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Happy New Year! The new year offers us a time to reflect on the previous year and look forward to the new year and new beginnings. Looking back on the past year some notable projects that we accomplished include; updates to Rec Park that involved new ADA playground accessible units; resurfacing of the tennis court; the girls softball field is almost complete, and a new road has been started to provide better safety and ease in traffic flow. The Public Works Department's town-wide initiative for tree removal/safety pruning resulted in over 268 trees being removed and over a hundred pruned.



A new tax payment system through Webster Bank's Lock Box has streamlined the tax printing, processing, and payment process. The Senior Center Van program has expanded to better cover wellness trips, as well as medical appointments. In partnership with the Trust for Public Land, the first phase of the Mono Pond State Park Expansion has begun. The "old firehouse" has been refurbished into a Board of Education/ Town Maintenance Facility. The Public Works Salt Shed has been completed. A new redesigned entrance to School House Rd. was designed to improve safety and the new digital sign has been installed. This was accomplished through fund raising from the PTO and financial support from the town with construction from our facilities manager and the town crew.

The Town embarked on a risk management initiative to mitigate and reduce slips/ trips/falls on town-owned property and improve handicap accessibility by establishing a town-wide risk management program over the past three years. This effort was recognized by our insurance agency as one of the best in the State of Con-

necticut. We will be rewarded with a \$2,500 grant at the CIRMA annual meeting January 31st. Thanks for this accomplishment goes out to all our employees on both the BOE and Town. We will continue an overall focus on safety in the coming years. The long-term impact will be an increase in pride and respect for the assets entrusted to us to steward.

It is the combined efforts of the elected and appointed volunteers who serve on the Town's boards and commissions, and all those who work for the Town that have made this past year successful. It is not only the day-to-day operations, but the efforts of the boards and commissions listening to and meeting the needs of residents who share their concerns and ideas for bettering our community, whether it be a safety or quality of life issue. I thank those citizens who share their thoughts and concerns with our Town Administrator's Office. We can only address these issues if they are shared with us.

I am confident that 2020 will continue to be another year of great progress, as we constantly strive to improve our community with innovative ideas.

Steven M. Everett
First Selectman

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Town Administrator	Mark B. Walter		
Executive Assistant	Jennifer C. LaVoie		
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Assessor	Mary Lavallee	Thur 8 am - 6 pm	
Assistant Assessor	Marcy Littlefield	Fri 8 am - Noon	
Beckish Senior Center:		Mon-Fri 8 am - 3 pm	860-228-0759
Director	Bernadette Derring		
Van Dispatcher/Program Assistant	Margaret Verizzi		
Social Services	Yolanda Irizarry		860-450-7400 x7418
Building Department:		Mon-Wed 8 am - 4 pm	860-228-0440
Building Official	Jason Nowasad	Thur 8 am - 6 pm	
Zoning Enforcement	Connie Kisluk	Fri 8 am - Noon	
Town Planner	Paula Stahl		
Sanitarian	Glenn Bagdoian		
Inland Wetlands Agent	John Valente		
Administrative Assistant	Terri Lasota		
Board Secretary	Flo Polek		
Fire Marshal/Burning Official	Michael Lester		
Assistant Burning Official	Stephen Postemsky		
Assistant to Building Official	Bud Meyers		
Animal Control:			
Animal Control Officer	Nancy Yale		860-337-1222
Finance Department:		Mon-Thur 8 am - 4:30 pm	860-228-8423
Finance Director	Beverly Ciurylo	Fri 8 am - Noon	
Accountant/Payroll Specialist	Lisa Rose		860-228-8423
Accounting Assistant	Jill Swenson		860-228-8423
Fire Department:			
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Non-emergency calls			860-228-9602
Fire Chief	Peter Starkel		
Deputy Fire Chief	Michael Lester		
Public Works Department:		Mon-Fri 6:30 am - 3 pm	860-228-4270
Director	George Murphy		
Facilities Manager	Bud Meyers		860-228-0110 ext. 111
Recreation Department:		Mon-Wed 8 am - 4 pm	860-228-8513
Recreation Director	Marc Volza	Thur 8 am - 7 pm	
Recreation Assistant	Alexa Potter	Fri CLOSED	
Registrar of Voters:		Varies	860-228-0110
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Republican Registrar	Kate Morrison		
Resident State Trooper:		Mon-Fri 6:30 am - 3 pm	860-228-9846
	Gregory DeCarli	Dispatch	860-465-5400
Tax Collector's Office:		Mon-Wed 8 am - 2 pm	860-228-0230
Tax Collector	Carol W. Price	Thur 8 am - 6 pm, Fri CLOSED	
Assistant Tax Collector	Lisa McDonald	<i>extended hours in January and July</i>	
Town Clerk's Office:		Mon-Wed 8 am - 4 pm	860-228-3284
Town Clerk	Robin M. Kenefick	Thur 8 am - 6 pm	
Assistant Town Clerk	Gail McGrath	Fri 8 am - Noon	
Transfer Station:		Wed 8 am - 4 pm	860-228-4270
Transfer Station Attendants	Roger Roberge & Tristan Kandolin	Sat 8 am - 4 pm	

As 2020 begins, I am optimistic that this will be a great year for Columbia. As we look forward to the new year, we have identified many meaningful projects and goals. But, before we discuss our new projects and goals, I'd like to look back on some of our notable projects.



Together, we made improvements to our roads, recreational areas, and infrastructure. We obtained grant funding to assist our residents and those in neighboring towns who face crumbling concrete in their homes. Most recently, we were awarded the CIRMA Excellence Award for our overall focus on improved safety of all town facilities. What makes even more remarkable is that we were able to achieve these goals while implementing a budget with no increase to the mill rate.

I would like to take a minute to review one of our more challenging goals for 2020, addressing social isolation. The level of social isolation in Columbia may be greater than imagined. Isolation is difficult to find unless a community is intentional about it. We will need to create opportunities to break out of the isolation cycle. There are many factors that can contribute to social isolations, such as, long-term illness, disabilities, transport issues, unemployment and economic struggles, or domestic violence. We are working with the Columbia Senior Center Director, the Commission on Aging, AHM Youth and Family Services, Inc. to help children, teens, and families overcome challenges. At a recent Hunger Action Team regional meeting, we had discussions on common concerns for residents from all our communities experiencing social isolation.

Some tools that we will be engaging include expanding our senior bus hours. The additional hours will increase the scheduled runs to provide more wellness trips throughout the week. AHM formed a strategic planning committee that held 14 focus groups; consisting of community leaders from our local schools, town, state, and faith groups, plus parent surveys. This helped create the three-year strategic plan that will help us improve our human and capital resources.

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 25th as our first Neighbor Helping Neighbors Day. We will be looking for you, your friends, family, church, business, school, or civic organization to help with identified service projects. Ways to sign up: call 860-228-9488 or visit www.signupgenius.com.

We are in the final stage of choosing a new website vendor to help us make our website compatible with new technology allowing more people to have access from different devices. We will also be reviewing the possibility of employing a part-time social worker that can bring help to residents that need support and help finding resource's and counselling.

In an effort to provide timely and relevant information to residents we provide a monthly e-newsletter highlighting news, events and important information to residents. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please sign up on our at website. In addition to the monthly newsletter, Steven Everett our First Selectman holds a monthly "Ask the Selectman" event at various locations in town.

Please welcome a new employee to our Park and Recreation Department, Nicole Morey. Nicole Morey grew up in Columbia and is a resident to this day. She graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with her Bachelors in Sports and Leisure Management. While at Eastern she was captain of the basketball team and worked in the athletic department. She has a variety of experience in organizing fundraisers, events, and camps. She is very involved in the community especially in youth sports, assisting with different fundraising needs and as a volunteer coach. Nicole will be a great asset to the Town and the Parks and Recreation Department.

As we welcome 2020, we anticipate the promise of a new year and the opportunities that it will bring to set new goals, ensuring Columbia remains a vibrant, healthy, and resilient community. On behalf of Steven Everett and the Board of Selectman, and Administration, we wish you and your families a very happy and healthy New Year!

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Justices of the Peace

This is the year for Justices of the Peace to be nominated. If you are interested in this position, contact your party affiliation chairman. If you are not a member of a major party, contact the Town Clerk's office for more information.

Fishing and Hunting

Sports licenses for 2020 are available for purchase in the Town Clerk's office and on the DEEP website as well. Opening Day for Fishing is April 11, 2020.

Robin M. Kenefick
Town Clerk

Gail C. McGrath
Assistant Town Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL

House Alarms

Are your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms working properly? All homes need to have properly working smoke and CO detectors. It is important to replace these devices if they are over ten years old. The sensitivity of the alarm sensors decreases over time – they may sound when you push the test button, but they may not work accurately when needed in an emergency. You can check the age of your alarms by looking at the label that should have a manufacture's date listed with the month/year.

It is recommended that the batteries be changed in all devices twice a year. Changing the batteries at the same time we change the clocks is an easy way to remember to complete this important task.

All devices should be installed as per the manufacturer's instructions. For any questions on alarms or other fire safety topics, please contact the Town of Columbia Land Use Office at 860-228-0440.



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Celebrating Family Traditions

During the year 2020, the Columbia Historical Society will be hosting programs and exhibits that celebrate the traditions that every family holds dear. Such traditions include those brought from ancestral locations and heritages, those handed down in living memory from parents and grandparents, and those developed in modern times through family gatherings for holidays or the significant events.

Programs will focus on the cultures of groups that migrated to this area from around the world. These cultures will be celebrated through storytelling, food, and music. For those interested in researching their family's past, a three-part course in genealogy will be offered. Families will also be offered the opportunity to display family items that illustrate their family's traditions.

Every family has a story to tell. We hope you will share yours with the Columbia community. For further information



or to find out how you can get involved, contact Judy Ortiz (860) 208-9881 or jortiz6151@gmail.com

Judy Ortiz

Irish Heritage Event

The Columbia Historical Society will be hosting a series of events in 2020 where we will learn the origins of different family traditions. The first event will be held on March 6th at 6:30 at Yeomans Hall. Ryan D. Mahoney, Executive Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University, will present a lecture on the museum's assemblage of art focused on Ireland's Great Hunger and how it is relevant to understanding the life, land, language and culture of Ireland, as well as a number of modern issues we face today. The museum contains the largest collection of Great Hunger related artwork in the world. From March 2018-March 2019, a major portion of its collection was exhibited in Dublin,

Skibbereen, and Derry for its traveling exhibition *Coming Home: Art and the Great Hunger*. The exhibition was viewed by over 110,000 visitors.

The percentage of Connecticut's residents who claim Irish ancestry is roughly 18% which is nearly one out of five people in the state. The Connecticut county with the largest percentage of people claiming Irish ancestry is in Tolland County.

Learn more about the Irish at this event which is open to the public and a free will donation would be appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Judy Ortiz at (860) 208-9881.

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For the past few months we have been food-focused at the Library. What began with holiday meals evolved into many of you having brought us treats (and we thank you!). Cold weather has also inspired us to review cookbooks (we have dozens to choose from) and warm our hands on mugs of hot tea. Even our little ones found this yummy path, beginning with gingerbread houses, then on to DIY donuts, and Little Hands art projects with a foodie focus.

Now it's time to turn our attention to less fattening things and hopes of spring. Although it's the shortest month, February can often feel like the longest. This does not make this transition easier, but we at the Library have some distractions to offer whatever your interest. In the tradition of our current four adult book groups, we introduce our new Sip and Stitch book group! Bring your handcraft while we talk books and drink tea. This group will meet the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. (Our other book groups include: Adult discussion of picture books meet the first Thursday at 11:00am, adult fiction meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, the nonfiction on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30pm, and the Senior group meets the fourth Thursday at 1:00pm at Beckish Senior Center. All are welcome! Stop by to pick up book lists or books.)

If you don't want to read, then maybe one of our other monthly activities is perfect for you! Learn a handcraft, stitch with company, or just come to chat with the Columbia Stitchers on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-4:00 pm, and now by popular demand, Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm. Be a writer! Join our Co-

lumbia Writers group, the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, no experience necessary! Watch award-nominated movies every Friday at 1:00pm (adults only, snack provided, subtitles on, check our website for full list of movies). Remember too, story times take place twice on Tuesdays (10:30am and 2:00pm), Baby Bees meets every Friday morning and every other Wednesday morning (10:30 am) through March. Then there are our special programs Tuesday nights for adults and Thursday nights for Children. Check with the Library for announcements and registration for these special events.

We're also in the middle of our adult Winter Reading Program! Stop in the Library to pick up a Lingo card and read a book in a variety of categories to earn tickets toward our prize basket. You can earn extra tickets by dropping off donations to the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic.

Of course, you don't have to hang out with us, though we like your company. Check out a DVD, a book (print, audio, or digital), music, or magazines. We have thousands available for free. Also be sure to check out our museum passes that offer discounted or free admission, from art museums to the Pez Museum, aquariums to carousel rides.

We're sure winter will be gone before you know it and we'll be on to spring. Be sure to watch our website for weather announcements, programming happenings, and Saxton Mouse adventures.

Su Epstein
Library Director

FRIENDS OF THE SAXTON B. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Friends would like to thank all of you who helped make 2019 a successful year. With our membership drive, donations of money and books, we can offer some help to our library. For those of you who frequent the library, you will know what our contribution provides. This year we hope for the same success.

We would also like to ask for more Chapel volunteers. We need help with some of our sections such as History, Parenting and Health. Our crew sorts through thousands of books each year so that on sale days, only the best are presented to the public. If you are interested in learning more, please email Laurie Rogers at laurob927@sbcglobal.net with the subject "FOL Volunteer" or stop by the library and talk with the librarians.

We have many people who help with our book sales to make them successful, but we'd like to acknowledge the men who do the heavy job of collecting books from the Transfer Station here in Columbia and thank Michelle Schroder for recently joining them in that task. We want to thank them for the hours spent in this capacity.

Our book donations sustain us so keep them coming! This is what we are about, NO BOOKS to a landfill!

Please join us at our next sale on February 7th, 8th and 9th.

Look for our sign on the Green and our Facebook Page - Friends of the Saxton B. Little Free Library.

The Homeowners program will start accepting applications again as of February 1, 2020. If you are already in the program you will receive a letter from us reminding you to file. If you are not already in the program you will need to bring a copy of your 1040 income tax forms for 2019 calendar year to our office once they are completed

or all your income information if you do not file income taxes. This year's maximum income limit for married couples is \$45,100, and for unmarried filers it is \$37,000 which includes all income including your social security income. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 860-228-9555.

PUBLIC WORKS

SNOW REMOVAL RULES:

- Make sure that your roadside trash bins stay on private property and do not venture out into the road. The Town is not liable for any damage as a result of bins that get damaged by passing traffic.
- Refrain from plowing and blowing snow into or across roadways or onto town rights-of-way. Doing so creates unsafe conditions for drivers and vehicles.
- Refrain from parking in town roadways or in Municipal and School parking lots during snow events.
- Refrain from using snowmobiles, using all-terrain vehicles and engaging in snow skiing on town roadways.

MAILBOXES: As a courtesy to our taxpayers the Town will replace mailboxes on town roads that have been determined by the Public Works Department to have been rendered unusable by damage from snowplow contact from a town truck. Such box and post must have been in sound condition prior to incident. Replacement will be in accordance with USPS Standard 7B01 and a 4x4 post. Replacement will occur after winter season and subject to DPW work schedule. If resident has an expensive box, the town will either replace as stated above or issue a check for \$25.00.

Please check your mailbox and post to make sure both are secure. You may also want to install a secured protective shield to deflect the snow from the mailbox and post.

REC PARK PARKING LOTS: The main parking lot will not be open when there is snow on the ground. Please use the winter parking lot.

SAND: Free sand (up to 2 five-gallon containers) is available to residents during the winter months located be-

hind the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. Residents must provide their own container for the sand. The Transfer Station is open on Wednesday's and Saturday's from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

BAIT BUCKET DISPOSAL CATCH BASIN AVAILABLE FOR ICE FISHERMAN: Please use the bait bucket disposal catch basin located in the parking lot in front of the State Troopers office at the Murphy House. Please do not throw any bait on the beach or in the lake.

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TRANSFER STATION

As a result of some of the concerns and confusion at the Town of Columbia Transfer Station we are planning an informational series on Recyclable Materials, Bulk Materials, Household Trash and Household Hazardous Waste to help make it clearer where to place trash and recyclables.

We'd like to begin our informational series on WHAT CANNOT GO IN THE TRASH.

In Connecticut, recycling is state law. Everyone must recycle. Understanding what can be recycled and what can't will determine what you can include in your Household Waste.

State law requires that the Town of Columbia's hauler:

- Provide a warning notice to customers suspected of violating separation requirements.
- Assist the Town of Columbia in identifying customers responsible for creating solid waste loads containing significant amounts of recyclables detected by the re-

ceiving resource recovery or solid waste facility.

- Haulers may have their garbage loads rejected at a solid waste facility if the load contains a significant amount of recyclables. This costs your hauler time and money. These costs may be passed on to the Town of Columbia.

Below is a list of what items are Mandated to be recycled. In the next installment, we will discuss in greater detail Recyclable Materials and What's In and What's Out.

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECYCLING

1. All items should be EMPTY, RINSED, CLEAN and OPEN.
2. DO NOT shred, box, bag or bundle.
3. When in doubt, you can use the RECYCLECT WIZARD at the RecycleCT website (www.recyclect.com) and type in the name of the waste item and the recyclect wizard will tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.

Items Designated (i.e. Mandated) for Recycling:

Item	Where you can recycle this
Glass & metal food and beverage containers	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
PETE or PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate). Look for the A 1 inside the triangle that indicates the plastic is PET or PETE.	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
HDPE (High-Density Polyethyleneplastic) containers. Look for the A 2 inside the triangle that indicates the plastic is HDPE	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Magazines	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Corrugated cardboard	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Newspaper	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
White office paper	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Color ledger paper	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Boxboard	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Scrap Metal	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Ni-Cd rechargeable batteries (from electronics)	Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at participating retail collection points including most Wal-Mart and Best Buy stores. Or find a location near you: call2recycle.org/
Waste oil/Antifreeze	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Lead acid batteries (from vehicles)	Town of Columbia Transfer Station
Leaves	Town of Columbia Transfer Station

Please Note:

- Grass is banned from disposal at landfills and resource recovery facilities (incinerators). Grass clippings should be left on the lawn or, if necessary, composted.

In addition to the mandated items, the Town of Columbia accepts additional types of recycled items. To find out about those additional items please refer to the Town of Columbia website.

Columbia Residents are invited to take part in a number of new human service programs that are being offered this winter and spring through neighbors at AHM Youth and Family Services. New programs include: SMART Recovery Group for Young Adults coping with an addiction (ages 18-24) - Every Monday 5:30 pm-7 pm at AHM, SMART Recovery Group for Friends & Family - Every Thursday 5:30 pm-7 pm at AHM, and an ADHD Parent Support Group - Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at AHM. These programs are free of charge to Columbia residents.

Columbia seniors needing help from an AHM Youth Worker with small household projects should inquire about the TASKs program. Call Brendan Grimm at 860-228-9488 for more information. There is no cost for this program.

On Saturday, March 21, 2019, AHM's Board of Directors and St. Peter's Episcopal Church will once again team up to present Nature and Adventure Day, as part of Maple Festival 2020. This all-day event offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor exhibits and interactive environmental education activities for children and adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Each of these activities will take place on the AHM Campus, within minutes of Columbia. AHM's address is 25 Pendleton Drive in Hebron. The office number is 860-228-9488 and check out the new website at www.ahmyouth.org.

Columbia residents also have access to what is called the AHM Family Resource Center, which includes:

- KinderRama Pre-School
- Play and Learn Groups
- First Steps in Music
- Romp and Stomp

For more information on the location of these programs, dates and costs, please contact Becky Murray, the AHM Family Resource Center Coordinator at 860-228-0871 or email at BeckyM@ahmyouth.org

AHM is a public charity that provides a wide range of human services for the residents of Andover, Columbia, Hebron, and Marlborough. The Town of Columbia has town residents that serve on the AHM Board of Directors. There are many different volunteer opportunities at AHM. If you are interested in learning more, call Tressa Giordano, AHM's Executive Director at 860-228-9488.

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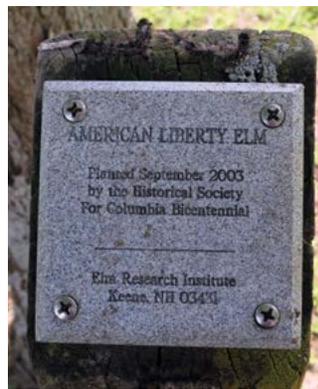
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Columbia's Bicentennial Tree

Planted near Horace W. Porter School's original entrance in honor of Columbia's Bicentennial (1804–2004) is a handsome young tree with a unique pedigree. Here stands Columbia's experimental American elm tree called the "American Liberty Elm". It may be one of very few American elm trees still living in our town. Planted in 2003 as gift from Columbia Historical Society it represents the values of freedom and liberty that define our town; as well as the herculean effort to save the graceful American elm tree from extinction.

In the 20th century two major tree species died abruptly in eastern United States. Their disappearance changed rural and urban landscapes forever. These are the economically invaluable American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) and American elm (*Ulmus americana*). Columbia's Chestnut Hill section is a reminder of the chestnut forest long gone, decimated by the chestnut blight, a disease caused by an Asian bark fungus (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) accidentally introduced to this country. An estimated three to four billion trees died out east of the Mississippi River within the first few decades of the 20th century.

The American elm, a fast-growing graceful hardwood once used for barrel staves, boat keels, and steam bent furniture, became the mid-19th century tree of choice for landscaping town greens and city streets. In Columbia by 1860 American elms had been planted along the perimeters of the Town Green. Early Route 87 postcards show these graceful trees with their mature arching branches creating a cathedral effect. For some years the Yeomans House at 318 Route 87 was even renamed "Elmhurst". But by 1960 nearly all American elms, including Columbia's stands, were dead or dying, having succumbed to another Asian fungus, *Ophiostoma ulmi*. This fungus first infected European elm trees in Holland and was called Dutch elm disease when it was discovered there in 1910. By the 1970s Co-



lumbia Lions and the Town of Columbia had replanted the Town Green with sugar maples (*Acer saccharum*) and Norway maples (*Acer platanoides*) you see today.

The Elm Research Institute of Keene, New Hampshire sponsored the discovery and development of a hardy disease-resistant genetically true American elm in

1968. By 1984 Dr. Eugene Byron Smalley at the University of Wisconsin grew the first such elms from seeds based on six disease-free mid-West trees. These were named "American Liberty Elm". They were the first cultivar to show marked disease resistance with only 5% losses by 2007 among the 350,000 trees planted since 1995. So next time you walk by the Indian Charity School and the original Horace W. Porter School entrance, please take a look at the young V-shaped "American Liberty Elm". It truly is a very special commemorative bicentennial tree.

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Conservation Easement Monitoring

Beginning this past fall and into winter, members of the Town of Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission (CCAG) will be visiting the properties in town that have conservation easements attached to them.

The Land Trust Alliance defines a conservation easement as “a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values”.

A notice about the scheduling of the visit will be sent in advance to the property owner(s). Property owners are welcome to join the CCAG member(s) during the visit.

The CCAG members(s) will file a Conservation Easements Monitoring Report for each property. The report will include written and photographic documentation

identifying the condition of the conserved property on the date(s) of the inspection.

Over time many properties in town have changed hands and the new owners of the property are unaware that their property has a conservation easement or unaware of the limited permitted uses of the area under conservation easement. So, this is a great time for the CCAG member(s) to meet with and educate the property owners on its restrictions.

Please remember that the CCAG members(s) are NOT involved with enforcement regarding findings of unpermitted activity. Enforcement is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Columbia Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO).

Tom McGrath
CCAG Secretary

What do you get when you cross a Mechanical Engineer with a Farmer? You get Field Engineer Farm, LLC, a Community Supported Agriculture venture owned and operated by the Arico family on Lake Road.

Jason Arico, a Mechanical Engineer by profession, decided to follow his heart and farm full time. He and his family found a home on Lake Road with 8-acres of prime agricultural soil and went to work raising an amazing variety of produce, which they provide to members of their C.S.A., and sell at farmer's markets.

Lettuce, onions, leeks, tomatoes, potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, eggplant, many varieties of squash, melons, scallions, blueberries, kale, arugula, pumpkins, broccoli-rabe, brussels sprouts, cabbage, peppers, are only some of the wonderful things that grow on this farm.

Jason thinks like an engineer, so his farm is carefully planned and scientifically executed. His motto is, “Feed the soil and it will feed you.” The power harrow he uses stirs the soil, without turning it under, to protect the soil structure. Manure in spring and fall is the fertilizer, and



black compostable plastic controls the weeds without chemicals. When the crop is finished producing, Jason plants a cover crop, like oats, winter rye, mustard, vetch or buckwheat, which naturally sets nitrogen into the soil, and protects the soil from wind and water erosion. Next, he chops the plants with a flail mower to allow them to decompose in place and further nourish the soil.

Jason has developed a system to conserve water. He has a large tub on wheels with a spigot. He fills it with water, picks and washes the produce, then uses the wash water to ir-

rigate the plants. Waste not, want not!

In April, Field Engineer Farm takes farm share orders for the coming season. Weekly boxes of produce can be picked up by members. The Arico family also participate in area farmers markets, and sell their produce to area restaurants.

As part of the Sustainable CT initiative, the Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission would like to facilitate the establishment of a weekly Columbia Farmer's Market. If this interests you, as a vendor or customer, please email fieldengineerfarm@gmail.com.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Education (BOE) for their dedicated service to the Town of Columbia as well as to the families who live here. We have a 7 man/woman board who meet on the first Monday of each month. The superintendent is a non-voting member of the board. There are also additional important subcommittees that are formed. The main focus of the BOE is to hire and supervise the superintendent, implement policy initiatives and create the school district budget each year.

Chris Lent is the Chairman of the Board, has been a member since 2013 and has served as the chair since December 2015. Kathy Tolsdorf has been on the board for 3 terms and brings her knowledge as an educator to each meeting. James Chakulski has been a member since 2015, is starting his second four-year term on the board and proudly served on several subcommittees that benefited from his financial and communications experience. We have 2 new members to the board. One is Joseph Napolitano who started in September 2019, was a graduate of HW Porter and presents his own personal perspective during discussions. Michael Maziarz started in July 2019 and possesses unique skills from his profession as a

school administrator in the Hartford school system. Lynette Dooley has served since 2014 and has utilized her financial skills while creating a reasonable budget. David Crim has been an active member since 2013 and has applied his business acumen to effectuate the mission of the BOE.

During this year, the BOE has negotiated contracts with both Bolton High School and Region 19 (E.O. Smith High School) where the current agreements will be extended for 10 years. They have worked hard to assess the needs of the Math Department in the Columbia School District and skillfully chose a new math curriculum that is being implemented at Porter. They have also purchased the i-Ready diagnostic tool which is an adaptive assessment designed to provide teachers with actionable insight into student needs.

All town residents are invited and encouraged to attend the BOE meetings, which are typically held on the first Monday of each month in the Porter cafeteria; actual meeting dates may be found on the District website. They normally begin at 7:30. Please get involved, you will be pleased that your concerns will be addressed.

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8am-1pm Sell Sell Sell

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All are welcome and all proceeds go to support the Porter PTO and Porter School.

The PTO will be hosting their own table; if you have anything to donate for sale please contact one of our event chairs at the contact info below.

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

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Want to donate some gently used items to the PTO table? Contact the committee chairs or look for the donation box coming soon to the Porter Reception Area.

Questions? Contact our Chair: Nelisa Reagan at porterptopres@gmail.com

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Parents can also include their children in the Preschool Lottery starting around January 15, 2020 for possible placement in the 2020 - 2021 Porter School Preschool Program. Please go to www.hwporter.org and click on Preschool Registration that is located on the yellow ribbon in the middle of the page on/or after January 15. For more information, please call Deb Dupuis, Admin. Assistant to the Director of Student Services at 860-228-0585.

If you have concerns about a child that has not yet turned 3 years old, please contact Birth-to-Three program at 800-505-7000.

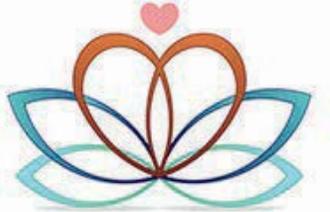
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The residents of Columbia are very familiar with the name Carmen Vance. The year after she retired from the University of Connecticut, Carmen decided to give time and energy to her town. In 1999 she was elected to the Board of Education where she served for four years as Board Chair. After her service on the Board of Education, she was elected to two terms on the Board of Selectmen. That was followed by two terms as Columbia's First Selectman. During those years, Carmen was also active with the Lake Association and the Historical Society.

Those who knew Carmen at UConn were not surprised that she continued her volunteer activities when she retired. During the years Dr. Vance served the University as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Residential Life, she became widely known for her work with the Association of College and Uni-

versity Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I). Early in her career, she served the Association as Treasurer. Several years later, Carmen was elected President of the organization, which focuses on improving the residential experiences of students at colleges and universities throughout the country and abroad. ACUHO-I also provides mentoring opportunities for young professionals. Carmen was subsequently asked to serve as the first Chair of the Association's Foundation.

Carmen has received numerous awards and recognitions, none more significant; however, than the recognition she recently received. For years, ACUHO-I has presented a very coveted award known as the Herstory Award. Last summer, the Board of Directors decided to rename this special award for an individual who gave so much to the Association and to her colleagues Carmen L Vance.

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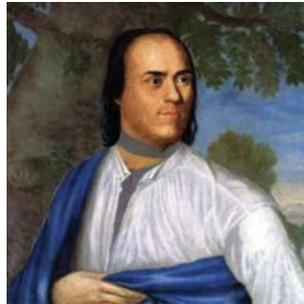
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Rev. Samson Occom

The concert is one of the scheduled events celebrating the 300+ anniversary of "Lebanon Crank"/ Lebanon Second Society which in 1804 became the Town of Columbia and Columbia Congregational Church. Samson Occom of the Mohegan nation is known here as the early Native

pupil who inspired Columbia's Rev. Eleazar Wheelock to establish Moor's Indian Charity School in Columbia and Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. As an ordained minister the Rev. Occom was instrumental in raising the funding for what became Dartmouth College. Occom is more widely known as a principal founding member of the Brothertown Indian Nation located originally at Brothertown, NY. Occom's writings, hymnal, life and works have become foundational in contemporary Native American Studies curricula.



Gabriel Kastelle

through the generations. His research topics include the Rev. Occom, Thomas Commuck and his tunebook, Wheelock and English hymnody connections, and likely Native composition of the "Narragansett Cluster" of tunes.

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Routes 6 and 66 along the Historic Hop River through Columbia

Columbia's Hop River corridor (CT Routes 6 and 66) is attracting renewed interest. The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation proposed a project on June 25, 2019, to rehabilitate an existing multi-use 0.8-mile deteriorating segment of the Hop River State Park Trail. It is one of the oldest sections of the former New York, New Haven, & Hartford (NYNH&H) line in Connecticut. The \$4 million cost for this project is entirely state funded. This track and right of way were consolidated into Penn Central by the early 1970s and removed by 1975. The project includes replacing a failing 19th century railroad bridge, culverts, rights of way, and fencing from Kings Road to the Columbia-Willimantic River border. The historic railroad was once served by the historic highway, Hop River Turnpike and its successors in Columbia, now known as Routes 6 and 66.

Scenic Hop River marks Columbia's eastern boundary with the town of Coventry and shows up as early as 1766 in a Colony of Connecticut map surveyed for the Earl of Shelburne, by Moses Park. The river's source is located near Bolton Notch. The "quick-water" river is approximately 15 miles long before it descends into the Willimantic River. The railroad berms and 9% grade rail bed wind along the Hop River's scenic banks from Bolton to Windham.

First mention of a Hop River highway in Columbia appears in Selectman's minutes of June 14, 1815. Its trajectory was from Gilbert Lincoln's house to Alexander Thompson's land, then to Samuel Guild's land, then to

the middle of the Hop River at the Coventry line between Samuel Guild's mills and Upper Dam where a cart bridge once stood. It opened on July 1, 1816. In May 1836 Columbia opposed the petition of the newly formed Hop River Turnpike Company in the Connecticut General Assembly to take over the 24 mile long highway as a toll road, starting from Bolton Notch and ending at the entrance of the Windham Turnpike in the village Willimantic (now near the Valero Service Station).

According to Frederic J. Wood in *Turnpikes of New England* (1919), the Hop River Turnpike Company sought relief in 1851. The Windham Bridge had become impassable, and by 1853 Windham and Columbia Selectmen agreed to repair it. When the Hop River Turnpike Company closed, Bolton, Andover, Columbia, and Windham assumed maintenance of it. But the highway was deemed essential because it provided direct access to the new economically important Hartford and Providence Railroad line (1847- 1849) and successor Hartford, Providence, and Fishkill Railroad Company (1849 - 1879), via the numerous crossings. When this rail line later merged with the NYNH&H, it was reputedly the longest in the state, providing both long-distance and local transportation. It moved freight to supply the mills at Columbia's Hop River Village and Coventry; and most of all to Willimantic as central Connecticut's railroad hub city. So, the railroad history of the Hop River State Park Trail (now part of the scenic East Coast Greenway) and today's Routes 6 and 66 through Columbia share an important transportation history.

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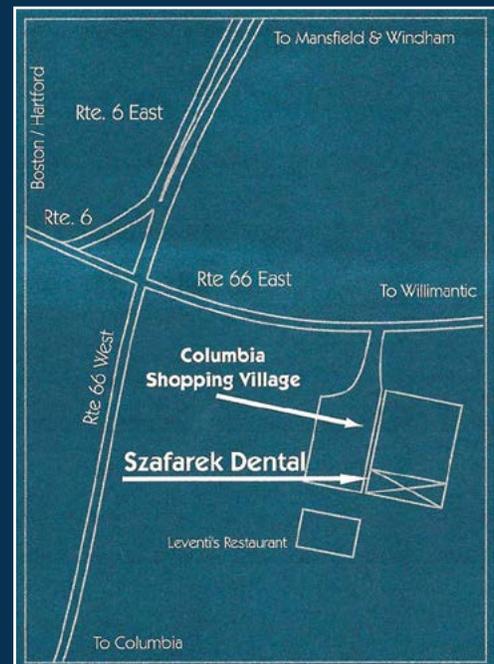
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BECKISH SENIOR CENTER

The Beckish Senior Center of Columbia invites all artists from the area to display their artwork in the main hall. Listed are 2 Artists that have displayed their artwork at the Beckish Senior Center over the past few months. The Beckish Senior Center and Columbia Senior Organization will host their Annual Art Show for all local artist this Spring 2020. If you are interested in participating, please stop in or call for more information.

Our first artist was Kim Kordonowy who recently moved to Columbia. During the fall Kim displayed her work depicting life in Japan from photos taken by her father. Kim's father served in WWII and became a career Air Force Officer after the war. When Kim was 4 years old, her Dad was sent to Shiroy Air Force Base near Tokyo, where she lived from 1955-1959. Her father drove around the area, taking hundreds of slides of everyday events and working people. The family witnessed traditions and ceremonies of 1950's Japan, just as the country began to embrace the Western World. Years later, Kim inherited her Dad's old slides. Her exhibit is based on those images. Kim has a bachelor's degree of Science in Interior Design from the University of Missouri. In 1997, Kim started taking classes at a local community college and has been painting and drawing for the last 20 years. Kim enjoys

exploring color and design, and often apply fabrics to her paintings. Kim primarily paints birds, and other animals, and enjoys interpreting her view of the natural world.

Our second artist is Robert Oxenhorn, who has lived in Columbia over 30 years. Robert is an accomplished artist who captures the lush New England countryside using shapes created from tonal values and color in some works and conceives new worlds of color and movement in his brilliant abstract pieces. Oxenhorn graduated from Hartford Art School of the University of Hartford with a bachelor's degree in Fine Art and Design. He earned early recognition for his works by winning numerous regional and national competitive exhibitions. Robert became a graphic designer and illustrator. He designed and illustrated for numerous companies. Much of his work is published nationally. Robert has entered fine art pieces into multiple art shows throughout Connecticut. The Mystic Museum of Art, The Wadsworth Athenium, Lyme Art Association, Slater Museum, and The Hygienic Art Gallery are some of the organizations where Robert's artwork has been displayed. He plans to display his works of new worlds of color and movement in his brilliant abstract pieces in the spring at the Beckish Senior Center.

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The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouts BSA is a year-round program for all youth 11-17 years old that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. As of February 2019, the Scouts BSA program opened up admission to girls ages 11 to 17. Columbia Troop 162 witnessed and embraced many changes: we now have 5 young ladies who have formed Troop 162G, and our Troop 162B has increased to 20 members strong!

Columbia's Troops have been working since February on collaborative projects. Last May, Columbia Troops 162G and 162B worked together during our first annual Scrap Metal Drive. We would like to thank Columbia residents: your scrap metal donations raised nearly \$970.00 for our

troops! Many thanks are extended to John's Scrap Metal, who donated a large dumpster, and the Gates Family, who allowed us to use their Rolgate Property for staging that day. With the success of our first scrap metal drive, we are planning for another drive in April! More recently, we are very appreciative of your non-perishable food donations that were collected in early December. In spite of the fact that the winter weather impacted the annual Gazebo and Tree lighting, we were still able to collect over 175 food items for the town food bank.

Look for our Scouts around town: every Saturday, our Scouts are sorting redeemable cans and bottles at the Transfer Station. Please stop by if you see one of us there. While we might not be in uniform, we would like to let you know who we are and how we serve our community. Troops 162B and 162G are so proud to call Columbia our home. During the school year, our Troops meet on Thursday nights in the hall of St Columba from 7 to 8:30 pm.

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May the Course Be With You! Columbia Youth Runners Go the Extra Mile

For over twenty years, Columbia has hosted the popular and successful Autumn Classic 5K Road Race at Rec Park, and with convenient access to both the Hop River and Airline Trails, it's easy to understand why the town possesses a strong running community. But now, with a seemingly ever-expanding legion of young racers with fresh legs, running in Columbia is growing in leaps and bounds (and strides)!

This was on full display during a brief five-day stretch this past October, in which our town's young runners dominated on the local trails and roads, winning races and capturing multiple championships.

It began Wednesday, October 23, 2019, with the NEMSAC (Northeast Middle School Athletic Conference) Championships held at Lebanon Middle School in Lebanon. The Horace Porter boys' team turned in a very respectable finish, coming in third out of eight teams. The Porter girls (pictured) fared even better, placing three runners within the top seven overall finishers en route to capturing a team championship for the first time in school history!

The seven Porter girls who ran the championship meet, with place and time, are as follows: Riley DeForest (3, 15:59), Emerson Whalen (4, 15:59), Alexis Buskey (7, 16:12), Lucy Provost (16, 17:04), Mariangelli Pacheco (17, 17:09), Ashley Brown (40, 19:36) and Mia Pedersen (42, 20:01).

The CIAC Cross Country Championships were held a few days later on Saturday, October 26, at Wickham Park in Manchester. Columbia sends students to multiple high schools, and our resident runners helped two different high schools' race to state titles.

Early in the morning, the Bolton boys needed every spot, tiptoeing past Terryville by a mere four points to win its second consecutive Class S boys' championship. Representing Columbia on the Bolton varsity squad were George Chakulski, an NCCC all-conference runner who finished seventh at 17:57, and Peter Swenson, who came in thirty-fourth at 19:17.

Later in the afternoon, the E.O. Smith girls avenged their runner-up finish from 2018 by running away from second-place East Lyme and the rest of the pack, seizing the Class MM girl's championship. Jayden Stygar, who pre-



Porter girls team (Katie Whalen)



All-state runners (Jim Chakulski)

viously won the NEMSAC individual championship for Horace Porter back in 2017, finished tenth overall with a time of 21:00.

Of note, a couple weeks later, two of Columbia's high school runners were honored at the CIAC All-State banquet at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. Jayden Stygar and George Chakulski (pictured) were honored as First Team All-State after finishing in

the top twelve of their respective class meets.

The third and final racing event falling within that "marathon" October week was our own Columbia Autumn Class Road Race, contested on Saturday, October 27 at Rec Park. It would prove to be a clean sweep by Columbia student athletes: Henry Rose, a junior at Bolton High School, won the male division at 20:51, while Riley DeForest, an eighth grader at Horace Porter, won the female division at 23:40.

Congratulations on the tremendous achievements of all of our young runners. Of course, we could go on to tell more of our racers' successes, but space here is short, and we gotta run ...

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