

## 57 Fest program

### Why the “57 Fest?”

Colchester community members have long known what CNN/Money Magazine officially recognized in 2005: Colchester is a fantastic place to live, work, play, and grow. In its July 2005 issue, the magazine ranked Colchester as the 57<sup>th</sup> best place to live in the country. As community events and activities are no small part of what makes Colchester such a great town, what could be a more fitting way to celebrate this national honor than with a family festival?

However, the event is meant not only to celebrate Colchester’s recognition; it also strives to encourage the community to live healthy and active lifestyles, in conjunction with the Town’s national designation as a “Step Up To Health” community by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). In 2007, this event itself was honored, as the Governor’s Committee on Physical Fitness selected it as the best event in Connecticut to focus on health and wellness.

As the event continues to grow and develop, the 2013 “57 Fest” will be a celebration of healthy, active living; conserving our environment; and reconnecting with nature. You will find many activities along these lines throughout this year’s festival.

We welcome one and all to spend the day at the park enjoying all it has to offer, including special activities and shows planned for that day, as well as the year round facilities, such as the playgrounds, sports facilities, skate park and more!

### Schedule of Events

Time	Activity	Location
4:00 – 7:30	S&S Games & Activities	R1
4:00 – 7:00	Inflatable Obstacle Course	Midway
4:00-7:00	Touch-A-Truck	R2
4:00 -7:00	Inflatable Fun House	Midway
4:00-7:00	Arts & Crafts	Concourse
4:00-7:00	Double Trouble Slide	Midway
4:00-7:00	Spin Art	Concourse
4:00-7:00	Laser Tag	Midway
4:00-8:00	Big Daddy's Remote Control Car Racing	Midway
4:00-7:30	Face Painting	Midway
4:00 – 8:00	Dancin' with Hoops	Midway
8:00	Fireworks! By Rockville Bank Foundation	Whole Park
<b>On the Main Stage</b>		
Time	Activity	Location
6:00-8:00	Featured Concert: KICK	Main Stage

<b>Demonstrations</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
4:15–4:30	Bacon Academy Dance Team	In Front of Main Stage
4:30-5:00	Alyson's School of Dance	In Front of Main Stage
5:00-5:30	Doreen's Dance Center	In Front of Main Stage
5:30–5:45	Bacon Academy Cheerleaders	In Front of Main Stage
5:45–6:00	Colchester Continental Fife & Drum Corps	In Front of Main Stage

Visit our activity booths on the Concourse: Rockville Bank, S&S Worldwide, Colchester Building Committee, Land Trust, WJJMS PTO, C3, CBA, Colchester Republicans, Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester Dog Park, TVCCA Head Start, Colchester Senior Center & Willimantic Waste.

Visit our Community & Wellness Tent located in the Midway Co- Sponsored by Backus Hospital and Children’s Dental Associates. There will also be booths and activities by, Family Physical Therapy, Children’s Dental, Backus Hospital, Vegetarian Society of Eastern CT, Light Body Natural Health, and Chatham Health District will have a FREE flu shot clinic! Please bring your insurance card!

In the Midway area you will also find activity booths by Colchester Continental Fife & Drum, BA FIRST Robotics Club, WJJMS Lego Club, Galaxy Cheer, Colchester Yellow Ribbon Committee/POST, Colchester Fire Cadets, Colchester Democrats, Colchester Youth Lacrosse, Dancin’ with Hoops, Colchester Parks & Recreation and Day Camp, MOM’s Club, Zumba with Torri and more.

**Rain Cancellation**

Sunday, September 29, 4pm is the rain date for the “57 Fest.” To find out if the event has been rescheduled due to poor weather, you may visit the town web site ([www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov)) or call the Parks & Recreation Office: 537-7297. Additionally, an email will go out on the Parks & Recreation Announcement List – to subscribe to the list visit the web site [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov) and “subscribe to news”. Important information will also be posted on Colchester Parks and Recreation’s Facebook page & on our Twitter!

**Parking & Shuttles**

With the large turnout expected for the event, the town has developed a parking and transportation plan to ensure all attendees have convenient and safe places to park for the festival.

Attendees are encouraged to park in one of the designated shuttle lots, which will be served by FREE continuously looping shuttles throughout the day, continuing until well after the completion of the fireworks.

**Shuttle Lots:**

Jack Jackter Intermediate School (Halls Hill Road)

St. Andrews Church (Norwich Avenue)  
Lake Hayward Road Commuter Lot (Routes 2 & 11 – Exit 19)

Limited parking will be available at the Recreation Complex on Old Hebron Road: by the Concession Stand, as well as at the Annex, by the tennis courts.

Handicapped parking will be available in the “north lot” of the Recreation Complex, by the Pavilion, directly across from the golf course entrance.

Street parking will be available along one side of the street on both Old Hebron Road and Stollman Road. Please obey posted parking restrictions.

Significant parking will also be available along Old Hartford Road, including the Commuter Lot by the Colchester Highway Department. Access to the park from these locations is through the R8 field (behind the Commuter Lot) and up a short stairway.

**FEATURED CONCERT:**  
**“KICK” on the Stage**  
**6-8pm**

For the first year, Family Physical Therapy will be the sponsor of the Featured Concert, which will feature “KICK”. KICK is a top adrenaline-fueled high octane thrill ride/show band. They have amassed countless consecutive nominations and multiple victories as Best Cover Band and Readers Choice in the Grand Band Slam Poll Awards. You will surely enjoy their energy and good vibes!

**‘57’ 1-Mile Runs!**

As part of Colchester’s 57 Fest Celebration on Saturday, September 28th, Health and Physical Education teacher from Colchester Elementary School & the CES PTO Don Levine will be coordinating an afternoon of free timed 1/4 mile to 1 mile races at the beautiful new Bacon Academy track. The 1-mile is a classic race distance that is rarely run nowadays (has been "replaced" with the 1500 and 1600 meters.) Younger kids that don't want to run a mile can run a 1/4 mile or 1/2 mile. Males, females & adults & Seniors are encouraged to participate! Registration is from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Races will begin promptly at 4 p.m. Parents wishing to run with their children can do so. There are no prizes, no awards, just races for the competitive fun.

Our goal is to have at least "57" or more runners of all ages participate. Please contact Don Levine at [pehealthinquiry@gmail.com](mailto:pehealthinquiry@gmail.com).

### **Don't miss the "57 Fest Photo Booth" on the midway!**

In a box highlighted: Glow Necklaces for sale at both Information Booths – R1 & R5 to the left of the Main Stage. Help support the fireworks by purchasing glow necklaces. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.

### **Fire in the Sky!**

At 8:00pm, the skies over the Recreation Complex will be ablaze with a spectacular display produced by Zambelli Fireworks Exclusively Sponsored by Rockville Bank Foundation. With their extensive experience in special effects as well as fireworks, this promises to be a show to remember!

With the flat, wide-open layout of the Recreation Complex, there is truly no bad seat in the house. The display will be shot from the rear of the park, meaning that R5, R6 & R7 will be closed off for safety; however, the rest of the park will be open. The best viewing areas will be any of the open ball fields, R1, R2 and R3.

### **Remote Control Car Racing**

Imagine racing your favorite Winston Cup stock car on a banked oval speedway at scale speeds up to 200mph! You're in complete control as you head into the high speed banked curve, your left hand gripping the full-size steering wheel, your right hand on the shifter, your heart pounding as you go into turn 3 with the throttle wide open. All of a sudden, it happens—the car behind you taps you from behind as he tries to nose you to the inside, sending your car spinning up the track, out of control, and into the wall as another car t-bones you when you slide in front of him. No Worries! You may be a lap down, but you're not out. Just shift into reverse and you're back in the action!

Take part in this FREE exhilarating fun at the Big Daddy's Racing booth on the Midway all evening!

### **Obstacle Course Packs a Powerful Punch!**

Have fun navigating through this packed inflated obstacle course before climbing to the top of a 15' rock wall than slide down the inflated slide to the bottom to finish the course. Each 64' lane run guarantees a heart pumping and super fun inflatable experience!

### **Food Court**

Visit the food court in the Midway for a wide range of popular carnival foods, as well as healthy alternatives:

Subway- Subs

Scottie's Frozen Custard- Frozen Custard, Hotdogs, Italian Sausage

New England Soft Serve- Ice Cream and Slush

Colchester Lion's Club- Fried Dough, **Hamburgers & Hot dogs**

Garbo Lobsta- Lobster Mac & Cheese, Chowder & Lobster rolls

Uncle D's Blazin' Barbecue- Barbecue chicken, Ribs, Pulled Pork

Bollywood Grill- Indian Cuisine

Cage Mangia- Cannoli's  
BA Project Graduation – Water  
Colchester Independent Party – Water  
BA Cheerleader – Popcorn

### **Thank You To Our Sponsors and Committee Members!**

No event this big happens without a lot of help, and the "57 Fest" is no exception.

Prior to the 2005 event, Colchester had not seen fireworks since 1998, when it celebrated its Tercentennial. Several local businesses and organizations, however, have committed their support and partnership to ensure that the town can properly celebrate what the community has already known for many years: Colchester is a fantastic place to live, work, play, and grow.

Rockville Bank Foundation is the Exclusive Fireworks Sponsor. The Presenting Sponsors are S&S Worldwide and Colchester Business Association. The Wellness Tent co-sponsors are Children's Family Dental and Backus Hospital and the Concert Sponsor is Family Physical Therapy.

The Colchester Reminder newspaper is the official Media Sponsors of the event, producing our print advertising.

Additional businesses have contributed as Supporting Sponsors, including Willimantic Waste, Subway, Dr. Steve C. Lakes, Gallicchio Builders LLC, Casey Chiropractic, Solo Mechanical, United Rentals, and Big Mama's Inflatables & Sign Professionals.

With community support like this, it is no wonder that the Coordinating Committee is so excited to put on a first-class event each year. The committee consisted of staff from many town departments, as well as the Colchester Public Schools.

Thank you to one and all who contributed to this year's "57 Fest!"

Show us your 57!

Do you have **57** hats? Is your street address **57**? Do you own a **57** Chevy? Are you **57** years old? Can you do **57** jumping jacks? Colchester Parks & Recreation and WJJMS Students & volunteers want you to show them your "**57**"! WJJMS students & volunteers will be on hand at the "Show Us Your **57**!" booth at this year's Colchester **57** Fest, and they cannot wait to see just how creative the community will be. Each person that stops at the booth and demonstrates their "**57**" will earn an official "**57**" temporary tattoo, as well as be entered into a drawing for great prizes.