

# COLUMBIA



UPDATE JUNE 2020



# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

As of May 20th the State of Connecticut has started the process of reopening. In this newsletter you will find the information you need on town services and other pertinent information related to COVID-19 that we hope will help you navigate the "new normal."

Our boards and commissions continue to meet virtually. We encourage you to join via Zoom and to provide your comments and input. We want to hear from you! This can be done several ways; through the dedicated email for public input at [PublicInput@columbiact.org](mailto:PublicInput@columbiact.org) and during the meetings utilizing the "Chat" feature in Zoom, or providing comment during the Audience of Citizens/Public Comment portion of the meeting.

The town hall is closed to the public, but we encourage the public to visit the Town website at [www.columbiact.org](http://www.columbiact.org). I will also be providing weekly live updates on the Town of Columbia [YouTube](#) channel and on our [Facebook](#) page.

**COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE AMBULANCE:** The Columbia Volunteer Fire Chief has asked that residents please limit the use of the ambulance for non-emergencies. Do not call the ambulance if you think you might have COVID-19, or that you have been exposed, or are displaying symptoms. Please call your healthcare provide, 211, or the Hartford Healthcare Corona virus hot-line at 860-621-0600. Call the ambulance if you have difficulty breathing, chest pains or other potentially life threatening symptoms.

**GATHERING IN GROUPS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Governor Lamont issued a recent Executive Order amending prohibitions on large gatherings. Effective on June 1, 2020, "Executive Order Nos. 7D, Section 1 and 7N, Section 1, as extended by Executive Order No. 7PP, Section 3, are amended as follows:

- a. Except as otherwise prohibited or otherwise addressed by law, including other executive orders or agency orders or rules issued pursuant thereto, indoor social and recreational gatherings as described in Executive Order No. 7D, Section 1 are permitted for up to and including ten (10) people. Except as otherwise prohibited or otherwise addressed by law, including other Executive Orders or agency orders or rules issued pursuant thereto, outdoor gatherings as described in Executive Order No. 7D, Section 1 are permitted for up to and including 25 people, provided that any such large outdoor

public gatherings shall comply with the following restrictions and all other relevant and applicable executive orders governing conduct in public places:

- i. No contact sports or sports that include shared handling of objects such as balls or frisbees are allowed.
- ii. Attendees shall remain six feet apart, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, and household members, and, except when dining, masks shall be worn when within six feet of those not in the same household.
- iii. If the event is an organized gathering, the organizer shall demarcate six feet of spacing in the area of the gathering to demonstrate appropriate spacing for social distancing.

**THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA IS NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE DONATIONS** through the [Recreation Departments Programs page](#). The donations are to assist those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations may be used for food supply, fuel assistance, protective equipment and other social services that will benefit those affected by COVID-19.

**4th of JULY PARADE CANCELED:** We have made the difficult decision to cancel the 4th of July Parade. Please see on page 4, a letter from Arlene Synder, President of the Lions.

Although we are experiencing profound changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic I would like to share with you some good news. In [Connecticut Magazines April 2020 edition](#), *Real Estate 2020: The 8 hottest Connecticut towns by county*, by Luther Turmeke, Columbia made the list for "The Elite 8." Other good news is our local business' are re-opening. A recent article in the [Journal Inquirer](#), by Tim Leiniger "Timing is right for seasonal opening of The Main Moose, showcases the outside dining aspect and how well it works within our current climate. Please support our local business' as we reopen our state.

Thank you and please be safe.

Steven M. Everett, First Selectman



*"We Serve"*  
Columbia Lions Club

Arlene M. Snyder, President  
William Osmond, Secretary  
Richard Miyniec, Treasurer

Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays  
Columbia Senior Center

May 29, 2020

Dear Citizens of Columbia,

The Columbia Lions Club and the Town of Columbia are sad to announce that we must cancel the 4th of July Parade for 2020. This decision was made with the health and safety of all of our citizens in mind.

The Columbia 4th of July Parade is one of our town's proudest and most enjoyable events. It is indeed a thrill to see the people of all ages line the parade route waving flags and cheering the marchers and floats.

This is only the second time in over 50 years that we have had to cancel this event. However, we look forward to another great parade in 2021 when we celebrate the 244th anniversary of our great nation.

We thank you not only for your enthusiastic, patriotic presence on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July but also for your generous support of our many Lions projects and fundraisers. Thanks to you the Columbia Lions Club is able to serve our beloved community and help those in need. Keep in mind that part of our mission also includes building civic pride and providing young people with opportunities for leadership and service. To that end, the Columbia Lions Club sponsors the Leo Club at Horace Porter School, the Columbia Scouts, and the annual Poster Contest at Horace Porter School.

We are proud to say that your Columbia Lions Club is currently working with the town to provide support to the COVID-19 response with both financial and food assistance.

It is our sincerest hope that you will find in the upcoming 4th of July holiday an opportunity to renew your patriotic spirit and the fortitude to endure this difficult time in our history.

Sincerely,

Arlene

Arlene Snyder  
President, Columbia Lions Club



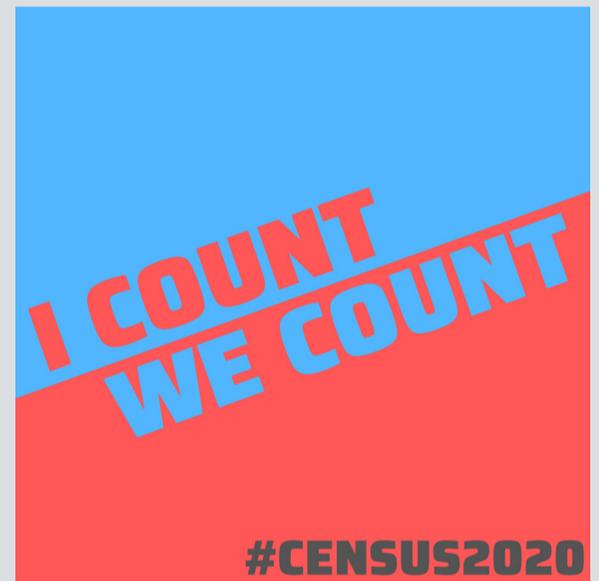
# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

***JUNE 2020***

The Town of Columbia has compiled an [Operations Guide](#) that will provide the public on what services they can expect to receive from the town government during the COVID-19 national health emergency. If you have questions about this guide, please refer them to the Selectmen's Office at 860-228-0110.

The Town has set up a dedicated page on our website for updates and information regarding the Corona virus (COVID-19). Please click on [CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) TAB](#) on the website.

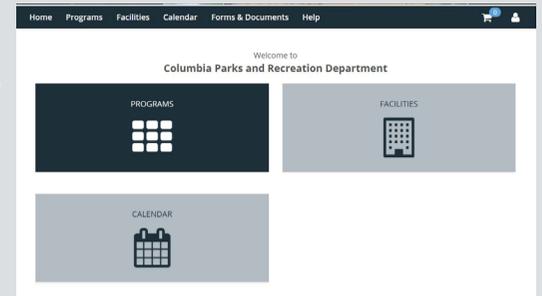
**CENSUS:** We'd like to remind residents that the 2020 Census is happening now. You can complete your questionnaire on-line, by phone, or by mail. To find out how, please go to the [Census website](#).



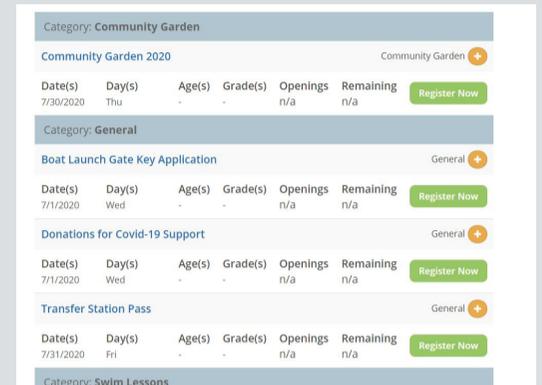
**BOAT LAUNCH GATE KEY:** We have implemented a new procedure for obtaining Gate Keys. Residents can fill out the application and test on-line through the Rec Department's web page. Go to [Reckdesk](#) click on Programs and then scroll down to Boat Launch Gate Key Application. This will take you through the Boat Launch Gate Key Application, Test and payment feature. We will call you to arrange the pickup of the key at the Town Hall.

**THE TRANSFER STATION:** Starting Wednesday, June 3rd the Transfer Station will resume full service, except hard & soft cover books will not be accepted until further notice. When providing payment please use exact change. There is a box mounted on the outside of the Transfer Station custodians office for your payments. The Scouts BSA Redemption Shed will be open as well. We ask residents to please be respectful as always of this shed and to please only deposit CT redeemable bottles and cans. Applications can be picked up at the

Transfer Station or online. Please mail in your application to 323 Route 87, Columbia CT., attention Town Clerk, or drop off at the lockbox located outside Yeomans Hall. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



You can also purchase your Transfer Station stickers online on the [Reckdesk](#) page. If you have not previously set up an account in our Reckdesk system you will need to do so. Once your account is set up click on the Programs icon and scroll down to Transfer Station Pass and click to go to the online application process.

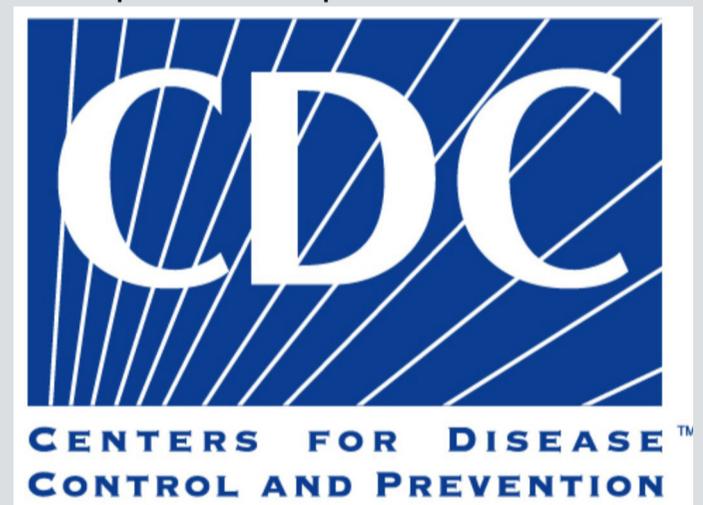


If you have not received your Transfer Station sticker by June 1st and you have already submitted your application we will be offering a 2-week grace period from June 1, 2020 to June 20, 2020.

The standard permit price (2 stickers) is \$40 per household for non-seniors and \$20 per household for seniors (62 and over). Up to 2 additional stickers may be purchased at \$20 each. At the time of this mailing the Town Hall is not open. Please check the [Town's website](#) for information on when Town Hall will be open to the public.

### **IMPORTANT LINKS FOR ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19**

**CORONA VIRUS:** As the details of the COVID-19 outbreak change and the likelihood of community transmission increases, Easter Highland Health District (EHHD) has real-time information on their website [www.ehhd.org](http://www.ehhd.org) with an embedded link to the CDC (COVID-19 Information from the CDC).



If you have specific questions please contact EHHD directly at (860) 429-3325.

- [Statewide: FAQ regarding the State of CT's actions related to COVID-19 from Governor Lamont's office](#)
- [Governor Lamonts Executive Orders.](#)
- Stay informed about coronavirus (COVID-19): Connecticut residents are urged to continue taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For the latest information and guidance click [here](#).

**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.

The health of our residents, staff, and families are our top priority. Please stay home and stay safe and we will get through this together. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call the Town Administrative Office or the First Selectman at 860-228-0110 or email us at [townadministrator@columbiact.org](mailto:townadministrator@columbiact.org).

Thank you,

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

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# UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

**Due to the current COVID-19 Emergency, meetings will be held by utilizing remote access. 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.**

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

### **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY 8/11/20**

The Republican and Democratic Presidential Primary has been postponed to August 11, 2020. It will be held 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 for Republican candidates, and only registered Democrats can vote for Democratic candidates.



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 6, 2020 or in person until noon on August 10, 2020 and still be eligible to vote in the Primary.

Absentee Ballots: Per the recent decision by the Secretary of the State and Executive Order by the Governor, all eligible voters will be receiving an application for an absentee ballot for the August 11th Primary. These applications will be mailed out in mid-June. Once the applications have been approved by the Town Clerk, absentee ballots will be mailed out starting on July 21st. For questions about Absentee Ballots, please contact our office or the Town Clerk at (860) 228-3284.

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

Registrars of Voters

Karen Butzgy – Democratic

Katherine Morrison – Republican

(860) 228-6843 x113

***registrar@columbiact.org***

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## (Continued)

**ASSESSORS OFFICE: Motor Vehicle Adjustments:** In order to have a motor vehicle bill adjusted we need **two** forms of proof because the tax is a car tax not a road tax.

- The first is a copy of your motor vehicle plate return receipt
- The second is something proving you got rid of the vehicle. For a list of accepted proofs look on the [Assessor's website](#) or call the office.
- If you traded a vehicle and kept the same plate do not bring us any documentation because DMV will automatically process the adjustments.

**Income and Expense Forms:** Connecticut General Statute 12-63c requires all owners of rental real property to annually file an Income and Expense form with the Assessor's Office by June 1st. This deadline has been extended do to the Governors order to August 15th.

**The information filed and furnished with this report will remain confidential and is not open to public inspection.** Any information related to the actual rental and operating expenses shall not be a public record and is not subject to the provisions of Section 1-19 (Freedom of Information) of the Connecticut General Statutes. All properties that are rented or leased, including commercial, retail, industrial, land and residential properties, except "such property used for residential purposes, containing not more than six dwelling units and in which the owner resides" must file and in the case of a non-residential property that is partially rented and partially owner-occupied.

In accordance with Section 12-63c(d), of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, any owner of rental real property who fails to file this form or files an incomplete or false form with intent to defraud, shall be subject to a penalty assessment equal to a **Ten Percent (10%)** increase in the assessed value of such property.

The Assessor's Office personnel is available Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon, Thursdays 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. until Noon. Our telephone number is 228-9555. Email is [mflavallee@columbiact.org](mailto:mflavallee@columbiact.org)

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## (Continued)

**BECKISH SENIOR CENTER:** On March 14, 2020 planning began to close schools, senior centers, and other public buildings due to the Corona virus. First and foremost, our planning had to include how to keep our residents safe while continuing to provide our seniors with food and necessary items like medications. A plan was quickly devised to receive donations and distribute food to those in need. Our daily routine at the Senior Center changed dramatically, but the key to the planning was to ensure the safety of our residents by staying at home.



Our new routine and our new normal have come into play after many weeks of wearing masks and gloves, keeping the appropriate social distance, sanitizing the Senior Center, and wiping down all donation items. At eleven weeks in, it hits me as I am packaging groceries for those in need with a wonderful group of volunteers, all wearing masks and gloves and keeping the appropriate distance. Tears building, I look around and see very

generous members of our community donating large items of food to the pantry, and all my volunteers working very hard. I cannot express enough how grateful I am to work in a community that really comes together during difficult times. In almost 11 years with the Town of Columbia, we have had a few natural disasters happen where we were without power for days on end and the community came together to help one another. Now without hesitation, we are all coming together again. Thank you to all who have helped deliver food, made donations, and made wellness calls. This could not be done without all of you. Thank you for helping to keep Columbia Safe and Healthy!

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## (Continued)

The Beckish Senior Center will be open on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for donations to the food pantry to help those in need. The Meal on Wheels (MOW) program is still on-going, and we are still accepting new clients in Columbia. Tuesdays will also be the delivery day for all MOW clients and those who rely on the congregate meal program. Senior Center staff will also be making deliveries to those in need on Tuesdays between 1pm and 3pm.

Monetary Donations: If anyone would like to donate to the Columbia Food Pantry, please write a check to "Town of Columbia" and mail to 188 Route 66 Columbia, CT 06237. Gift cards of any type (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Teds IGA, Walmart, Aldis, Stop & Shop etc...) can also be sent to the above address. You can also make an on-line donation [here](#). Thank you!

Please call the Beckish Senior Center at 860-228-0759 for any questions or concerns.

### Contact Info:

Bernadette Derring – Director Senior Services & Transportation

Phone: 860-228-0759 ext. 1 (Only use extension 1)

Email: [beckish@columbiact.org](mailto:beckish@columbiact.org)

Please check the town website [www.columbiact.org](http://www.columbiact.org), Beckish Senior Center Facebook page , as well as The Gem Newsletter for future updates.

**BUILDING/LAND USE DEPARTMENT:** We will remain open for phone calls. We can be reached at 860-228-0440. The office will be closed to the public, but we will be taking applications by postal mail and email [LandUse@columbiact.org](mailto:LandUse@columbiact.org). Permits or applications for land use can be safely dropped off in the lock box located by the front entrance to Yeomans Hall. The box is checked every morning. Please make sure that the envelope is clearly marked with the town department name and include your contact information on your envelope placed in the lock-box.

Please click [here](#) for all permit paperwork.

Please call or email ahead to verify permit fees (by check only, made out to Town of Columbia), or to address other questions. Work that is to be done by a contractor must include a copy of their State license, and certificate of insurance with workman's comp, and should include a signed authorization from the property owner.

**COLUMBIA'S**  
**MOBILE FOODSHARE**  
**NEW SITE LOCATION**

**HORACE W. PORTER SCHOOL**  
**3 SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD**

**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY:**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup> –**  
**July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 PM TO 1:30 PM**

**DRIVE THROUGH ONLY—NO CONTACT  
OPEN TRUNK OR CAR DOOR AND WE WILL  
PLACE ITEMS IN YOUR CAR AND YOU CAN  
DRIVE AWAY SAFELY. PLEASE DRIVE  
SLOWLY THROUGH THE PARKING LOT  
AND FOLLOW THE VOLUNTEERS  
DIRECTIONS**

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



# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION (Continued)

Inspections will be carried out by appointment only for exterior inspections as well as inspections of non-occupied structures (new construction/additions) will continue.

**PERMITTING & INSPECTION INFORMATION:** Inspections will be carried out by appointment as always but with the following restrictions; interior inspections of occupied buildings for items such as, but not limited to, kitchen/bath remodels, air conditioner or furnace replacements, or other minor interior repairs/alterations will not be completed at this time. Please remember to call when the emergency passes. All exterior inspections as well as inspections of non-occupied structures (new construction/additions) will continue.

We are making our best effort to protect the public and staff health while maintaining some level of progress.

**TAX OFFICE:** To Pay Online and 2019 Tax Payment Information click [here](#). The Town of Columbia, in partnership with Invoice Cloud, is excited to offer residents an easy and secure way to view, print and pay their real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills on-line.



Another way of paying taxes is to call ahead to the tax collector's office to ensure the department is staffed and when we can expect your arrival. Payments can be put in the key box outside the front door of the Town Hall.

At this time, the Tax Office is requesting that payment be made with a bank check or money order if motor vehicle clearance is needed before 2 weeks. Please do NOT make your payment with cash.

Motor vehicle clearance will be on a case-by-case basis. Please be prepared and pay your taxes at least a month before you need to register a vehicle to make sure the release will be able to be processed.

Many questions regarding tax bills can also be found on the [Town website](#) or call us at the number above.

Please direct phone calls regarding selling, junked, or totaled vehicles to the Assessor's office at 860-228-9555.

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION (Continued)

## **Section 6, Executive Order 7S and Section 1, Executive Order 7W Suspension and Modification of Tax Deadlines and Collection Efforts due to COVID-19**

On April 21, 2020, the Town of Columbia adopted the "Deferred Program" for all taxpayers. Escrow Companies do not qualify for the program. The Executive Order (EO) requires Landlords to apply for the program and is explained below.

"Think of this program as an extended grace period program. What is "deferred" is not a tax but rather the last day to pay without interest. The deadline is deferred, not the tax. Eligible taxpayers ("eligible" will be defined later) are entitled to defer their payment deadline until 3 months from the tax due date, instead of the usual one month. For semiannual and annual towns: the next installment comes due on July 1, 2020. This plan covers installments that come due up through and including July 1, 2020. For the July 1, 2020 installment, instead of the last day to pay being August 3, 2020 (August 1 falls on a Saturday), the last day to pay will instead be October 1, 2020 (three months from July 1) because the last day to pay is being deferred, or the grace period is being extended.

Section c: Eligibility of Landlords: The EO states that in order to be eligible for the extended grace period/deferral program, a "landlord," or any taxpayer that rents or leases to tenants or lessees, must provide "documentation" to the municipality that the property being taxed has, or will, suffer a significant income decline, or that commensurate forbearance was offered to the tenants or lessees.

On April 10, 2020, Executive Order 7X required all landlords to grant 60-day rent extensions to residential tenants for April (automatically) and May (by request due to loss of income). Landlords can satisfy the commensurate forbearance and income decline requirements for tax and other relief under EO 7S for residential properties simply by complying with EO 7X, and (for the deferment program) confirming they will do so in an e-mail to the tax collector.

Landlords of commercial properties may satisfy these requirements with the documentation listed in the application form provided by OPM."

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION (Continued)

All email confirmations and applications have a strict deadline of July 1, 2020 (postmark accepted). For your convenience there is a fillable application on-line at [www.columbiact.org](http://www.columbiact.org) located on the Tax Collector's page.

Please contact the Tax Collector with any questions at 860-228-0230 or email [taxcollector@columbiact.org](mailto:taxcollector@columbiact.org). Mailing address for applications: Town of Columbia, Tax Office, 323 RT 87 Columbia, CT 06237.

**TOWN CLERKS OFFICE:** Though the doors to Columbia Town Hall may be locked to the public, it is business as usual (whatever that may be?!) in the Town Clerk's office. For those services that you might need – Fishing and Hunting licenses, Certified copies of Vital Records, Marriage Licenses, Transfer Station stickers, etc.

By maintaining social distancing and working staggered shifts, the Town Clerk's office remains open. We are in uncharted waters right now, not knowing what each day will bring. Times like these have us thinking "outside the box" in order to continue serving the public. We've just had to get creative in the ways we can assist you!

WE ARE HERE! ASK A QUESTION! LET US HELP!

Give us a call (860)-228-3284 - send us an email (Robin – [townclerk@columbiact.org](mailto:townclerk@columbiact.org) ) or (Gail – [atownclerk@columbiact.org](mailto:atownclerk@columbiact.org) ) – we will do our best to help you.

Take care. Stay safe.

# TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

## (Continued)

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** Follow us on [FaceBook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

At this time all of the following events are still being run this summer. There are some modifications, camps will be following all executive orders and regulations put out by the state. For swim lessons levels 1-3 will be run similar to child/parent aquatics requiring a parent or guardian to be in the water so instructors do not have get to close or participate in the hands on portions. We will also be limiting each level to 5 children max. Registrations are open online.

Reminder we will begin checking beach passes on June 6th. Passes can be purchased online using this [link](#). If you want to purchase a day pass throughout the year you will be able to do it online. If you need to purchase one in person you will be able to do so using credit/debit card. If you would like to use cash we ask that you bring exact change to limit the exchange of cash. We also ask that you respect the space of staff that you may be interacting with for everyone's safety.

**Rec Park:** Grounds are open to the public; facility is closed except in special circumstances. Please note that social distancing is recommended even in open parks, and that group sizes should be kept to an absolute minimum. **The use of the playground equipment is prohibited.**

Please note that the Parks and Recreation Department is now located at the Murphy House at Columbia Lake.

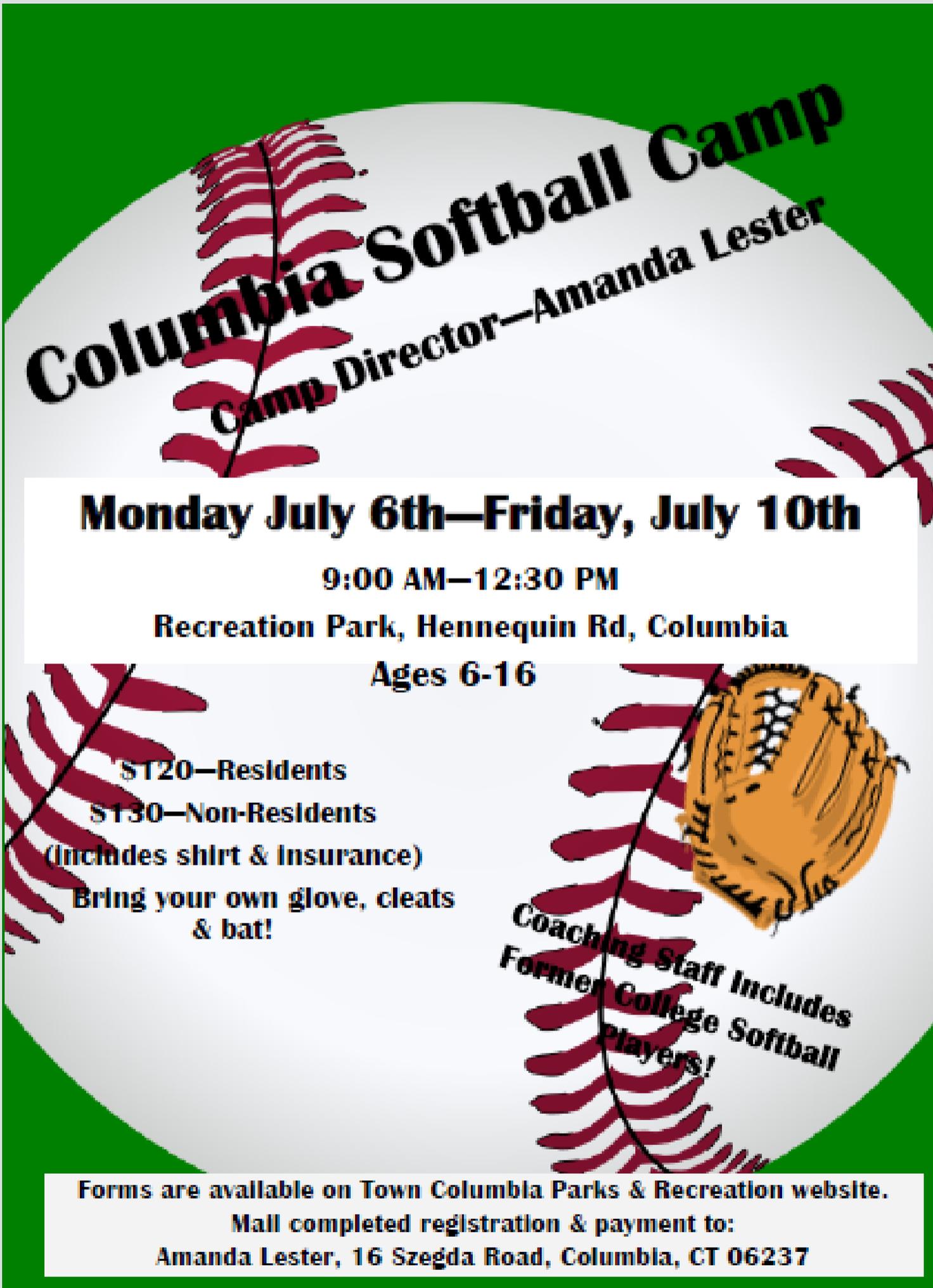
### **MARINE PATROL AND GATE MONITORING:**

#### **GATE MONITORING**

- May 16th & 17th: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- May 23rd - September 13th: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Weekends Only: September 19th - October 11th: 10:00 am-8:00 pm

#### **BOAT PATROL**

- Dates: May 16th - September 13th
- Weekends: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Weekdays: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



# Columbia Softball Camp

Camp Director—Amanda Lester

**Monday July 6th—Friday, July 10th**

**9:00 AM—12:30 PM**

**Recreation Park, Hennequin Rd, Columbia**

**Ages 6-16**

**\$120—Residents**

**\$130—Non-Residents**

**(Includes shirt & Insurance)**

**Bring your own glove, cleats  
& bat!**



**Coaching Staff Includes  
Former College Softball  
Players!**

**Forms are available on Town Columbia Parks & Recreation website.**

**Mail completed registration & payment to:**

**Amanda Lester, 16 Szegda Road, Columbia, CT 06237**

# Swim Lessons

**Session I**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
(July 16<sup>th</sup> make-up)

**Session II**  
**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
(August 13<sup>th</sup> make-up)

**Level 1: 10:30am or 5 pm**  
**Level 2: 10:30am or 5 pm**  
**Level 3: 11:10 am or 5:40 pm**  
**Level 4: 11:10 am or 5:40 pm**  
**Level 5: 11:50 am**  
**Level 6: 11:50 am**

**Level 1: 10:30am**  
**Level 2: 10:30am**  
**Level 3: 11:10 am**  
**Level 4: 11:10 am**  
**Level 5: 11:50 am**  
**Level 6: 11:50 am**

**Fees: Residents- \$85 per session/ Non Residents- \$90 per session**  
**Class Session: There are 8 days of lessons with the 9<sup>th</sup> day reserved for make-up if a lesson is cancelled due to inclement weather.**  
**Please note: Swim lessons are non-refundable and non-transferrable. In the event of a schedule conflict or your child being unable to participate, we cannot be held responsible for missed days.**  
**Requirements to enter class: A completion card or mastery of skills of previous level**

**Register online at**  
**<http://columbia.recdesk.com>**  
**Phone: 860-228-8513**  
**Email: [recreation@columbiact.org](mailto:recreation@columbiact.org)**



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

**SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY:** Library staff are currently working in the building. We can be reached during the following times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm & 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Our Book Drops are open. We'd like to thank you all for taking care of our materials for the last few months. All returned items must go into the book drop and will remain on your card for 1 week while they are in quarantine. Only items owned by SBL or borrowed for you through interlibrary loan may be returned in our book drop. Unlike 'normal,' if you have borrowed materials directly from another library, please return them to that site. We cannot be responsible for their safe return.

Until further notice, SBL and the Friends of the Library are not taking donations. Please do not leave them in or outside of the book drop.

Saxton B. Little Library is pleased to announce No-Contact Curbside Service will begin on Tuesday, June 2nd at 11:00 am!

Here's how it works!

Patrons may request items by calling the Library during calling hours (860-228-0350), emailing us at [SBL@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:SBL@columbiactlibrary.org), or requesting an item (placing a hold) via the Library's on-line catalog, Verso. We will work with you to arrange a pick-up time. At the appointed time, your materials will be waiting for you in a brown paper bag with your first initial and last name on it, on a table by the window between the door and the book drop. You'll notice the new pick-up table and tent outside the building!

If you do not pick up items at the scheduled time or contact us, we will return the items to circulation at the end of the day.

Requesting items:

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\* If you call us, just like “normal,” Library staff will have you hold while we make sure we actually have the item requested. Presuming we do, staff will ask you to select a time from our specified pick-up windows. At the set time, your items will be on the pick-up table.

\* If you email us with your request at [SBL@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:SBL@columbiactlibrary.org), it will expedite the process if you include not only the information about your wanted materials, but also your choice from the specified pick-up times. You’ll receive an automated response to let you know that we got your message! Please give us a day to process your request. When your request is completed, we will send you a confirmation email (note: this will be different than the automated response). If you do not provide a pick-up time, your items will be on hold until we make the pick-up time arrangement by phone or email. We will continue trying to make this arrangement for one week. If no pick-up date is set after one week, your order will be canceled. Once an arrangement is confirmed by phone or email, your items will be on the pick-up table at the designated time.

\* If you request an item through our catalog (the normal way via the “Request This Item” Button), you may also call or email us with a pick-up time. (See information above.)

When picking up:

\* Items will be on the pick-up table in a brown paper bag with your first initial and last name written on it.

\* Please be considerate for others: wear a mask, allow six-foot social distancing, and do not handle materials that are not yours.

\* Return materials **MUST GO IN THE OUTSIDE BOOK DROPS**. If you open your brown bag and immediately don’t want your items, please return them to the book drop.

\* Please do not leave anything on the table or ground.

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\* Remember that returned items will remain on your card for one week while they are in quarantine. Also remember that there are no fines during this time.

Curbside Pick-up Hours:

Tuesday from 12:00 – 3:00 pm [Tuesday pick-up]

Wednesday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm [Wednesday morning pick-up]

Wednesday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm [Wednesday evening pick-up]

Thursday from 12:00 – 3:00 pm [Thursday pick-up]

Saturday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm [Saturday pick-up]

***Don't forget...*** Visit our website and our newsletters for more information, including information on zoom programs, tutorials for how to search our catalogs, browse new items from home, access your account, and more.

Want something to read or watch, but you're not sure what that something is? We can help! Use our Tailored Titles service. We are happy to make suggestions based on your likes/dislikes. Or be surprised: ask for a grab bag! We will pick out a few titles for you to try. Don't like them? We won't be offended; we'll just keep trying!

Columbia resident new to the Library? Call us and we can set you up with a Library card over the phone.

If you have questions or need to contact us, please call the Library at 860-228-0350 or email at [SBL@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:SBL@columbiactlibrary.org).

We thank you for your patience and helping us to do our best to provide service in the safest way possible for staff, patrons, and **OUR COMMUNITY.**

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Parish Communities of  
**Church of the Holy Family and St. Columba Church**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jo Montgomery

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## Online Mass Available Any Time

Hebron, CT, May 27 — The Church of the Holy Family and St. Columba Church live stream all of their masses. Just visit [holyfamilyhebron.org](http://holyfamilyhebron.org):

- Every Sunday 9:30 AM
- Every Wednesday 7:00 PM

You can watch live at the above times, or watch at your convenience from our library of recorded masses.

For daily Scripture readings and reflections, click on "homilies"

Visit [holyfamilyhebron.org](http://holyfamilyhebron.org) any time!

*The Church of the Holy Family and St. Columba Catholic Church, being a community of worshipers and Disciples of Christ, live the Gospel through prayer and service, bearing witness to God's love, compassion, and mercy. Each Parish remains separate and distinct, but at the same time share resources to better meet the needs of the people of God. Regardless of your past faith tradition, we welcome you to come as you are. We hope you will find one of our parishes will feel like home. Visit our websites at <https://holyfamilyhebron.org/> and <https://saintcolumbacatholicchurch.org/>*

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