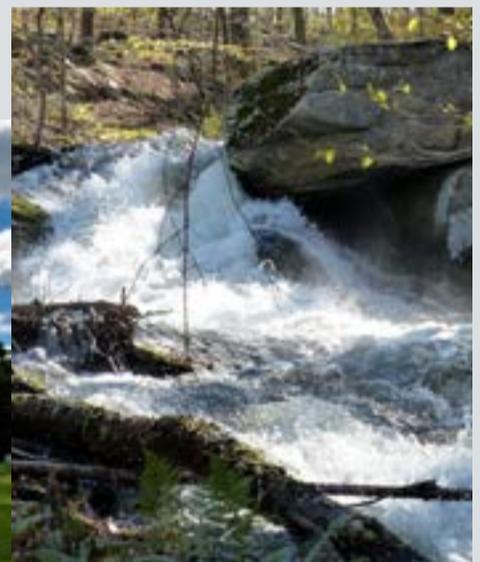


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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

Welcome to the first monthly Town Administrator's Monthly update. In an effort to provide timely and relevant information to residents we will be sending a monthly newsletter highlighting news, events and important information to residents. If you would like to receive the newsletter please sign up on our website [here](#).

“Summer afternoon
— summer
afternoon; to me
those have always
been the two most
beautiful words
in the English
language.”

-Henry James

First Selectman, Steven Everett will have a meet-and-greet on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019** at Town Hall (323 Route 87) in the conference room. Residents are welcome to stop in anytime between **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** with any questions, comments or concerns to address to the Selectman. Meet the Selectman events will be held monthly at various locations and times. We will announce the locations and times via this newsletter, on the [Town's website](#) and Facebook.

It's hard to imagine that summer is almost over, but before it ends we encourage you to get out and enjoy Columbia. Enjoy our many walking trails (see [Town Trail brochure](#)). Perhaps a refreshing swim or a leisurally paddle on Columbia Lake, or check out all the summer activities our Rec Department offers on their [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

To help ensure that everyone enjoys the outdoors and for your safety, please review the [Town Beach](#) and [Boating Safety](#) Rules. We would like to remind boaters the importance of understanding and following essential boating and water safety laws, regulations, and best practices. Please take a moment to review this [Towing Safety Video](#).



Please be patient and aware of our road work. Public Works is currently in the process of roadside mowing in town, please use caution when passing the mower operator. Paving will be on Sharrington, Gavin and Randazzo Roads and additional work is also planned for resurfacing of Cards Mills Road from Village Hill Bridge to Baker Hill road.

Algae & Native Plant Growth in Columbia Lake: Localized patches of what was suspected to be algae were reported seen near shorelines around the lake. To date, lake consultant, Dr. Robert Kortmann has confirmed the patches are algae. Water samples were collected for analysis to identify the type(s) of algae. He will continue to monitor these localized patches and assess if further actions will need to be taken. As a precaution, Dr. Kortmann advises that people and pets avoid swimming in a patch if seen.

Sustainable CT: TREX Sponsored Plastic Film Recycling Challenge is in full swing! The challenge is to recycle 500 lbs of plastic film by November to be eligible to win a free Trex bench! We have had a great start filling up several of our boxes already. Please keep bringing your clean, dry, empty plastic bags and film packaging! Locations are at the Town Hall, Library, Beckish Sr. Center, Town Beach and Transfer Station.



Rec Park Softball Field: The softball field is nearing completion! The outfield topsoil is spread and seeding will begin soon. The infield mix has been ordered and will be completed shortly. The benches will be installed and the fencing to complete the project.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- IWWC Meeting - Conference Room, Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Board of Education - H. W. Porter Cafetorium, Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM
- Board of Selectmen (BOS) - Conference Room, Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Lake Management Advisory Commission (LMAC), Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM
- Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Conference Room, Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Fiscal Policy Board - H.W. Porter Conference Room, Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 8:30 AM
- Open Space - Conference Room, Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 8:00 AM
- Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting - Conference Room, Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM
- Board of Selectmen (BOS) - Conference Room, Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- FiPAC Meeting - Conference Room, Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) - Conference Room, Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Conference Room, Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Commission on Aging (CONA) Beckish Sr. Center, Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 9:00 AM

For a complete monthly calendar of other Board & Commission events, click **here**.

COMING EVENTS

8/1/19 & 8/15/19: MOBILE FOODSHARE: Thursday, **August 1st and 15th** from 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm COLUMBIA-BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP, 195 US-6. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).

8/2/19: 2019 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - JIM BLAIR, Friday August 2nd from 5-7 pm. Columbia Lake Beach. Free Admission, Free food & beverages.

8/18/19: ANNUAL COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB CHICKEN BBQ: Sunday, **August 18, 2019** from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Recreation Park, Hennequin Rd. Columbia CT



For Tickets and Information Contact: Bob Fowler: 860-614-8585 or Mike DiRaimo: 860-228-824. Seniors (62+) - \$11.00, Adults - \$12.00, Seniors & Adults \$1.00 Extra at the Door and Children under 12 - \$7.00. Proceeds from this BBQ help fund the many programs and charities sponsored by the Columbia Lions Club.

COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (323 CT-87)- COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:
~~August 10, 2019~~ **Postponed to August 17, 2019** @ 8:00 am – 11:00 am, Parish Hall. Bring a friend! Breakfast Buffet Menu: Belgian waffles, omelets, eggs, toast, bacon, sausage, ham, potatoes, juice, milk, coffee, tea, fruits, homemade muffins & coffee cakes. Suggested free will offering: \$10.00 per person, Senior Discount \$1.00, \$28.00 – 2 adults and 2 children.

8/16/19: **OPIOD MISUSE, ABUSE & OVERDOSE** Information on **August 16th** at 10:30 am at the Beckish Sr. Center. EHHD will provide information on an important health issue that is affecting our nation and our community. Any questions please contact the Beckish Senior Center at 860-228-0759.

8/13/19: FRIENDSHIP TOUR TRIPS - Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The Senior Center is providing a trip to Newport RI, Murder at the Speakeasy. More [info](#).