

COLUMBIA



UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2019

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

Welcome to the Town Administrator's September 2019 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 at [website](#).



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



“Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile.”

— *William Cullen Bryant*

A REMINDER: 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.

The next First Selectman meet-and-greet will be on **Friday, October 18, 2019** at the Beckish Senior Center from **12:15 pm to 1:30 pm**.

FARMERS MARKET COMMITTEE: If you would like to participate in the Farmers Market Planning Committee and/or be on the Farmers Market Committee, please contact Columbia Sustainable CT members Mary Lavalley (860.228.9555) or Robin Kenefick at (860.228.3284). Planning

Committee events will require seasonal meetings and Farmers Market Committee will meet monthly.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus and West Nile virus (WNV): The Town of Columbia is in



contact with the DEEP Wetland Restoration Mosquito Coordinator and we are aware of the recent spraying for mosquito control in areas of the Pachaug State Forest considered to be at high risk for EEE virus and WNV. We will keep residents informed of any anticipated control measures for the Columbia area. Please visit the [CT Mosquito Management Program](#) for more information.

Board & Commission Openings: We would like to remind you that there are several Board & Commission openings. Involvement on our boards and commissions is important to the vitality and success of local government. Our town needs volunteers to face the challenges of the future while maintaining the quality of life that we all enjoy. Please take time to share your services with others. The list of open vacancies are below. The [Volunteer Application](#) is available on our website.

Conservation & Agriculture Commission [2 Vacancies]: Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

- **Economic Development Commission (EDC) [3 Vacancies]:** Meets on the third Monday at 7:00 PM.
- **Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) [2 Alternates]:** Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- **Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) [1 Alternate]:** Meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- **Szegda Farm Management Committee [3 Vacancies]:** Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 7:00 PM.
- **Youth Services Committee (YSC) [2 Vacancies of which one is a Youth Vacancy]:** Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) [1 Alternate]:** Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

All of the above committees meet at the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

will be planning its agendas and events for the upcoming year at their September 16th meeting at 7:00 PM in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room. The Chairman, Robert Hellstrom would like to extend an invitation for all business' that would be interested in providing their input to please attend AND if you are interested in volunteering on the EDC please

contact Robert Hellstrom at 860.228.0465, robbs44@aol.com, or the Town Administrator, Mark Walter at 860.228.0110, townadministrator@columbiact.org.



YWCA IS HIRING IN THE HARTFORD REGION: YWCA Hartford Region is looking for energetic people interested in a professional growth opportunity in early childhood education. YWCA are currently offering college students paid training along with hands-on-experience working with infants and children enrolled in their Early Learning Centers and Before & After school programs. To find out more visit the [YWCA](http://www.ywca.org) website.

WHERE TO GO FOR NEWS AND INFORMATION: Please Find us on 

We also encourage residents to please sign up for [email notification](#) and the [Emergency Alert Program](#).



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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Board of Selectmen (BOS) - Conference Room, Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Lake Management Advisory Commission (LMAC), Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:30 PM
- Open Space (Special Meeting)- Conference Room, Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 8:00 AM
- Szegda Farm Management Committee Meeting - Conference Room, Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM
- Rec Commission - Conference Room, Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM
- Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission - Conference Room, Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- IWWC Meeting - Conference Room, Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Board of Education - H. W. Porter Cafetorium, Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM
- Fiscal Policy Board - H.W. Porter Conference Room, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 8:30 AM
- Youth Services Committee (YSC) - Conference Room, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30 PM
- Board of Assessment Appeals - Conference Room, Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Board of Selectmen (BOS) - Conference Room, Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Open Space - Conference Room, Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 8:00 AM
- Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Conference Room, Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS CONTINUED

- Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting - Conference Room, Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM
- FiPAC Meeting - Conference Room, Wednesday, September 18, 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, Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM
- Commission on Aging (CONA) Beckish Sr. Center, Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Please go to our website for the [Community Calendar](#).

COMING EVENTS

9/8/19 (RAIN DATE 9/15/19): 4TH ANNUAL COLUMBIA CLASSIC CAR SHOW CRUISE-IN: Sunday, September 8th (rain date September 15th) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Horace W. Porter School, Rte's 66 & 87 (across from the Fire Station). Join us for a great family event

with food and beverages, 50/50 Raffle/goodie bags, face painting, animal balloons and music by Columbia's own Barry Cavagnaro. Benefit for Columbia Recreation Field Fund, CT Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Columbia



Historic Preservation. For car show information: RecDirector@columbiaCT.org or 860.228.8513 ext. 17 and on Facebook at [Columbia CT Classic Car Show](#).

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9/12/19 & 9/26/19: MOBILE FOODSHARE: Thursday, September 12th and 26th 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](#).

9/14/19: COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (323 CT-87)- COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 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.

9/17/19: COLUMBIA HISTORY: Tuesday, September 17th @ 6:30 pm, SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY Learn about the history of your town, and find out who to contact to seek more information on your local history and genealogy questions! Program presenters: Ingrid Wood - Town Historian, Judy Ortiz - Columbia Historical Society President, Jeanne Nuhfer - Columbia Historical Society Secretary. Registration requested. Please call 860-228-0350 or [email Cait](mailto:cait@tpl.org) to sign-up! Please check out all the other activities happening at the [Saxton B. Little Library](#)

9/19/19 THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND THE COLUMBIA OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

FUND-RAISER AND PRESENTATION: The Trust for Public Land and the Columbia Open Space Committee are hosting a fund-raiser and presentation at Heartstone Farm and Winery on **Thursday, September 19th from 5 – 7 pm.** Come join the conversation about this collaboration to preserve Wells Woods, unlock an eight-mile



network of trails, and link Mono Pond State Park to the Air Line State Park Trail. Hors d'oeuvres will be served; cash bar. **RSVP by September 12th** to june.sgobbo@tpl.org or 203-815-1015.

9/21/19: CHURCH SHRED-A-THON Old Fire House on Rt. 66, **Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.** Please call ahead if you have large amounts of paper to dispose to the Church Office: (860)228-9306. The Shred-A-Thon is a fund-raiser for Columbia Congregational Church and a free will offering is appreciated! Suggested donation \$5.00/per bag.coming events

