Primaries in CT are "Closed Primaries", meaning that only voters registered in the party which is holding the Primary may vote. So only registered Republicans can vote in the Republican Primary and only registered Democrats can vote in the Democratic Primary. The deadline to transfer registration from one party to another and be eligible to vote in the Primary of the new party (Democratic or Republican) is May 9, 2022. This deadline also applies if you are currently registered in a minor party (Independent, Green Party, Libertarian, etc).

If you are not currently registered to vote, or not currently affiliated with a political party (registered as Unaffiliated), you can enroll in a party via mail until August 4, 2022 or in person until noon on August 8, 2022 and still be eligible to vote in the Primary. To register, go to voterregistration.ct.gov or contact our office.

Did you know?

There is a difference between Independent and Unaffiliated. The Independent Party is a recognized minor party in the state of Connecticut. Whereas, Unaffiliated means you are not registered in any party.

Please check our [Registrar of Voters page](#) on the town website or contact our office for more information.

Registrars of Voters

Karen Butzgy – Democratic

Alyson Cranick – Republican

(860) 228-6843 x113

registrar@columbiact.org

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES: We have collected an A-Z sampling of support resources that can be accessed on our website at [here](#). You may find something helpful for you, a family member, or a neighbor. Knowledge is power!

This is a not an exhaustive list. For further information on a topic or for information on a topic not listed, visit or call 211, United Way <https://www.211ct.org/> 24/7.

For assistance in navigating programs, or if there is another need, please contact me, Katie Wilt, Town of Columbia Community Social Services Coordinator, at 860-228-1008 or kwilt@columbiact.org (Typical hours Monday & Tuesday 8:30-5:00).

Additionally, contact me to:

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

Katie Wilt | Community Social Services Coordinator

Town of Columbia

323 Route 87

Columbia, CT 06237

kwilt@columbiact.org

860-228-1008

(Typical office hours: Monday & Tuesday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm)



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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](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS: REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS [ONLINE AT RECDISK.](#)

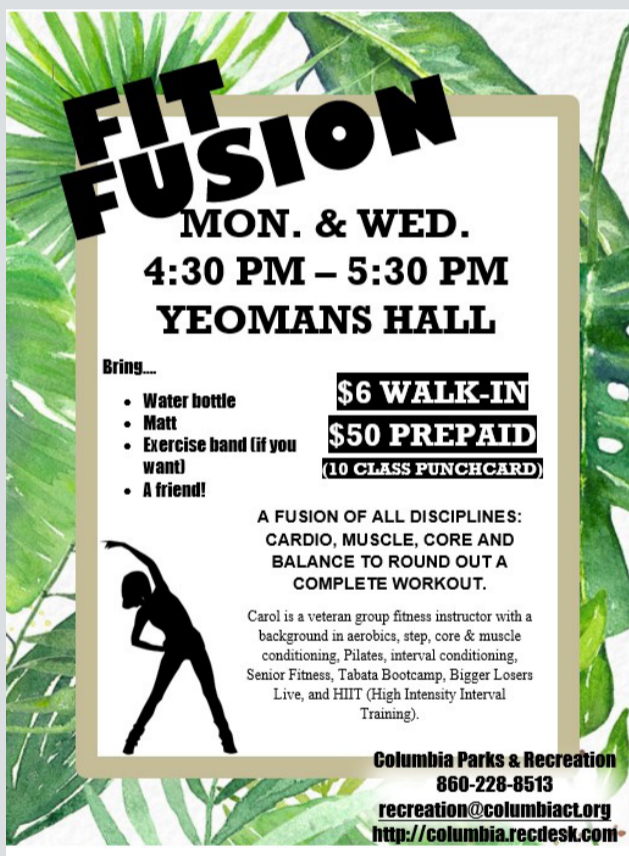
EXERCISE PROGRAMS held at Yeoman's Hall.

Fit Fusion: Monday/Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm in Yeoman's Hall

Yoga: Thursday, 6pm to 7pm in Yeoman's Hall

Zumba: Tuesday, 7pm to 8pm in Yeoman's Hall

For all exercise classes we have a max capacity of 12 people per a class. Due to this we are asking those who wish to attend to email ahead to reserve a spot recdirector@columbiact.org. Walk-ins will be accepted if the class is not already at capacity.



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

Bring...

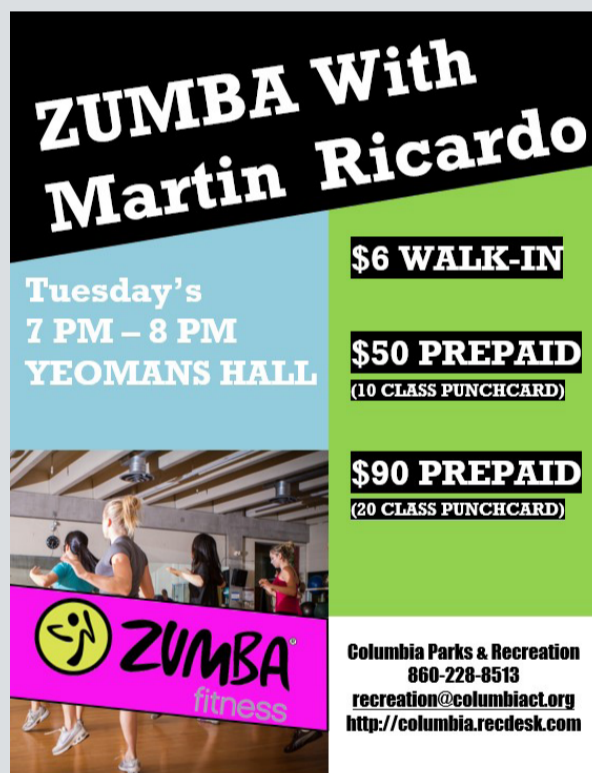
- Water bottle
- Matt
- Exercise band (if you want)
- A friend!

\$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>

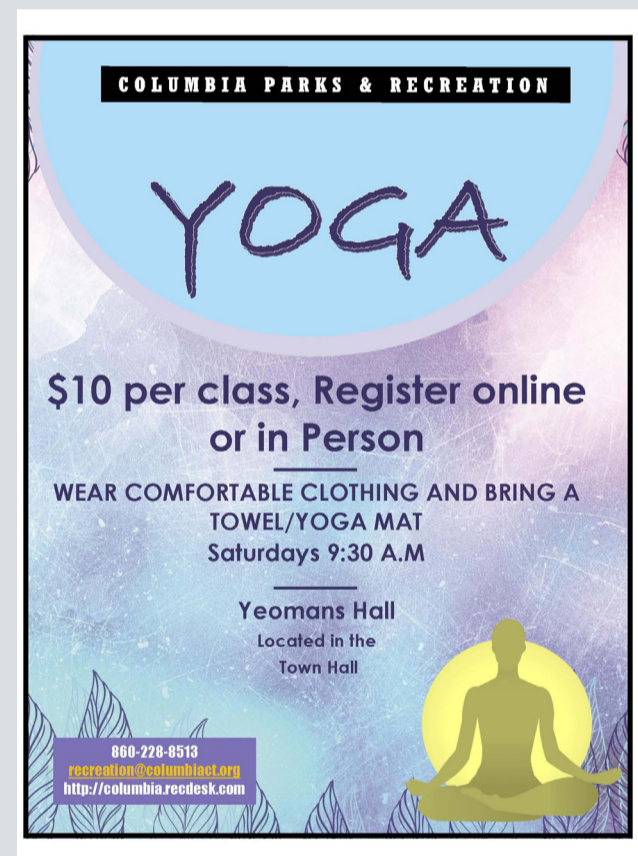


ZUMBA With Martin Ricardo

Tuesday's
7 PM – 8 PM
YEOMANS HALL

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

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



COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION

YOGA

\$10 per class, Register online or in Person

WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING AND BRING A TOWEL/YOGA MAT
Saturdays 9:30 A.M.

Yeomans Hall
Located in the Town Hall

860-228-8513
recreation@columbiact.org
<http://columbia.recdesk.com>

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:



SUMMER CONCERT

FEATURING BRUCE JOHN

May 26th, 2021

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Columbia Town Green

Free Food

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

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COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION





SUMMER CONCERT

FEATURING Jim Blair

July 13th, 2022

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

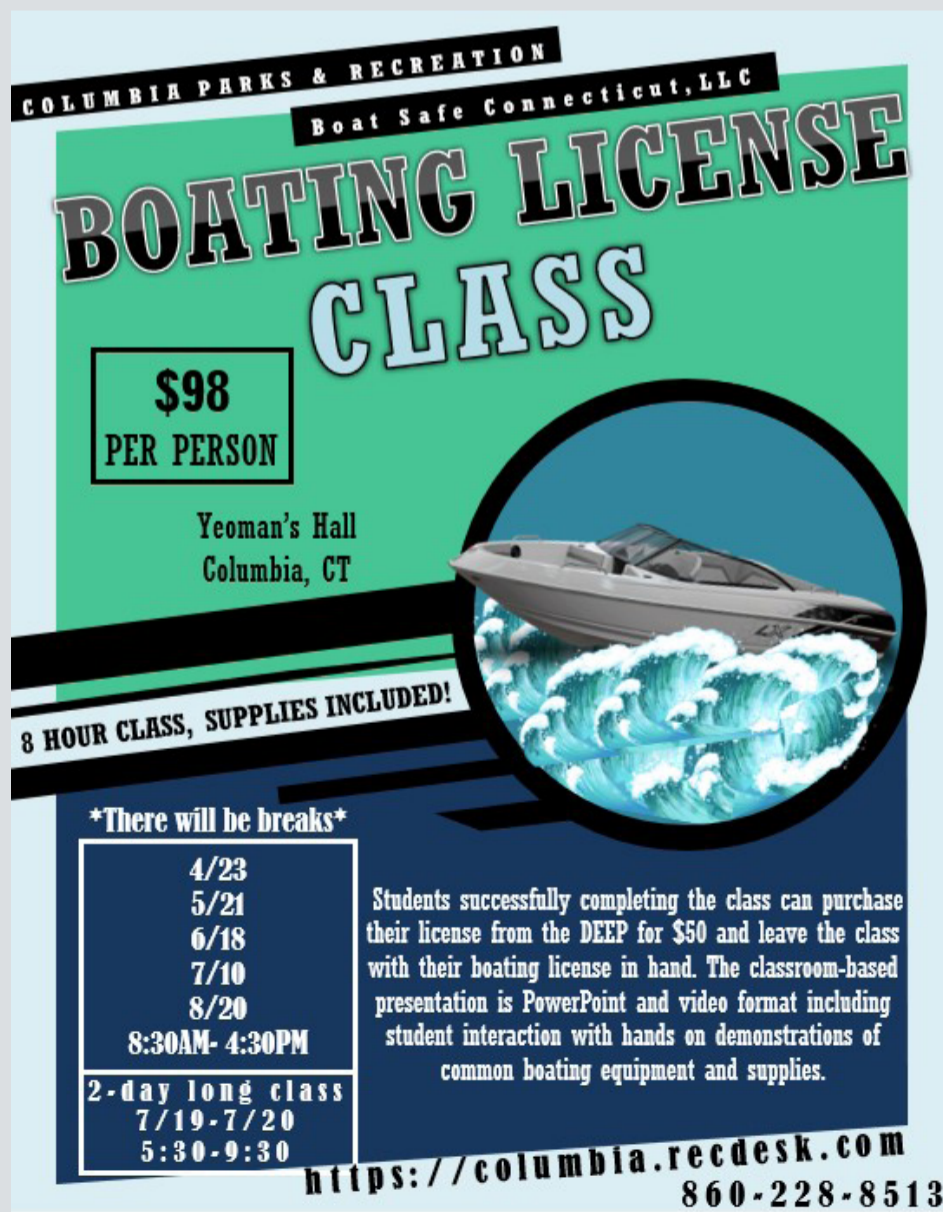
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COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION





COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION
Boat Safe Connecticut, LLC

BOATING LICENSE CLASS

\$98 PER PERSON

Yeoman's Hall
Columbia, CT

8 HOUR CLASS, SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

There will be breaks

4/23
5/21
6/18
7/10
8/20
8:30AM- 4:30PM
2-day long class
7/19-7/20
5:30-9:30

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:

5K Road Race



Summer Sizzler Columbia, CT

**August 19th
6:45PM**

**Start and Finish at Rec Park
Day of registration
Top male and female get mooyah free
for a year**

**Columbia Parks and Recreation 860-228-8513
recdirector@columbiact.org**

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

TAX OFFICE: Real Estate taxes on the October 1, 2020 Grand List that were due July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022 that have not been paid in full by May 31, 2022 will have a continuing tax lien filed in the land records as required by law.

Any delinquent tax not paid by June 30, 2022 will be listed by name and amount in the annual Town Report.

You can view and pay your tax bills online; Go to www.columbiact.org and click on the Pay Taxes Online tab on the home page. On the next page click on the View/Pay button (square) to go to a search screen. Type your last name, space, first initial of your first name (as is written on the bill). The service fee for online payments

are as follows: 95 cents to use a Bank account and 2.95% for credit and debit cards. To look up your 2021 tax payments go to www.columbiact.org. On Columbia's home page, click on the pay taxes online tab. The directions will be listed on the next page.

Regular office hours for the TAX OFFICE: Monday through Wednesday 8:00-2:00, Thursday 10:00-6:00 and closed on Friday. *The Tax Office has extended hours in July and August 1, 2022: Monday through Wednesday 8:00-4:00, Thursday 10:00-6:00 and Friday 8:00-12:00.*

Mailing address for tax payments:

Town of Columbia

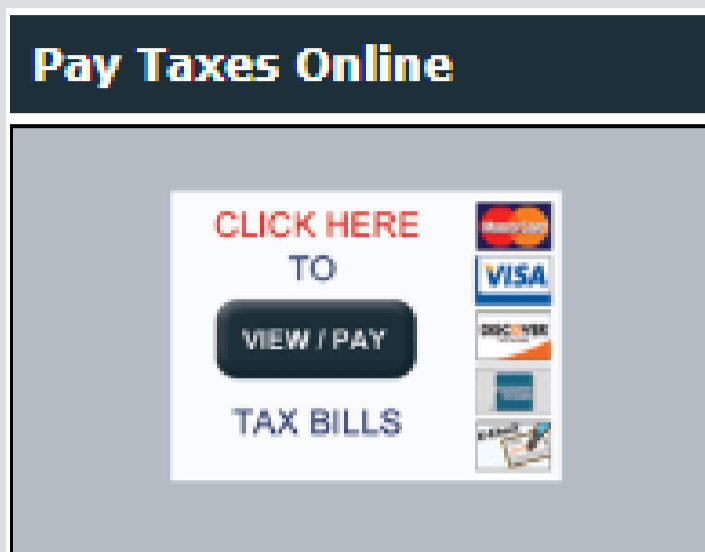
Dept # 347

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. Please be aware that tax payments put in the drop box after 8:00AM will be processed the next day the Tax Office is open.

Tax bills for the 2021 Grand List will be mailed at the end of June 2022 with a due date of July 1, 2022. The last day to pay without a penalty will be Monday August 1, 2022. Bills will be available online on July 1, 2022. By law this office uses the postmark as the payment date.



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

TAX OFFICE (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.

To look up your 2021 tax payments, follow the directions at the bottom of the Tax Collector's page. 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.

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Please call the Tax Office at 860-228-0230 with questions.

Carol Price, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS OFFICE: It is business as usual in the Clerk's office for all those services that you might need - Recording and Searching of Land Records and Maps, Certified copies of Vital Records, Marriage licenses, Fishing and Hunting licenses, Dog licenses, Transfer Station permit stickers, etc.

TRANSFER STATION PERMIT STICKERS

Due to a delay in production and shipping, you will not be able to purchase your 2022 transfer station sticker until the week of **May 16, 2022**. (**NOTE:** Your current transfer station sticker is **good until June 1, 2022**).

Applications for Transfer Station stickers can be sent to us by **MAIL** or can be dropped off in the large white DROP BOX located outside the doors to Yeoman's Hall. Make your check payable to: Town of Columbia and **INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** for mailing back your stickers.

Another option is to purchase your stickers ONLINE at [Rec Desk](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us 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

SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY: We are now doing programming in our programming room and outside as weather permits!

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

Our book groups, weekly Stitcher group and bi-monthly Writer's group are all accepting new members. On May 3rd join us to learn about the engineers who specialize in historic buildings from Beth Acl, whose practice, Cirrus Structural Engineering has called Columbia home since 2010. We ask that you sign up for Friday Movies. And don't forget to ask for this month's spice, Chervil and join us on May 23 for Spice Club.

Watch for information on our full Summer Reading Program: Beyond the Beaten Path, starting next month.

Visit our website at: www.columbiactlibrary.org. Call us: (860) 228-0350 or email: SBL@columbiactlibrary.org

Sue Epstein, Library Director

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

COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: EMT's and Firefighters Needed!



The advertisement features a black background with a central photograph of a fire station at night, showing several fire trucks parked in their bays. Above the photo, the text reads "COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" in yellow and white, with "EMTs and Firefighters Needed" below it. To the left is a red fire department logo, and to the right is a blue Star of Life. Below the photo, two questions are listed: "- Are you a resident, live nearby, or employed by the town of Columbia Connecticut?" and "- Are you 16 years of age or older?". A red call to action says "The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department needs you!!!". Below that, it states "Certifications and experience not required for application" and "Please inquire about training". On the right side, there is a circular logo for the Columbia Fire Department and contact information: "www.columbiafire5.org/volunteer", "membership@columbiafire5.org", and "Message us on facebook @Columbiafire5".

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS: Community members can help the volunteers who respond to calls by clearly marking your house number in a visible manner on the street. The CVFD makes and sells reflective house number signs that help us quickly and easily identify your house; this often saves precious time. To order the Reflective Address Markers please go to the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department's web-page at www.columbiafire5.org and download the printable form or you can fill out the electronic form online. The price is \$10.00 per sign or \$12.00 with mounting brackets.



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

Artists' Open Studios

Columbia Artists interested in participating in the Artists' Open Studios in the fall at the Columbia Senior Center--should contact Paul Ramsey now at Ramzphoto@gmail.com.



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

CONNECTICUT TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION

[Wells Woods – Columbia’s Ghost Town](#)

This forested part of Columbia was for one hundred years a thriving community but now all that remains are numerous ruins. We will visit the sites of the school, farmhouses and mills and learn who the people were who settled here and why they all left, all the while enjoying the natural features of the area as well.

When: Sunday, June 5, 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 PM

How Long: 2.5 miles

Event Leader(s):

Joan Hill

(860) 228-2849

jhill003@charter.net

AND

Ron Wikholm

860-416-5857

ronwikholm@gmail.com



Rain Date: None

Organization Partners: [Columbia Historical Society](#)

Meeting Location Details: Park on right side of Wells Woods Road opposite the entrance to Island Woods Subdivision (Lake Ridge Dr.) and before # 32. We will gather at the Root Site which has a signpost by the road near #32 on the right.

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

The Columbia Historical Society presents

Connecticut's Past as Revealed Through Archaeology

Scott Brady of FOSA (Friends of the State Archaeologist) will give an illustrated talk about sites in Connecticut, from

Paleo-Indian through 19th century historic, that have been explored by avocational archaeologists and members of the public with guidance from FOSA.



7 PM Friday May 13

This free talk will be preceded by a 6 PM pot luck appetizer/dessert social hour with short Historical Society business meeting. All are welcome.

at Yeomans Hall 323 Rt. 87 West Columbia

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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.**



**1st & 3rd Sundays
starting May 1**

1 - 4 PM

**Other times available
by appointment.**

**Numbers limited to
allow for distancing.**

**Reservations
recommended.**

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

at the History Place 312 Rt. 87 West Columbia

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TOWNWIDE TAG SALE: Columbia, CT Town Wide Tag Sale *organized by By The Pond and Notions Finds ReCreations and Design.*

**All proceeds to benefit to Columbia Food Bank
Saturday June 25, 2022 8:00 am-3:00 pm**

So How Does this Work? Simply submit your \$20 (non refundable) donation and registration form. You just set up at your home and sell, we will do the rest. Your sale and address will be added to a town map to highlight your sale to shoppers. Maps will be available the day of the sale to list and show all of the available sales.

Great Opportunity for: Small businesses, artisans, local sports teams, relay teams, church groups and clubs!

Have a local business you want to highlight? For a \$30 donation we will gladly add your business card to the map.

Turn your used goods into \$\$, use this as a fundraiser for your organization or to introduce your crafts/goods or business to a whole new market! Sell stuff-a-bag/everything for a \$1.00... the possibilities are endless!!

Questions? Contact: Nelisa Reagan at nelisareagan@sbcglobal.net. Let's make this a great event for our community and food bank!

TOWN WIDE TAG SALE REGISTRATION FORM

Name/ Business name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Brief description of items for sale:

Mail registration form (and business card if applicable) and check payable to The Beckish Senior Center to Notions Finds ReCreations and Design, 4 Szegda Rd., Columbia , CT 06237.