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First Selectman's Corner

It was a long winter! Now that spring has arrived, I see people smiling and enjoying the outdoors again. The Honey Wagons are on the move, as is the budget process. I cannot emphasize this enough; the hard work that all of the Town departments put in to meet the demands of a balanced budget has been admirable, especially with the additional burden that has been placed on the Town of Ellington by the State legislature. It is incredibly challenging to balance a budget for early April, just to have a monkey wrench thrown into the works by the Governor.



First Selectman, Lori Spielman, Town Planner Lisa Houlihan, Eagle Scout Jordan Reed, Emma Grace, and Recreation Director Bob Tedford.

However, the sun is out and spring is here and it's a great time to take a hike out to the Batz Property on Shenipsit Street. I had the honor of recognizing Eagle Scout Jordan Reed for his contribution of a handsome, well-built kiosk at the entrance to the property. This structure was part of his Eagle Scout project and he worked with not only me, but also with the Parks and

Recreation Director and the Town Planner. For more information on this property, please visit parkrec.ellington-ct.gov, under Facilities & Parks.

In addition to Jordan's contribution, I would like to thank the over 1,000 individuals in Town that take the time out of their busy lives to help out and get involved. These volunteers are crucial in moving the Town of Ellington in the right direction. They contribute in so many diverse ways; serving on a Board or Commission, coaching athletics, providing emergency services or in one of the many other ways our volunteers share their time and their talents.

The Ellington Penguin Plunge, Freezin' for a Reason, took place on March 25 and it was a big success! This annual event **continued on page 3**



Lori Spielman, First Selectman



Penguin Plunge fun at Crystal Lake.




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Ellington Residents!

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Don't miss the First Selectman's recorded updates on Community Voice Channel at www.cvct.org. Recordings are also posted on the website and on our Facebook page.

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raises funds for Special Olympics Connecticut's year-round programs of sports training and athletic competition for people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you to all of the organizers and participants who came out and froze themselves a bit all in the name of raising money for a great cause!

The Farmers' Market began its spring season on May 6 with a Barnyard Babies theme, which is perfect for Ellington. The Oakridge Dairy expansion is proceeding smoothly, and it is

fun to drive by and see the progress of this big undertaking.

My show on the Community Voice Channel is in its second year and I have had the opportunity to interview many individuals, including Town Department Heads and local Ellington folks. I appreciate all of the feedback and especially the support that has come my way over the last year and a half. Have a wonderful spring, and remember that my door is always open.

Town of Ellington Tax Collector Announces Change of Address



Our office is no longer using the lockbox facility in Boston, Massachusetts. Please be advised that our remittance address has changed. Please update your records.

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MOTOR VEHICLES

“What do I do if my vehicle was...” is the most frequently asked question in any Assessor's Office. Since tax bills are due in July, we are answering this question and providing all possible situations if you no longer have a vehicle in your possession. Your tax bill is based on ownership as of the October 1, 2016 grand list date, and any proration of the bill is based on the month, not day, of disposition.

Please note that a Plate Return Receipt from the CT DMV alone does not prove disposition of a vehicle. Below is a listing of the acceptable types of proof required, in addition to a copy of your plate return receipt.

Sold, Traded-In or Donated

1. A copy of the bill of sale with year, make, model, VIN number, and buyer's information including signatures of both seller and buyer.
2. A copy of the new owner's registration or title.
3. A copy of your title showing transfer of vehicle.
4. A copy of the dealer's bill of sale showing trade-in and new plates issued. (See Transfer of Plates on page 6).

5. A letter from your insurance agent/company including date of cancellation, the vehicle information, and the reason for cancellation.
6. A letter from the charitable organization on their letterhead, stating the vehicle information and date of donation.

Totaled or Junked

1. A letter from your insurance agent/company stating that the vehicle was totaled, the date of the accident, and the vehicle information.
2. Dated receipt from junkyard dealer where vehicle was disposed, including the vehicle information.

Stolen

A letter from the insurance company stating the vehicle was stolen and not recovered, including date of theft and vehicle information.

Repossession

1. A letter from the finance company stating the vehicle was taken and not redeemed by you, or
2. A copy of the bill of sale or auction papers that state the date of sale and vehicle information.

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Events Presents ~ Skip's Wastewater Services



In March of 1958, Peter Skipper purchased a small septic business from Sherwood Downes of Ellington, CT which consisted of a 1941 Ford Tank Truck and a handful of customers. The new business was called Skips Septic. By 2010, the company had grown to fifteen full time employees, five pump trucks and close to twenty thousand customers. Skips Septic serviced mainly areas in Tolland County and focused on pumping septic tanks and doing a small amount of septic repairs and installations.

Andrew Coleman, grandson of Peter Skipper, became very interested and familiar with the septic business while working for Skips all throughout high school. In 2005, Andrew started his own business; Wastewater Services, Inc. and focused primarily on the installation and repairs of septic systems. By 2012, Wastewater Services had nearly four thousand customers and was installing over one hundred septic systems per year.

In April of 2014, Andrew Coleman and Wastewater Services purchased Skips Septic. The two companies became Skips Wastewater Services. Today, Skips Wastewater Services specializes in septic pumping, inspections, repairs and installations. The company has grown to thirty employees and close to twenty five thousand customers. The company's fleet has expanded to nine pump trucks,

eleven service vehicles, five dump trucks, and over a dozen pieces of excavating equipment.

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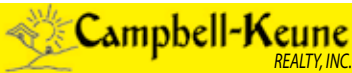
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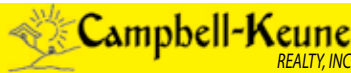
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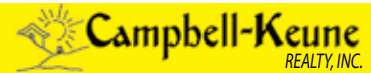


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Taxed in Wrong Town

If you lived in a different Connecticut town on October 1, 2016, provide proof of residency, such as the property record card for your home, or lease for rental property. You will also need to correct your address and tax town with the DMV; forms are available in our office or at www.ct/dmv.

Tax bills are not prorated between towns. For example, if you were in Ellington on October 1, but moved on November 1 to another town, you will still pay taxes to Ellington in July.

Transfer of Plates to New Vehicle

If you transferred your plates to a new vehicle, you are not entitled to an adjustment at this time. The adjustment follows the plate, and you will receive the credit towards your new vehicle on the supplemental grand list due in January 2018. It is not required to provide proof of the sale or trade-in of the vehicle; the DMV notifies us of the plate transfer to a different vehicle via a supplemental bill credit. The original bill you receive in July for the old car should be paid in full.

Vehicles Registered After October 1, 2016

A vehicle registered after October 1 will be on the supplemental motor vehicle list. Motor vehicle taxes are prorated according to the month registered through September 2017. Bills are due and payable in January 2018.

Unregistered Motor Vehicles

A vehicle that is no longer registered with the CT DMV is still considered taxable personal property. Motor vehicle tax in Connecticut is based on ownership, not registration or road use. You will receive a Personal Property declaration to report your unregistered vehicles in September 2017.

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Spotlight on The Town Clerk's Office



Left to Right - Donna G. Hosey, Assistant Town Clerk; Diane H. McKeegan, Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics; Nancy LaRussa, Assistant Town Clerk

Meet the members of your Town Clerk's Office. They are available to assist you with dog and sport licenses, marriage licenses, vital statistics, voter registration and so much more.

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office are numerous and varied, most of which are governed by State Statute, Town Charter, and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statutes govern the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Statistics.

Responsibilities and duties of the Town Clerk's office include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Recording documents related to real estate
- Collecting conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparing all election material including absentee ballots for elections, primaries, referenda and the issuing of all absentee ballots
- Accepting applications for new voters and those wishing to change their party affiliation (Learn more on the Secretary of State's Office website at ct.gov/sots)
- Coordinating with the Registrars of Voters to report election, primary and referenda results
- Issuing marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certified copies of birth, death and marriage licenses
- Processing sports and dog licenses
- Serving as Aircraft Registration Official
- Recording and preparing Town Meeting Minutes - All Town meeting minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office
- Managing land records including processing, maintaining and preserving records and maps affecting the title to land located within the Town.

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Town Clerk's Office

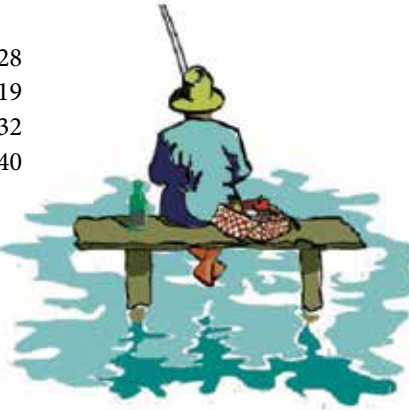
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Town Offices will be closed on the following dates

Monday, May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day*

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 – Independence Day*

*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for this holiday.

Check the Library website for closing dates at library.ellington-ct.gov

Board of Finance Recommended Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget



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Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps	(860) 870-3170
Emergency Management	(860) 870-3182
Finance Department	(860) 870-3115
Fire Marshal	(860) 870-3126
First Selectman's Office	(860) 870-3100
Human Services	(860) 870-3128
Housing Rehabilitation	(860) 870-3132
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Senior Center	(860) 870-3133
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Town Planner	(860) 870-3120
Youth Services	(860) 870-3130

Calendar of Events for Boards and Commissions

All Town Hall meetings take place in the Meeting Hall on the third floor, 55 Main Street, unless otherwise noted.

Check the town website (www.ellington-ct.gov) prior to attending, as dates and times may change.

May 8	Human Services Commission	Arbor Commons	6:00 pm
May 8	Inland Wetlands Agency	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
May 9	Annual Town Budget Meeting	HS Auditorium	8:00 pm
May 10	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
May 15	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
May 16	Library Board of Trustees	Hall Memorial Library	7:30 pm
May 16	Board of Finance-Set Mill Rate	Town Hall	8:00 pm
May 17	Parks & Recreation Commission	Arbor Commons	7:00 pm
May 17	Water Pollution Control Authority	Public Works	7:00 pm
May 22	Planning & Zoning Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
May 24	Board of Education	Administration Building	7:00 pm
May 30	Housing Authority	Snipsic Village	6:00 pm
June 1	Permanent Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
June 5	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
June 6	Board of Finance	Town Hall	8:00 pm
June 7	Board of Education	Administration Building	7:00 pm
June 7	Conservation Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
June 12	Human Services Commission	Arbor Commons	6:00 pm
June 12	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
June 12	Inland Wetlands Agency	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
June 13	Ethics Commission	TH Comm. Room A	7:00 pm
June 13	Library Board of Trustees	Hall Memorial Library	7:30 pm
June 14	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
June 14	Parks & Recreation Commission	Arbor Commons	7:00 pm
June 15	Design Review Board	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
June 21	Water Pollution Control Authority	Public Works	7:00 pm
June 26	Planning & Zoning Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
June 27	Housing Authority	Snipsic Village	6:00 pm
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August 9	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
August 14	Human Services Commission	Arbor Commons	6:00 pm
August 14	Board of Selectmen	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 14	Inland Wetlands Agency	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm

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Public Works – 21 Main Street

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Ellington Building Department

Raymond F. Martin III, Building Official
860-870-3124



CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS

The Building Department staff has been receiving calls from Ellington citizens regarding crumbling foundations. Unfortunately, the Town does not keep records of concrete foundation suppliers. We

recommend contacting the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection as they provide an extensive list of resources on their website about this topic. The site provides information that can help determine if a concrete foundation is failing, as well as information on hiring a contractor, what to do if you are selling your home, and much more. Go to the Department of Consumer Protection's webpage at <http://www.ct.gov/dcp>. Under the listing "What's New," click on Concrete Foundations for the latest information and resources.

SWIMMING POOLS

Now that we are having some warmer weather, many people will be thinking about opening their pools. Prior to using your pool,

we recommend having it serviced by a licensed pool contractor to ensure the safety of all equipment. It's always a good idea to review pool safety. There are many preventative measures a homeowner can take to keep family and friends safe, which include:

- Provide fencing that is climb-resistant and at least 4' high. The fencing and gates should be well maintained with a self-closing latch located at least 54" from the bottom of the gate.
- Install and maintain pool alarms.
- Install and maintain door alarms.
- Never leave a child unattended.
- Actively watch children; it is easy to get distracted by our electronic devices.
- Remove toys near the pool when not in use.
- Keep electrical appliances away from the pool.

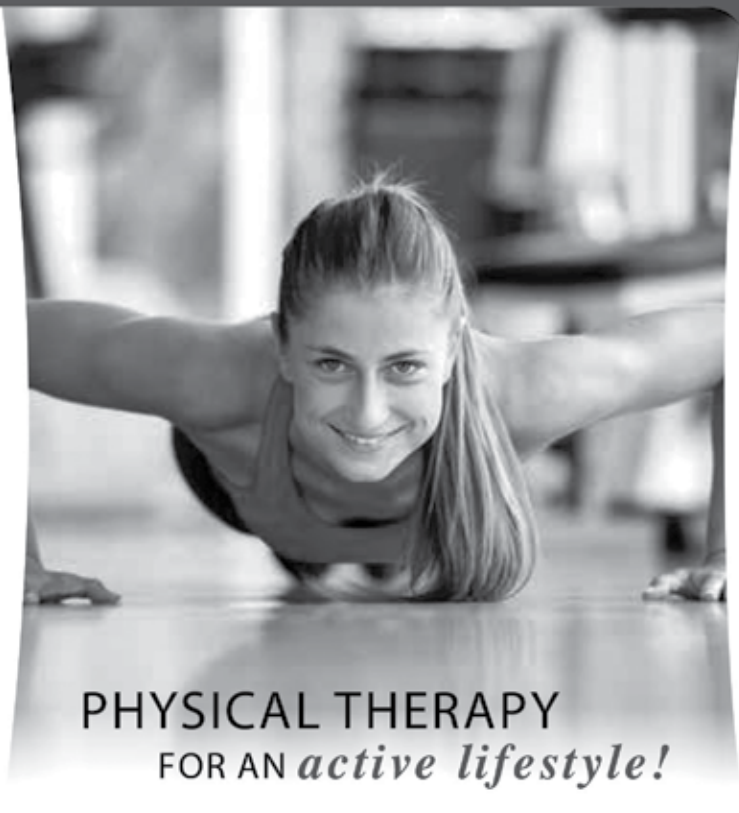
You may find additional information at the website of The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals. The webpage is located at http://www.apsp.org/safety/water_safety_brochures.
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A note regarding the “portable” blow-up pools that are sold at big box stores. These pools can hold more than 24” of water, so therefore require Building and Zoning permits prior to installation. Barrier fencing, self-closing gates and certain electrical items are required for these pools to ensure public safety.

OPEN BUILDING PERMITS

Do you have any open building permits? An open permit is a permit that was applied for and approved, but the work never received a final inspection and approval from our Building Official. Homeowners often assume the contractor takes care of all inspections. Sometimes this is true; many times, however, the contractor doesn't call for the final inspection. Ultimately the responsibility falls to the homeowner to confirm all building permits are “closed out,” meaning the final inspection has been

done and the work is approved by the Building Official. You may wonder why this is even important. The Building Official checks all work to be sure it meets the minimum building code and ensures the work is done safely and correctly. This will come into play when someone is selling or purchasing a home. A prospective home buyer likes to be assured that the home they are buying is up to code and safe. Often times, closings get delayed because the seller has permits that have not been closed out. This can be avoided by making sure you have a certificate from the Building Official before you make that final payment to your contractor.

If you are unsure about whether or not you may have any open permits, please email the Building Department at gmachattie@ellington-ct.gov or call us at 860-870-3124.

Human Services Department

Joy Hollister, Director
860-870-3128

Salvation Army Camp ConnRI – Salvation Army is offering four sessions of overnight camp in Ashford for children age 8-12. The cost is \$35 per child, per session. If you are interested in having

your child attend, or you would like more information, please contact Human Services. An application must be completed by a parent/guardian for each child, as well as a medical form completed by the child's doctor. The sessions are: Thursday, June 29 to Monday, July 3; Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28; Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4; and Monday, August 7 to

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Food Bank – Human Services operates a food bank of non-perishable items for qualified Ellington residents. Income and residency proof is required for the whole household. Please contact Human Services for income limits or for more information. We need your help! The Food Bank is able to help Ellington households due in part by the very generous donations received from the community. During the summer months, the food bank often sees donations diminish. We could currently use donations of cereal, Spaghetti O's, Chef Boyardee, rice, canned fruit

and peanut butter. We ask that all donations be unexpired and non-perishable. The food bank also accepts donations of hygiene and cleaning products, as well as gift cards to grocery stores and monetary donations.

Advocacy and Referrals – Do you need assistance with applying for a State or Federal program? Are you low income and need legal assistance? Do you have general questions about what services are out there? Do you have concerns for a neighbor and are not sure where to turn? Please contact Human Services where we can either directly assist you or provide you with appropriate referrals.

Ellington Planning Department

Land Use Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington
Lisa M. Houlihan, CZEO, AICP, Town Planner
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Barbra Galovich, CZET, Land Use Assistant

The Planning Department provides technical and administrative support to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetland Agency, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, and Design Review Board. Staff assists citizens, government officials, design professionals,

and developers with land use permitting and enforcement activities including review of subdivisions, site development plans, special use permits, wetlands permits and exempt activities, and construction permits. The Department directs long-range planning and oversees an array of special initiatives including open space and farmland preservation, Clean Energy Communities, Solarize Ellington and Shop Ellington. To learn more about services and special initiatives provided by the Planning Department please visit the Department's webpage at <http://www.ellington-ct.gov/267/Planning-Department>.

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NOTES FROM THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Temporary Signs: With springtime upon us, please remember that signs cannot be located along the edge of a street or at a roadway intersection. Permitted temporary signs should be set back onto the property to which it pertains in order to allow for safe sightlines for people traveling as pedestrians, bicyclists or motorists.



Backyard Poultry: Are you aware that the Ellington Zoning Regulations were amended last year to allow 'backyard' hens and poultry? If you have land that is 20,000 square feet or more, you potentially may keep up

to 8 poultry. Please note that roosters are only allowed on farms. The Planning Department requires the submittal of a form at no charge to make sure requirements are met regarding location of structures and enclosures, site suitability, waste management, etc. Use the following link to access the Backyard Poultry Compliance Form <http://www.ellington-ct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1161>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS!



Ellington Launches Award-Winning Residential Solar Program - Solarize Ellington

Ellington has been selected to participate in an award-winning residential solar program that makes going solar easy and affordable. Solarize Ellington is part of Solarize Connecticut the groundbreaking residential solar program. Solarize Connecticut has helped thousands of Connecticut residents save money on energy bills by going solar. Solarize Ellington is a coordinated effort across the community, supported by the Town of Ellington. Through a competitive selection process, the Town has selected Earthlight Technologies as their solar installer. Earthlight Technologies will provide solar installations in Ellington at special discount pricing in exchange for outreach and education from the Town. Additionally, the Town will receive a free 5 kW solar installation to put on a school or town building for every 12 homeowners who go solar through Solarize Ellington.

“Solarize Ellington is a program that the Town is eager to promote to its residents. The benefits of renewable solar energy are vast, and utilizing it is an economical and practical way to meet household energy needs while reducing environmental pollutants,” said Ellington’s First Selectman Lori Spielman. “This program offers the potential for immediate savings and will allow residents to take control of their available energy resources. I feel that this program is a huge asset to the community, and I recommend that Ellington residents take advantage of the no-charge evaluation to see if their homes can go solar.” Solarize Ellington also offers

residents access to financing options that make going solar affordable with no upfront costs. Homeowners who want to find out if their home is good for solar can go directly to SolarizeCT.com/Ellington.



**Conservation Commission:
Clean Energy Communities
Initiative - Home Energy
Solutions**

During the latter six months of 2016, Ellington partnered with Eversource, Aiello Home Services, Energy Efficiencies Solutions, and Fox Heating to bring you Home Energy SolutionsSM - an Energize ConnecticutSM initiative designed to save residents money and reduce energy needs. As part of the 2016 campaign, partnering contractors donated \$25 to the Ellington Fuel Bank for each in-home energy service. The program resulted in over 40 homes participating in Home Energy Solutions and a donation of \$1,075 to the Ellington Fuel Bank. To commemorate the achievement of the 2016 program, a donation ceremony was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, during a Board of Selectmen meeting. (See Photo). The Ellington Fuel Bank assists low income Ellington residents who are facing a utility shut off or are in need of an emergency delivery of heating fuel. Residents can call Ellington Human Services to be screened for eligibility 860-870-3128.

Since the 2016 campaign was such a success, it has been extended through December 31, 2017. When you participate in Home Energy Solutions, a utility-approved and insured contractor visits your home to evaluate energy use and make on-the-spot improvements that can lower energy bills. During



From left to right: Jesse Conway - Aiello Home Services, Mark Fox - Fox Heating, Justin Buck - Energy Efficiencies Solutions, Joy Hollister - Director of Human Services, and Lori Spielman - First Selectman.

the visit, the average household receives about \$1,000 worth of products and services for just \$124, and, thereafter, most customers save about \$200 every year by reducing energy consumption.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Shop Ellington – A digital business directory

The Ellington Economic Development Commission sponsors an electronic business directory for residents to access information about local goods and services and for businesses to create complimentary websites. When you shop locally, 68% of spending goes back to the local community (Civic Economics).

Shop Ellington can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by typing the following web address into any search engine: <http://ellington-ct.gov/309/Shop-Ellington>.

Please direct questions about Shop Ellington to the Ellington Planning Department at 860-870-3120, or planner@ellington-ct.gov.

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OPEN BURNING

We are well into the spring season and with that comes traditional spring clean-up. As property owners approach this

clean-up, it is important to remember that open burning is heavily regulated within our state. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) promulgates state-wide regulations governing open burning and it is not unusual for many towns in Connecticut to augment those regulations with the adoption of local ordinances. The focus of DEEP's regulations is not on fire safety but air quality management, with the goal being the reduction or prevention of fugitive particulate matter in the atmosphere. The ordinances serve to fine-tune the state regulations to fit more closely the character of each town. Ellington adopted an ordinance in 2001 which should help residents

understand the open burning regulations. This ordinance can be found on the town website www.ellington-ct.gov/362/town-code Chapter 74, Article II. Since adoption of that ordinance, DEEP has made significant adjustments to its regulations.

Application for an open burning permit, accompanied by a filing fee of \$15, may be made to the Fire Marshal in the Town Hall Annex at 57 Main Street. Open burning can be conducted only on residential property upon which the applicant resides. The DEEP program generally allows the burning of only light brush. It does not allow the burning of any kind of treated wood (any wood having been submitted to any process, including construction lumber and demolition material), leaves, or branches larger than 3 inches in diameter. There are some exceptions for agricultural burning by farmers, but lot clearing is not allowed. The primary benefit to requiring a permit for open burning is not a matter of revenue generation but rather of public safety. Requiring the permit fosters and supports the safe environment.

The application for the permit is the key element of the process, for during that transfer of information, the scope of the project becomes clear and illuminates those facets that must be further explored. Once the scope is clarified, the fire marshal applies statutes, regulations and ordinances along with standardized safe practices to the specific project, including a site inspection. The permit process acts as a system of checks and balances resulting in a lawful and safe project. The net result is that the Town, in its authorizing of a controlled fire, has performed its due diligence, has reduced its legal liability to an acceptable level, and the public is presented with a safe and compliant venue.

Regulations governing open burning are among the many statutes, codes, regulations and ordinances enforced by this department. Penalties for violations of the open burning regulations can be severe, with the most recent case totaling \$34,000 in fines.

Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Cadet Firefighter Program

The Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and nineteen. Cadets have the opportunity to participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership in addition to their own dedicated training and activities. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted to assure they

are not exposed to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization where their training continues.



From left to right - James-Paul Cosman Forbes, Justin Breault, Chris Hany, Chris Hoover, Ana Gilchrist, Jared Fongemie, Cole Kilgore, Ryan McConnell.

Congratulations to the 2017 High School Graduates! They are Justin Breault, (Ellington High School), Chris Hany, (Cheney Technical High School), Ana Gilchrist, (Rockville High School) and Jared Fongemie, (Ellington High School).

Both Photos by Fred Bird Photography

Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Hazmat Drill

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department members are active participants in several regional and statewide teams supporting regional emergency service activities. Members actively participate on The Capital Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team.



Members of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department during a hazardous materials drill, practicing decontamination procedures.

Photo Credit: Betsi Feldman, EVFD

There's No Crying in Baseball

by Julia Connor

"It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great." This quote, delivered by Tom Hanks in the 1992 dramedy *A League*



of Their Own, was intended as a reminder that nothing worth having comes easily, a lesson that Ellington resident Claire Smith has learned time and again during her illustrious 35-year career as a baseball writer. Her extraordinary journey, embarked upon in 1981, will lead her to Cooperstown this July as the first woman ever presented with the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, set aside "for meritorious contributions to baseball writing."

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A Langhorne, PA native, Smith got her foot in the door at the *Bucks County Courier*, a small publication with a sports editor who believed that women plus sports wouldn't equal success. She then took a position with the *Philadelphia*

Bulletin, where she landed a front-page byline with her first baseball story, a fan-reaction piece on Pete Rose breaking the National League hit record, previously held by Stan Musial, in 1981. She went on to hold groundbreaking positions on the staff of the *Hartford Courant*, the *New York Times*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*; in 2007, she joined ESPN's team, where she currently serves as news editor of remote publications, in charge of the integration of news and analysis in live game broadcasts, as well as the Baseball Tonight and SportsCenter studio programs.

Claire credits most of her love of baseball to her mother, an avid Dodgers fan who

introduced her to "a sport where you write about the people who happened to play, as opposed to writing about point spreads... a sport [driven by] the story-telling." In 1984, during her second career postseason, she was literally pushed away from a story taking place in the San Diego Padres' clubhouse, simply because she was a woman. "My father... said I would always be required to prove what I wasn't before I could prove what I was." When asked for her recommendations to anyone working their way through conflict, Smith had the following advice: "Shatter stereotypes with your knowledge. It's called bringing your 'A' game. No one has invented a way to better that, yet!"

She recognizes the likes of Jane Gross, Lisa Olson and Lisa Nehus Saxon as pioneers who taught her about strength and fortitude as she joined them in the fight for equal access in the wide world of sports. While this fight has and will continue to open doors for likeminded women in the industry, Smith still preaches patience. "Someone will ask you one day how you got there, and if you're an overnight success, you have to just smile. You don't have a story."

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Visit the Resident Troopers' Office



Ellington Daisies visited the Resident Troopers' Office and met Trooper Tim Merrill, Trooper Brin Warena and Officer Don Bridge.



State Trooper Ryan Cloukey and his K-9 partner Rocky meets with Ellington scouts here and below.



Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office
Sergeant Brian Santa,
Resident State Troopers' Supervisor
860-870-3154 (non-emergencies)

Although a large portion of the Ellington Resident State Troopers' time is dedicated to traffic enforcement, investigating accidents and solving criminal complaints, we are dedicated to solving problems by utilizing the "Community Policing" philosophy. "Community Policing" is a fundamental shift from traditional reactive policing that stresses the prevention of crime before it occurs. One of the core components includes a partnership between the police and community served. This is also one of the most rewarding aspects of being a Resident Trooper.

The Resident State Troopers' Office works closely with the community to solve problems and improve the quality of life. Not only does the Resident Troopers Office have two (2) School Resource Officers (Officers Barth and Alexander), and two (2) D.A.R.E Officers (Troopers Warena and Richardson), but they also participate in community programs and events. Recently, they hosted the Ellington Boy Scouts and Ellington Daisy Troops. On Saturday, March 25, the Ellington Boy Scouts had the opportunity to meet State Trooper Ryan Cloukey and his K-9 partner Rocky, who gave the Troop a demonstration of the skills that a K-9 team brings to the community, including obedience, evidence recovery and man-trailing, or tracking. On Friday, April 7, the Ellington Daisy Troop visited the Resident Troopers' Office and got to meet Trooper Brin Warena, Trooper Tim Merrill, and Officer Don Bridge. The girls were given a tour of the office, patrol vehicles, handled speed detection instruments and even had the opportunity to wear the coveted CT State Police Stetson affectionately known as the "Big Hat." If your organization would like to meet your Resident State Troopers, please contact Sergeant Brian Santa at bsanta@ellington-ct.gov.

What's going on among Ellington Girl Scouts?



- **Troop 10741** passed out information and built an agility course for dogs at the Ellington Animal Shelter for their bronze award.
- **Troop 10725** built on their bronze award by making banners for the Children's Department at Hall Memorial Library, providing children and adults with easier access to materials.
- **Troop 10364** collected stuffed animals for local first responders to use during emergencies for their bronze award.
- **Troop 10366** is working on their bronze

- award by building a cat tower for the Ellington Animal Shelter.
- **Troop 10747** is working on their silver award by starting a blanket-making club at Ellington Middle School to benefit the Linus Project.
- **Troop 10188** is working on their silver awards, participating in three different projects in groups.

Troop 10750 is a very dedicated group of young women who have completed the Girl Scout journal through high school and are now graduating. They have earned

their bronze and silver awards, completed many community service projects and have taken lots of trips. We wish Emalie Bellezza, Rachel Feenstra, Miranda Graziani, Jenna Hartnett, Sam Judson, and Gabby Martucci all the best in the future. They will be missed greatly in the Ellington Girl Scouts.

If you or your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please contact Maria Miller at miller.maria7919@yahoo.com. We'd love to speak to you more about our Ellington Girl Scouts.

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Recreation News

A note from the Recreation Director, Bob Tedford

Some highlights and upcoming events deserve a special note:

2017 HUNTER K GIROUX SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships are named after a long-time Ellington resident who was an integral part of the town's parks and recreation programs, from coaching, program organization, as well as motivating young athletes to challenge themselves to improve, both in the classroom and in the athletic environment. Applications will be available Monday, May 1. Please contact Robert Tedford @ rtedford@ellington-ct.gov in order to secure an application. This scholarship/stipend is designed for any Ellington male or female student (seniors) who are slated to graduate from a secondary school in May or June of 2017. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be planning to engage in the professional studies of health education, physical education, recreation or dance, at an accredited two or four-year College or University in the United States in the FALL of 2017.

- The annual Charles Huggins Memorial Youth and Adult Tennis Tournaments will be held the weekend of June 3, 2017. Please review the Parks and Recreation website for further information on registering and the deadline.
- The 2017 Annual Triathlon will be held on July 16th at Crystal Lake-Sandy Beach.

Trails-support: We have received a generous influx of interest from organizations and town residents, indicating that they are more than willing to provide support to this important cause, which includes the Hockanum River Trails, the Batz property, and possibly other venues as well. Feel free to contact the department if you wish to be included on the list, or call (860) 870-3100 if you are interested in joining the newly-formed Trails Committee.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Department has a registration process for all recreational programs/camps through our Activenet Online Program. The process for online registration is easy and convenient; just follow these simple steps:

- Go to our website at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov

- Click the blue ActiveNet Registration button and then the ActiveNet link under Register Online
- Select "Sign in" if you have an account or select "Create an Account" to set one up

It is imperative that an adult household member set up the family account. The advantage to setting up an account is the convenience of registering for recreational programs and camps at your leisure. You will need an e-mail address to set up your account, a password, and dates of birth for all family members. (Remember to add family members to your account). If you don't have access to a computer, we can assist in setting up your account at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. In-office online registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. There is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home. We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes that do not meet minimum requirements. Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the first week of registration. If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation.

In the event of inclement weather, the Parks and Recreation Department will list program cancellations on television. Tune in to Channels 3, 8 and 30 to check if there is a cancellation. Cancellations will be listed under "Ellington Recreation Department."

ADA: The Town of Ellington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. If you or a family member need special assistance, please make us aware of your needs at the time of registration.

Scholarship Programs: If a need arises, please make a confidential inquiry to Bob Tedford, Recreation Director at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

Payment: Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid. We accept cash, checks, American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card.

Refunds: Requests for refunds must be in writing prior to the program starting.

CRYSTAL LAKE SPRINT TRIATHLON

Date: July 16

Fee: \$70 per triathlete

The 2017 Triathlon will be limited to 200 participants.

- Swim 1/4 mile in Crystal Lake
- Bike 12 miles through Ellington & Stafford
- Run 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area

Sign up online through the Triathlon website at ellingtontriathlon.com or the Parks & Rec website. Our team is looking for volunteers; please send an email to ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com with your contact information. All profits from the race will be donated to local charities in Ellington. Come out for a great event!

ELLINGTON HIKING CLUB

This group takes a hike every Tuesday at a new site each week; site notification is made the Monday prior via email. The club meets at Arbor Park Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, and bug spray, and wear proper footwear.

Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office

Eligibility: Adults (18 years of age and over)

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FA/CPR/AED COACHES CERTIFICATION

Register on the Adult Programs page at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov under CPR & FA

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Time: 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

The Recreation Department has two certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructors, Allison Breen & Kristen Wasielewski, on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow all Ellington coaches, athletic officials, program instructors, and staff of Ellington Recreation-sponsored sports and activities to get certified. Please understand that each coach is required to complete this training. Only six coaches are allowed per class. You are required to stay the entire time in order to receive your certification.

Thursday, May 25

Tuesday, June 6

Thursday, June 22

Thursday, July 6

Monday, July 24

Adult Sports/Programs

ADULT MEN'S INFORMAL BASKETBALL

Pre-registration is REQUIRED

Time: Monday Evenings @ Windermere School

Program is ongoing until June 5th.

OVER 30 - 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

UNDER 30 - 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Program schedule follows the Ellington Public School Calendar

Fees: \$10 Resident

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Instructor: Rich Willis

Day: Tuesday evenings

Session H: May 16, 23, 30; June 6

Time: 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Location: Schwartz Park

Fee: \$40

USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Dates: June 26 to August 13, 2017

Teams in three age groups (18U, 14U, and 10U) work on development and play and compete against teams from Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut in official USTA leagues. All teams end their season with a weekend tournament at Forest Park in Springfield. Depending on the player's abilities, he/she will take part in the Forest Park tournament either July 22-23 or August 12-13, with most expected to be in August.

18U and 14U teams also have the opportunity to take part in an optional trip to Cape Cod the weekend of July 29-30 for fun, sun, and tennis on the Cape (parents are also encouraged to attend.) Additional charges are associated with this trip.

18 and Under Team (18U): Must be 18 or younger as of September 1, 2017. Practice is twice a week throughout the season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, subject to confirmation based on player availability) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week. FEE: If a USTA member, \$135, Non-USTA member pays \$155, non-Ellington residents pay an additional \$10 per person on top of these fees.

14 and Under Team (14U): Must be 14 or younger as of September 1, 2017. Practice is twice a week throughout the season typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 pm-2:00 pm, subject to confirmation based on player availability) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week. FEE: If a USTA member, \$135, Non-USTA member pays \$155, non-Ellington residents pay an additional \$10 per person on top of these fees.

10 and Under Team (10U): Must be 10 or younger as of September 1, 2017. Practice is tentatively one late afternoon/early evening per week with 1 weeknight match per week against fellow Ellington teams and 2-3 play nights over the course of the summer in other communities. FEE: If a USTA member, \$90, Non-USTA member pays \$100, non-Ellington residents pay an additional \$10 per person on top of these fees. Sign-ups solely for Ellington residents will occur until June 17th. From June 18th to June 26th, sign-ups are open to all area players. Please contact Jim Maitland 860-462-3627 for more information.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Players use oversized ping pong paddles and a wiffle ball that
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moves slower than a tennis ball. The game is played on a badminton-size court that is divided by a 34-inch high net and the size of the court makes playing the game easier for baby-boomers and active seniors. Pickleball can be played as a singles or doubles game. Register online through Activenet.

Fee: \$5.00

Dates & Times: Tuesday nights 5:15 pm-6:45 pm at Windermere through June 6.

Code: PICKLE.S17

ADULT CO-ED

SOFTBALL

Interested in playing adult co-ed softball in Town? Skill level and prior experience does not matter. Contact Bob Tedford at 860-870-3118 or email rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

ELLINGTON SUMMER GIRLS

TRAVEL SOFTBALL

Northern CT Girls Softball League

Games (Monday and Wednesday nights) start June 19th and will begin at 6:00 pm. Local travel within 30 minutes is required. Home games are played at EHS. We will not practice, this is an opportunity to just come and keep playing.

Registration is due by May 15th

Fee: \$90 - 10 regular season games

Tournament: August 5th & 6th

Ages - Incoming freshman to incoming seniors

\$20 Jersey fee not included

Contact: Elana Beebe, 860-944-2769

ADULT WIFFLE BALL LEAGUE

Please contact either Erik Knickerbocker at uconn9913@yahoo.com or recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov. There will be (5) players on the field at one time. The league will use rules and field dimensions constructed by the EWBL. This program is for adults ages 18 and older, co-ed program.

ELLINGTON'S ULTIMATE

FRISBEE

Ultimate Frisbee, a sport similar to football or soccer but played with a Frisbee, is for both men and women of all ages. Pre-registration is required through the Activenet system. No Fee. Contact Karl @ ksneubec@gmail.com or visit <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ellingtonultimate/info>.

Location: Brookside Park beginning Monday, May 1st

Time: 6:00 pm

KOKONDO KARATE

Instructor: Paul Ward

Day: Thursdays

Ages 16 years and up

Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike, RT 30, Vernon

Session 6: April 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 7: June 1, 8, 15, 22

Session 8: June 29; July 6, 13, 27

Session 9: Aug. 3, 10, 24, 31

Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Fee: \$42 per session

GOLF LESSONS

(ADULTS AND CHILDREN)

Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth, jwadsworth50@comcast.net

Location: Ellington Golf Center Rte. 83

Day: Saturdays

Fee: \$65.00 per session

Session 2 – Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, and 23

Ages 6-9: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Code: 2017.GOLF692

Ages 10-13: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Code: 2017.GOLF10132

Session 3 – Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, and 25

Woman's Class: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Code: 2017.GOLFW3

Coed Class: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Code: 2017.GOLFCED3

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS

Ginny's Fitness for Longevity

Instructor: Ginny Hogan

Day: Mondays & Wednesdays

Start Date: Program is currently in session; new participants are welcome

Ages: 18 and up

Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

Location: Center School

Fee: \$40 Pre-Paid Punch card/ 8 classes or \$7 walk-in fee

Email: fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com or call 860-463-3238.

Programs are open to residents and non-residents. All you need is an exercise mat, water bottle, foam roller and sense of fun. Classes will follow the Ellington Public Schools calendar. No classes when school is closed.

ZUMBA®

Instructors: Tressa Giordano & Joanne Britton

Days: Tuesday & Thursdays

Ages: 16 and up

Time: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

Location: Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street

Fee: \$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes available at location site or \$8 Walk-in fee

Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No classes on vacation or school cancellation days. Perfect for everybody and every body!

Summer classes: 7:30 pm-8:45 pm at Senior Center, look for an updated schedule on our website.

Contact: joannebritton.zumba.com and tressag.zumba.com

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Saturday, May 20, 11am - 1pm, Ellington Location



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JUKIDO - ALL SKILL LEVELS

WELCOME

Instructor: Paul Ward

Days: Thursdays

Ages: 6 and up

Time: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Fee: \$42 per session

Session 6: April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 7: June 1, 8, 15, 22

Session 8: June 29, July 6, 13, 27

Session 9: Aug. 3, 10, 24, 31

Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike, RT 30 Vernon

YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAMS

Instructor: Gary Marquize

Tiny Tot Tennis

Ages: 3-5 years old

Day: Mondays & Wednesdays

Session 2: May 8,10,15,17

Session 3: May 22, 24, 31 & June 5

Time: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Brookside Park

Fee: \$40 per session

Code: TINY.TTT172

Code: TINY.TTT173

Pee Wee Tennis

Ages: 5-7 years old

Day: Mondays & Wednesdays

Session 2: May 8,10,15,17

Session 3: May 22, 24, 31 & June 5

Time: 6:30 pm-7:00 pm

Location: Brookside Park

Fee: \$40 per session

Code: PEE.PWE172

Code: PEE.PWE173

Youth Tennis Lessons

Ages: 8-13 years old

Day: Mondays & Wednesdays

Session 2: May 8,10,15,17

Session 3: May 22, 24, 31 & June 5

Location: Brookside Park

Time: 7:15 pm-8:15 pm

Fee: \$45 per session

Code: YOTH.TN172

Code: YOTH.TN173

YOUTH TRACK & FIELD

Program Coordinator: Dan Dryburgh

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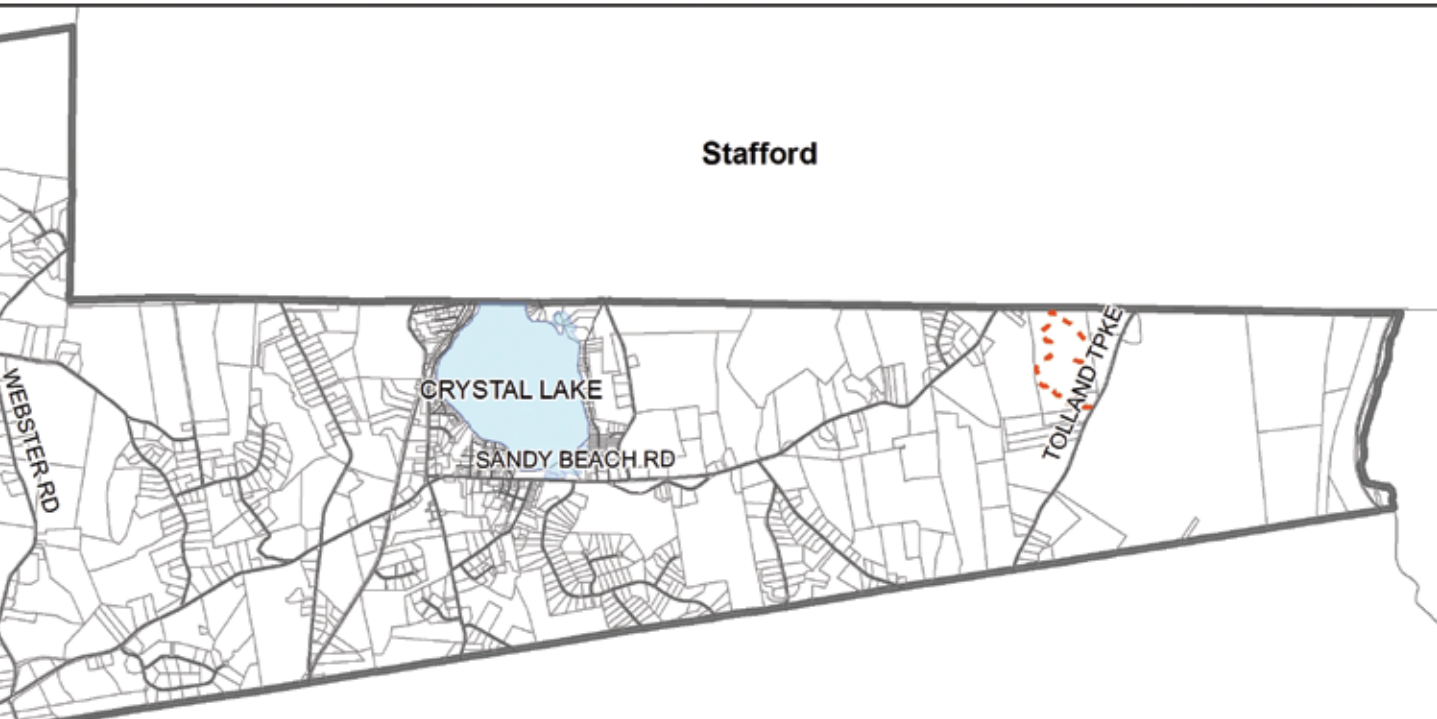
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Saturday
8:00am - 1:00pm

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Stafford



Ellington Trails Map

Ellington, CT



HIKE ELLINGTON






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Legend

Trail Name (Location)

- 1** - - - - - Sunset Hill Trail (Porter Rd)
- 2** - - - - - Balanced Boulder Trail (Tolland Tpke)
- 3** - - - - - Windermere Trail (Windermere Ave)
- 4** - - - - - Franklin Street Trail
- 5** - - - - - West Road Trail
- 6** - - - - - Batz Trail (Shenipsit St)

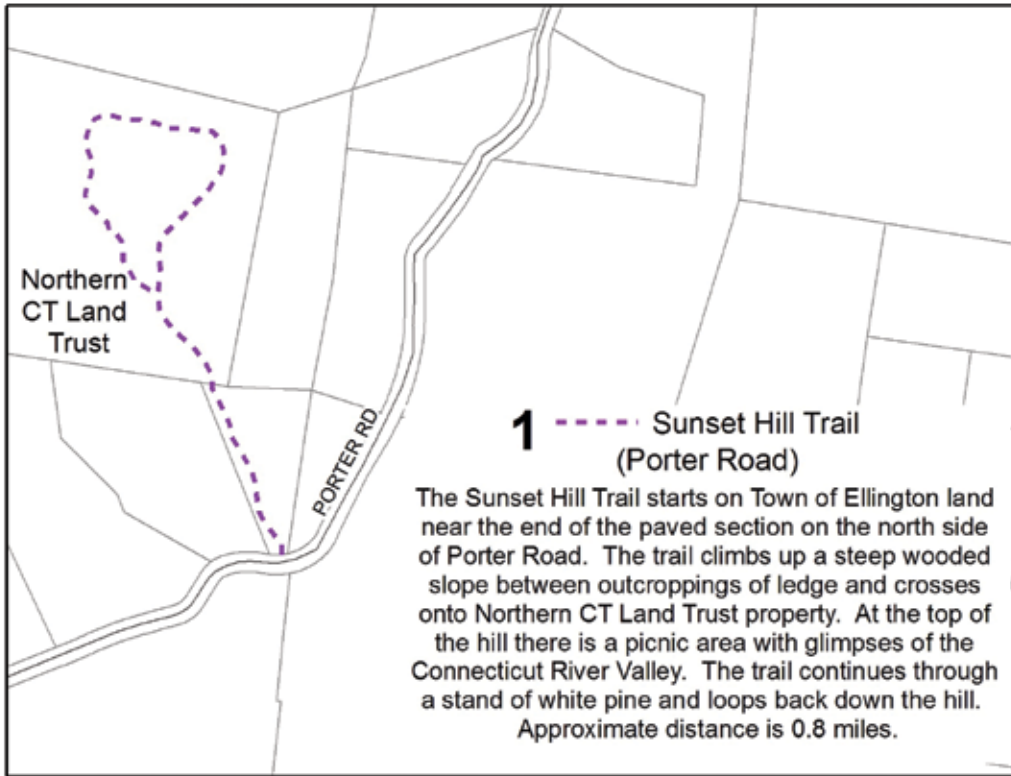
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-  Town Boundary



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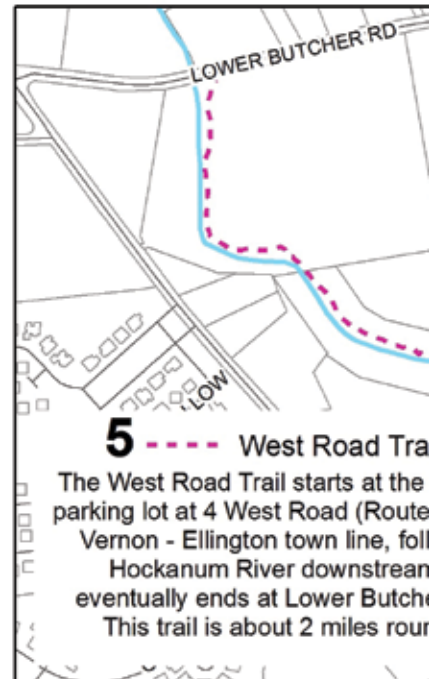
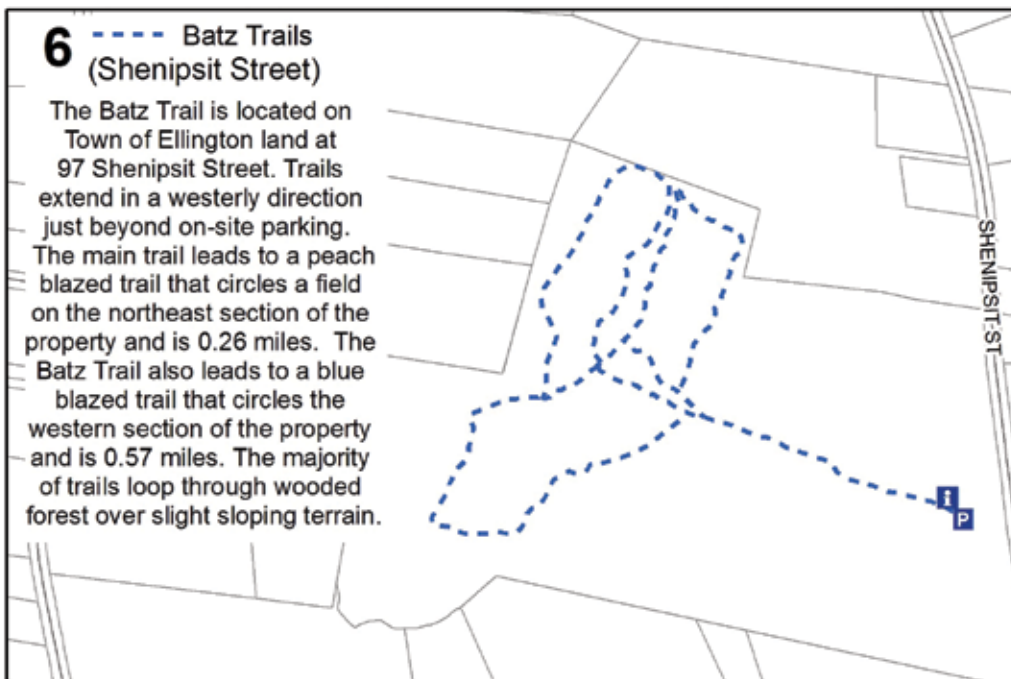
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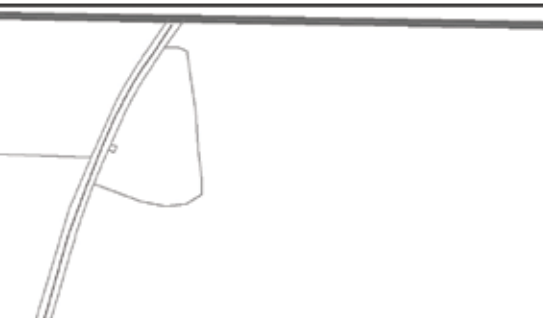


Ellington Trails Maps

Ellington, CT

- Legend**
- Hockanum River
 - Parcels
 - Town Boundary







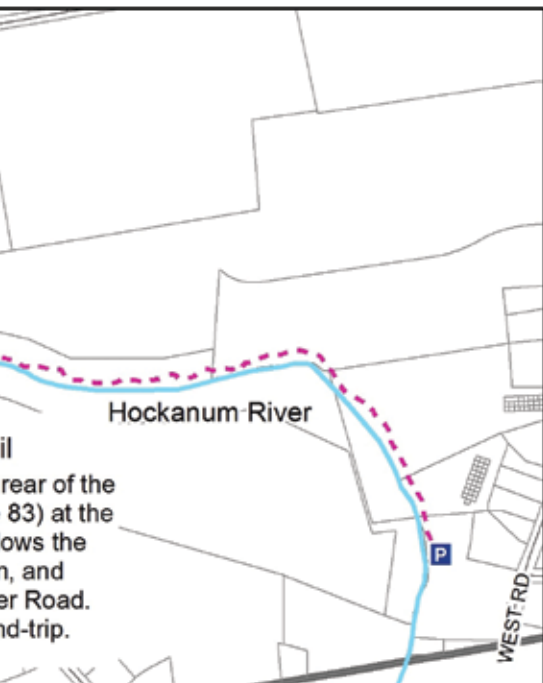
2 - - - - Balanced Boulder Trail
(Tolland Tpke)

The Balanced Boulder Trail is located on the Northern CT Land Trust's 58 acre Ernie Boothroyd Nature Preserve on the Tolland Turnpike. There is limited parking along the side of the road. The trail climbs gradually through stands of mountain laurel and occasional rock ledges. The trail forms a large loop and skirts the edge of a marsh before returning to the starting point. Sightings of deer, turkeys and other wildlife have been reported. Total distance is approximately 1.2 miles.

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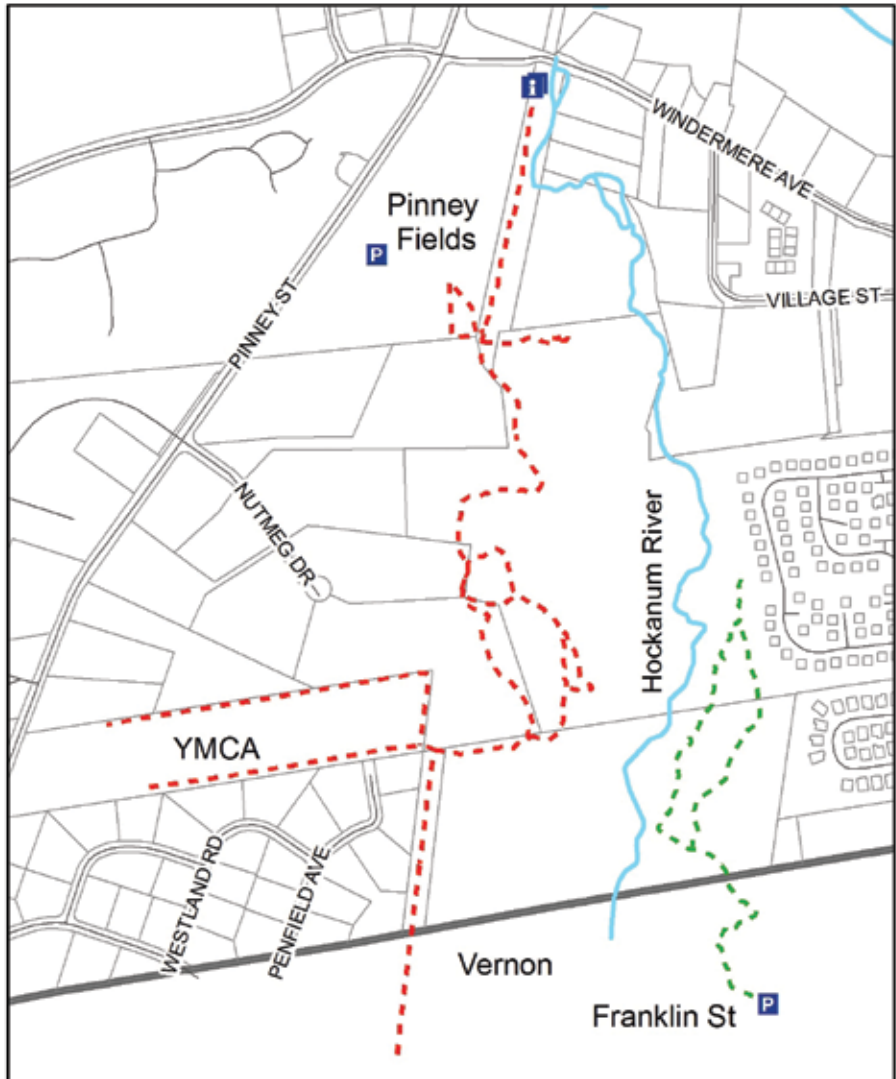
Trail Features

-  Kiosk
-  Parking

Hockanum River

WEST RD



Pinney Fields

WINDERMERE AVE

VILLAGE ST

Hockanum River

YMCA

WESTLAND RD

PENFIELD AVE

Vernon

Franklin St


3 - - - - Windermere Trails
(Windermere Ave)

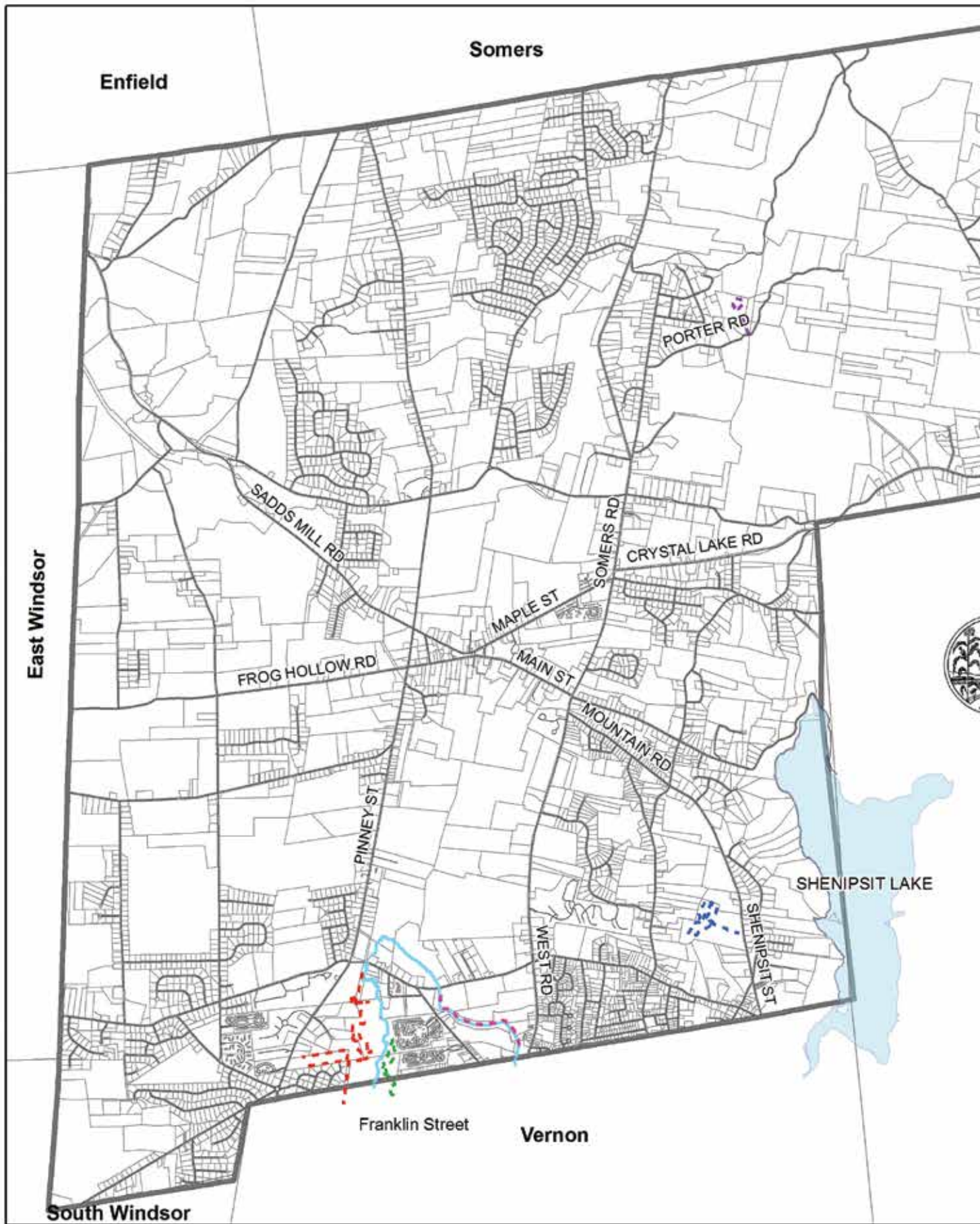
The Windermere Trail starts at the Windermere Avenue bridge parking lot and follows the river and an old railroad line through dense forest with views of wetlands and ferns, and past a pond for a hike of about 2 miles round-trip.

There are several trails that lead off from the Windermere Trail. These include the Spur Trail 0.2 miles round-trip, the Pinney Fields loop trail 0.13 miles, and the Y Trail 0.5 miles on the YMCA property.

4 - - - - Franklin Street Trail

The Franklin Street Trail starts in Vernon on Franklin Street, near the Windsorville Road intersection. It proceeds upstream past lush wetlands, tall blueberry bushes, ground ivy and spectacular views of the Ellington Marsh section of river, past several benches facing the river to a high point and beyond. It is approximately 1.5 miles round-trip.





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Grades 1-8

Wednesdays: April 19 – June 14, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturdays: April 22 – June 17, 9:00 am-10:30 am

Fee: \$25

Code: 1212.track17

Location: Ellington High School Track

Parent / High School Students welcomed as volunteers.

Please contact the Recreation Department at recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov

DAY TRIPS

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, and Willington. Please register at your local Recreation Department. The departure location for all trips is the Commuter Lot off I-84 - Exit 68, by the Dunkin Donuts off 195. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. Limited number of tickets per town per trip; register early!

RED SOX VS. DETROIT TIGERS BASEBALL GAME - June 10th

Location: Fenway Park in Boston, MA

Fee: \$130 per person (transportation and game ticket)

Departure time: 3:30 pm

Game time: 7:15 pm

Seating location: Outfield Grand Stand #7

Return time: approximately 2 hours after game is completed.

Includes games on the bus ride and a cookout prior to game time.

JAMES TAYLOR AT TANGLEWOOD - July 4th

Tanglewood presents James Taylor with his extraordinary band of musicians. Fireworks will follow the July 4 concert. Register early. Tickets are expected to sell out. We will not have a stop on the way to Tanglewood. The show starts at 8:00 pm. The grounds open at 5:30 pm. We will arrive shortly after 5:30 pm. There are plenty of places to buy dinner inside, but you're welcome to bring in food, coolers, wine, etc. There is no cooking allowed on the grounds.

Date: July 4, 2017

Time: Bus leaves at 3:00 pm and will return at approximately midnight (2 hours after the fireworks)

Fee: \$65.00 (Includes coach bus transportation and lawn ticket to the show)

Location: Lenox, MA

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEWPORT/NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL! – Saturday, August 5th

Registration Deadline - July 12th

Save on parking and needing to drive to the famous Newport Jazz Festival by letting us do it for you! This special Day on Your Own trip occurs during the height of the festival; you purchase your tickets, and we'll get you there. Not interested in Jazz? No problem, we've got a stop for you too! The bus will drop-off at two

locations, the Discover Newport Tourist Center where you can begin your own adventure at local shops and restaurants, and Fort Adams, for the festival attendees.

Planning to attend the festival? Secure your bus seat with us, and after July 15th visit www.newportjazz.org to purchase your event ticket and see the lineup.

Planning a day of adventure at the Cliff walk, Mansions, or just around town? Visit www.discovernewport.org for inspiration!

Date: Saturday, August 5

Departure Time: 7:30 am

Return Time: Approx. 10:00 pm. Driver will indicate the pick-up time for each location.

Fee: \$52.00 (includes bus transportation only)

RED SOX @ YANKEE STADIUM VS. YANKEES - September 2nd

Registration Deadline - August 19th

Fee: \$135.00 per person (transportation and game ticket)

Departure time: 8:30 am

Game Time: 1:05 pm

Return time: Approximately 7:00 pm

Includes games and prizes on the bus and a cookout prior to game time.

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COMMUNITY GARDENS (BATZ PROPERTY)

97 Shenipsit Street

A limited number of garden plots will be offered with the projected parcel being 25' x 25', to be used for growing plants for non-commercial use. Water is not available on site. The fee is \$20 per plot (one per family) with a \$15 deposit to be returned pending satisfactory fall cleanup. Please contact the Recreation Office for more information.

Coming soon: The Ellington Recreation Department is exploring the implementation of a Children's Garden at Batz Community Garden. We hope to provide a place to learn about the joys and benefits of gardening, with hands-on opportunities – and to have fun! The Children's Garden will provide a safe place to experience nature, discover the cycles of life and provide motivation to try fresh fruits and vegetables while encouraging a healthy and sustainable lifestyle. Please check the Recreation Department website for further details.

SUMMER CONCERTS HELD AT ARBOR PARK GAZEBO

July 9th – Off the Clock

Beatles Celebration: "Off the Clock" returns to Arbor Park this summer with a new format. OTC's Rob Thomas (Ellington), Scott Sylvia (Agawam), and Mark Hall (Marlborough) have teamed up with Joe Whalen (West Springfield) to perform a "History of the Beatles" show this year. Longtime Beatles fans themselves, the



group will take you on a tour, from the early days of "She Loves You" & "Hard Day's Night" all the way to "Abbey Road" and "Let it Be." Off the Clock has been performing locally since 1999.

July 16th – Cover2Cover Band

C2C is based out of Manchester, CT and plays all the hits from

the 60s, 70s, 80s and more! Band members are: Brian Lettieri – Vocals, Steve Palla – Guitar, Paul Molinari – Keys and Saxophone, Efrain Aguero – Guitar, Jame Z – Bass and Vocals and Mike Polowitz - Drums. C2C has been entertaining venues, Summer Concert Series and marinas in CT, MA and RI for the past 8 years, and has been a favorite at Champlin's Resort and Marina on Block Island for the last 8 years! Playing the music of Chicago, Van Morrison, Elton John, Billy Joel, The Beatles, Elvis and oh so many more! With over 100 songs in their repertoire you will sing along and dance to them ALL!

July 23rd – Redheads

Redheads is the CT party band! They perform an entertaining mix of classic rock, soul, funk and upbeat blues for your dancing pleasure. Sometimes a bit of magic happens when the right musicians find their way onto a stage together. The Redheads Party Band is comprised of seasoned pros, entertainers who share their love of making music with audiences who know immediately that something very special is happening onstage. Michael Yost, the bandleader who grew up in Ellington, is an accomplished musician!

July 30th – The Kenn Morr Band

The Kenn Morr Band is touring in support of their new album "Along the Way" featuring ten new songs in their original Folk/Rock style. Kenn left his native Long Island and found a home in CT. He has shared the stage with John Sebastian, Al Kooper, Eric Burdon, Aztec Two Step and John Wesley Harding. Morr's got a rich baritone and the kind of humor and charisma that enralls audiences of all sizes, from coffeehouses to stages as demanding as the famed Bitter End in New York City and the International Festival of Arts and Ideas in New Haven. The KMB is known for their catchy, thought-provoking songs, instrumental exchanges and three part harmony. With airplay across the country and Europe (England, Italy, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, among other countries), "Along the Way" is set to bring the Kenn Morr sound to new listeners.

CRYSTAL LAKE SANDY BEACH: WEATHER & STAFF PERMITTING

Pre-Season: Weekends only

May 27, 28, 29

June 3, 4, 10, 11

12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Full Season:

June 15-August 20

Weekdays: 12:00 pm-7:00 pm

Weekends: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Post Season: Weather & Staff permitting

August 21-September 4

Residents Daily Fee:

\$5.00 Adult 18 & up

\$3.00 Child 6-17 years

Children under 5 are free
\$1.00 Senior Citizens

Non-Resident Daily Fees:
\$10.00 Adult 18 & up
\$5.00 Child 6-17 years
Children under 5 are free
\$1.00 Senior Citizens

BEACH PASSES: Ellington Residents Only

Available May 1st. Passes may be purchased online through the Activenet system or at the Parks and Recreation office

\$ 45.00 per Family
\$ 25.00 Individual
\$ 10.00 Senior Citizens

Swim Lesson Fees: 2 week sessions please refer to website for class schedule

Registration begins May 1st
No Class on Fridays
40 minute class: \$ 40
30 minute class: \$ 35

INTRODUCTION TO SAILING AT CRYSTAL LAKE

An Introduction to Sailing program will be offered for 10 to 18 year olds. An instructor and up to 3 participants will sail an Oday 15' from Sandy Beach for approximately one hour. Basic instruction in boat safety and handling will be provided.
Fee: \$10 per session: Limit 1 session per person.
Instructor: Walt Moody will contact those registered with times and dates.
Code: SAIL.LAKE17

ELLINGTON'S ULTIMATE SUMMER CAMP EXTRAVAGANZA!

Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 years old as of 12/31/16)
Campers must be potty-trained (Strictly Enforced)
Location: Windermere School, 2 Abbott Road
Full-Day Campers need to bring lunch and a water bottle.
Snacks will be provided.
Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full-day/full week camper) for 2nd and 3rd children in the same household. Please refer to website for dates, times and fees. Camp Informational Night - Thursday, June 1, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, 31 Arbor Way

FALL 2017 TRAVEL SOCCER

Registration begins 5/1/17. Deadline for registering for a travel team is based on the evaluation dates that are available. A player must attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics in order to be eligible for selection.

All evaluations will be held at Brookside Park. June 16th
Make Up Date if needed.

Girls

U8 Born 2010	June 6	5:15 pm - 6:30 pm
U9 Born 2009	June 8	5:15 pm - 6:30 pm
U10 Born 2008	June 10	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
	June 17	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Girls

U11 Born 2007	June 6	6:45 pm - 8:00 pm
U12 Born 2006	June 8	6:45 pm - 8:00 pm
	June 10	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
	June 17	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Girls

U13 Born 2005 To be determined, probability of only 1 team for this age category.

U14 Born 2004

Boys

U8 Born 2010	June 8	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
U9 Born 2009	June 10	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
U10 Born 2008	June 13	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
	June 17	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Boys

U11 Born 2007	June 8	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
U12 Born 2006	June 10	5:45 pm - 7:15 pm
	June 13	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
	June 17	5:45 pm - 7:15 pm

Boys

U13 Born 2005	June 6	6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
U14 Born 2004	June 10	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
	June 12	6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
	June 17	11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Boys & Girls Soccer Travel Division Levels

Fee: \$40.00 registration fee; Additional \$40.00 if placed on a D3/D4 Team

The current Parks & Recreation Commission policy holds the following provision: Players who are selected to travel soccer teams for the Fall 2017 season in Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2018, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2018 schedule. Players, where eligible, who wish to receive a rating (spring soccer evaluations) in order to move up a division, must attend a minimum of one spring evaluation. Otherwise, to qualify for a fall travel team (at divisional levels of 3 or 4) a player is required to attend a minimum of two evaluation sessions. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during practices or matches.

To download previous issues of Ellington Events
visit www.eventsmagazines.com
and download the issue you desire!

Ellington Facilities and Parks

Arbor Commons Community Rooms:

These rooms are located within the Parks and Recreation Department office complex. These rooms are used for meetings as well as small group programs.

Arbor Park: Arbor Park is located on Main Street in the heart of town. Arbor Park offers a nice area to walk.



Arbor Park in the heart of Town.

Batz Property: Located at 97 Shenipsit Street, Batz Property is 44.86 acres of mixed forest-wild flowers and grassy parking lot. This is the location of the community garden club.

Brookside Park: Brookside Park is located on Route 140 approximately 2 miles from the center of town. This facility has baseball, softball, soccer & football fields. There are also tennis courts, a safe structured playground, a volleyball court and a covered pavilion. Brookside Park Pavilion can be rented for small gatherings.

Ellington School Facilities: The Recreation Department utilizes the Ellington Public Schools as often as possible for many programs. The schools offer use of gym space for such activities as basketball, volleyball, as well as other indoor programs. The schools also allow space usage for softball and baseball fields during the season.

Sandy Beach: Sandy Beach is located on Crystal Lake on Route 140 in the northern end of town. Our beach offers swimming and sunbathing opportunities on hot summer days.



Sandy Beach on Crystal Lake.

Schwartz Park: Schwartz Park is located at Ellington High School at 37 Maple Street.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 860-870-3118.

June is Dog Licensing Month!

Ollie says "Remember to license your dog in June!"

2017 REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

For your convenience, use our online dog registration at Ellington-ct.gov: Select Town Clerk>Dog Licenses. Your tags will be mailed to you at no extra cost. Registration by mail is also accepted.

Please follow the instructions below. Connecticut State Law requires any dog 6 months or older be registered with the office of the Town Clerk. 2017 licenses must be purchased between June 1 and June 30. All 2016 licenses expire on June 30, 2017.

- A rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.
- Spaying or neutering certificates must be presented unless already on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Only cash or checks will be accepted as payment by mail or in person. After June 30, a late fee of \$1.00 per month is due along with your license fee at the time of registration.

Fee Schedule - Male or Female Dogs

Neutered or Spayed \$8

Not Neutered or Spayed (unaltered) \$19

If you would like to register your dog through the mail you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the tag(s) and license(s) to be returned to you.

Mail to: Town Clerk, Town of Ellington
PO Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029



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Ellington Animal Control

Barbara Murdach,
Animal Control Officer
860-870-3155

ANNUAL RABIES & MICROCHIP CLINIC

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You must bring prior rabies certificate to qualify for the three year vaccine; all others will be given a one year vaccine. The doctors and staff are volunteering their time for the benefit of the shelter animals. Proceeds from this

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Hall Memorial Library (HML)

Susan Phillips, Director

93 Main Street

860-870-3160

Website: library.ellington-ct.gov

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday

Friday – Saturday

Sunday

Check the Library website for holiday closing dates.

10:00 am to 8:00 pm

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm*

SUMMER HOURS

*Sunday hours will end on May 21.

Summer Saturday hours of 10 am-1 pm will begin July 1.

2ND ANNUAL HOLI FESTIVAL

Hall Memorial Library is happy to announce the second community Holi Festival on Saturday, June 3rd from 11:00 am-3:00 pm, to celebrate the coming of spring. Yes, we know that spring officially arrived on March 20th, but since we do live in New England, we felt it best to wait until we were a bit more likely to have warm weather for this outdoor event!



Holi Festival at Hall Memorial Library

In India, Holi announces the passing of winter and the coming of spring, the season of color. It is a vibrant and exuberant festival, a family friendly gathering complete with music, dance, food, and, of course, colors! People of all ages come outdoors to play with colored powders in commemoration of the season when Mother Nature fills every corner with hues from her palette. Here in our small town of Ellington, many thousands of miles away from India, we will celebrate again this year, with all of the elements of a true Holi celebration - dance, music and food and most definitely playing with colors! If you are already familiar with this festive tradition, you know how much fun it is; if you have never experienced Holi before, we hope you will join us to learn about this increasingly popular and widely celebrated festival. Come join us for this terrific event; everyone is welcome to participate in the festivities and fun. Colors will be sold for \$1 a bag and food will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

SHARE YOUR CULTURE

Do you and your family have any unique traditions or celebrations that you would like to share with the community? We had tremendous success with our Holi Festival last year and are interested in helping to showcase some of the other cultures and ethnicities that help make up our town. To that end we would like to ask for your help - if you are interested in introducing some

of your unique customs to your neighbors, please contact the Programming Coordinator to discuss setting up a program!

NEW LIBRARY FINDING TOOL

We know that it is sometimes hard to locate materials in the library, with all those letters, labels and Dewey Decimal numbers. Of course we are all always here to help you, but for those with that independent streak there is an enhancement to the online catalog. Now when you look up a book in the catalog you will see the call number, the location and a new little “Map It” button. Click on that button and a map will pop up and show you the exact location of the item you want. Pretty cool! Check it out!

SAVE THE BORROWIT PROGRAM!

Do you like to visit different public libraries to borrow books, etc.? BorrowIt (formerly ConnectiCard), the program that allows you to do this, is sponsored by the Connecticut State Library. The Governor’s state budget proposal eliminates this 40-year-old resource sharing program! Send a letter to our legislators in support of all library users! Stop at the Main Desk in the library for copies of a letter to sign; include your return address and address the envelopes. Add a personal note if you like. You can also send a message to hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov to have a copy emailed to you.

STATEWIDE UNION CATALOG

FindIt, the new version of the statewide union catalog of library holdings, is up and running. This is a catalog of the holdings of public, academic and special libraries throughout Connecticut (formerly the reQuest system). It is currently available to you for locating materials not available in our Bibliomation system. In early summer, the online RequestIt portion will be brought online. Good news for those of you who need those hard-to-find materials!

MINIGOLF@THE LIBRARY- THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Over 400 library visitors enjoyed a day of magic, face-painting, food, fun, and of course, MINI-GOLF! We would like to thank the following local businesses for their support of our wildly successful 2017 Friends of the Library Mini-Golf Fundraiser, held on February 4th.

Flagship Sponsor - Kloter Farms

Additional Hole Sponsors- Bolles Motors, CD Builders, Dzen Garden Market, Earthlight Technologies, Ellington Dental Associates, Ellington Printery, Green Meadow Lawn Care, Homestead Fuel Inc., Indian Valley YMCA, Integrated

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Food- Country Pure Foods, Eastern CT Physician's Associates, Family & Friends Roadside Cart, Law Offices of Bruce P. Fader, Pizzeria DaVinci, Subway.

Entertainment- "Magic Dan" Sclare, Laurie Hessler, Bryan Flint.

We couldn't do it without all of you! Please mark your calendars for our 3rd annual Mini-Golf@the Library event, scheduled for February 3, 2018.

Spring/Summer 2017 Events

Coffeehouse: Samantha Goodman*

Friday, May 5 at 7:00 pm

Cut the Cord: How to End the High Cost of your Cable TV & Phone Service with James Gifford

(rescheduled from an earlier date; re-registration required)

Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm

Homemade Body Scrubs with Ehris Urban & Velya Jancz-Urba

(there will be a \$5 per person materials fee for this workshop)

Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: CJ West and the Downtown Train*

Friday, June 2 at 7:00 pm

Holi: A Community Celebration of Spring

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Superfoods 101* with Kim Larkin

Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm

Songbirds of the Northeast with John Root

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 pm

FOUR-PART SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES

WITH FRED BIRD - come to 1, 2, 3 or all classes!

Getting the Most from Your Point & Shoot and Digital Phone Cameras

Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm

Point & Shoot and Digital Phone Cameras- Field Work

Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 pm

Close-Up Photography

Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 pm

Close-Up Photography- Field Work

Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 pm

**Program has limited seating, so register early! Register online at www.library.ellington-ct.gov or call us at 860-870-3160 for assistance.*

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Lion	May 10	6:30 pm
	May 11	1:00 pm
La La Land	May 17	6:30 pm
	May 18	1:00 pm
The Founder	May 24	1:00 pm
	May 25	6:30 pm

Gold	May 31	6:30 pm
	June 1	1:00 pm
Patriots Day	June 7	6:30 pm
	June 8	1:00 pm
Paterson	June 14	6:30 pm
	June 15	1:00 pm
Hell or High Water	June 21	6:30 pm
	June 22	1:00 pm
Silence	June 29	6:30 pm
	June 30	1:00 pm

**Movies will run all summer and will be shown weekly, (usually) on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Please check the library's website www.library.ellington-ct.gov or call us at 860-870-3160 for future film announcements and schedule changes.*

"BUILD A BETTER WORLD" SUMMER FUN FOR ALL

The theme for Summer Reading 2017 is "Build a Better World," so there will be lots of "building" activities for everyone. Watch for projects, crafts and reading for all ages! There will be lots of fun for teens at the HML this summer. Reading, programs and prizes will rule! There will be cake-decorations and chocolate bark and make-and-take craft projects in the teen department each week throughout the summer so make sure you stop in.

And if you're in grades 7-12, be sure to check out the summer reading program. You'll have the chance to win a variety of prizes this summer when you check out books or come to one of the programs we've got planned. See YA around!

From The Children's Department

New Nutmeg Award Nominees are on the way!! Early in May the new list of Nutmeg Nominees will be unveiled. Hall Memorial Library will have copies of each one for your enjoyment. These books have been chosen by a committee of teachers, librarians and students because of the wonderful stories they offer. Remember, there are 15 new titles for children in grade 2 and grade 3. There are 10 new titles for children in 4th through 6th grades. Children, in Connecticut, are encouraged to read these books and come next April, they will vote on the title that they enjoyed to most. That title will win the Nutmeg Award for 2018.

Have you had a chance to read to the Allen's Angels Therapy

Dogs, yet? They come to our library every month of the year just to hear you read them a story. There are dogs of all shapes, sizes, breeds, and colors, and they are all very well trained. They have been coming to the Ellington library since 2011. Don't you think it's about time that you met them? They are really good listeners! Anyone between the ages of 5 to 12 years old is welcome to come and read to one of the dogs. They will be here on Saturday, May 13 and 27; June 10 and 24; July 8 and 22 and August 12 and 26 from 10:30-11:30. To ensure that you get to read, it is recommended that you register ahead of time. Just go to the li-

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library website: www.library.ellington-ct.gov, go onto the event calendar and choose the date you are interested in. Click on the "sign-up hand." We look forward to seeing you there!

A new session of Babies & Books will be starting Monday, May 1 and will continue for the four Mondays in May. This program is especially planned for children 9 months to 2 ½ years old, with a parent or caregiver. We will meet in the Children's Program Room, upstairs at the library, from 10:30 to 11:30 each Monday. There will be reading board books, singing songs and about 45 minutes of play and making new friends. Online registration is required, as space is limited.

Summertime will be here before we know it! This year the theme of our summer reading program will be "Build a Better World." During July and August your Children's Department will be overflowing with crafts, games, challenges, and programs to provide children ages 3 to 12 with a variety of stimulating activities to encourage their enjoyment of reading. Planning for this program is underway now. Further details will be available in early June. You can also go online and check the library's Event Calendar.

Youth Services

Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT, Youth Services Director

Tressa Giordano, Youth Program Coordinator

Deb Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator

Website: Youth.ellington-ct.gov

Phone: 860-870-3130



To register for our programs please go to our website or stop in office at 31 Arbor Way. Check us out on Facebook and twitter!

Spring Programs

Wind Chimes: All ages are welcome to Decide to be Kind and create a wind chime that you can hang on a tree to spread the kindness.

Dates: May 16, 6:00-7:00 pm or June 2, 5:00-6:30 pm

Fee: \$10

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Break the Rules: This outdoor art class will be used to open your mind to creativity and all the possibilities. We will be using music and movement to freely create. Be ready get messy!

Dates: May 2, 16, 23, 4:30-5:30 pm (K-3rd)

Dates: May 5, 12, 26, 4:30-5:30 pm (4th-6th)

Fee: \$15

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Youth Yoga: Yoga Instructor Kelli Peters will guide participants grades K-4 through stretching and breathing techniques. Come learn how to relax, focus, and feel refreshed. Bring a mat if you would like, or we have some available.

Dates: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Fee: \$30

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Running into Health: An 8 week running club for parents and kids! This program offers an opportunity for parents and kids

alike to learn and talk about basics for health and wellness as well as learn some running basics. This course is an opportunity for parents and kids to do something healthy together. All levels of ability are welcomed, just a desire to run and learn. Get ready for the fall 3K and 5k runs!

Dates: Beginning June 5th from 4:30-5:30 pm, grades 4 and up.

Fee: \$10

Location: 31 Arbor Way



Summer Programs

Break the Rules: This art class will open your mind and creativity. This class will be held outside and will use music and movement to create freely.

Dates: June 27, 28, 29, 9:00-11:00 am (K-2nd);

1:00-3:00 pm (3rd-5th)

Fee: \$15

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Inside Out Playgroups: Join us for socialization, arts and crafts, discovering, parent networking and lots of fun. Snack will be provided. Come play and have fun with us! Ages 6 months-4 years.

Dates: July 5, 12, 19, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 9:15-10:15 am

Fee: \$3 per day.

Location: Old Crystal Lake School House.

Journal Me Art: Learn new painting, drawing, and collage techniques. Build an art journal from scratch and fill it with pages of your own work.

July 5, 6, 7: Grades 2 and 3 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm;
Grades 4 and 5 from 1:00-3:30 pm.

Fee: \$40.

July 17, 18, 19, 20: Grades 4 and 5 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Fee: \$50

July 24, 25, 26, 27: Grades 6 and 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Fee: \$50

August 7, 8, 9, 10: Grades 2 and 3 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Fee: \$50

Location for all programs is 31 Arbor Way

Creative Connections: Classic children literature will be our inspiration for creating artwork and snacks!

Dates: July 10, 11, 12, 13, Grades K-2 from 9:30-11:00 am.

Fee: \$30

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Safety Town: Come learn about fire, bike and water safety. Meet community helpers, make new friends. Snack included.

Dates: July 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
for incoming Kindergarteners.

Fee: \$40

Location: Windermere School

Old School Summer: Go back in time, put down all the technology and get outside! Play some old school games like hopscotch, tie dying, red light green light, spin art, Kerplunk and much more!

Dates: July 24, 25, 26, 27 from 9:30-11:00 am, Grades 3 to 5.

Fee: \$30

Location: Windermere School

Project Tinker: Let's experiment, invent, tinker, and build gadgets, machines and much more!

Dates: July 31, August 1, 2, 3, Grades 2 to 5 from 1:00-2:30 pm.

Fee: \$55

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Ready Set Kindergarten: Get ready to meet new friends and learn skills needed to start your school year off right. A school

bus ride will be scheduled too! Snack included.

Dates: August 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 for incoming Kindergartners
from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Fee: \$40

Location: Windermere School



Discover Art: This art class will include painting, sketching and much more! Try a little of everything.

Dates: August 14, 15, 16,
17, Grades K- 2
from 1:00-2:30 pm.

Fee: \$30

Location: 31 Arbor Way

EMS Scavenger Hunt: Learn the layout of your new school through this fun team scavenger hunt with prizes. Meet 8th graders as well, as they help you navigate.

Date: August 24 from 9:30-11:00 am for incoming
7th graders.

Fee: \$5

Location: Ellington Middle School

Summer Refresh: Refresh your math, reading and writing skills through fun games, activities and projects. Taught by a PK-3rd grade certified teacher.

Dates: July 25, 26, 27 or August 8, 9, 10 from 9:15-10:45 am,
open to incoming 1 and 2 graders.

Fee: \$45

Location: 31 Arbor Way

High School and College Self Defense Night: Learn basic self-defense and understand environment awareness. Learn how to be safe, especially on college campus! Current high school and college students, as well as out of towners, are welcome!

Date: August 9, 8:00-9:30 pm

Fee: \$5

Location: American Karate, Route 83, Ellington.

Ellington High School News

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Career and Technical Education Advisory Board: The new Career and Technical Education

Advisory Board held an introductory meeting on March 7th at 6:00 pm. The

committee is comprised of school administrators, teachers of career and technical education courses, and members of the local business and industry community. Ellington High School is seeking input on how well the courses that are offered at EHS match with the skills that are needed out in the field. Stan Matczak, owner of Seals-It, located at 164 Maple Street,

hosted this first meeting. Mr. Matczak gave the committee a brief tour of his facility and shared his love of automobiles, especially race cars. He also provided food and refreshments.

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Principal Rinaldi, and Ellington High School teachers provided information about the courses that EHS currently offers in Career and Technical Education. The group also brainstormed ways to provide opportunities for job shadowing and internship experiences in the community to build EHS students' experiences with real-world applications.

Members of the committee remarked that this was a meaningful meeting and the group plans on continuing similar meetings in the future.

FBLA Members Attend State Leadership Conference: On March 27, the EHS Future Business Leaders of America club attended the annual CT FBLA State Leadership Conference. Thirteen students represented Ellington High School at the conference, where they attended various workshops, talked to business people and other

business students from across the state, and competed in a variety of business events. The conference culminated with an awards ceremony and the following students were recognized:

Emma Babiec and Jodi Norton,
1st Place Social Media Campaign
Nicholas Willett,
1st Place Business Communications
Randy Philavong,
2nd Place Digital Video Production
Alice Mahon and Melanie Makula,
3rd Place Publication Design

All of these students are eligible to compete at the FBLA National Conference in California in June. Special recognition goes to EHS senior Tim Ross who has served as this year's CT FBLA President and was instrumental in helping plan, organize, and run the conference. In addition, EHS junior Sylvia Mutua was elected as the CT FBLA Secretary for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Congratulations

to all winners and attendees for superb efforts and achievements in FBLA!

Town Officials Visit EHS: The Ellington Public Schools administration and the Ellington Board of Education invited members of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to the school's 2nd Annual 30/30/30 Tours on March 16. The visit was a total of 90 minutes in length and included a 30-minute tour of the building, 30 minutes of classroom visits, and 30 minutes of interactions with students at a Q & A luncheon. The highlight of the tour was the interaction with high school students on several issues that gave the board members first-hand insights about the school from a student's perspective. The high school faculty were pleased to open the doors of Ellington High School to board members who serve their community!

The Renaissance of The 2700

By Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent

The Ellington Public Schools enrolls approximately 2700 students. The 2700 are a diverse group who are undergoing a Renaissance, a reawakening. They are artists, athletes, scientists, inventors, debaters and so much more. They are whoever they want to be, and this is how it should be.

The 2700 are on a 13 year Ellington Public School journey from kindergarten to graduation. Their journey will witness each of The 2700 accessing varied opportunities to remember who they truly are, to reawaken their talents and passions, and to co-create with others.

The 2700 are constantly evolving, making errors in judgement, and failing often, yet making progress that they themselves might not recognize. The paths chosen are often arduous and winding, leaving those who guide and love The 2700 unsure how long they will remain asleep. However, it is not if they will awaken but when. And when they choose to closely examine their Ellington Public School journey, successes will abound, life lessons will be learned, and a Renaissance into adulthood will have been realized.

The Ellington Board of Education recently adopted the 2017-2018 budget to support The Renaissance of The 2700. With 2016-2017 resources directed at full day kindergarten, next school year's budget theme will focus on the enhancement of the arts and academics at Ellington High School (EHS).

The Board proposes to add two key positions at Ellington High School:

Theater Teacher: A full time theater position will ensure students are able to strengthen their skills in three primary areas of theater production:

- Technical (scenery, lighting, properties, costuming, and sound)
- Business (finances, publicity, and staffing)
- Performance (playwriting, singing, dancing, and acting)

Currently, EHS offers the extra-curricular after-school club, Opening Knights Players (OKP). OKP puts on five to six performances per school year. These performances range from full length and short plays to musicals. This year on May 12, 13, and 14, OKP will perform a full scale production of The Sound of Music. It is anticipated that approximately 15% of Ellington High School students will take advantage of already developed theater courses when staffing is available to run them. Theater courses will enhance the arts like never before at EHS.

Math Instructional Specialist: A full-time math instructional specialist will enhance the mathematic achievement of ALL students in the following manner:

- Enhanced Innovative Instructional Practices
- Increased Opportunities for Talent Enrichment
- Vertical, Flexible Support Grades 9 - 12

This teacher, along with the entire EHS Math Department, will ensure students from all instructional levels (Advanced

Placement, Honors, and College Prep.) receive support in four fundamental Mathematic areas:

- Calculus
- Geometry
- Statistics
- Algebra

In addition, the Ellington Board of Education has proposed a budget that continues to fund many other opportunities at Ellington High School. Students at EHS have access to over 25 extracurricular clubs and 44 athletic teams. The list of courses is comprehensive and includes Robotics, Forensics, Earth & Space Science, and Environmental Science.

Some of the newly approved courses to be highlighted for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

• **Exploring Our World through Personalized Inquiry and Research:** The course will focus on students developing compelling and researchable questions, applying disciplinary tools and concepts, and corroborating and evaluating sources in order to develop greater insight into their topic.

• **Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program:** This two-course sequence is designed to equip students with the independent research, collaboration and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Seminar will be offered in grades 10-12 and AP Research in grades 11-12. EHS is one of a handful of high schools in the state that have been chosen by College Board to run the AP Capstone program.

• **UConn Early College Experience (ECE) - Medical Terminology and EMT Training:** This course will be offered as a combination of school day instruction at EHS and evening classes and participation in clinical/ride along experiences. Students who successfully complete this course sequence will earn five (5) UConn credits in addition to two high school credits. Ellington

High School will be the first high school in the state to offer this program.

• **Mural Painting:** Students will learn about the history of mural painting and the artistic process from conception of ideas to the finished product, a school mural. Creativity, playfulness and the artistic process are emphasized.

Ellington High School has also been named to the Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll for the past three out of six years. The annual AP District Honor Roll recognizes districts for increasing access to Advanced Placement course work while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that Ellington High School is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work.

The Renaissance of The 2700 culminates at Ellington High School. For that reason, the Ellington Board of Education's 2017-2018 proposed budget is one of many major steps designed to ensure the continuous enhancement of the arts and academics at EHS. The Board encourages all citizens to actively participate in the Town of Ellington's budget process.

The following is the anticipated date of the budget referendum.
Tuesday, May 16 (6:00 am – 8:00 pm)
Anticipated Town Budget Referendum Voting to take place at the Senior Center

The Renaissance of The 2700 continues. They are artists, athletes, scientists, inventors, debaters and so much more. They are whoever they want to be, and this is how it will be.

Ellington Senior Center

Erin Graziani, Director Website: seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov
40 Maple Street Phone: 860-870-3133

The month of May is Older American's Month and the conclusion of the celebration of the Senior Center's 20th Anniversary. In addition to our many regularly scheduled programs, a variety of classes, guest speakers, entertainers and other special events are scheduled monthly. Please stop in to get your copy of our monthly newsletter, The Maple Street Monthly, or check out our website <http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov> to see what is offered!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Below is a list of special events that have been planned so far! Informational flyers are available.

- **May 11 10:00 am-2:00 pm No Fee**
"Health & Wellness Fair"
- **May 17 1:00 pm**
"History for Fun: The History of the American Flag"
with Joe Ouellette
- **May 18 11:30 am-3:30 pm**
AARP Smart Driver Course
- **May 24 12:00 pm** Ticket with meal selection is required in advance.

Musical Insights Presents "A Memorial Day Picnic and Grand Celebration," including a Formal Patriotic Salute, Picnic & the Willi and Jan Band. Free - sponsored by Jack Cohen.

- **June 7 1:00 pm**
Energize CT Workshop
 - **June 8 1:00pm** Tickets in Advance: Residents \$5, Non-residents \$6
Jose Paulo, "A Brazilian Experience"
 - **June 14 11:30 am-3:30 pm**
AARP Smart Driver Course
 - **June 19 4:00 pm** Residents \$5, Non-residents \$6.
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Musical Insights Season Finale: "A Family Ensemble" with the Palmers.

- **June 21 1:00 pm**
"History for Fun: Mathew Brady, Photographer of Lincoln & the Civil War" with Joe Ouellette

- **July 17 5:00 pm-7:00 pm** **Tickets: Residents \$10, Non-Residents \$11**

Summer Concert & Cookout with the Cartells.

- **July 19 12:00 pm-1:00 pm**

Mocktails & Munchies

- **July 20 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

AARP Smart Driver Course

- **August 16 12:00 pm-1:00 pm**

Mocktails & Munchies

- **August 21 5:00 pm-7:00 pm** **Tickets: Residents \$10, Non-Residents \$11**

Summer Concert & Cookout with the Elderly Brothers.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Ellington residents age 55+ are welcome to join us for the following programs. *Call or visit our website for additional details, including schedule and/or fees.



Participants rehearsing for the Spring Musicale at the Senior Center

MONDAYS 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

TBA

Ellington Co-Ed Senior

Golf League*

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Chess Mates

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Horseshoes

(weather permitting)

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Intermediate Line Dancing with Nicole*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Community Café Lunch*

1:00 pm-2:15 pm

Easy Line Dancing with Amelia

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

1:1 Computer Help with Bill*

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Needle Crafts

1:15 pm-2:45 pm

Board Games

2:30 pm-3:30 pm

Yoga*

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Musical Insights*

TUESDAYS 8:30 am– 4:00 pm

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Bridge

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Garden Thyme
(weather permitting)

9:30 am-11:45 am

Adult Coloring

10:00 am-10:45 am

Chair Exercises*

11:00 am-11:45 am

Simple Circuit Fitness *

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Community Café Lunch*

12:30 pm-2:00 pm

Blood Pressure & Diabetic Screening*

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Dominoes

5:30 pm-6:30 pm

CrosSculpting*

6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Setback

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Podiatry Clinic*

9:00 am-10:00 am

Ellington Men's Club*

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Cut Ups Carving Club

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Maple Street Kitchen Lunch*

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

1:1 Computer Help with Bill*

2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Shuffleboard

2:30 pm-3:30 pm

Yoga*

THURSDAYS 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

9:30 am-11:45 am

Sew and So

10:00 am-10:45 am

Chair Exercises*

11:00 am-11:45 am

Simple Circuit Fitness *

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Maple Street Kitchen Lunch*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Memories & Creative Writing*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Ballroom, Polka & Fun Dancing

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

1:1 Computer Help with Bill*

2:30 pm-3:15 pm

Chair Yoga*

5:30 pm-6:30 pm

CrosSculpting*

FRIDAYS 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Wii Bowling

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Tai Chi*

SATURDAYS

7:00pm -10:00pm

Setback

6:30pm-10:00pm

Open Billiards



Enjoying the Intermediate Line Dancing class at the Senior Center

DAILY PROGRAMS

Open Billiards, Library, Le Petite Café*, Just Visiting. Weather permitting: Weekday Walking Club, Horseshoes

LUNCH PROGRAMS:

Senior Community Café Meals are offered through CRT's Elderly Nutrition Program on Mondays & Tuesdays at 12 pm to persons 60 years of age or older and their spouses. Donation is \$2.50.

The Maple Street Kitchen (MSK) serves home-cooked meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12 pm for a \$3.50 donation.

Reservations for both programs must be made by noon the day before by calling the center or signing up at the front desk. MSK is partially funded by a grant received by North Central Area Agency on Aging Inc., "Funded in part by the Older American's Act."

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

Transportation is available to Ellington residents for medical, social and nutritional programs by calling the Transportation Line Monday-Friday, 9 am-12 pm, 860-870-3137. EMATS is

partially funded by a grant received by North Central Area Agency on Aging Inc., "Funded in part by the Older American's Act."

TRIPS & CRUISES:

The following trips are currently being offered. Stop in or visit online for full details and trip policies. Sign up is now available for most trips; however please note that some trips may be sold out by time of this publication – call to inquire:

- June 11 Lighthouse Brunch Cruise of Boston's Inner & Outer Harbor, \$104 pp.
- July 12 Bistro Lunch aboard the Ice Cream Train, Narragansett Bay/Newport
- August 29 Lake George Luncheon Cruise, NY
- October 10 "Jimmy Sturr, Polka King" at Aqua Turf, \$90 pp.
- November 10-20 Caribbean and the Panama Canal. Starts at \$1849 pp twin, includes air.
- Jan 28-Feb 9, 2018 Escorted Southern Caribbean Cruise. Starts at \$1649 pp twin

Elderly Outreach

Anna L. Turner, MSW
Elderly Outreach Social Worker
Phone: 860-870-3131
Email: aturner@ellington-ct.gov

Renters Rebate program: The Town of Ellington will be assisting eligible persons in completing their State of CT Renters Rebate applications for year 2016. This program is for renters who were age 65 or older in year 2016 and receiving Social Security income, were under age 65 and receiving Social Security disability income, or were the surviving spouse of a person who had been on the Renters Rebate

program in past years. You must provide proof of:

- all income for year 2016
 - a copy of your federal tax return if one was filed
 - all payments for rent, heat & utilities.
- The State of CT 2016 maximum income limit for the program is \$35,200 for a single person, and \$42,900 for a married couple.

Please call Human Services - Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 if you have any questions or to set up an appointment to complete your online application. The last day

to complete the application is September 29, 2017.

Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease Support group: Anyone with PD is invited, along with their family or friends, to join our group for support, information, and comradery. We meet at the Hall Memorial Library at 10:30 am on the 3rd Friday of the month. In May, the meeting will be held on the 2nd Friday, May 12th, and the guest speaker will be Dr. DeMarcaida, Neurologist & Movement Disorder specialist. Please call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 if you have any questions.

Memorial Day Celebrations



Monday, May 29, 2017
Crystal Lake: 9:00 am

At approximately 9:00 am, a parade will begin in the Crystal Lake section of Town, where Green Street intersects with Route 140, and end at the Crystal Lake Cemetery, where a brief service will be held.
Ellington Center: 10:30 am

Services will be held at 10:30 am at the High School. At the conclusion of the program (approximately 11:30 am), a parade will begin from Ellington High School and proceed through Ellington Green to the Ellington Cemetery, with brief memorial tributes at each location.

Wall of Honor

Nominee Applications due by July 1, 2017

The Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park, serves as a tribute to deserving citizens for exceptional contributions to the Town of Ellington, as noted in the Ellington Wall of Honor Policy. If you wish to nominate a candidate for this honor, please visit our website at ellington-ct.gov for a copy of the policy and the application or contact the First Selectman's Office at 860-870-3100. Deadline for submission is July 1, 2017. Please note that if you submitted an application in 2014, 2015 or 2016 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2017. Should a recipient be selected, his or her name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 9, 2017 at 4:00 pm prior to the Fire Department Parade.

ELLINGTON WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

Name of Inductee	Inscription on Wall	Year Inducted
Nellie E. McKnight	Educator, Librarian, Historian	2001
John B. DeCarli	EVFD Charter Member, Captain, Town Constable 1915-1935 Killed in the line of duty	2001
Earl A. Rich	Crystal Lake Fire Fighter Public Servant	2002
John G. Turner	Volunteer Fire Fighter Died in the Line of Duty	2003
Charles & Emma Batz	Gift of Nature Preserve – 45 Acres Public Servants	2004
Mildred Arens Dimock	Over 60 Years of Exemplary Community Service	2005
Everett C. Paluska	Many Years of Service & Outstanding Contributions to the Town	2006
Leonard (Len) A. Johnson	Visionary Leader and Tireless Worker for our Community Youth and Military Veterans	2007
Dorothy Block Cohen	Pioneer in the Field of Local History Town Historian	2008
Nancy O. Way	Devoted Public Servant Dedicated & Caring Citizen	2009
Homer R. Peckham	50+ Years of Activism to Preserving Ellington's History & Beauty	2013
Rachel Lee Wheeler-Rossow	Life of Public Service and Example of Truly Exceptional Humanitarian Work	2014
Alfred E. Schindler	Distinguished Surveyor, Mentor, Contributor of Ellington's History Through Mapping, Cartographer of the Historic Proprietor's Map	2016

Ellington Veterans' Services

Joseph A. Palombizio
Ellington Veterans Service Contact Person
(VSCP)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published regulations to establish presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, NC. The presumption of service connection applies to active duty, reserve and National Guard members who served at Camp Lejeune for a minimum of 30 days (cumulative) between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, and have been diagnosed with any of the following conditions:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer

- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

"We have a responsibility to take care of those who have served our Nation and have been exposed to harm as a result of that service," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. "Establishing a presumption for service at Camp Lejeune will make it easier for those veterans to receive the care and benefits they earned."

Environmental health experts in VA's Technical Workgroup conducted comprehensive reviews of scientific evidence, which included analysis and research done by the Department of Health and Human Service's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the Environmental Protection Agency, the

International Agency for Research on Cancer, the National Toxicology Program, and the National Academies of Science.

Veterans with 30 or more cumulative days of active duty service at Camp Lejeune during the contamination period are already eligible for certain medical benefits, following passage of the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012.

In the early 1980s, volatile organic compounds, trichloroethylene (TCE), a metal degreaser, and perchloroethylene (PCE), a dry cleaning agent, as well as benzene and vinyl chloride, were discovered in two on-base water supply systems at Camp Lejeune. The contaminated wells supplying the water systems were shut down in February 1985.

Ellington Historical Society

860-875-7160



The spring season is upon us and the activity at the Nellie McKnight Museum is picking up. This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ellington Historical Society. An exhibit of our past events and history will be on display at the Nellie McKnight Museum at 70 Main Street.

The museum will be open for the season on Thursday, May 4

through September 28. Our hours are 1:00-4:00 pm every Thursday. Contact us through our website, www.ellingtonhistsoc.org, or by calling 860-875-7160.

OUR SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE SEASON ARE:

Saturday, May 20: The annual Flea Market and Bake Sale on the museum grounds from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Spaces for vendors are available for \$25 application on website or by calling 860-875-5804. The bake sale is inside the museum, which will be open for tours.

Saturday, June 10: The museum is open from 10:00 am-4:00 pm as part of the statewide CT Open House Day to highlight local museums. Free admission and refreshments. Activities will include handweaving, washing laundry and rug beating.

Saturday, June 24: We will be at the Farmers' Market at Arbor Park from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Kitchen items will be on display and activities include washing laundry, handweaving, rug beating and making butter.



WHAT IS 2-1-1?

It is Connecticut's free and confidential information and referral service. By calling 2-1-1, a toll-free number throughout CT, callers can reach knowledgeable, multilingual staff and get information, referrals or seek help in a crisis. 2-1-1 operates 24 hours-a-day, every day of the year. TDD access is available. Visit the website for more information: <http://www.211.org/#>

Emergency Management: Prepare for Hurricane & Thunderstorm Season

Joe Palombizio, Director
860-870-3182

PREPARE FOR HURRICANE AND THUNDERSTORM SEASON

It comes each year at about this time. We start asking ourselves the following questions.

- Which is more serious: a hurricane watch or a hurricane warning?
- Which is more serious: a Category 1 hurricane or a Category 5 hurricane?

The following article will help you understand hurricane and weather facts. A hurricane is a low pressure system that generally forms in the tropics. It is a type of tropical cyclone. It is accompanied by thunderstorms and counterclockwise circulation of winds. All coastal areas on the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico are subject to hurricanes or tropical storms. The Atlantic hurricane season starts in June and ends in November. Peak season is mid-August to late October. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and several hundred miles inland. Winds can exceed 155 miles per hour. Hurricanes can spawn tornadoes, microbursts, storm surges and heavy rainfall.

HURRICANES ARE RATED BY THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE:

- Category 1: Winds 74-95 mph, usually causing minimum damage
- Category 2: Winds 96-110 mph, usually causing moderate damage
- Category 3: Winds 111-130 mph, usually causing extensive damage
- Category 4: Winds 131-155 mph, usually causing extreme damage
- Category 5: Winds greater than 155 mph, causing catastrophic damage

HURRICANE WATCH VS. HURRICANE WARNING

The National Weather Service issues a hurricane watch when there is a strong likelihood the hurricane will be in the area within 48 hours. All preparations for the hurricane should be conducted during this phase, such as putting together an emergency kit, securing food, medications, and water supplies, securing windows and doors, purchasing gasoline/propane for generators and vehicles, securing all outdoor equipment and material such as gas grilles, umbrellas, and lawn furniture, and making preparations for your pets, as well as having a radio with batteries ready.

YOUR IMPORTANT DECISION

During the watch phase, you must make an important decision. Are you going to stay in the strike area and face the hurricane or other weather incident, or are you going to evacuate or leave

your home and move to a safer area? Factors to consider in your decision include the health of family members, mobility of family members, special medical needs, age of family members living in your household, etc. If you decide to leave the area, notify friends and family members that you are leaving the area. Advise them where you are going.

The National Weather Service issues a hurricane warning when the hurricane will strike the named areas within the next 24 hours. All preparations, and your decision to stay or evacuate, should have been made prior to the warning period. If you decided to stay, find a place inside your home on a lower floor that is away from windows and doors. Basements or interior bathrooms are fairly secure rooms. Be prepared to evacuate, if your home is severely damaged during the weather incident.

LIGHTNING

Lightning occurs with all thunderstorms. In the United States, lightning causes, on average, 93 deaths and 300 injuries per year. Annually, lightning causes several hundred million dollars in damage to property and forests. What is lightning? Lightning occurs when the action of rising and descending air within a thunderstorm separates positive and negative charges. Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positive and negatively charged areas. The rapid heating and cooling of air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in thunder.

Your chances of being struck by lightning are one in 600,000.

The air near a lightning strike is heated to thousands of degrees. Recent statistics showed people killed by lightning were boating, swimming, golfing, riding a lawnmower, talking on a cell phone while outside, playing outside sports, loading a truck, mountain climbing and fishing. The common denominator? All deaths occurred while the individuals were outside. To protect you and your family from lightning injuries: if you hear thunder or see lightning, seek shelter at the nearest indoor facility.

TEST YOUR LIGHTNING KNOWLEDGE

Take the Quiz

1. If it is not raining, there is no danger from lightning. True / False
2. People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should not be touched. True / False
3. Heat Lightning occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat. True / False
4. The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning. True / False

Answers:

1. **False** - Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain storm. Lightning may occur as far as 10 miles away from the center of a rain storm.

2. **False** - Lightning victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.
3. **False** - Heat lightning is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. The storm could be moving in your direction and put you at risk.

4. **False** - Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching the metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are safer inside a vehicle than outside.

Disaster Preparedness Planning for Your Pets



Photo courtesy of FEMA

Lyn T. Garson, CVT, CCRP, SAMT

Who can forget the 2011 Halloween Nor'easter grabbing us all completely by surprise? Widespread power outages and property damage caused many communities to remain without electricity for nearly two weeks, forcing residents — and their pets — to seek out public shelters. Many people were not prepared. Here is how to plan for emergencies in advance to ensure your pets' safety in any situation.

ANIMAL EVACUATION SUPPLY KIT

In the event of an evacuation, always bring your pets with you—never leave them alone inside the home or tethered outdoors. If conditions are hazardous for

people, then likewise it is not safe for animals. During an emergency there may not be sufficient time to assemble everything your pet needs, so plan ahead by purchasing a sturdy closed-top plastic tote and store the following provisions to take with you:

- Food (at least a 3-day supply) packed in waterproof containers
 - Manual can opener for moist food
 - Bottled water (at least a 3-day supply)
 - Lightweight portable food and water bowls
 - Prescribed daily medications, vitamins, nutritional supplements, flea and tick preventatives
 - Medical records and vaccine
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"Dr. Veltri repaired the bicep tendon and rotator cuff in my left shoulder, and after a few weeks I could lift my arm better than before my injury. The Surgical Center also took great care of me." - John W., Tolland

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- certificates— make copies to keep in a plastic Ziploc type bag
- Print out and laminate recent photos of you and your pet together to establish identity and ownership should you become separated from each other
- Contact information list of animal control agencies, veterinary hospitals, boarding facilities, and pet-friendly lodging in surrounding areas where you live or frequently travel with your pet. Also include this number for the National Animal Poison Control Center: 888-426-4435
- Extra collar or harness with identification tags, leash (non-retractable)
- Microchip identification tag— check online database for accuracy of contact information
- Favorite toys and treats to help reduce stress
- Sanitation supplies—disinfectant wipes, paper towels, wash cloths, pet waste disposal bags, absorbent puppy pads, cat litter/scoop/litter box, trash bags
- Towels and blankets for portable bedding
- Crate/pet carriers—sturdy plastic or metal only (cardboard carriers fall apart when wet). Carriers should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn and lie down comfortably. Label carriers with your name, phone number, and your pet's name.

ANIMAL FIRST AID KIT

While not a substitute for professional veterinary care, a basic first aid kit for animals is essential. Sign up for a first aid course, or read and learn first aid procedures in advance so you can help save the life of your own pet, or someone else's, during an emergency. Keep one kit at home and pack another in your car while traveling. Some items a basic first aid kit should contain:

- Nonstick gauze pads in several sizes— do not use human adhesive “Band-Aids” on pets
- Rolled gauze in several sizes
- White bandage tape 1” wide
- Flexible pet bandage wrap 3” wide
- Bandage scissors
- Wound cleansing solution
- Alcohol pads
- Cotton-tipped applicators
- Latex-free gloves
- Liquid dish detergent, towel and washcloth
- Tweezers
- Sterile saline solution bottle
- Hydrogen peroxide—new unopened bottle (only administer to pet by veterinary consult)
- Karo® syrup—new unopened bottle (use for diabetic pets and only by veterinary consult)
- Nail clippers and styptic powder
- Foil blanket
- Instant warm/cold compress— cover with fleece or cloth to prevent burns or skin irritation

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- Digital rectal thermometer and lubricant
- Contact information list (same as in evacuation kit)
- First-aid guidebook

ANIMAL RESCUE KIT

Be ready for the unexpected when away from home. Prepare two animal rescue kits, one for home in case a neighbor needs to rescue your pet if you are not able to return home yourself, and keep another travel rescue kit in your car. Rescue kits should contain the following:

- Pillowcases for quick capture and/or temporary transport device
- Towels and blankets can be used for covering animals to calm or distract them, or for wrapping an injured or scared animal
- Leash and/or loop rope to act as a lasso for quick capture
- Heavy leather work gloves for hand protection, and a muzzle for your pet to prevent biting. When stressed or panicked, animals may even bite people they know and trust otherwise

- Portable transport carriers
- Special treats to coax animals into carrier or vehicle
- Contact information list (same as in evacuation kit)

Being prepared provides your pet the best chance of staying safe. Keep in mind your pet may require unexpected assistance even during everyday situations. Pets depend on you— always be ready to help.

Public Works Open House!

Mark your calendar!!

BRING THE KIDS!

Thursday May 25, 2017
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
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The DPW Open House is scheduled for May 25, 2017 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Bring the kids for hotdogs and chips, come climb on the equipment displayed and truck rides.

Road Work – This year's planned road work will be to pave Blueberry Circle, Raspberry Lane and Strawberry Road after Connecticut Water replaces the water lines. If funds allow, Cider Mill Road and Burbank Road will be overlaid. The following streets are scheduled for rubberized chip sealing; Reeves Road, Griswold Road, Broad Brook Road and Crane Road. All roadwork is contingent on budget approval.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off – The center reopened on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The hours for May and June are Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Hours for July, August and September are Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Recycle Shed And Household Hazardous Waste – The MIDNEROC Collection Center, located at 57 Hancock Rd, Willington, reopened on Saturday, May 6. It will be open on the first and third Saturdays of the month through November 4, 2017. It will be closed on July 1 and September 2, 2017 (Holiday weekends). The DPW Recycling Shed at the DPW garage will continue to be open weekdays from 7:00 am-3:30 pm and open on the same Saturdays that the MIDNEROC Center is open. Paint is not accepted at the recycle shed.



Help Keep Pollution Out Of the Storm Drains ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and rivers. Oil, pet waste, leaves, trash or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers. We all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash and fertilizers out of storm drains.
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Accepted materials include, but are not limited to computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, monitors, TVs, cell phones, tablets, video games, game consoles, VCR/DVD machines, remotes, keyboards, computer mice, modems, small appliances, and stereo equipment. Unaccepted materials include: smoke detectors, ballasts, paint, household hazardous waste and appliances containing freon, i.e., air conditioners, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers.

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Ellington Farmers' Market Opens 2017 Season



The inaugural event of the 2017 Ellington Farmers' Market season took place on May 6th at Arbor Park on Main Street from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and featured this spring's

newest Barnyard Babies, where kids of all ages could enjoy local farms' newest spring additions. In an effort to make healthy, locally grown foods available to the low-income population, the market has recently acquired a 501c3 non-profit status and hopes to increase funding to their matching SNAP (formally called food stamps) program through tax deductible donations. Last year, the market matched over \$2,000 in SNAP benefits and aspires to increase that amount in 2017. Over 500 individuals and families receive SNAP benefits in Ellington alone. When including the five towns that border Ellington, that number increases to over 3,200! SNAP transactions can be made at the central market booth with the big green banner.

The market also sponsors a Power of Produce Club for kids 5-12 which will run June 17th through September 2nd. The club empowers kids to make healthy food choices through educational activities, samples of produce and the distribution of \$2 tokens for children to purchase fresh produce at the market. Over \$1,200 dollars in tokens were distributed last year.

The market features forty vendors bringing a wide variety of locally grown and produced food items. A host of guest vendors will add a wide variety to the weekly offerings of local produce, plants and flowers, dairy, beef, pork, lamb, seafood, poultry, cheese, honey, baked goods, specialty foods, alpaca products, handmade soaps, natural body and cleaning products, artisan wares and more.

Each Saturday, guest vendors and special events will focus on a particular theme for that day, such as "Happiness is a Warm Puppy" with a Rabies and Microchip Clinic, The Zucchini 500 Drag Race and "Youth Market Day" when local youngsters under 18 can sell their home-grown produce. Every market Saturday promises to be a lively community event providing education, entertainment and the celebration of Ellington's rich agricultural heritage, while promoting and supporting local farmers and entrepreneurs.

Additional market information can be found on the website www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com, by following the Facebook page, and by signing up for the weekly newsletter via the website or by emailing ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com. Donations to fund matching SNAP and Kids Power of Produce can also be submitted via the website.

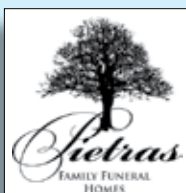
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Essex Printing Winner in New England Regional Printing Awards of Excellence Competition



Essex Printing has once again been honored for the quality of its work. On April 5th, the Print Industries of New England (PINE) announced Essex Printing as an Awards of Excellence winner in the Association's Awards of Excellence competition. The

announcement was made during PINE's Industry Awards Gala, held at the Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA, with hundreds of industry professionals in attendance. The Awards of Excellence Competition attracted over 320 entries from 41 printing and imaging companies across New England competing in a variety of printing and graphic communications categories such as best annual report, direct mail campaign, labels & packaging, and more.

"We are honored that PINE has again selected Essex Printing for this prestigious distinction. Consistently winning Pinnacle Awards means that the company and its employees demonstrate a deep commitment to the company's customers and the quality of work produced on a day in and day out basis," said William McMinn, President of Essex Printing. "We look forward to continuing to meet our customers' needs and objectives with top quality print and customer service."

The competition marks the 5th year in a row that PINE has recognized Essex Printing with awards for the quality of the company's work, for a total of 13 awards – including an International Benny Award in 2014.

Two New Opportunities to Get Involved With Your Town!

The Board of Selectmen have established two new ad hoc committees. These committees are just getting off the ground, and your help is needed! If you would like to get involved here are two different opportunities to serve.



HIKE ELLINGTON

The Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee has been established for the purpose of maintaining and advancing the Town's trail system.

Are you aware that there are six different hiking trails currently maintained in Ellington? Are you a hiking enthusiast or do you enjoy a brisk walk in an array of scenic settings? Are you interested in **continued on page 52**



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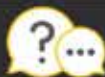
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sharing your passion and helping with routine trail maintenance, to identify opportunities to create new trails or collaborate with other like-minded volunteers? If so, this committee is perfect for you! To learn more about existing trails, see the center insert of this magazine.



KEEP IT GREEN, KEEP IT CLEAN

The Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee has been established for the purpose of enhancing the beauty of public access areas. Do you have a green thumb or an interest in flowers and greenery? Are you interested in helping make public areas more attractive and stimulating pride in the community? If so, this is an exciting new committee that will be charged with diverse beautification tasks designed for all seasons.

If you are interested in a position on one of these committees, please complete a Statement of Interest. Forms are available:

- online at ellington-ct.gov under Government - Boards & Commissions - How to Serve;
- by visiting the First Selectman's Office;
- by calling or emailing the First Selectman's Office and requesting a Statement of Interest form.

For more information or if you have any questions, call 860-870-3100 or email info@ellington-ct.gov.

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