

# Colts Neck



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*Special Web Site Edition*

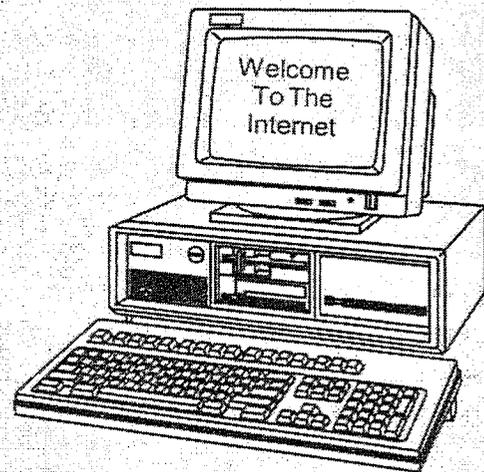
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**<http://www.colts-neck.nj.us>**

Colts Neck now has an official web site\*. Almost any information anyone would want to know about our town is, or will soon be, available here, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The impact on civilization of the Internet and the World Wide Web has been compared to that of the printing press. (Below is a short explanation of the Internet, for those not familiar with this technology.) Today the "web" is revolutionizing the means of information distribution just as Gutenberg's invention revolutionized it 500 years ago. Web sites are being created at every level of society - by government organizations, universities, corporations, charities, places of worship and even individuals.

On the Colts Neck web site's home page the topics are organized into six columns, as can be seen in the table. Each topic is a link, i.e., clicking on the topic brings detailed information about that topic to



your computer or TV screen. In addition, for most of the topics, additional links are provided to related information. For example, clicking on "Library" brings you information about the Colts Neck Library, including its hours of operation, book collection, staff, programs, etc. In addition, links are provided to: the County Library, the Rutgers University Library, the NJ State Library, the Library of Congress and other Internet library resources, including Project Gutenberg, where one can access the full text of hundreds of books on-line, from Dickens to Mark Twain, Plato, Shakespeare, etc.

\* This web site is different from, but is linked to, the previously announced commercial web site of the Colts Neck Reporter.

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The "Town Hall" column provides information on: our elected and appointed officials, the departments reporting to Town Hall, budget and taxes, recreation, the Police and Fire

Departments, and the municipal court. The budget and tax link, for example, provides detailed, line-by-line information on our town's income and expenditures.

The "Committees and Boards" column provides information about the various boards, commissions, committees and the First Aid Squad. The "Shade Tree Commission" link, for example, provides not only information about the Commission, greenways, Green Acres and easements but also links to a variety of arboriculture, horticulture, botany and gardening information.

The schedules and details of recycling, brush and leaf pickups, the Clean-up Day, Colts Neck Fair and election and civics information can be found in the "Events, Meetings" column. The "Election & Civics" link provides not only details of last November's election results but also links to a variety of NJ and Federal Government information. Examples are: bills pending in the NJ assembly and senate and in the US Congress; recently enacted legislation; and information about the various NJ and federal courts (Small Claims Court, etc.)

The "Information & Documents" column provides the full text of our Master Plan and the Natural Resources Inventory, and will have the full text of our ordinances in the near future. Also

included are a street map, which can be zoomed in and out and panned North, South, East and West.

Under "Other Local Info" can be found links to the local weather report, the Asbury Park Press, Colts Neck Calendar, Colts Neck Reporter, Monmouth County's web site, the County Park system, NJ Transit and Amtrak schedules, Newark Airport info., links to nearby places' web sites (e.g., Eatontown, Freehold, etc.), movie schedules for movies in our area, culture and entertainment events, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and places of worship.

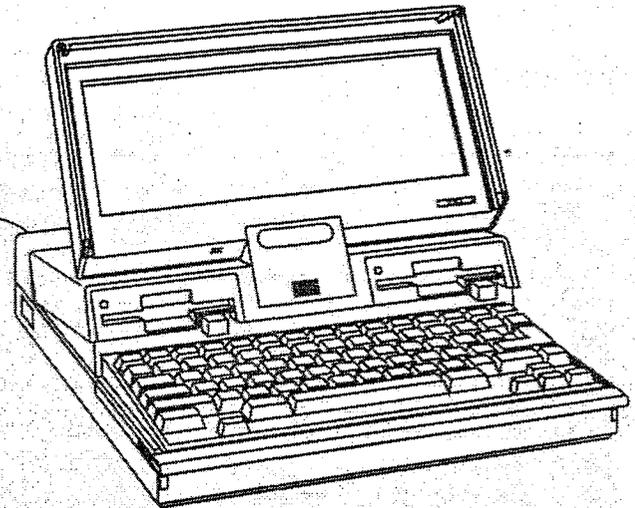
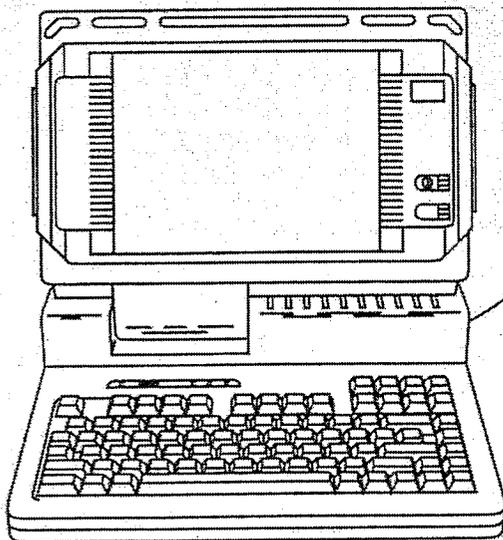
Under "Other Info" can be found links to the weather report for any part of the country, NJ state information, NJ and federal tax information and forms, Social Security, F.B.I. and census information, Brookdale, Monmouth U and Rutgers U information, nationwide residential and business telephone directories, today's news from CNN and The New York Times, medical, pharmaceutical, scientific and other reference information; cultural information - music and art (including hundreds of famous paintings on-line), US Postal Service (postal rates, etc.), and a variety of other information.

The Colts Neck web site was created, and is maintained by a Committee of volunteers: Jerry Ceres, Martha Cowles, Pam Juhl Sokoler and John Vig, Chairman (J.Vig@IEEE.org). The committee welcomes suggestions. Information submissions by Township officials and volunteers including E-mail addresses are also welcome.

# What is the World Wide Web?

The Internet is the world's largest computer network. The world is now tied together in a computer "web" in which the computers are interconnected by some means, e.g., via telephone lines. The World Wide Web (WWW or the "web") is an Internet technology which allows the exchange of information by means of graphics, text, sound and video.

The Internet contains a collection of information stored in computers located throughout the world. Much of the information on these computers is organized into web pages. Well-crafted pages provide built-in connections to other pages. That is, clicking a computer's mouse button on a highlighted word or picture brings another page of information--a linked page--to your screen. The linked information may be on a computer half-way around the world.



The web is revolutionizing the means of information distribution. It provides a universal database of knowledge. Information located almost anywhere in the world is now easily accessible almost everywhere around the world.

One web site (AltaVista), for example, provides "access to the largest Web index: 31 million pages found on 476,000 servers... It is accessed over 29 million times per weekday."

The number of users is growing rapidly. Nationally, about 25% of adults have access to the web. It has been predicted that, by the end of 1997, 50% of US households will have access (at home, work or school), and, in a few years, nearly everyone will have access.

## Colts Neck's Official Web Site - Subject Categories

Town Hall	Committees & Boards	Events, Meetings	Information & Documents	Other Local Info.	Other Info.
Elected Officials	Township Committee	Recycling	Master Plan	Local Weather	National Weather
Other Key Officials	Planning Board	Brush Pickup	Ordinances	News, Commerce	NJ State Info.
Departments	Board of Adjustment	Leaf Pickup Schedule	Census Data	Colts Neck Schools	Federal Government
Budget & Tax Info.	Shade Tree Commission	Clean-up Day.	Colts Neck's History	Library	Rutgers & Other Schools
Newsletter & Announcements	Board of Health	Election & Civics	Colts Neck Map	Monmouth County	Telephone & Internet Directories
Recreation	Environmental	Public Hearings	Natural Resources Inventory	Nearby Places	News
Police Department	Board of Appeals	Recreation Events	Applications & Forms	Culture & Entertainment	Medical Info.
Fire Department	First Aid Squad	Colts Neck Fair	Photo Gallery	Clubs, Places of Worship	Science & Technology
Municipal Court					Cultural & Other Reference Info.

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