

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Municipal elections will be held next Tuesday, November 4th, to fill positions on the following: Board of Selectmen (3); Board of Finance (3); Board of Education (3); and Board of Assessment Appeals (2). Also on the ballot are the following elected positions: Town Clerk; Town Treasurer; Tax Collector; and Constables (4). On Tuesday, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Colebrook Town Hall second floor meeting room.

Early voting at Town Hall for the November municipal elections is available through Sunday, November 2nd.

Paving was completed this week on Phelps, Millbrook and Gaylord Roads, and at the Center Firehouse parking lot. Paving is continuing on Deer Hill Road through next Tuesday, weather permitting. Expect traffic delays. Please also be courteous to our Public Works team as they strive to maintain a safe environment for motorists and our paving contractor. Driveway aprons will begin to be addressed by the end of next week.

The latest *U.S. News and World Report* school rankings are out. During the past year, Colebrook Consolidated School has moved up two slots from #20 to #18, out of more than 800 elementary schools in Connecticut. Schools were ranked based on student proficiency in math and reading/language arts. You can view the rankings [here](#).

The Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department is looking for new members to join their ranks. Everyone is welcome, and no prior training is needed. For more information, contact Todd Correll at 860.459.0292.

This week, we repainted the front of the Colebrook Post Office, using funds earmarked specifically for Post Office maintenance (and not in the annual town budget). The town owns the Post Office building and is responsible for its upkeep. Site of the former Center Firehouse until the early-1990s, the building is leased to the U.S. Postal Service.

We are concluding our first full month of food scrap recycling. Thanks to everyone who's supporting our pilot initiative. If you'd like to participate, please let me know.

Colebrook resident Dr. Leah Ward will be honored as VFW Post 296 Auxiliary Veteran of the Year, on Sunday, November 9th.

Household hazardous waste collection day is taking place on Saturday, November 8th, at the Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility at 252 Bogue Road in Harwinton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must have a ticket to participate. Contact Karen Odell at Town Hall at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org, or 860.379.3359, ext. 201. Deadline to request a ticket is next Wednesday, November 5th.

The Colebrook Lions Club is selling poinsettias to support scholarships and charitable outreach. Please see the attached flyer, or contact Maureen Judge at maureenjudge7@gmail.com. Orders are due by Friday, November 21st.

Northwestern Regional School District #7 is launching its November Calendar Raffle to support Project Graduation. For every \$10 raffle ticket purchased, you are entered into a daily drawing every day during November. If your name is drawn that day you will receive whatever the prize is on the calendar. Learn more [here](#).

Students from Northwestern have created and adopted bisque-fired pottery to custom glaze and offer for sale to raise funds to support the Community Kitchen of Torrington, where hot meals are served daily to anyone experiencing food insecurity. Learn more [here](#).

The Colebrook Associates Food Pantry is located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. until noon on Friday. Donations may be left at the pantry, or in the collection bin in the Post Office.

Upcoming events

The Colebrook Historical Society is hosting a special concert on Saturday, November 8th, at 4 p.m. at the Colebrook Congregational Church Meeting House. Musician Andrew Thomson, a specialist with the pipes, and his group will be performing selections on assorted instruments.

Northwestern Regional is hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast on Tuesday, November 11th, at 8 a.m. in the school cafeteria at 100 Battistoni Drive in Winsted, with a program to follow from 9-10 a.m. in the auditorium. Veterans should RSVP to Lisa Smith at 860.379.8525, ext. 2000, or lsmith@nwr7.org.

On Thursday, November 13th, the Colebrook Community & Senior Center will be hosting a Veteran's Lunch at noon. Veterans eat free. Guests and community members are \$7. RSVP by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11th.

The fall play at Northwestern Regional High School is "*Sense & Sensibility*" and runs from November 21st through the 23rd. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

The Colebrook Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 13th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The day will include breakfast with Santa, a Holiday Fair with vendors, Cookieland, the Holiday Café, and more. During November, you can donate

items for the Children’s Shopping Table at the Fair in the collection bin next to the elevator on the lower level of Town Hall. If you’d like to participate as a vendor, contact colebrookholidayfair@gmail.com.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Education – Wednesday, November 5th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Consolidated School

Planning & Zoning – Monday, November 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, November 10th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Happy Halloween,

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