

COLUMBIA



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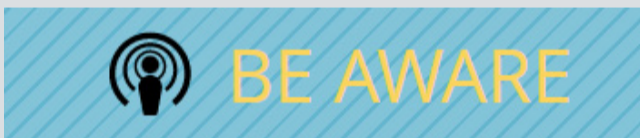


TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON: The period from August to early October tends to produce the most hurricanes and tropical storms. September is the single most active month of the Atlantic hurricane season. Often with these storms we experience power outages, so it is important that our community is prepared before a storm arrives. The Capital Region Council of Governments implemented the [Capital Region Get Ready](#) program to promote preparedness measures in homes and communities. What are the steps that you can do to prepare for a storm?

Being aware of the most likely hazards in the Capitol Region is the first step in disaster preparedness, and here you'll find background information and checklists with specific steps you can take before a disaster strikes. You'll also find ways to help you stay informed about potential threats to your community through a variety of resources and tools.

While local emergency services (police, fire, emergency medical) are well equipped to quickly and effectively provide help when emergencies arise, each and every household must be ready to fend for their own needs for at least 72-hours (three days) after an emergency begins. Take steps now to plan ahead.



Take action in advance of an emergency or disaster to ensure you and your family are able to respond and recover. Disaster preparedness helps you be ready to respond to any emergency you encounter, no matter how small or large.



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When a disaster happens, emergency services may not be able to provide you with assistance for up to – and possibly exceeding – 72 hours after the event. Empower yourself and become a first responder for those around you.

Click on tabs to learn more

We urge anyone with a medical condition or a disability that may require additional help during prolonged power outages to notify the Senior Center Director, Bernadette Derring at 860-228-0759 or Katie Wilt, Community Social Services Coordinator at 860-228-1008.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS: If there is an emergency, help our Fire Department find you! 911 reflective address signs ensure a quick response. To order the Reflective Address Markers please go to the [Columbia Volunteer Fire Department's web-page](#) and download the printable form or you can fill out the electronic form on-line. The price is \$10.00 per sign or \$12.00 with mounting brackets.



With Labor Day and the start of the new school year, we leave summer behind and look forward to crisp fall days and busy schedules. School is in session and we would like to remind you to please show extra caution where students may be walking to/from bus stops or school or getting on or off of their school bus.

BEACH SEASON: September 5th marks the official end of the 2022 beach season as the majority of the beach staff returned to school. Beaches are swim at your own risk when guards are not present.

The gate monitoring weekly schedule will end September 11th and resume for weekends only from September 17th to October 9th from 10:00am to 9:00pm (will adjust with sunset).

Thank you to the beach staff, lifeguards, and marine patrol!



TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022.

RECREATION PARK CELEBRATION: The improvements to Rec Park are reaching completion and we will be hosting a Rec Park Celebration highlighting the various new projects that have been completed on October 22nd from 12-2 with food, music and games. Stay tuned for more information in our next monthly newsletter and on the Town of Columbia's [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

WE'RE HIRING: The Town of Columbia has two openings for Director of Parks and Recreation and Town Planner. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

The Town of Columbia

WE'RE HIRING

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
Full-Time Position: Monday through Friday.
Occasional evenings or weekends for special events. Salary Range: \$50,000 to \$55,000 per year. Benefits included.

TOWN PLANNER: Part-Time Position: 15 to 19 hours per week. Hourly rate: \$28.00 to \$38.00 based on experience.

For a full job description please visit www.columbiact.org

All applications should be sent to the Town Administrator's Office or townadministrator@columbiact.org

860-228-8513
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237

BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY: Just a reminder the survey to promote the 2022 [Connecticut Conference of Municipalities](#) Broadband Connectivity is still open. Your input will help guide federal investments in more reliable Internet access for Connecticut's residents. Please complete this very brief [survey](#) from your home network today!

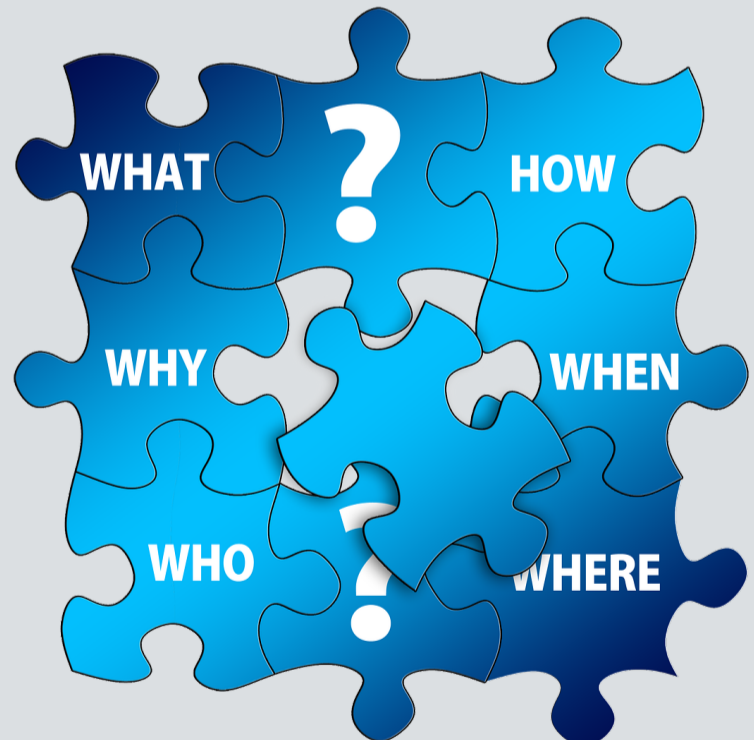


The "Internet for All Initiative," will invest \$45 billion to provide affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet by the end of the decade. Each state is set to receive at least \$100 million and final funding allotment for each state will be determined by the broadband maps the FCC is expected to release early next year. For more information, visit [CCM's website](#).

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.



Thank you and please be safe.

Steven M. Everett, First Selectman
severett@columbiact.org

860-228-0110

Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator
townadministrator@columbiact.org

323 Route 87
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860-228-0110

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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- 9/01/22 Thur: Szegda Farm Management Committee Special Meeting, 9:00 AM
- 9/01/22 Thur: Recreation Commission, 6:00 PM (Canceled)
- 9/01/22 Thur: Conservation and Agriculture Commission, 7:00 PM
- 9/06/22 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 9/07/22 Wed: Lake Management Advisory Committee, 7:00 PM
- 9/08/22 Thur: Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7:00 PM
- 9/12/22 Mon: Board of Education, 7:00 PM
- 9/12/22 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 9/14/22 Wed: Fiscal Policy Board, 8:30 AM
- 9/14/22 Wed: Board of Assessment Appeals, 7:00 PM
- 9/14/22 Wed: Economic Development Commission, 7:00 PM
- 9/15/22 Thur: Open Space Committee, 9:00 AM
- 9/20/22 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 9/21/22 Wed: Financial Planning & Allocation Commission, 7:00 PM
- 9/22/22 Thur: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 PM
- 9/26/22 Mon: Planning & Zoning Commission, 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).

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ASSESSORS OFFICE:

Renters Program: The Renters Program runs until October 1st so please call us or come in if you are interested in this program. You must be 65 or older or totally disabled. Please call us to find out what is necessary to file an application, or you can go to the Town's website under the Departments tab, click the Assessor's Office and click on the [Elderly & Totally Disabled Benefits](#) line item for further information.

If you have any questions regarding the above programs, you can reach the Assessor's office at 860-228-9555.

Mary Lavalley, Assessor
Town of Columbia
Assessor's Office
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER: Katie Wilt, the Community Social Services Coordinator, is continuing the "More you Know," Wellness Series for Seniors. The discussion aims to educate, connect, and support our community's mental and physical health. Please join us for these informative presentations. [The GEM](#), the newsletter, will have the dates listed each month.

The Beckish Senior Center will be celebrating 25 Years on Thursday, October 27th. There will be food and fun for everyone! Stay tuned!

Please stop by the Beckish Senior Center to view the works of Pat Morris, an artist depicting all types of wildlife. Pat's works will be on display in the month of September.



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Check the upcoming Beckish Senior Center trips coming up in September:

- The Big E is planned on September 21, Connecticut Day. Please sign up, we need 5 more people to make the trip! Bus Departure Time: 10:00 am Approx. Return Time: 4:00 pm. Cost: \$22.00 per person, Payment due at Sign-Up. (Price Includes Ticket, Bus and Gratuities. Write Checks payable to Town of Columbia)
- A trip to the Hartford Convention Center to see the Beyond Van Gogh on September 15th
- Free trip to Hebron Harvest Fair on Friday, September 9th at 12 noon using our senior van. Admission is free from 12-4pm for 65+.
- Enjoy the Beyond Van Gogh, The Immersive Experience at The Connecticut Convention Center. Thursday, September 15th. Depart Beckish at 12:15. Timed Entry at 1:15pm. Cost: Sponsored by the CSO's Art Committee

Movie Day starts up on September 1st. Check the [GEM](#) for the weekly movie.

Hartford Healthcare will sponsor a Mobile Health Clinic at the Beckish Senior Center on October 13, from 10am to 2pm. The CareVan clinics offers many services.

Do not forget Columbia's Fire Department Open House and Entertainment scheduled on October 1, from 11am to 9pm.

Please check the Beckish Newsletter, [The Gem](#), for all activities and trip details.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Summer!

Bernadette Derring

Director Senior Services & Transportation

bderring@columbiact.org

860-228-0759

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

MARINE PATROL: The mission of the Marine Patrol Unit `s goal is to promote safety for 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.

2022 MARINE PATROL SCHEDULE

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

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.

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PUBLIC WORKS - TRANSFER STATION: Below is a list compiled by John Ciurylo-Transfer Station Attendant, that will help residents navigate and understand the rules of the Columbia Transfer Station. ***Please remember*** you must have a Transfer Station Sticker. Please see the Town Clerk's Office to purchase your sticker. The sticker must be affixed to the vehicles window.

General Conduct:

- Driving safety and vehicle awareness:
 - Drivers must stop at the stop sign when entering the facilities.
 - Drivers must watch out for pedestrians and other vehicles while driving.
 - No speeding while driving around the facilities.
- The attendants should always be informed when visitors have anything other than household trash and recycling.
- If there are any questions about where something goes, what to do, or how to do it, then the attendants are available to answer questions and to provide directions.
- Visitors should pay attention to the signs located around the facility as the signs explain where to go and what to do in order to effectively make use of the facility.
- The Transfer Station is for residents only, **NO** Commercial Businesses allowed.

Household Trash and Single Stream Recycling Compactors:

- Only household trash and single stream recycling belong in the compactors.
- Construction debris and furniture are considered "bulky waste".
- Trash bags should be carried and placed into the compactor chutes, not thrown from a distance.
- To prevent rips and spills, trash bags should not be overloaded.
- No resident shall climb on fencing or enter the compactors and their chutes.

Compost Pile:

- Only soft vegetation without wood should be placed in the compost pile.
- Garbage, trash, and other inorganic items do not belong in the compost pile.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

PUBLIC WORKS - TRANSFER STATION CONTINUED:

BulkyWaste, Scrap Metal, and Cardboard Dumpsters:

- The dumpsters are labeled with signs to indicate what belongs in them.
- Specific items should not be deposited anywhere other than where they belong:
 - Nonmetal items should not be deposited into the metal dumpster.
 - Electronics and other electrical items have their own container.
 - Large household appliances belong in the metal dumpster, but appliances containing freon, such as refrigerators, have their own designated area.
- Items meant for any of the dumpsters should not contain oil or fuel.
- The attendants can provide directions for where to go and which dumpster to use. These instructions must be followed without exception.

Swap Shop:

- Items should be in good, usable condition for donation; meaning that they must be clean, unbroken, with a complete set, etc.
- Health and safety guidelines for items are posted on signs located on or nearby the swap shop and should be followed.
- No items with unknown history, prescriptions, or for personal use, such as medical equipment, toiletries, etc. are allowed in the swap shop.

Bottles-and-Cans Bin – To help the Boy Scouts:

- Some items are not returnable for profit, such as wine bottles, Gatorade, Minute Maid, Arizona, etc., and should be recycled instead.
- Donations must be clean, unbroken, returnable and secured in bags.
- No items other than bottles or cans should be deposited in the bin.

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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](#)!

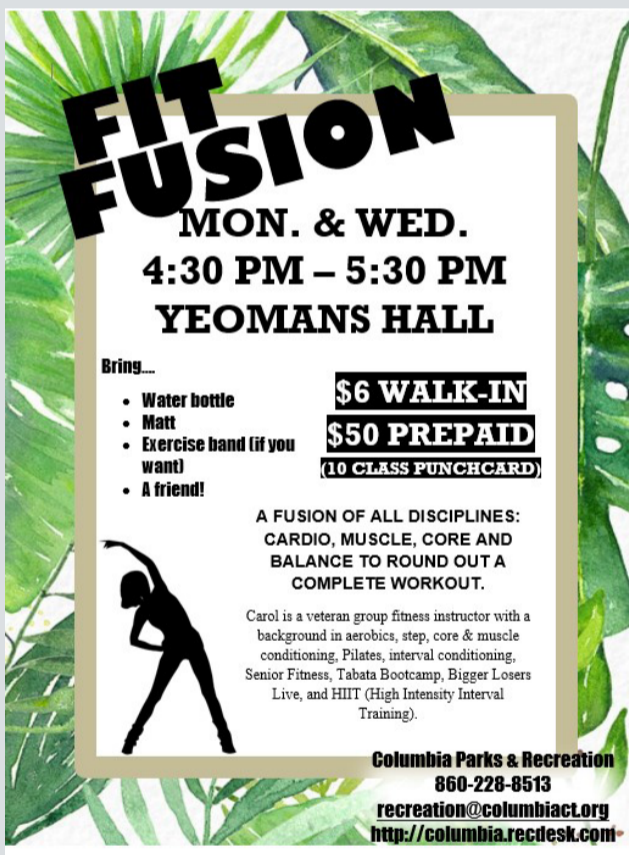
UPCOMING EVENTS: REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS [ON-LINE AT RECDESK.](#)

EXERCISE PROGRAMS held at Yeoman's Hall.

Fit Fusion: Monday/Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm 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...

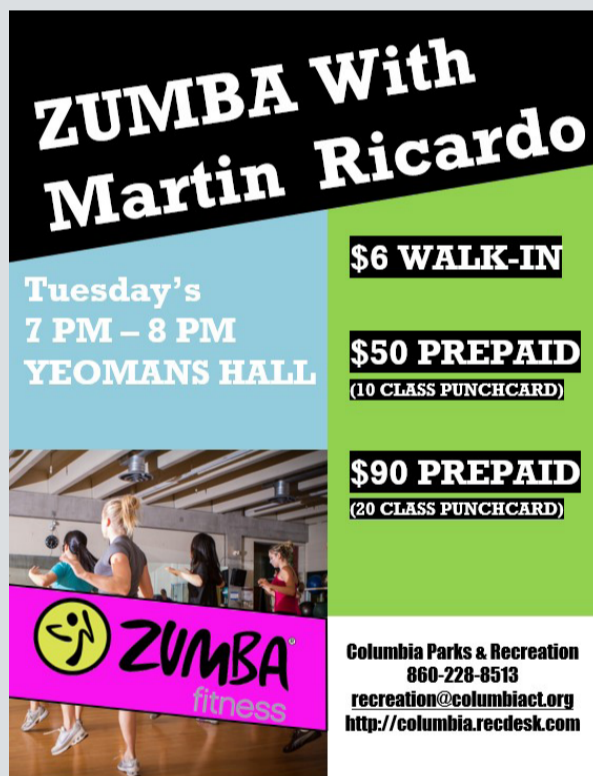
- Water bottle
- Matt
- Exercise band (if you want)
- A friend!

\$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)

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<http://columbia.recdesk.com>




COMMIT
DANCE FITNESS

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

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

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:



COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION

Fall 2022 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Wednesday, 7-9 PM

September 7th – October 19th

Porter Gym

\$15

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



Men's BASKETBALL

Sept. 12th- Oct 24th 7-9PM
Nov, 7th- March 27th 8-10PM
April 3rd- May 22nd 7-9 PM

\$50 PER Person


AGE: 18+

MASK ARE REQUIRED WHILE YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING

2022

PORTER SCHOOL GYM

RECREATION@COLUMBIACT.ORG
860-228-8513



COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

September 6th- October 25th

Porter Gym

\$20

Tuesdays 7-9PM

Will not Occur October 11th

18+

MASK ARE REQUIRED WHILE IN THE BUILDING
recreation@columbiact.org
860-228-8513



CO-ED Pickleball

September 8th- October 20th

Wednesday 6-8pm

Porter Gym

\$20

18+

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

6AM-8PM

HORACE W. PORTER SCHOOL

If you need to register to vote:

- Register online at voterregistration.ct.gov,
- Stop in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours, or
- Contact the Registrars of Voters office with your name and address and we will mail a Voter Registration Card to you.

If you need an Absentee Ballot:

- Absentee Ballots will become available starting on October 7th.
- To obtain an Absentee Ballot, you must first fill out an application for an Absentee Ballot. You can find an application on the [Registrar of Voter website](#), or contact the Town Clerk at (860) 228-3284.

Please contact the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk with any questions.

Registrars of Voters

Karen Butzgy – Democratic

Alyson Cranick – Republican

(860) 228-6843 x113

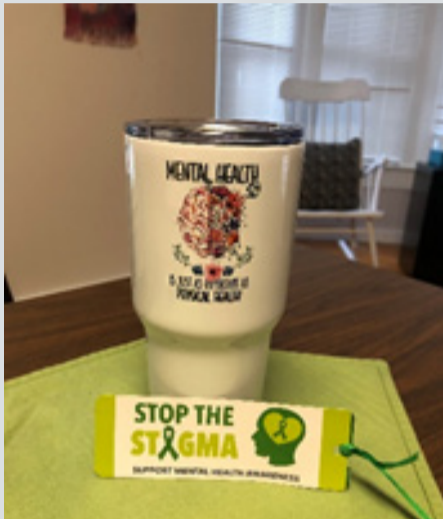
registrar@columbiact.org

columbiact.org/registrar-voters

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES: The “More you Know”, Wellness Series for Seniors: The Columbia Social Services Senior Wellness Series, “The More you Know” continues! It’s been wonderful to see familiar faces and new faces. Each person adds something special.

Join on Friday September 16th at 11:00 am at the Beckish Senior Center. This Wellness Series aims to educate, connect, and support our community’s mental and physical health.



This is a free, in-person program for seniors and does not require pre-registration. For more information, ideas, or questions, please contact Katie Wilt, Community Social Services Coordinator, at 860-228-1008.

CT Energy Assistance – Beginning this Fall! The CT Energy Assistance Program helps pay towards heating costs. Benefits range depending on your income level, household size, and whether there is a vulnerable member in the household. Applications are typically completed by mail, online, or through an agency.

At the time of this printing, the details of this year’s program (such as eligibility and benefit amounts) are in a proposal stage. Applications are not yet being accepted but it is expected that they will be accepted sometime in September. Updated details can be found at the [State of CT website](#). For questions, fuel emergencies, resources please reach out Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008.

Webinar: Emergency Solutions for Powering Durable Medical Equipment and Assistive Technology: A free recording of the webinar Emergency Solutions for Powering Durable Medical Equipment and Assistive Technology by the AT3 Center is available on their site or on the AT3 YouTube channel. It provides planning resources, options, and considerations for back-up power during emergencies for up to 72 hours to support various types of durable medical equipment (DME) and assistive technology (AT) for older adults and people with disabilities.

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES (CONTINUED): Memory Café – Social Support Group for People with Dementia and their Caregivers: The concept of the memory café is to offer a friendly space where people living with dementia and their caregivers can relax and form friendships for mutual support and socialization. The group takes place every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Bishops Corner in West Hartford from 11am-12pm. The group is open to non-residents of West Hartford as well as residents. The next session is September 21st. Pre-registration is required. Call 860-561-7583 or email whsc@westhartfordct.gov. The group is facilitated by Keren Paquette, LCSW.

Renter's Rebate: Columbia residents who rented in 2021 and were age 65 or older by 12/31/21 or those receiving Social Security Disability may be eligible for a rent rebate if their income was \$38,100 or less for a single person or \$46,400 or less for a married couple. Proof of 2021 income and 2021 rent, heat, electricity paid are required. Contact the Town of Columbia Assessor's office at 860-228-9555 with questions or go into the Assessor's office to apply. Apply by Friday, September 30th as the program runs until October 1st!



MEMORY Café

Join our *Social Support* group designed specifically for people with dementia and their caregivers.

What is a Memory Café?

This informal setting provides the caregiver a forum for discussion, reducing the isolation often felt by people with dementia, their caregivers and families. Discussions can range from practical tips for coping with dementia, avoiding caregiver burnout or information about community resources. There is no cost or obligation, and many attendees develop friendships that result in support even outside the Memory Café setting.

All attendees will adhere to proper COVID-19 guidelines including masking, staying socially distant and hand sanitizing.

**Bishops Corner
3rd Wednesday of Every Month:**

August 17, 2022
September 21, 2022
October 19, 2022
November 16, 2022
11am-12pm

Facilitated by *Keren Paquette, LCSW*
The Town of West Hartford

IN-PERSON AT BISHOPS CORNER SENIOR CENTER. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
PLEASE CALL 860-561-7583 OR EMAIL: WHSC@WESTHARTFORDCT.GOV



CONNECTICUT'S RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM
For Elderly and Disabled Renters

The State provides reimbursements to elderly or disabled renters in need. These rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for individuals.

APPLICATION PERIOD
April 1, 2022 - October 1, 2022

FOR INFORMATION
Visit: bit.ly/3IL9Nn8
Call: 860.418.6377

Applications can be made to your town social service agency or the Assessor's Office

Katie Wilt [she/her/hers] | Community Social Services Coordinator

Direct phone line: 860.228.1008

Email: kwilt@columbiact.org

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

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TAX OFFICE: Taxes are due within 30 days of the due date, July 1st. If they are not paid on or before August 1, 2022, a penalty of 1½ % per month (or a minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater) is charged **per vehicle or property** from the due date of July 1st (3% for July and August, 4.5% in September or 6% in October). A \$1.00 fee will be charged for **each** delinquent motor vehicle reported to DMV. All registrations in the name of a delinquent taxpayer will be blocked from renewals and new registrations until all taxes in their name are paid in full. This includes any motor vehicle registrations that are registered under multiple names.

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.

Columbia residents can view and pay taxes online, service fees for tax payments apply, .95 cents to use a Bank account and 2.95% for credit and debit cards. To find your bills online, go to www.columbiact.org. On the Columbia home page click on the view/pay tab and on the next page click on view/ pay square. The search criteria will need to be entered exactly how the tax bill is written. Enter your last name, a space, and then your first initial. 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.

Please feel free to leave payments or correspondence in the drop box at the right side of the entrance of the Town Hall or in the drop box 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 (see hours below).

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

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

SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY: *Reminder:* Saturday hours return on September 10th! We'll see you then.

Summer Reading has ended and we'd like to thank the nearly 200 participants! We'd also like to wish all our youth readers welcome back to school and hope you all have a great new year!

But just because summer is over, it doesn't mean fun at the Library is ending. We'd like to let you know of some exciting things happening this month, **join us:**

Tues 9/6 7 pm **Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement** will talk about their organization. This program is in conjunction with a special photography display on immigration, available for viewing until 9/15. Register at the Library.

Puzzle Swap is back 1-4 on Monday 9/19 – feel free to come by and grab a puzzle, even if you don't have one to swap!

Mother-Daughter book group still has space available, contact Megan.

As always, **Story times** are taking place Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. **Baby Bees** are continuing Friday mornings at 10:30, both taking place outside as weather permits.

We ask that you sign up for **Friday Movies**. And don't forget to ask for this month's spice, and join us on September 26th for **Spice Club**.

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

Sue Epstein, Library Director

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

COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Come celebrate with us!

75 Years of Volunteer Service
with the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department

Open House and Entertainment at the Station
167 Route 66, Columbia, CT

Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 11 AM-9 PM

GAMES
LIVE BAND
FOOD TRUCKS
BEER AND WINE GARDEN
Cash Only
MUSIC
BOUNCY CASTLE
TOUR THE STATION

Visit us on   and www.columbiafire5.org

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

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



The advertisement features a dark 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 fire department logo, and to the right is a blue Star of Life. Below the photo, there are two bullet points: "- Are you a resident, live nearby, or employed by the town of Columbia Connecticut?" and "- Are you 16 years of age or older?". To the right of these points is the Columbia Fire Department logo. Below the bullet points, the text says "The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department needs you!!!", "Certifications and experience not required for application", and "Please inquire about training". At the bottom right, contact information is provided: "www.columbiafire5.org/volunteer", "membership@columbiafire5.org", and "Message us on facebook @Columbiafire5".

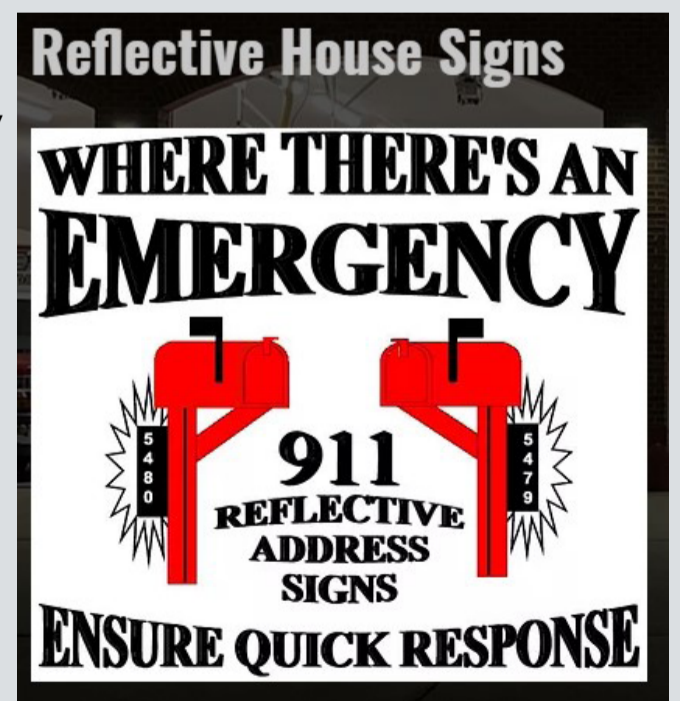
**COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**
EMTs and Firefighters Needed

- Are you a resident, live nearby, or employed by the town of Columbia Connecticut?
- Are you 16 years of age or older?

The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department needs you!!!
Certifications and experience not required for application
Please inquire about training

www.columbiafire5.org/volunteer
membership@columbiafire5.org
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 on-line. The price is \$10.00 per sign or \$12.00 with mounting brackets.



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COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

America's First Peoples Archaeology & Living History

October 22nd

9-12 AM

Artifact Identification Session & Stone Tool-Making Demonstration

Archaeologist Dr. David Leslie will identify Native American artifacts brought in by the public. Each person with items such as arrowheads, baskets, or ceramics, must pre-register for a 15 minute time slot, and may bring no more than 8 items.

Without registering, the public is welcome to observe identifications, browse displays, watch live stone tool-making demonstrations by Bob Inman, and visit the Columbia Historical Society's archaeology exhibit and native medicinal plant garden.



12:30-2 PM 17th Century Native American Life in New England



A one hour living history presentation by re-enactor Drew Shuptar-Rayvis who will illustrate how life among the Algonkian people changed during the period when Native Americans first encountered the ways of European Colonists. Afterwards he will stay on to answer any questions from the audience.

The Columbia Historical Society's archaeology exhibit and Occom Memorial Medicinal Plant Garden will be open to visitors for an hour after this presentation.

Location: Yeoman's Hall 323 Rt. 87 Columbia, CT

**To register or for more information contact Joan Hill at
860 228-2849 or jmhill003@gmail.com**

All activities are free but donations gladly accepted

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COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

Celebrating 300+ Years
Columbia Congregational Church & "Lebanon Crank"

Sunday September 25, 2022

1:15 PM

The Occom Garden Plaque Blessing Ceremony
hosted by The Columbia Historical Society
Located behind the Moor's Charity Indian School and Columbia Congregational Church

2:00 PM

Free Community Concert

**United States Coast Guard
Brass Quintet**



Columbia Congregational Church

325 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Rt. 87

Featuring a variety of music favorites

Plus the *premiere performance* of

REV. OCCOM'S TUNE : Modal Rhapsody for BRASS QUINTET

composed by **Samson Occom** (1723 -1792) and **Gabriel Kastle** (2020)

Refreshment reception follows the concert ~ all are cordially invited!

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COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:



Start now to sort and collect your papers for the
Paper Shred-A-Thon that will be held

**Saturday, September 17th
9AM – 12PM**

(At the Old Fire House on Route 66)

The Shred-A-Thon is a fundraiser for
Columbia Congregational Church and a free will
offering is appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at
860-228-9306.

Suggested donation \$5.00/per bag.

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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 Ramzphto@gmail.com.



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Columbia Democratic Town Committee

**Annual Ice Cream Social
Monday (Labor Day)**

Sept. 5, 2022

Noon - 3 pm • \$7⁵⁰

**Columbia Town Green
Music by Bruce John**



UConn Dairy Bar Ice Cream

Paid for by Columbia Democrat Town Committee, Judy Ortiz, Treasurer