



Colchester *and* Parks *and* Recreation

"Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs"



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Winter 2007

While people often think of the winter as a slow time for Parks & Recreation, nothing could be further from the truth. It is during these colder months that we are able to do the bulk of our evaluation of past programs, conduct the annual assessment of our department and its strategies, develop next year's budget, and begin our planning for the year ahead – all on top of coordinating the many programs and services that we offer throughout the winter. We are continually looking for ways to improve what we are already doing, as well as new and creative ways to fulfill our mission: Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs!

In looking back at this past fall, of course the shining jewel was the 57 Fest, where the community turned out by the thousands to take part in this follow-up to last year's inaugural event. Thanks to all the attendees, sponsors, volunteers and staff who made this year's 57 Fest such a success! And while it's unanimous that we should continue this festival, there's also a universal call to rename the event; watch for upcoming news on an official naming contest.

The Parks Maintenance Crew had a busy Fall as well, accomplishing numerous tasks throughout Town. From improvements to the landscaping and playgrounds at the schools, to renovations and face lifts at the parks, the crew has been hard at work ensuring that Colchester's outdoor facilities are both safe and enjoyable. Much of this is possible through partnerships, such as Colchester Baseball League's generous donation of materials for the rebuilding of R1; combined with the resting period that the field is receiving by its closure this Fall, we look forward to the rebirth of a spectacular field this Spring. Similarly, members of Colchester Youth Lacrosse are working with the crew to install special blankets on the RecPlex football field over the winter that will give the turf a head start on its spring growth. Read "Parks Remarks" in

this issue for an update on many of the completed and pending projects at our parks and schools.

Looking forward, this issue is chock full of new and exciting ways for you and your family to be healthy and active, all while having fun, learning something new, meeting new people, or getting to know others better. Two new additions to the line-up include "Adult Recess" and "Bacon Academy Ski Club"; "Adult Recess" lets those of us who are a bit more "mature" relive the fun we remember from our school days, while the ski club offers high school students the opportunity to visit a local slope for some afterschool fun with friends.

Still further down the road, our staff is already planning for the spring and summer. Watch for information on Colchester's version of Connecticut's "Senior Games", where residents 50 years and up can compete in a wide variety of individual and team sports. We will also introduce rock climbing classes right here in town, partnering with Bacon Academy to renovate and operate their climbing tower.

As always, we encourage and await your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to visit or contact us with your thoughts and suggestions. A great new way to let us know your feelings is through the Weekly Web Survey on our web site. Visit the Parks & Recreation web page each Wednesday to fill out the one-question survey, and automatically be entered into our weekly prize drawing.

See you in the parks!

Sincerely,

Jason Cohen

Jason Cohen, CPRP
Director
Colchester Parks & Recreation

Snow Procedures:

Please note the following snow procedures:

1. If school is cancelled, all programs are cancelled.
2. If school is delayed 90 minutes all programs beginning before 10:00 a.m. will be delayed 90 minutes, evening activities will run as scheduled.
3. If school is dismissed early all after school programs are cancelled.
4. If there are weather issues later in the afternoon the Parks & Recreation department will make decisions on an individual basis.

5. If driving is hazardous, please use your judgment!
6. If cancellations are made a mass email will be sent to all those on our email subscription list, the announcement section of our website will be updated and the voice mail system at 537-7297 will be updated.

For your convenience, Parks & Recreation will notify you through our mass email system on any program cancellations or changes. To subscribe please visit our website at www.colchesterct.net.

The Town of Colchester is now accepting applications from electors of the Town for the following commissions: Ethics Commission and

the new Energy Conservation Committee. For additional information, please contact the Selectman's office directly at 537-7220.

WE'RE LISTENING!

We want to hear from you! Any questions or comments?
Call or drop us an e-mail.

Please Note: All Town Hall email addresses have been changed to .gov Main Office is located at Town Hall:
127 Norwich Ave, Colchester CT 06415.

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PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

PARK MAINTENANCE

Tim Angell, Crew Leader
Don Standish, Mike Ryder
Neal Trecarten, Don Johnson, Nate Emmons, Jay Gigliotti

SPORTS LEAGUES - WHO TO CONTACT

Although many organizations use town's facilities, the following groups do not come under the Direction of Colchester Parks & Recreation. Unless otherwise specified, sports leagues can be reached through their voice mailbox on the Parks & Recreation Infoline: 537-7297.

YOUTH:

Basketball: Paul Scheibelein basketball@colchesterct.info
Cheerleading: Linda Cullen 860-490-6506 & Tina Everett 537-0700
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Lacrosse: Tracy Loskant lacrosse@colchesterct.info

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Tom Lambert baseball@colchesterct.info www.eteamz.com/colchesterctbaseball

Youth Soccer: Bruce Lund soccer@colchesterct.info

Youth Wrestling: Gordon Elrod wrestling@colchesterct.info www.colchesterwildcats.org

ADULT:

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With the exception of Camp Blizzard there are NO programs during the week of February Vacation.

SENIOR NEWS...

Yearly, the Colchester Senior Center and a second grade class gather to promote education with the ages. The program is called "The Gift Goes On." This year's theme is "Fifty Is Nifty." We will be studying the fifty states. One of our goals is to receive postcards for all fifty states. If you are traveling, have family or know of someone traveling please have them send a card to us. We will read each card at our meetings.

Please send the card to:

**Colchester Senior Center
"The Gift Goes On"
95 Norwich Ave.
Colchester, CT 06415**

Thank you very much for your time and energy and for allowing the gift to go on.

visit the connecticut river at cragin

The Cragin Memorial Library will sponsor a free program by Michael Tougias, author of River Days: Exploring the Connecticut River From Source to Sea on Saturday, November 18th at 1:00pm in the library. Mr. Tougias will guide the audience, via a narrated slide show, down the

410 mile river, to learn about its history, wildlife and environment. Anecdotes and practical tips will be shared, including Mr. Tougias' favorite spots for paddling, fishing and camping, as well as for photographing wildlife.

Copies of River Days will be available for purchase and signing. This program is free and open to all; no registration is required. For additional information please visit www.michaeltougias.com or call the Library at 537-5752 during regular service hours: Monday -Thursday 10 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.



from the colchester health dept....

The Colchester Health Department reminds Colchester residents that Flu season has arrived and encourages residents to get the flu shot to help stay healthy for the holidays.

Cover your cough to prevent spread of cold & flu germs. Wash your hands well and wash them often to improve your odds of staying healthy all year round.

COLCHESTER SENIOR CENTER'S
ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT AND TAG SALE

Saturday, December 2nd, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**The Senior Center is still collecting
cell phones and hearing aids.**

SENIOR TRIPS

These fantastic trips are open to senior citizens first then to other guests as space allows.

May 1 - 3 "In the Beginning," Philadelphia-The outstanding show at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA . In addition, this trip also goes to the Franklin Institute to see the King Tut Exhibit.

February 9 - 12 the Winter Carnival in Quebec City, Canada.

July 11 - 23 A 13-day Alaska trip! This is a trip of a lifetime! Deluxe Princess Land and Cruise.

October 12 - 14 Stars and Stripes, Washington, DC. Many interesting places to see.

*Please contact the Senior Center directly for
additional information at 537-3911.*

Concert Schedule from the Board of Education

The Colchester Board of Education is excited to announce the winter concert schedule!

All performances are open to the public, held in the Bacon Academy Auditorium and there is no charge for admission. Celebrate the sounds of the season!

6TH GRADE BAND AND CHORUS
Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 p.m.

7TH GRADE BAND AND CHORUS
Wed., Dec. 6th at 6:30 p.m.

8TH GRADE BAND AND CHORUS
Wed., Dec. 6th at 7:30 p.m.

SNOW DATE: December 7th

BACON ACADEMY BANDS & CHOIRS
Tues., Dec. 12th 7:00 p.m.

**BACON ACADEMY & W.J. JOHNSTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BANDS**
Thurs., Dec. 14th 7:00 p.m.



The Well Child Program is provided FREE OF CHARGE to qualified families. The Program will be at Town Hall the first Thursday of the month from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Children age birth to 18 years are eligible, but must be preregistered. Appointments are required. You may qualify even if you work or are self employed.

Well Child Program

- School and Sports Physicals
- Immunizations
- Screenings
- Height and Weight Measurements
- Health Education

**For more information,
call Janet Taylor,
Colchester Social Services,
at 537-7235.**



PRESCHOOL

Registration Deadline is One Week Prior to Start Date



PRE BALLET 1 MON

AGES: 3YRS TO 6YRS

Open your child's door to Classical Ballet. We learn through movement, stories, instruments, games, songs and much more. Registration deadline one week prior to the start of class! Recital costume fee is included in the class fee.

Fee: \$65.00

Mon., Jan. 8 - March 26

9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Town Hall Room 1

Activity # 4000.317

PRE BALLET 2 MON

AGES: 4YRS TO 6YRS

Bring your child to the next level of dance through Pre Ballet 2. As your child grows our dance class grows with them, while extending your child's dance knowledge at the same time. Young dancers learn through stories, instruments, games, songs and much more. These children must have completed Miss Mary's Pre Ballet 1 class or have prior dance experience. Recital costume fee is included in the class fee.

Fee: \$65.00

Mon. Jan. 8 - March 26

10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Town Hall Room 1

Activity # 4000.301

PRE BALLET 1 WED

AGES: 3YRS TO 6YRS

Introduce your child to body awareness! We teach the joy of movement through basic ballet steps, games, and songs by using natural flexibility and curiosity. Comfortable clothing and ballet shoes should be worn. Recital costume fee is included in the class fee.

Fee: \$86.00

Wed., Jan. 10 - March 28

4:30 - 5:30 p.m., JJIS Multi purpose room

Activity# 4000.320

PRE BALLET & TAP 2 THURS

AGES: 4YRS TO 6YRS

Bring your child to the next level of dance through Pre Ballet 2. As our child grows, our dance class grows with them, while extending your child's dance knowledge at the same time. Learn through stories, instruments, games, songs and much more. We will be introducing Tap to this class. These children must have completed Miss Mary's Pre Ballet 1 class or have prior dance experience. Costume fee is included in the cost of the program.

Fee: \$86.00

Thurs. Jan. 11 - March 29

4:30 - 5:30 p.m., JJIS Multi purpose room

Activity # 4000.326

2007 Recital Theme for all Miss Mary's dance classes is "A Walk Down Broadway"

Dress Rehearsal April 12th

**Recital
April 13th**

In the

Bacon Academy Auditorium

a special note...

A special note to pre-ballet parents for Town Hall classes. We ask that you walk your child into the class and leave the building. Run some errands or enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee! Please return to the building five minutes prior to the end of the class. Waiting in the lobby area is **not permitted**. You will be invited in to the class to watch the last class of each session. You may wait in meeting room two if it is available.

NEW SATURDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM MUSIC & MOVEMENT KIDS

AGES: 3MTHS TO 5YRS OLD

BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Announcing a NEW Saturday preschool program "M & M Kids!" This innovative parent and child class is the perfect place for parents to learn and experience fun ways for their family to make enjoyable music together. This class explores a variety of classic kids songs, percussion, dance, games and movement that makes music making fun and easy for the whole family. M & M Kids will help develop listening skills, encourage expression and enhance interaction. Please register ALL children attending the class.

Fee: \$45.00

Sat. Jan. 27 - March 10

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.,

Colchester Intermediate School Caf 

Activity# 4000.480

REGISTER ON-LINE AT www.colchesterct.net

PRESCHOOL

LIL' KICKERS INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM

AGES: 3YRS TO 5YRS OLD

The Chung Do Kwan Academy of Colchester is offering a 4 week introductory Lil' Kickers Program. This specialized Taekwondo class is offered to children ages 3-5 years. The Lil' Kickers program focuses on improving preschool-age children's basic motor and listening skills. In the Lil' Kickers classes, your child will be exposed to positive social interaction and learn to work with others and follow directions from the instructors through Taekwondo training. The curriculum consists of developing 8 major skills that are necessary for participation in any sport or activity. These skills are focus, teamwork, control, balance, memory, discipline, fitness and coordination. Registration deadline December 28th. Child must be 3 years old by 1/1/07.

Fee: \$50.00

Session 1:

Thurs. Jan. 4 - Jan. 25

9:30 - 10:10 a.m., Colchester Chung Do Academy

Activity # 4000.386

Session 2:

Thurs. Jan. 4 - Jan. 25

12:45 - 1:25 p.m., Colchester Chung Do Academy

Activity # 4000.387



bus trips 2007 preview

The following day trips are hosted by Colchester Parks & Recreation and will leave from the Colchester Town Hall. At this time all 2007 dates and destinations are tentative. A complete and detailed listing will be available in January. Check our website for continuous updates!

Boston On Your Own

4/15/07

Providence Waterfires

8/11/07

Kittery Outlets

11/10/07

Meadowlands Flea Market

10/3/07

Whale Watch

8/4/07

NY Noshing Tour

9/29/07

Newport Mansions

11/17/07

NY On Your Own

12/8/07

•Start•Smart•

START SMART BASKETBALL

**AGES: 3YRS TO 5YRS
WITH ADULT**

This is a preschool sports readiness program for children 3-5 years old with a parent or guardian. Have fun playing with your kids!! This program focuses on teaching children and their parents basic basketball skills such as dribbling, ball handling, shooting, passing, catching, running, and agility without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, January 18th in Norton Room A at Cragin Memorial Library from 6pm-7pm. If you have already attended a Start Smart parent meeting, you are excused. Limit 20 students.



Fee: \$35.00

Mon. Jan 22 - March 5

Colchester Elementary School Gym

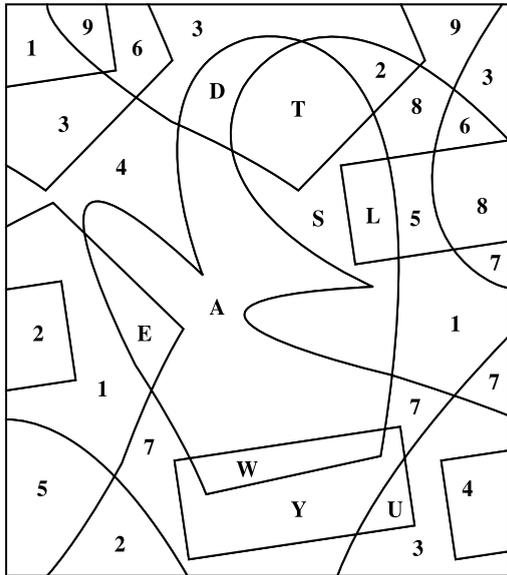
Activity # 4000.434 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Activity # 4000.435 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.





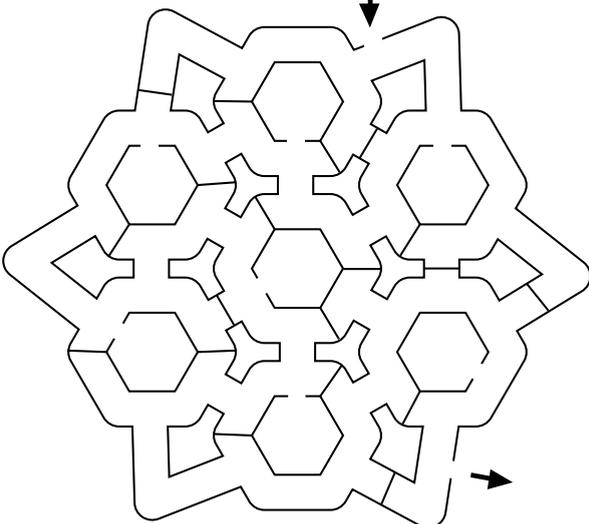
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Registration Deadline is One Week Prior to Start Date

No more TV after school! The program will begin at 3:15 in the cafeteria at CES with a snack brought from home. Class will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Parents will pick up children at 4:30 p.m. in their class location. The emphasis will be on making new friends in an enthusiastic environment created to help develop self-confidence, creative thinking and a sense of adventure. This program will allow children to shine with their own

ability! Registration deadline is one week before the first class. Space is limited-register soon! You must send a note to the office on the day of your child's program giving them permission to participate or your child will be dismissed in their usual way. Please check our website at www.colchesterct.net for any cancellations due to weather etc.

BUDDING SCIENTISTS

Calling all science lovers! If you're curious, you will love this hands-on, age appropriate interactive science experience. You and your friends will learn by doing. Each class has experiments and demonstrations. Come explore our "Winter Wonderland!" We will be conducting experiments with frosty ice crystals, taste-testing homemade ice cream, and helping to feed and house our animal friends, through the frigid winter months. Are all snowflakes the same? What is hibernation? Come join the curiosity seekers and find out the answers! Dress appropriately, we will be outside as much as possible. For grades 1-2 ONLY. Please note this session is 7 weeks.

Fee: \$49.00
Mon. Jan 22 - March 12
Activity# 3000.420

SQUEAKY SNEAKERS

Get active and have fun after school with Mr. Levine! Join us for an enthusiastic approach to physical activity and recreation. Help your child attain their daily recommended amount of physical activity! This program will keep kids busy with lots of games and various sports. Dress appropriately, we'll be outside as much as possible! For grades 1-2 ONLY. Please note this is a 7 week class.

Fee: \$49.00
Fri. Jan. 19 - March 16
Activity# 3000.418

DECORATIVE DESSERTS

You'll be amazed how easy it is to transform a cupcake into a penguin! Tye-dye cookies are beautiful and so delicious. It's fun, it's easy and you can do it! You won't believe how amazing snacks can look...and taste! Parents please bring a container from home to take home your child's decorative desserts. For grades 1-2 ONLY. No class 2/22. Please note this is a 7 week class.

Fee: \$49.00
Thurs. Jan 18th - March 8th \$49
Activity # 3000.340

CAPTAIN COOK

Get ready for FUN in the kitchen! Children will explore using hands-on food preparations while learning to use a variety of ingredients and cooking methods! Eating their creations surely provides a special experience! All recipes will be shared at the end of each class. For grades 1-2 ONLY. Please note this session is 7 weeks.

Fee: \$49
Tues. Jan, 16 - March 6
Activity# 3000.335

SQUEAKY SNEAKERS KINDERGARTEN

Get active and have fun after school with Mr. Levine! Join us for an enthusiastic approach to physical activity and recreation. Help your child attain their daily recommended amount of physical activity! This program will keep kids busy with lots of games and various sports. Dress appropriately, we'll be outside as much as possible! Please note this is a 7 week class.

Fee: \$49.00
Thurs. Jan. 18th - March 8th
Activity# 3000.419

KRAFTY KIDS
 This is a great class for all those who love to create fun craft projects. This session the theme will be winter adventures. Have fun with your friends making all kinds of unique projects you'll love. Pins, snowmen and crowns, use your imagination! This program is designed for kids in grades 1 & 2 ONLY! Please note this class is 7 weeks.

Fee: \$49.00
Wed. Jan 17 - March 7
Activity#3000.428

COLCHESTER YOUTH BASKETBALL (CYB) 2006-2007 SEASON

Girls and Boys 2nd Grade Instructional Program

This is an instructional program that concentrates on the fundamentals of basketball. Players will spend approximately 35 to 40 minutes working on specific skills at stations. Half-court "scrimmages" follow the station drills. Ten coaches are needed for this program. Please do not let your lack of experience keep you from volunteering.

FEE: \$65 1st Child \$60 2nd Child
 \$55 3rd Child (\$180 Family Maximum)

You can register online at the CYB website <http://eteamz.active.com/colchesteryouthbasketball/> or call 537-3598. Play begins Saturday, January 6th at WJMS Gym A (Old CIS Gym)
 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM
 Please contact Jon Handwerk 537-5724



Registration Deadline is One Week Prior to Start Date

BALLET AND TAP

AGES: 5YRS TO 13YRS

Your child will learn the technique of Classical Ballet and Tap, through Ballet Barre, center and across the floor exercises. They will gain knowledge of dance, sense of music, socialization and much more. Costume fee is included in the cost of this class.

Fee: \$86.00

Thurs. Jan. 11 - March 29

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. JJIS Multi Purpose room

Activity# 4000.380

BOYS JAZZ AND TAP WED

AGES: 5YRS TO 12YRS

Your child will learn a combination of Hip-Hop and Lyrical Jazz movements. Today's hottest moves, music video style! This class uses popular music of today's children. Your child will also learn tap. All lyrics are age appropriate. The recital costume fee is included in the cost of the class.

Fee: \$86.00

Wed. Jan. 10 - March 21

5:30 - 6:30 p.m., JJIS Multi Purpose room

Activity# 4000.321

DANCE TROOP

AGES: 8YRS TO 13YRS OLD

Are you interested in performing? Colchester Parks & Recreation is starting a Dance Troop. Open to boys and girls in 4th-8th grade. Beginner to advanced dancers. Students participating in the Dance Troop will learn the dance techniques of Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Choreography and gain experience in performing. Students will need transportation to and from local/surrounding town performances including Salem, Lebanon, East Hampton, Marlborough, Hebron Columbia etc. The performance dates will be published in advance. No class 2/21. Girls attire: Black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shirt, ballet shoes, tap shoes. Short hair secured and long hair in bun. No jewelry. Boys attire: Close fitting white T-Shirt, black sweat pants, ballet shoes and tap shoes. No jewelry.

Fee: \$93.00

Wed. Jan. 10 - March 28

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., JJIS Multi Purpose room

Activity# 4000.378

JAZZ & TAP

AGES: 5YRS TO 13YRS OLD

Your child will learn a combination of Hip-Hop and Lyrical Jazz movements. Today's hottest moves, music video style! This class uses popular music of today's children. All lyrics are age appropriate. Your child will also learn tap. Costume fee is included in class fee.

Fee: \$80.00

Thurs. Jan. 11 - March 29

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., JJIS Multi Purpose room

Activity# 4000.385

**2007 Recital Theme for all
Miss Mary's dance classes is**

**"A Walk Down
Broadway"**

Dress Rehearsal

April 12th

**Recital
April 13th**

In the

Bacon Academy Auditorium

CARTOONING

AGES: 4YRS TO 13YRS OLD

Cartoonist create with a combination of skills and imagination. Learn about drawing people and create your own characters and comic pictures. Projects include cartoon faces, action bodies, caricatures, expressions and humor.

Fee: \$96.00

Thurs. Jan 11 - Feb 15

7:00 - 8:00 p.m., WJJMS Classroom 15

Activity #5000.354

TAE KWON DO INTRODUCTION

AGES: 4YRS TO 11YRS OLD

The Colchester Chung Do Kwan Academy is offering an introductory program in Taekwondo. This program is offered to anyone aged 4-11! Students will receive the basic knowledge of Taekwondo as well as physical fitness training. This is a one-month program that offers a vary flexible training schedule. You are welcome to train during any and all class times that are open to beginners. Come and try out this exciting and challenging sport! The registration fee includes a free uniform! You may only participate in this program once.

Class Times:

Monday - 5:30-6:30 PM

Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 PM

Thursday - 6:00-7:00 PM

Fee: \$50.00

Activity # 3000.341 December 2006

Activity # 3000.342 January 2007

Activity # 3000.343 February 2007

Location: Colchester Chung Do Kwan Academy

TAEKWONDO INTRODUCTION

AGES 11 AND OLDER

The Colchester Chung Do Kwan Academy is offering an introductory program in Taekwondo. This program is offered to anyone aged 11 years old and up! Teens & Adults these Taekwondo classes will teach basic knowledge of Taekwondo as well as helping to increase flexibility and physical fitness. This is a one-month program that offers a vary flexible training schedule. You are welcome to train during any and all class times that are open for your age. Come and try out this exciting and challenging sport! The registration fee includes a free uniform! You may only participate in this program once.

Class Times:

Monday & Wednesday 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00-8:30 PM

Fee: \$50.00

Activity# 3000.344 December 2006

Activity# 3000.345 January 2007

Activity# 3000.346 February 2007

Location: Colchester Chung Do Kwan Academy

SPRING PREVIEW!

**MUSICAL THEATRE
PERFORMANCE CLASS**

Look for details coming soon!

How do you perform a musical theater song and make it come to life? How do you act and sing at the same time? How do singers and accompanists



work together, and above all WHAT DO I DO WITH MY HANDS WHEN I SING? Explore the world of musical theater performance in this dynamic, six-week class, instructed by Imelda Franklin Bogue of the Manhattan-based Pacific Opera Company. Learn about storytelling through song, finding your own personality within the piece, working with a professional accompanist, and performing for your peers, and some basic tools for creating a winning audition! We will end the class with a final performance on the last day. Students can choose to learn one group number and a solo piece (chosen by the instructor based on your strengths) or just the group number. Class fee includes one hour-long private voice lesson, scheduled at a mutually agreeable time, and goal-setting session with the instructor, who loves beginners! Boys & Girls ages 12-19 are welcome!

ADULT

Registration Deadline is One Week Prior to Start Date

All adult programs are for men and women 18 years and older, however, we welcome 16 year olds with parent permission. These classes emphasize fitness for all ability levels through exercise. To enroll,

you must be in good physical condition. If there is any uncertainty about your ability to undertake an exercise program, we suggest that a physician be consulted for an evaluation.

ADULT RECESS

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

It's recess time for adults! Kickball, dodgeball, volleyball? Remember all those fun and exciting blacktop games you played as a child? We'll be bringing back the old favorites! Each week will be a different game.

Fee: \$25

Wed., Jan. 17th - Feb. 28th

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. WJJMS Gym A (old CIS)

Activity # 4000.404

CARDIO KICK TRIM & TONE CLASS

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

Keep moving with a combination of cardio moves and weight training methods. April uses the most updated and effective movements. Start with Cardio to boost the metabolism with modified kicks and punches, and add light weights to your leg workout to get that extra shape. Continue with weight repetitions for the whole body, and end with an explosive ab routine! See results with this new combined class! Please bring a water bottle & light ankle weights to class.

Fee: \$84

Tues. & Thurs., Feb 6 - March 29th

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Bacon Academy Cafeteria

Activity # 4000.401

SAFE BOATING & PWC COURSE

ALL AGES

United States Coast Guard, State of Connecticut and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course. Required for all registered vessels in state of CT. For more information on whether you need to take this course, go to www.dep.state.ct.us

Fee: \$35.00

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Town Hall

Sat. March 17th Activity #2000.426

Sat. April 28th Activity #2000.427

Sat. May 12th Activity #2000.400



BALLROOM DANCING PREVIEW

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

So you think you can dance! Adults join this new fun and exciting dance preview class known as ballroom dancing. During this one day preview class adults will cover a brief overview of several different types of dance including the waltz, swing, a few Latin dances (salsa cha-cha, tango and more!) If you enjoy the preview class register for the remaining five Ballroom introduction classes by Friday, January 12th. No partners are required and no experience needed. Participants may wear comfortable clothing, ballroom shoes, character shoes, or any shoe they may go out dancing in provided that the bottoms are clean and not worn directly off the street. (No Black soled sneakers)

Fee: \$10.00

Wed. Jan. 10th

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Dance Academy of Colchester

Activity # 4000.405

INTRODUCTION TO BALLROOM DANCING CLASS

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

So you think you can dance! Adults join this new fun and exciting dance class known as ballroom dancing. During this five-week class you will learn several different types of ballroom dance, which may include but not limited to the Waltz, Swing, Salsa, Rumba, Tango, Fox Trot and more! The last class will be a ballroom party with refreshments! No partners are required and no experience needed. Participants may wear comfortable clothing, ballroom shoes, character shoes, or any shoe they may go out dancing in provided that the bottoms are clean and not worn directly off the street.

Fee: \$53.00

Wed. Jan 17 - Feb 14

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Dance Academy of Colchester

Activity # 4000.406

MEN'S PICK-UP BASKETBALL

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

Come out and get some "AIR" -- Stay in shape and reduce stress too! You must pre-register. Registration deadline one week before first night of play. Non-residents are welcome to participate, for an additional \$15.00 fee.

Fee: \$20.00

Wed. Jan. 10th - May 2

6:00 - 9:00 p.m., WJJMS Gym B

Activity # 2000.435

MEN'S PICK-UP SOCCER

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

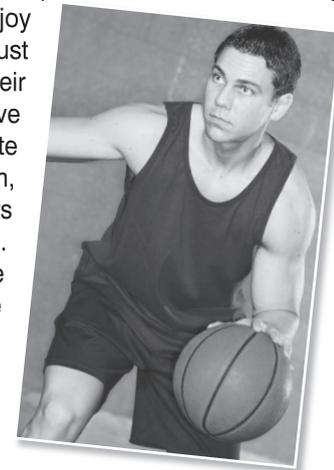
Looking for a few hours of "me time" away from your busy schedule and the family needs! Join Men's Indoor Pick-Up Soccer! This program is open to men who want to stay in shape, get exercise, enjoy playing soccer, and just want to hang out with their friends in a noncompetitive atmosphere. To participate in this soccer program, just bring your sneakers and be ready to have fun. Adults of all abilities are welcome to participate from the beginner to the more experienced. We need a minimum of 12 registered participants to run this program.

Fee: \$20.00

Mon. Jan. 8 - May 7

7:30 - 9:00 p.m., WJJMS Gym B

Activity # 4000.403



WOMEN'S PICK UP BASKETBALL

AGES: 18 YRS & OLDER

Join this very successful program designed to move your body and free your mind! Come out and get some "AIR"- Stay in shape and reduce stress too! HOOP IT UP LADIES! Registration deadline one week before first night of play. Non-residents are welcome to participate, for an additional \$15.00 fee.

Fee: \$20.00

Thurs. Jan. 11 - May 3,

6:00 - 9:00 p.m., WJJMS Gym B

Activity #2000.433

WOMEN'S PICK-UP SOCCER

AGES: 18YRS & OLDER

Looking for a few hours of "me time" away from your busy schedule and the family needs! Join Women's Indoor Pick-Up Soccer! This program is open to women who want to stay in shape, get exercise, enjoy playing soccer, and just want to hang out with their friends in a noncompetitive atmosphere. To participate in this soccer program, just bring your sneakers and be ready to have fun. Those adults of all abilities are welcome to participate from the beginner to the more experienced. We need a minimum of 12 registered participants to run this program.

Fee: \$20.00

Mon. Jan. 8 - May 7

6:00 - 7:30 p.m., WJJMS Gym B

Activity # 4000.402

REGISTER ON-LINE AT www.colchesterct.net

snow sculpture contest 2007

It's bound to snow sometime and when it does, we want you to enter our snow sculpture contest! The contest will be ongoing from December 1st – March 17th.



How to enter: Make a sculpture, take a picture (photos cannot be returned), and mail (or preferably email to parksandrec@colchesterct.gov) the picture along with the category, age group, a description of the sculpture, name(s), age(s), address of the artist(s) and email address.

Categories:

1. Snow Fort
2. Open (Animal, etc.)
3. Snowmen.

Age Groups:

1. Child (K-Grade 2),
2. Child (Grade 3 – 6)
3. Child & Adult
4. Adult Only
5. Groups/Neighborhood.

Mail entries to Colchester Parks & Recreation Department. All entries will be available for viewing on our website. The public will be able to vote for their favorite in each category online with winners announced on March 20th.

Notable Trees

Colchester Parks & Recreation, Colchester Highway Department & the Wetlands Enforcement Officer are working together to develop Colchester's Notable Tree Directory. If you have a particularly beautiful tree on your property please submit a brief description and photo to the Parks & Recreation department at apmiazga@colchesterct.gov. In addition, if you are interested in volunteering for this project, please contact Parks & Recreation.



where in the world is colchester parks & recreation?

Ten families from Colchester traveled to Cooperstown, New York this summer, and brought with them their Colchester Park and Recreation Department Summer Programs flier. The purpose for the trip was a baseball tournament held at the Cooperstown Diamonds Baseball Park. The tournament ran from August 12th to the 17th. A great time was had by all, including not only lots of baseball, but also fun family activities like



camping, and touring the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Shown in the picture is:

Top L-R: Patrick Colavecchio, Nick Sturgis, Blake Bibisi, Alex Couture, and Colin Gottlieb;

Bottom L-R: Duncan Mackinnon, Jared Peay, Coach Mike Bibisi, TJ Fearon, Manager Greg Fearon, Devonte Bellamy, Jack Speer, and Coach Dan Colavecchio.



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Town Recreational Facilities

Maps and complete information are available on the Parks and Recreation section of the Town web site: www.colchesterct.net.

Day Pond State Park – Located off Westchester Road, the park offers well-marked scenic hiking trails leading to old foundations, extinct bridges, and the Salmon River. Remains of an old mill are at the west end of the pond. A sandy beach offers swimming. Picnic areas are spread throughout the park.

Salmon River State Park – Located off Route 16, the park boasts the beautiful Comstock Covered Bridge, plenty of picnic areas along the Salmon River, hiking trails and fishing.

Chanticlair Golf Course – Located on Old Hebron Road, it is a privately-operated nine-hole public golf course with an adjacent driving range.

Town of Colchester Recreation Complex – Located on Old Hebron Road, this park offers softball and baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer fields, horseshoes, walking trails, playscapes, picnic pavilion, skate park, spray park and more.

Schuster Park – Located off Mill Hill Road, it is operated by the Colchester Fire Department and offers picnic shelters.

Lion's Club Skating Pond – Located on Hall's Hill Road, it is open to the public and offers a concession stand and picnic areas.

Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands – 121 acres of open space located on McDonald Road. The land includes a pond, marshland, trails, picnic areas and a gazebo.

Air Line Trail State Park – Approximately seven miles of the old Air Line Rail Trail runs through Colchester and is an excellent area for hiking and biking, as well as cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter months. Parking is available at the Commuter Lot by Exit 16 off of Route 2, on Bull Hill Road, and at the Salmon River State Forest off of River Road.

Colchester Spur – Extending south from the Air Line Trail in Hebron is a town-owned trail that terminates by the old train depot on Lebanon Avenue in Colchester.

School Grounds – At the many schools in town are playgrounds and sports fields that are open to public use during non-school hours.

Town Green – Host to many town-wide events, such as carnivals and art shows, it is also home to a large gazebo and a softball field.

SMOKING AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED IN PARK

Please remember that smoking, alcohol and other narcotics are prohibited in the park, as well as on school premises. There are many reasons for these rules, not the least of which is that the Town and the Board of Education wish to have safe havens for our community's children, where they can learn healthy behaviors. When they see athletes and other adult role models drinking and smoking, that sends the wrong message to our kids.

PLEASE RESPECT YOUR PROPERTY

This is your park. It's just like your very own back yard. Please take a moment to teach your children respect for public property. Remind them to pick up after themselves, use trash containers, and to leave trees and flowers alone for all to enjoy.

PLEASE! DOGS MUST BE LEASHED!

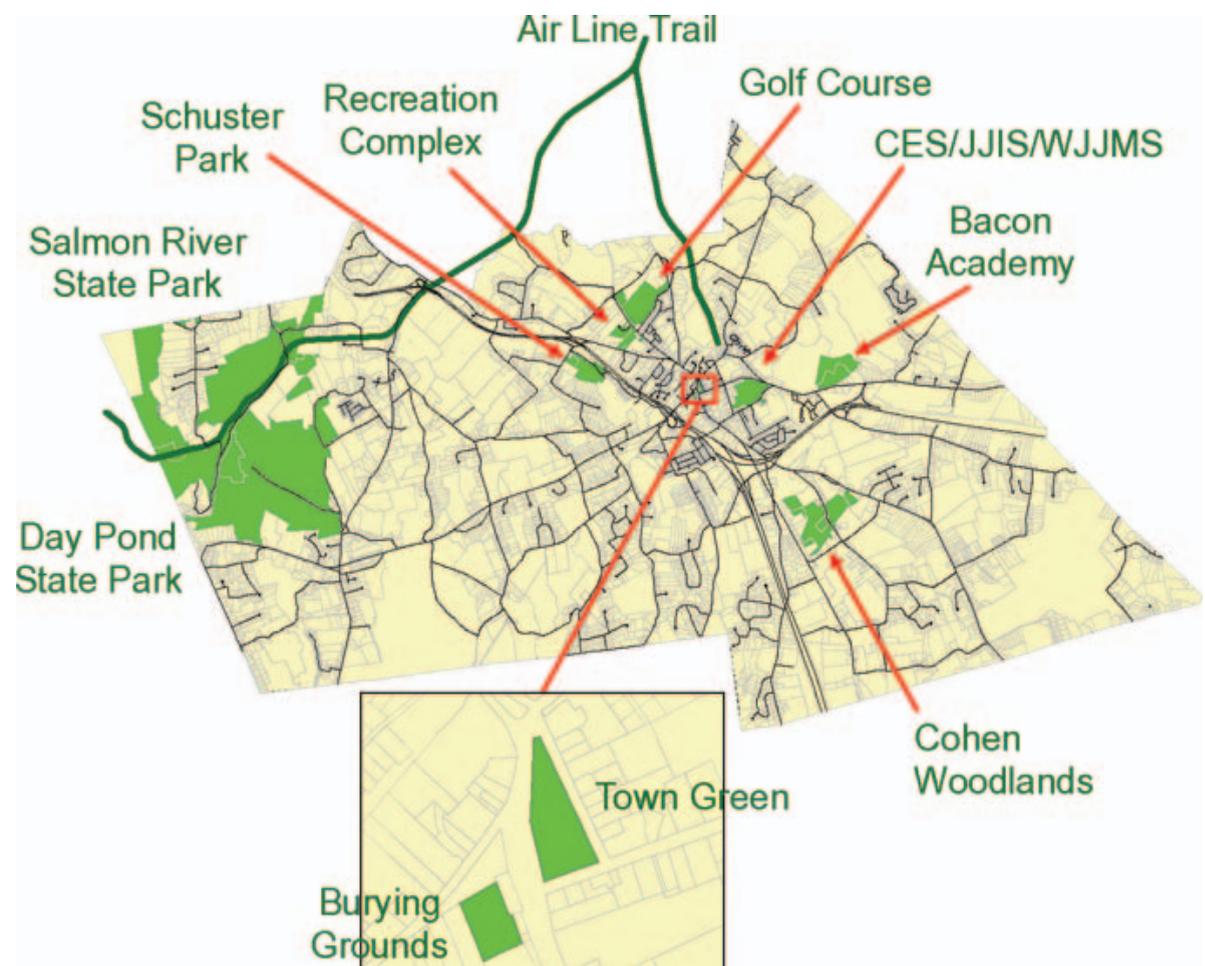
Town ordinance requires dogs to be leashed on public property, including town parks. Also, please clean up after your dog. People (especially children) are playing everywhere! This is unhealthy and inconsiderate. Please don't give the majority of dog owners & dog lovers a bad reputation.

PLAYSCAPE SAFETY

Did you know that the older kids' playscape units are designed for bigger hands to grasp, bigger legs & stronger muscles? Children under 6 are not developmentally ready for these activities and could get hurt. They could also collide with a larger child. Please let common sense decide what is safe, not the kids. Adult supervision is best.

FACILITY RESERVATION PROCESS

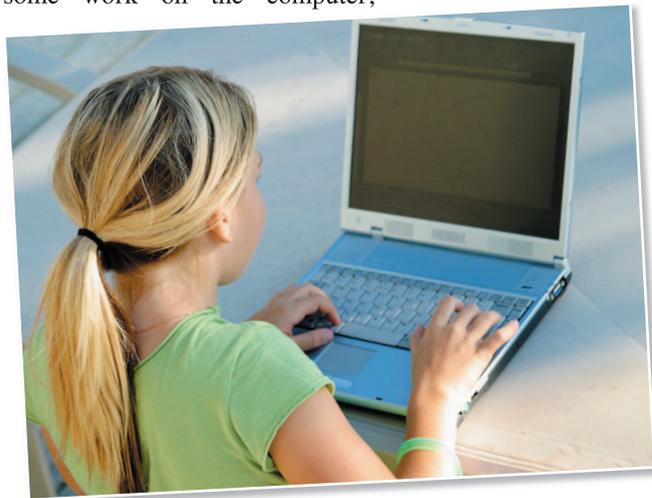
Group use of Colchester park facilities, school ballfields and gyms, and the Town Green must be coordinated through the Parks and Recreation Office. Permit applications are available upon request. Insurance certificates and rental fees may be required.



wifi in the park...

Pssst! Wanna know a secret? You can get free wireless internet (wifi) service at the RecPlex. Yup, it's true! Colchester has been receiving state-wide recognition for being the first park in Connecticut to offer this free service to its community. Anyone with a wireless network card on their laptop can hang out in and around the pavilion at the RecPlex while surfing the internet.

The intent of offering this new park amenity is to draw new visitors to the complex that might otherwise not come. We are continually surprised by those in town that either did not know the park existed, or just haven't found the time or a reason to visit. With this new feature, we hope to introduce people to the breadth of facilities available at the park, with the goal of bringing them back in the future to take part in one of more of the healthy activities offered. Perhaps after doing some work on the computer,



visitors will reward themselves with a vigorous stroll along the walking path, a leisurely game of horseshoes, a volley of tennis, or simply take in the great outdoors. And if it enables a busy parent to attend their child's sports game where they might not otherwise be able to due to work commitments, all the better.

To make use of the service, simply open up your enabled computer on site and select "RecPlex" from the list of available connections. Upon connecting, you will see a login page requiring you to acknowledge the terms of use of the service, such as obeying all applicable rules and laws. From there, you will be directed to the welcome page, where the monthly sponsor will be recognized.

How is this incredible, cutting-edge service available for free? Thanks to creative partnerships and sponsorships with local Colchester businesses. Following the kick-off sponsorship of the service by Zaktec LLC, who helped install the system, Skyview Realty has signed on for a six-month stint, covering the service through March of 2007. While we already have tentative sponsors lining up for the spring months, we still have availability for businesses interested in reaching this unique audience and garnering significant visibility. Contact the Parks & Recreation Office for more details.

Ice rink...

Weather permitting, the temporary ice rink will once again be constructed at the RecPlex, next to the pavilion. Once the weather is cold enough to sustain a sufficient ice depth, most likely some time in January, the rink will be filled and opened to the public. Watch for the announcement from the Parks & Recreation Office.

However, the rink's operation is very susceptible to the weather, and can open or close on a daily basis. While signage at the rink will notify users of its status, you can also check before you visit by going to the Parks & Recreation web page under "Announcements".

We ask that users respect the closure of the rink, as use when the surface is not properly frozen can easily tear the lining and end the rink's operation for the season.



Air Line Trail Update

On a rainy day in October, subcontractors for the engineering firm that was selected to do the repair work at the Lyman Viaduct on the Air Line Trail were doing test borings to determine the material composition of the embankments that slope down from the trail to the creek below.

This research is the first step toward developing and implementing a plan to repair and stabilize the embankments, which have deteriorated significantly over the years. The erosion has nearly exposed sewage pipes, which, if ruptured, could spill upwards of 100,000 gallons per hour of raw sewage from Colchester and Hebron into Dickinson Creek and the Salmon River State Forest.

Once the subsurface conditions are identified, CME Engineering of Woodstock, CT, will finalize the plan that they proposed during the bid process with the Public Works Departments of Colchester and East Hampton. The work is being financed by a special appropriation of \$500,000 by the State Bond Commission.

The unfortunate part of all this is that the damage was caused by individuals scampering down the slope, which could continue to happen after the expensive repairs. "We are preparing to spend several hundred thousand dollars to repair a problem that people may be creating without even realizing it," said Colchester Public Works Director Mark Decker. "The foot traffic up and down the slope to get to the swimming hole at the viaduct

outlet compounds the problem associated with a very tall, steep embankment that was created by literally dumping sand and gravel from rail box cars. The slope is only marginally stable to begin with and the foot traffic associated with people digging into the slope to get up and down it initiates the erosion of the surface. With each successive pass, the problem worsens. For any stabilization method to be successful, we need to keep people off the steep slope."

CME expects to have the stabilization plan finalized in December, with the bid process for the work occurring in January. While construction is estimated to take up to six weeks, the plan is to keep the trail passable as much as possible - particularly on weekends when a majority of the trail use occurs.



summer/fall facility work update

For the benefit of the community, we will be providing a seasonal update of the many significant repairs and improvements, beyond routine and seasonal maintenance, that have taken place in our parks and school grounds. For more information about any of these items, please contact the Director of Parks & Recreation.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- New grills installed at the pavilion
- Expanded surface and fenced area at the spraypark
- Addition of two tables with umbrellas at the spraypark
- Servicing of lightning detector
- Replacement of broken basketball hoop at JJIS
- Repairing of broken sidewalks/stairs at WJMS
- Repair of push button for tennis/basketball lights
- Repair of remote communication system for ballfield lights
- Replace curbing at WJMS
- Increase electrical service at RecPlex
- Replaced bleachers on Town Green
- Replacement parts at Recplex playscape
- Patching of track at BA
- Addition of pH regulation system at spraypark
- R1 turf/field work
- Gutters installed on west side of pavilion
- Replacement of drinking fountain at R3
- Repair & reinspection of climbing wall behind BA
- Warranty replacement of playground parts at JJIS
- Re-keyed all locks in park to increase security
- Handicapped parking/access upgrades at BA
- New playground mulch at all schools and RecPlex
- Reconstruction of access to Air Line Trail at River Rd. parking lot

PENDING REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS:

- Re-grading parking lot at Cohen Woodlands
- Replace/repair tennis nets
- Construction of temporary winter storage shelter at Parks Garage

Give Us Your Feedback and Win Prizes!

Visit the Colchester Parks Recreation web site (www.colchesterct.net/parkrec.html) every Wednesday to take part in a new Web Survey about the department, its parks, programs and services, and your recreational habits. Just by completing the survey (usually one short question), you will be entered into a weekly prize drawing!

We look forward to your feedback, as it helps us to improve our services and offerings.

If you have a survey question that you'd like to see us ask, please just let us know, and we will consider it for a future survey.



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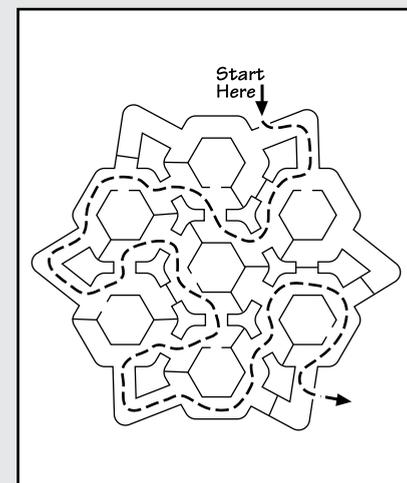
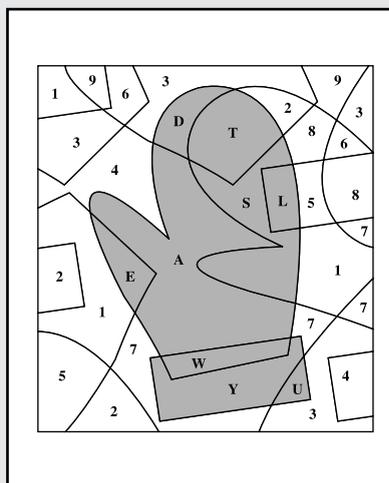
The Town of Colchester is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated individuals interested in the ongoing development of parks and recreation in town to join the Parks & Recreation Commission!

The Parks & Recreation Commission is an advisory board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, that works closely with the Director of Parks & Recreation. The Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7:00pm on the first Monday of the month (except for changes due to holiday conflicts), with no meetings in July or August. Aside from attending the meetings, responsibilities can include doing work on behalf of the commission, such as researching issues, developing new policies, and advocating for legislation beneficial to the Town and the field of Parks and Recreation. A commissioner's term is 4 years (or 3 years for "alternates".)

With the annual departure of commission members due to expiring terms, new positions, etc., we have one opening pending for a new member.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact:
Jason Cohen, CPRP
Director of Parks & Recreation
jcohen@colchesterct.gov
(860) 537-7295

Fun Games!



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A PERFECT Partnership

We needed assistance, and Andrew Minikowski was there! When Andrew contacted us looking for a potential Eagle Scout project, we jumped at the offer and proposed a reconstruction of the interpretive signs along the nature trail at the Ruby and Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands. Andrew accepted enthusiastically and did an exceptional job, going above and beyond the original scope of the project.



Not long after the park was created, various Eagle Scout candidates blazed the trails and created six interpretive signs along the trail that pointed out and explained various natural features. Over the years, vandals had destroyed the six signs.

Andrew dove right in, expanding the project beyond simply repairing the existing signs to include the creation of five additional signs, as well as general clean up of the entire trail. With the generous support of materials and financing from Hope Plumbing Specialties, Rt. 85 Lumber, Daniels' Oil Company, and Bacon Academy, as well as the assistance of numerous friends and family, the trail and signs are now looking better than ever.

Both Andrew and the Colchester Parks & Recreation Department invite the entire community out to experience and enjoy the park and the short nature trail. It is truly a hidden jewel in Colchester. For more information about the park, as well as maps and additional pictures of the project, please visit the Parks & Recreation web site and go to "Parks": www.colchesterct.net/parkrec.html.

We thank Andrew for his hard work and dedication and wish him luck on his endeavor to become an Eagle Scout. We also welcome other Eagle Scout candidates to consider working with us on their projects. We can assist with project ideas, but are also open to suggestions. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office.



Colchester Community Theatre *Presents* **Hello Dolly**

Colchester Community Theatre is currently planning their February 2007 musical production of "Hello Dolly." Anyone interested in participating in this production in areas such as costumes, props, sets, pit orchestra, house and stage crew, etc. should feel free to contact CCT via the email address on their website or by calling 537-7297.

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**Colchester Parks & Recreation Hosts:
14th Annual CRPA Hot Shot Contest**

Sponsored by: Dr. Aaron Casey, Casey Chiropractic & Dr. Steven Lakes, D.M.D

Who: Boys & Girls ages 9 – 15 years
What: Basketball Shooting Contest & Beat The Buzzer Challenge

Where: Jack Jackter Intermediate School Gym

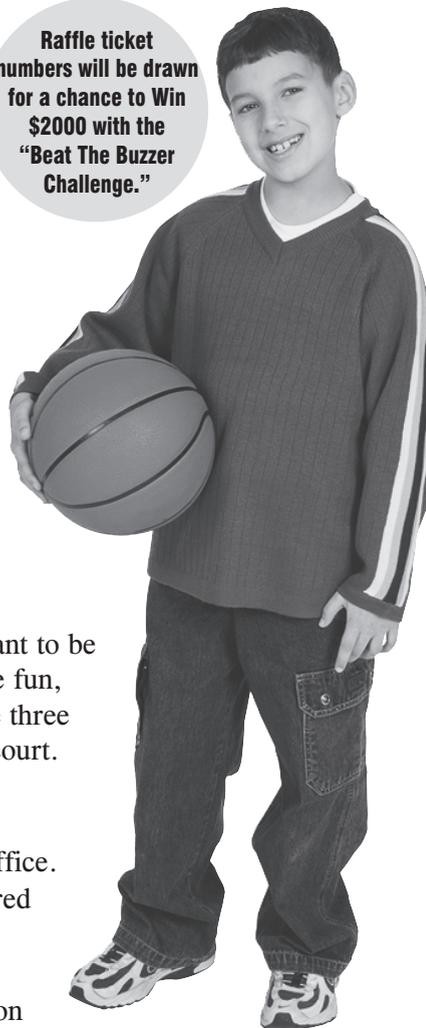
**When: Thursday, December 28th, 2006 from
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Snow Date: Friday, December 29, 2006

Cost: No charge

If you are a boy or girl ages 9-15 who loves to shoot hoops or just want to be around your friends during the school vacation, then participate in the fun, exciting and challenging Hot Shot Contest. Each participant will have three one-minute rounds to shoot from hot spots placed on one half of the court. The top scorers from each division will move on to the County level competition. (Location to be determined) Eligible participants should complete and submit a registration form to the Parks & Recreation Office. Registrations will also be accepted at the contest. The first 50 registered participants will receive a Hot Shot Contest t-shirt. Each participant will be given a raffle ticket and six numbers will be drawn for the opportunity to take the "Beat The Buzzer Challenge," at the conclusion of the Hot Shot Contest for a chance to win \$2000. For more information regarding the Hot Shot Contest contact the Parks & Recreation office at 537-7297 or visit our website at www.colchesterct.net.

Raffle ticket numbers will be drawn for a chance to Win \$2000 with the "Beat The Buzzer Challenge."



**Nametag Day!
Tuesday, January 23rd**

Colchester Parks and Recreation and the Wyndham Price Agency are teaming up with businesses in the community to promote Colchester's second annual Nametag Day. Community members are encouraged to wear a nametag on Tuesday, January 23rd, as they live, work and play in town.

In order to make it as easy as possible for people to get involved, the Wyndham Price Agency is providing free nametags, which will be available for pickup Thursday through Tuesday, January 18th – 23rd, at many locations around town, including Colchester Parks & Recreation and a number of local businesses.

The fun does not end there! Colchester Parks & Recreation will be hosting a wrap up Nametag Day event on Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Colchester Youth Center located on Norwich Ave. Check the local papers and/or our website for a complete listing of activities.

Many of the businesses will even be offering special discounts, sales or other surprises for residents that come in on Nametag Day wearing a nametag.

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FREE!

Family Games Night

SATURDAY, FEB 3 2007 • 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL
5th Annual S & S Worldwide Family Games Night

On Saturday, February 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Colchester Town Hall will host a time-honored tradition. Have fun as a family as a wonderful variety of age appropriate board games will be provided to explore and introduce your children to classic family fun. By the generosity of S & S Worldwide over the years have provided several games

like Monopoly, Pay Day, Sorry and Yatzee which will be available. There are many games appropriate for teens as well. You will have the option to play as a family or as a team against your neighbors! In addition, S & S Worldwide will also provide participants with food and drinks. Of course we'll play a few rounds of BINGO too. Prizes will also be provided to the winners of the BINGO games. Please pre register your group. There is no charge for

this event.
Registration deadline January 26th.



CAMP BLIZZARD

FEBRUARY VACATION FUN FOR KIDS IN GRADES K - 5
 Tues., Feb. 20th - Fri., Feb. 23rd

in the New Colchester Elementary School Gym. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$99.00 per child; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 \$119.00 per child. Please specify at time of registration.

Join us at the New Colchester Elementary School gymnasium for the very popular Camp Blizzard!! This one-week camp is designed to fit the needs of children and parents during February Vacation week. While you're not in school, spend the day having fun with your friends and classmates. You will have exciting jam-packed days including arts & crafts, games and various recreational

activities. We look to providing even more exciting activities, trips and specialist. You won't be bored this week!! Registration deadline is Friday, February 16th. This is a 4-day program. Please bring your lunch and snacks.



Presents:



**Thurs., Feb. 22 from 2-3pm
 FREE at the Colchester
 Elementary School**

Penny and the Pinecone People is a continuing musical mini-opera adventure of a dog-named Penny, her lost ball, and her unforgettable adventures beyond the backyard fence!

While on her trek Penny makes new friends including Little Lizard, a wisecracking Cattail, the "Horseshoe Pit Beetles", and a cast of Pinecone People who help Penny along the way. Although Penny's search for her lost ball leads her far from home, Penny learns some valuable lessons about friendship and the importance of family. In the end, will Penny return home before dark, or will she risk everything to continue her search?



Ski/Snowboard Trip to Pico Mountain

Bring the whole family or send the kids age 11 and up for an exhilarating and thrilling day of skiing or snowboarding on any of the 50 open trails!



**Pico Mountain Killington, Vermont
 Wednesday, February 21, 2007
 Blizzard Date Thursday, February 22nd (If necessary)**

Departure time:

7:00am behind Montana's Board Sport and More in the CVS parking lot
 Return to Colchester CVS parking lot approximately 9:30pm
 Registration deadline February 9th



Fees:

Lift Ticket/Bus.....	\$48
Adult Ski or Snowboarding Rental	\$33
Children ages 6-12 Ski or Snowboarding Rental.....	\$22
Adult/Children Lessons	\$34

The lift ticket and bus includes luxury motor coach transportation and lift ticket. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Chaperones will be onsite assisting those 12-17 years of age as needed.

For further information regarding the Pico Mountain Ski/snowboard bus trip contact the Parks & Recreation office at 537-7297 or visit us on the web at www.colchesterct.net Registrations forms can also be obtained at Montana's Board Sports and More.

GS Troop 3049
invites you to enter a

Gingerbread *House CONTEST

Try your luck having fun creating your
own gingerbread house

Gingerbread houses will be on exhibit at Old Bacon Academy
during Holiday Homecoming Festival!

December 2, 4:30 - 6:00

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Rules: * All ingredients must be edible

* No molds can be used except for class-ages 5-8

* must be transportable on firm tray or board

to pre register: call Julianna or Sierra at 537.6622 or email

juliannacameron@sbcglobal.net

REGISTRATION AND DROP OFF: at Old Bacon Academy:

Friday Dec 1. 5:00- 6:00 | Saturday Dec. 2 between 1:00-4:00

PICK UP: Old Bacon Academy December 2, 5:00 - 6:30

If not pick up the entry will be given away

RIBBON & PRIZES: will be given for the following classes:

* AGES 5-8 (decorating)

* AGES 16-and older (construction & decorating) &

* Honorable mention & most original

does not have to be a house | family or group creations are welcome

Winners will be announced at the Holiday Homecoming

Holiday House/Business Decorating Contest 2nd Annual House Decorating Contest

If you are a Colchester resident who loves to decorate your property during the holiday season, then Parks and Recreation has a fun, creative, and exciting contest everyone can enjoy! The contest is free and open to all Colchester residents. There are two categories, which include individuals/families and local businesses. First, second, and third place winners from each category will receive a prize. Participants will have until Saturday, December 2nd to complete their decorating. On Monday, December 4th the Parks and Recreation Commission will judge each participants display. The winners of the contest will be

contacted the following week to pick up their prizes.

In addition, anyone attending the Holiday Homecoming event on December 2nd will have the opportunity to take a bus tour to view the participants' decorations. The bus will leave the Town Green promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Anyone interested in participating in the contest can stop by the Parks and Recreation office to complete and submit a registration form. Registration forms will be accepted until Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

Colchester Annual Community

Holiday Homecoming

**Saturday, December 2nd*
4:30 p.m. on the Town Green**

**TREE LIGHTING
CEREMONY
AT 5:00 P.M.**

- Colchester Lion's Club will be collecting non-perishable food items
- Colchester Resident Troopers and Colchester Police will be collecting new, unwrapped toys-Help "stuff the cruiser"
- Bring your camera and take pictures with Santa!
- Caroling
- Complimentary refreshments including cookies, hot beverages and holiday favorites
- Live Ice Carving Demonstrations
- This annual community event is a collaboration of local businesses, civic organizations and many volunteers
- 2nd Annual Holiday House decorating contest.

*SNOW DATE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.

Colchester Civic Orchestra

Fifth Annual Christmas Concert

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Focus On: Don Standish

With more than eight years on the job, Don Standish has earned his stripes as second in command on the Parks Maintenance Crew. Originally coming on board as Park Maintainer I in 1998, Don quickly ascended to Park Maintainer III in 2003. Over the years, Don has demonstrated his attention to detail and enjoyment of the wide variety of tasks that come along with the job. Whether operating the backhoe or doing handwork in the garden, Don's goal is to get the job done efficiently, professionally and with a beaming smile - he takes great pride in his work.

Don is eager to share his experience and knowledge, as well. As new staff have come on board over the past year, Don has enjoyed working alongside them, teaching them tips and tricks that he has picked up along

the way.

While Don enjoys the job, he also cherishes time with his family - particularly Winnie, his wife of eight years. When the weather cooperates, you can bet that Don and Winnie are out on their boat bass fishing or just taking in the serenity of nature. Back on dry land, Don enjoys a number of hobbies including model woodworking and collecting Colchester memorabilia, much of which he hunts down on the internet. He is a wealth of knowledge on Colchester's history and always has a bit of Colchester trivia to add to any conversation. And of course, his grandson, Rexford, can always bring a smile to his face.

Don is an integral member of the Colchester Parks & Recreation team, and we look forward to his contributions and leadership for many years to come.



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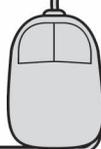


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GENERAL INFORMATION

Insurance Information

We are unable to assume responsibility for injuries/accidents occurring at programs or on park facilities. Such insurance would make programs and user fees prohibitive.

Photo Permission

Participants permit the taking of photographs and video of themselves and their children during activities for publication and use for promotional purposes unless otherwise stated.

Americans with Disabilities Act

We are committed to accessibility for individuals with disabilities and strive to provide equal, integrated participation in all programs and services. We will reasonably accommodate all qualified program applicants in accordance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We welcome questions, comments and concerns of interested community members regarding ADA compliance.

Find a Mistake?

It is our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we regularly include a few in our brochure to meet this need. A Parks and Recreation water bottle will be awarded to the first caller to report an error.

Program Changes

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this program guide. However, all courses, instructors, locations and fees described are subject to change.

HOW TO REGISTER

* Registration Procedure: Please remember to include the Activity Number and Activity Name on your Registration Form.

Example: Women's Basketball

2000.303 WJJMS Gym

6:00pm-9:00pm Th



1. Walk-In

Stop by the Parks and Recreation office, Room 107, First Floor Town Hall. We are open to the public Monday thru Friday,

9:00 am - 4 pm.



2. Mail-In

Mail in registration form and fee (payable to the Town of Colchester), Parks & Recreation, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT 06415.



3. Drop Box

Drop it in the drop box slot to the left of the front doors of the Town Hall. You can do this anytime the office is closed.



4. Fax or E-mail with

Fax (860) 537-0547

apmiazga@colchesterct.gov



4. Online Registration

Colchester Parks & Rec is part of the Active.com network to provide you with access to our programs 24/7. If you go to www.colchesterct.net you can access all Parks & Recreation program information and register on-line at your convenience! To access program information, click on Parks and Recreation on the menu, then click on Parks & Recreation PROGRAMS. This will link you directly to Active.com's website. You will find all programs offered listed at this location. To sign up for a program on line, you must register with Active.com initially to log on. There is a small processing fee to register this way. Sorry, program discounts and credits are not redeemable when registering on line.

Please do not put credit card info in a Fax or Email!

Satisfaction Guarantee

Satisfaction is the goal of the Parks and Recreation Department. We are committed to offering the best programs and services we can. If at any time you are not happy with our services, please let us know your concerns in writing as soon as possible. We will arrange one of the following:

- Repeat the program at no additional charge
- Receive a credit that may be applied to another activity
- Receive a refund (allow 4 weeks to process)

This policy applies to all programs except trips and tours.

Refund/Credit Policy

All refunds will be charged a \$10 handling fee, must be accompanied by a written request and be over \$20. Refunds under \$20 or without a written request will be left as a credit on the household's account. Credits to the household's account are not subjected to the \$10 handling fee. Prior to the program registration deadline (1 week prior to the start date) if a participant cancels their registration, they may receive a refund or credit. After the program registration deadline date refunds will only be given when accompanied by a doctor's note.

If you transfer between classes before the registration deadline date there will be no handling fee.



Inability to Pay

If a hardship exists, the applicant may be granted a reduced or waived fee. Forms are available upon request. Confidential written applications may be made to the Parks and Recreation Director.

Non-Resident Policy

Colchester residents' registrations will be processed first. Non-residents are eligible to participate if space allows. Non-resident registrations will be processed one week after registrations begin. There will be a \$15.00 non-resident fee. Non-residents may be placed on a waiting list, and will be called after all Colchester residents from the waiting list are contacted. Non-residents are ineligible to participate in a lottery.

This policy excludes bus trips.

Waiting List

All registrations are accepted on a "first come, first served basis." Enrollment cannot be guaranteed. If your desired class is filled, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list. We will make every effort to accommodate those on the waiting list by adding classes if possible. If additional class openings become available, we will use the waiting list to fill the class. If no openings occur, we will make a full refund.

Seasonal Brochures

Seasonal Brochures will be published 3 times a year. Generally, Winter/Spring activities are available in January. Spring/Summer activities are available in March and Fall/Winter activities are available in September of each year.

----- Please Read!!! ----- LOW ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

The Early Bird Gets the Worm! Don't let a great program get cancelled due to low enrollment! REGISTER EARLY! If a program does not meet its minimum enrollment number one week prior to the start of the program, it will be cancelled.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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DATE: _____ REC'D BY: _____

CASH/CREDIT/CHECK # _____

RECWARE WAIVER CONFIRMATION

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE COMPLETED WITHOUT PAYMENT

Name/Adult: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Has this Address changed since you last registered? ___yes ___no

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any allergies, medications, or previous conditions which we should be aware of:
i.e. ADD, ADHD, Hearing impaired, Visually Impaired, Special Ed, etc. Allergies i.e. Peanuts, Laytex, Bee Stings, etc.

Do you need an accommodation because of a disability to enjoy this program? YES NO

Wheel Chair Access for Bus Trips

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY

Participation in the activity may involve risk of injury. As a parent, guardian or participant, I am aware of these hazards and my ability to participate. I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Town of Colchester, its employees contracted instructors and volunteers from the liabilities which may occur while participation in the activity. I understand that participation in any recreational or sport activity involves risk. I further understand that the Town of Colchester does not provide accident/medical insurance for program participants. In addition, I give permission for the child(ren) to be treated by qualified medical personnel in the event that the above named parent/guardian can not be reached at the phone numbers provided.

Signature (Parent/Guardian if participant is under 18) _____ Date _____

Other Signatures (All those listed below over 18 years of age must sign the release.) _____ Date _____

Please Circle:   Credit Card#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Participant	Sex	Date of Birth	Grade	Activity Number	Cost	Activity Name

Please send this form to:
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or fax to 537-0547
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