

Wilmington events

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In 1720 a party of eight men, originally from England, bought sixteen thousand acres in this region and called it Wellington. One of these, Roger Wolcott, subsequently became governor of Connecticut (1750-1754). After a century of farming the town gradually expanded industrially until 1845 when it boasted a thread mill, a cotton mill, three milk factories, a scythe factory, four corn factories, button mills, and a glassworks (1815-1871) producing demijohns and flasks with varying designs. Persons of distinction born here were Jared Marks (1789-1866), historian and biographer and president of Harvard; Elias Loomis, professor at Yale, celebrated mathematician and astronomer.



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First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents:

I hope you have been having an enjoyable summer in Willington and taken advantage of the free concerts in the park, had a picnic on the beach at Hall's Pond, or perhaps hiked some of our many trails.

Soon the leaves will begin to change and the days will become shorter. This edition of Willington Events has a number of activities residents of all ages can participate in to make the most of this time of year!

As the weather changes and the kids go back to school, the Town Hall switches gears and Board members and employees start focusing on next year's budget. As you are hopefully aware, this past year has been incredibly challenging on the budget planning front, mostly due to the ongoing fiscal crisis and uncertainty regarding the State Budget. Property tax reductions due to crumbling foundations have also started to take a toll on town revenues and we have to assume the impact to the town coffers will get worse as time goes on if affected homeowners do not get help. The Board of Finance reluctantly voted on an unprecedented tax increase for this year to help us weather the storm, but we are also looking at ways to reduce spending. We have been able to retain most programs and services since the 2009 recession but with the revenue challenges Willington and

other small towns are facing, it seems less and less likely that we can continue to do that.

The Board of Finance plans to have a number of public meetings in the fall regarding next year's budget. Please check the town website, find out when these meetings are and get involved. Now, more than ever, it is important for our elected officials to hear what residents have to say.



Christina Beebe Mailhos

We also have a local election coming up in November and a number of seats on every board are open, including the Board of Selectmen (Selectwoman Kowalshyn and myself announced months ago that this would be our last term). The Board of Finance, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning and the Library Board also have open seats. I urge every eligible voter to carefully consider who you vote for to lead us through the trying times ahead.

I hope you enjoy the last days of summer!

Regards,
Christina Mailhos, First Selectwoman

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The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold a session to hear appeals of 2016 Motor Vehicle Values on Monday, September 18, 2017 @ 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington, CT from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Those aggrieved by the assessed value of their motor vehicle listed on the 2016 Grand List may attend. No application is necessary.

Office of the Assessor LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2017 are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2017, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN WILLINGTON CT
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Personal property includes, but is not limited to, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

Applications and Engineer Evaluation forms to request re-assessment of residential property due to defective concrete are available in the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Willington website. Please note, these forms must be accompanied by an Engineer's report. For additional information, contact the Assessor's office.

Filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications for the 2017 Grand List are as follows:

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 1, 2017. All applications for classification of farmland and open space must be received by October 31, 2017.

VETERANS

All property owners claiming exemption due to military

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Please help us welcome our new Veterinarians to Fenton River!



Weston H Brown
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Kathryn R Garner
BVM&S

We are excited to announce that we are now the official sponsor veterinarians for both UCONN Huskies!! Meet Jonathan XIII (right) and Jonathan XIV (left). We and the team at Fenton River Veterinary Hospital are looking forward to working with these two handsome boys! Be sure to keep up with these guys on their Facebook and Instagram pages!

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service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2017. Discharge paperwork is only filed once. This information is for NEW veterans. Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by October 1, 2017.

HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a

tax credit on real estate; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. You must request an application in February 2018 and file it on or before May 15, 2018.

RENTERS

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for the State Renters Rebate Program. Guidelines and applications will be available from the Human Services Department between April 1, 2018-October 1, 2018.

The Assessor's Office is open to receive the above lists and applications Monday 12:30-7:30 and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Jody L. Heon, CCMAI, Assessor



Tax Office

PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

1st Installment due by August 1, 2017

HOW CAN I PAY MY BILL?

The Revenue Office accepts cash, money orders or personal checks for payment at the office. If our office is closed, you can leave a check in our Drop Box outside the front door of the building. Our mailing address is 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington CT 06279 if you want to mail in a payment. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt mailed back to you. You may also pay online at www.willingtonct.org and click on the red button that says "View/Pay Tax Bill." There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards and \$1.95 for EFT. We also have a public kiosk at Town Hall for online credit/debit card payments. The same fees apply.

WHEN IS MY PAYMENT DUE?

WHEN IS IT CONSIDERED LATE?

Payments due July 1, 2017 must be received, or postmarked, no later than Monday August 1, 2017. Payments due January 1, 2018 must be received, or postmarked, no later than Wednesday February 1, 2018.

Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month from the due date, with a

minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Per §12-146, interest cannot be waived.

WHAT AM I BEING TAXED ON?

You are being taxed on Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles as of October 1, 2016.

Real Estate – All real property listed on the Grand List.

Personal Property – In the most general terms, personal property is everything subject to ownership, excluding land, any interest in land or any permanent improvement thereon. It is property that is not permanently affixed to or part of real estate. By its very nature then, personal property is moveable. This broad definition includes tangible items such as airplanes, campers, unregistered vehicles, items for business as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and animals.

Registered Motor Vehicles – Vehicles listed with the Department of Motor Vehicles are coded by tax town, and the Assessor is provided a list of registered vehicles annually. Willington's Town Code is 160.

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Collector receives specific instructions to send the bill to your bank or financial institution.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax totaling \$100 or more are due in two

installments; July and January. Motor vehicle tax is due in one installment in July. Please note, we do not send out bills for the second installment in January. There is a stub on the July bills for the January payment. Wishing everyone a

healthy, happy and prosperous summer!

Lisa A. Madden
Revenue Collector
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Registrars of Voters

The Elections Department's link on the town's webpage has up-to-date information on voting events and voter registration. Get ready for the next election by registering to vote at voterregistration.ct.gov. Any changes to name, address and party affiliation can also be made at this site. The Registrars of Voters are in the office on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm or leave a message at 860 487-3120.

UPCOMING VOTING EVENT:

Municipal Elections,
November 7, 2017 from 6 am to 8 pm.

Suzanne G. Chapman and Christine Psathas
Registrars of Voters, Election Department

Visit our website at:
www.willingtonct.gov

We hope you will find our website to be a useful tool to find updated information and explore our wonderful community.

Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279

Business Hours ~ Monday 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Parks & Recreation	Maureen Parsell	860-487-3108
Planning & Zoning	Susan Yorgensen	860-487-3123
Public Works	Derek Dimmock	860-684-9313
Senior Center	Ed D'Agata	860-429-8321
Human Services	Jennie Arpin	860-487-3118
Tax Collector	Lisa Madden	860-487-3111
Treasurer	Tish Ignatowicz	860-487-3133
Town Clerk	Donna Hardie	860-487-3121

Willington Public Library

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING FUN TO LEARN AND DO AT THE LIBRARY... MEETING PEOPLE'S WANTS AND NEEDS!

I would like to express, once again, thanks to the many wonderful and generous people who helped with making the Touch-A-Truck and Colonial Craftsmen Day events the great successes that they were. It takes a lot of work and there are a lot of people, too many to name here, that helped to make them the successes that they were. You know who you are, for I've said it before but it bears repeating. I just wanted to say how much you are appreciated and how grateful I am, for each and every one of you.

If you missed coming to our Colonial Day and would like to see what it is like, you can get a taste of it at Hebron Colonial Day; held at Country Carpenters, Saturday, September 16th, from 10 am - 4 pm. See you there!

Check out our selection of ongoing, returning, and new programs. Please contact the Library if there is a program you would like to see or if you have a program you would like us to consider presenting. We do our best to offer all of our programs at no cost, to our community.

As the weather has warmed up, come in and sit a spell and beat the heat. Relax and play at our Game Table which has Monopoly, Scrabble, Checkers, Chess and Backgammon. Relax and read one of the local newspapers in our comfortable and sunny Reading Room. There's a coloring table set up, along with puzzles laid out for you to work on. Children enjoy playing with the train table, dollhouse, and kitchen play set.

We have two beautiful display cases here at the library, where we showcase unique and special items. Right now in our Reading Room, we have a collection of antiques, presented by Virginia and James Buell. There is an assortment of honey bee memorabilia, antique smokers, and unusual and rare music boxes, salt & pepper shakers, and an assortment of measuring spoon holders, for your enjoyment. Come and see! If you have any collections you would like to share, please let us know.

Friends Craft Fair & Bake Sale: There are still a few openings for vendors in this year's event in December. Space is still only \$25. All types of arts and handmade crafts are welcome.

Fundraiser! WPL Tote Bag is a 13" X 14" heavy weight canvas, in a beautiful deep evergreen color, toting our new logo for \$20.00.

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Knitting Group: every Tuesday at 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Reading Room. All are welcome!

Story & Craft Time: 1st & 2nd Saturday of the month
10:00 -11:00 am.

Chess Club: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Lego Club: 3rd Saturday of the month 1:00-2:00 pm,
except in September.

Chair & Gentle Yoga: Every Thursday at 4:30 pm, except during the month of September. Call and let us know if you will be attending. Each class is 45 minutes and seats are limited, so registration is suggested. No experience required. \$10 fee per session.

Sound Healing & Meditation: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, except in September. Suggested donation of \$10 but all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Family Movie Time: Last Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm, with the exception of September, when we have our annual Friends Book Sale...watch for titles, TBA.

WPL Adult Book Club: 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, in the Reading Room. Email kdonnelly@willingtonpubliclibrary.org to find out about our upcoming book.

Come in and visit, Kathy and Friends Book Shoppe, opened during our regular library hours; where you are sure to find many special and unique treasures to keep for yourself or give as a gift.

Be a Friend! Join the Friends of the Willington Public Library... you can never have too many friends...be one! Applications are available at the Library. New, we now have our meetings during evening hours, as well as afternoon, to help accommodate more members with attendance. The Friends meet during the even months of the year. In April, June, August, and October, we meet on the second Thursday at 6:30 pm. In February and December, we meet on the second Wednesday at 1:30 pm. We hope this will help those who would like to join and participate but because of work scheduling, etc. have not been able to. Our next Friend of WPL's meeting, will be on August 10th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

ALL programs are sponsored and made possible due to the hard and dedicated work of the Friends of the Willington Public Library. Please think about joining this great and important group of volunteers. We need them and they need your help. Thank you for all you do!

Friends Fundraiser: Pavers of Remembrance will be available for purchase once again, beginning at our Friends Book Sale on Saturday, September 9 and run until, sometime to be announced in December. Pavers of Remembrance are a wonderful way to pay tribute to a friend or loved one, living or deceased. Your donation of \$50.00 will purchase an engraved paver up to 3 lines of 14 characters each (including spaces and punctuation). Engraved pavers will be placed throughout the library memorial path at the discretion of the library. Pavers will be installed weather permitting. Inappropriate pavers will not be accepted and no businesses please.

WPL's Summer Reading Program began on Saturday, June 24th and will continue through the summer for eight weeks and end on Saturday, August 19th. During this time, we will bring programs to you with the theme of, "Build a Better World."

Please join us on the 8th Annual The Connecticut Authors Trail. The Connecticut Authors Trail consists of a consortium of Eastern Connecticut Libraries who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State. Beginning July 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Franklin and ending September 14, 2017 at the Mohegan Sun, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories. Passports are available free at participating libraries throughout the summer as a guide to the author events. If you miss an event during the summer, you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail at the Finale. The doors to The Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre open at 6:15 pm. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a chance to qualify for a special prize at the finale. Drawing to be held at 6:45 pm. Then stay and join us for a fun-filled evening with our featured speaker starting at 7:00 pm. A list can be found, at the library, of the different libraries and their authors who will be participating. Every library will offer a gift basket, to be raffled off, to those who attend their author's reception. See ours on display before day of event. Joining us will be Author Felix F. Giordano on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

"Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow" - story & activities, with retired Environmental Educator Barbara Austin, on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Pond Study - observation and identification of live creatures from the pond, with retired Environmental Educator Barbara Austin, on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Lunch with a Llama - Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 11:00 am, in our Community Room. Country Quilt Llama Farm will be joining us again, with their "Hooked On Llamas" program. Bring a bagged lunch and a small picnic blanket or beach towel to sit on and enjoy a picnic style luncheon with your friends, as you learn and socialize with a llama!

Fiddle Concert with Bill Thurman, Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Please read below to find out more about this exciting and uplifting program. Bill Thurman, Fiddler and Sarcoma Cancer Survivor will be here in Connecticut and as part of his tour promoting his new CD "Nothin' But Fiddle and a Sarcoma Survivor." Bill is a composer, arranger, and fiddler extraordinaire who brings a lifetime of experience to his music. He plays all kinds of fiddles including classical, Celtic, bluegrass, old-time, jazz, blues, pop, ethnic - you name it! He grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and now lives and works in the greater Little Rock, Arkansas area. His discography includes Celtic Collection, Jigs and Reels, Pullin' a Few Strings, Fiddlin' My Life Away, Fiddlin' for Fun, Bill Thurman's Favorites, Some Kinda Blue and others. His newest release is Nothin' But Fiddle and a Sarcoma Survivor. This CD is a product of Bill's journey with a rare form of cancer called Leiomyosarcoma. It features a lone fiddle player and a varied selection of tunes from Celtic to Jazz to Amazing Grace. Bill is donating a portion of every CD sold to the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale/New Haven Hospital, where his surgery and recovery took place in 2016.

Bill Thurman's Connecticut Appearances will include the Willington Public Library on Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 pm. We are planning on holding it in our Community Room but if it's a nice evening, we will be taking it outdoors. So, please bring a lawn chair just in case we all decide that this would be a nice idea.

If you miss Bill on this night or would like to hear him play again, you can find him at the Harp on Church (Willimantic), Friday, August 18th at 7:00 pm or again at the First Church of Christ in Mansfield, Sunday, August 20th at 12:00 noon. You can learn more about Bill and purchase CD's by going to his website... billthurmanmusic.com.

Friends of the Willington Public Library Annual Book Sale Event begins on Saturday, September 9th, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. We have eliminated the Early Admission charge that we originally had, from 8:00 - 10:00 am in the past. Our Book Sale is the same day as the Flea Market, on the Town Green; stop by while you are in the area and check out our good buys. Come in early for your first choice of the pick! Book dealers welcome. Thousands of books to choose from, all sorted into categories, easy to look through and find items. Most books priced from 50 cents to \$2.00. (50 cents for standard paper backs, 50 cents for children's books, \$1.00 for larger softcovers, \$2.00 for hardcovers). Some collectible, specially-priced books also available. We have a LOT of children's books available this year - great for teachers, parents, and homeschoolers.

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Million Readers. Join us on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm, for the story "Quackers" by Liz Wong. Come and have fun while we read and make a craft. "Quackers" has always believed that he is a duck, but when he meets new friends who look like him and call themselves cats, he has to find a way to combine the best of both worlds.

For more details and information about the above mentioned programs or to keep updated on new ones to be scheduled and announced, please visit us on Facebook, check out our website (willingtonpubliclibrary.org), or subscribe to receive our library E-Blast notices.

The Willington Historical Society

Roof Project Update ...

WHERE WE STAND AS OF MAY 2017.

Since last September the Willington Historical Society started asking for the public's support to re-roof the historic Glazier Tavern. Your generous support has raised \$5,072 in donations. For the Society's part, we applied for a 50/50 matching grant from the 1772 Foundation, administered by the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. The matching grant would cover 1/2 of the roof cost. Good News ... often comes these days as an email and YES, the Society was awarded the 50/50 matching grant, from 1772 Foundation, in the amount of \$8,975.

As a final push for fundraising a number of town residents have expressed a desire to contribute their financial support when we were ready to start the project. That Time Is Now! There is \$3,903 left to raise for the 'other' 50% of this project. Consider making part of Willington's history yours!

These neighbors have supported the project already: Betty Robertson, Sue and Paul Schur, Willington VFW Post, David and Margaret Gankofski, Marjorie and Lynn Brown, Christine Psathas & Bob Shabot, Chopeta Lyons and Mark Palmer, Lisa Ferriere, Pam and Sam Wheeler, Anne and Dave Sylvia, Tom and Eileen Smith, Suzanne Chapman, Tom and Betsy Treiber, Sarah and Michael Smith, Chris and Kathy Demers with a matching grant from United Technologies, Ken Uppling/Heritage Oil, Phil and Jeanne Monty, Syd and Mary Goodrich, Kathy and Bob Lisiewski, E.J. and Doris Letsch, Rudy and Joy Favretti, Jim Harvey and several donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Any shortfall in fundraising will be funded from the Society's Museum fund, to assure the roof is replaced in 2017.

As a reminder, all donations are fully tax deductible, as the Society is a designated IRS 501(c)(3), non-profit organization.

Donate online at:

www.willingtonhistoricalsociety.org or at WHS, P.O. Box 214, Willington, CT 06279

SECRETARY AND PROGRAM PERSON NEEDED

The Society is seeking a person to serve as Secretary which is a two (2) year commitment. Monthly Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, starting at 7 pm. We are also seeking someone to coordinate several programs that the Society would like to present during the year. If you enjoy history, please HELP!!

COLONIAL DAY WAS HELD ON JUNE 10, 2017

Sponsored by the Willington Public Library, this popular event attracted nearly one hundred people to the Society's Glazier Tavern. They were treated to an exhibit of items from Willington's once active Railroad Station, the original Hall Memorial School clock, the aroma of baking bread in our restored beehive oven and the sounds of a selection of hit or miss engines in the backyard. Thanks to everyone who stopped by for a look around and to chat.

NEW SOCIETY SIGN

The Historical Society wants and needs to have people know where we are! If people know where we are, they have a better idea of what we're doing. As the keepers of the 1815 Glazier Tavern, the Willington Historical Society is now identified! Our



recently erected tavern sign, on Route 74, at the west end of the Willington Town Green, tells travelers who and where we are, as well as what the building was originally. Look for the sign when you're in the area. In their time, signs identifying taverns were painted in a manner as not to be missed by passing travelers. We hope we've lived up to those standards.

BECOME A MEMBER

If you're a little short on time, but wish to help, consider supporting the Society by becoming a member and/or a donor. Don't forget that memberships also make thoughtful gifts for holidays, birthdays and anniversaries. Membership dues and donations allow for the continuing restoration work at Willington's historic Glazier Tavern.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests for historic items and support.

YES, WE'RE STILL LOOKING ...

The Historical Society continues to look for items that help recount Willington history. You can help!!

- Old hand tools, iron, tin and wooden kitchen ware.
- Willington Wild Animal Farm memorabilia and/or photos.
- Military uniforms, all engagements, full sets or bits and pieces.
- Willington glass, especially whiskey bottles.

- 1700s-1800s tavern tables and period chairs
- Also, photographs, 'especially' consider sharing old family photos from the WW I monument dedication or the 1927 Bicentennial plaque dedication. Please scan or share your photos, for our archives.

Not sure if an item may be of interest?

Feel free to contact us, please. (It may take a few days for us to get back to

you, we only do this part-time.) Contact the Willington Historical Society with general email at: willingtonhistorical.society@gmail.com. Membership forms are available on our website at: www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org. Donations may also be made through the PayPal link on our website homepage.

FINAL THOUGHT

The Society recently received a photo from

the mid-1940s that shows the old barn that used to stand on the tavern property at the curve on Common Road. The barn dates to the 1700s and is mentioned in the 1760s deed that transferred the lower portion of the town green to the town. That photo was sent from Ohio. It gets you wondering what we might find right here in Willington. Consider sharing your old photos!!

Willington Senior Activities

20 Senior Way

- September 16th, No Breakfast in July - \$5.00 Breakfast "All You Can Eat." 8:30 am-10:30 am
- Foot Clinics- 1:30 pm. Appointment required. Call 429-8321 for a date.

FOOD SHARE DATES:

Wednesdays-7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27 at 11:00 am
Free Bread available every Wednesday at 10:00 am

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- Yoga-** Mondays 10:00 am
- Tai Chi-** Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- Men's Pool-** Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 pm
- Pinochle-** Fridays 12:30 pm
- Set Back-** Saturdays 7:00 pm
- WII Bowling-** Mondays and Thursdays 12:30 pm
- Computer classes-** 4th Tuesday at 9:00 am
- Lunch Bunch-** Visits a different local restaurant every 2nd Thursday at 12:30 pm
- Round trip Transport-** to WalMart every 2nd Tuesday at 12:00 pm
- Trips to the Casino-** Monthly
- Craft Class-** Every 2nd Tuesday at 4:00 pm

MEETING DATES:

- **First Wednesday of every month:** Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations followed by Bingo
- **Second Wednesday of every month:** Executive Meeting 12:30 pm. Public is welcome to attend
- **Third Wednesday of every month:** General Meeting 12:30 pm. Public is welcome to attend

SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

"Flavors of Home" Cookbook - a compilation of the senior's favorite recipes. Cost is \$9.00. Books are sold at the Senior

Center or at the Town Clerk Office. For more information please call, 860-429-8321.

Save your own piece of history, put the name of a loved one or relative who has served their country. Etched Pavers in Honor or Remembrance of, for \$50.00 can be placed in the Willington Veterans Memorial at 20 Senior Way. The only requirement is that the person buying the paver either lives in Willington and the person who is being honored have served in the Armed Forces of the Merchant Marines. Forms are available at the Senior Center. Join us on Veterans Day November 11th at 11:00 am for the Dedication and Flag Raising Ceremony.

Your Senior Center has established 6 Mini Community Gardens for seniors in Town located in back of the Center. If you would like to use one, call the Center first come/first served. If we get a large group requesting these we will have a lottery drawing.

Are you looking to downsize? Now is the time! Our Annual Tag Sale Fundraiser is coming up in April. Are you looking to get rid of some things give us a call or drop the items off at the Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS (FEBRUARY THROUGH JULY), TO BE POSTED IN THE BUGLE:

- Ice Cream Social In July
- Annual BBQ in August
- Paddle Boat Trip
- Narragansett Bay Light House Cruise
- Afternoon Concert trips to the Coast Guard Academy
- Talks on safe ways to exercise for Seniors
- Veterans Memorial and Open House in November
- Annual Spaghetti Supper and Country Western Show in October
- Holiday Banquet in December
- Holiday Shopping Trip to Tanger Outlet at the end of November

For more information regarding Senior Activities, please call Jean at: 860-429-8321.

Willington Parks & Recreation

Please call 860-487-3108 or email mparsell@willingtonct.org for program information and registration. More information can be found on our website: http://www.willingtonct.org/Public_Documents/WillingtonCT_Recreation/recreation

WILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Our commission requires seven members per the Board of Selectmen, and we presently have six members. It is a non-compensation position and has a term of three years. The Commission meets on the last Monday of the month. Our commission is responsible for the oversight of our town's recreation facilities, recreation programs within and beyond those facilities, and managing the development of new facilities and programs.

2017 WPRC MEETING SCHEDULE

The Willington Parks & Recreation Commission will meet the last Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.	March 27th	August 28th
January 30th	April 24th	September 25th
February 27th	May 22nd	October 30th
	Closed on May 29th for Memorial Day	November 27th
	June 26th	December 18th
	July 31st	Closed on December 25th for Christmas



GOLF CLINICS AT SKUNGAMAUG RIVER GOLF COURSE

Several Clinics will be offered from May through September at Skungamaug River Golf Course!

May 2, 9, 16 & 23	5-6:00 pm	Co-Ed Clinic
June 1, 8, 15 & 22	6-7:00 pm	Ladies Clinic
July 6, 13, 20 & 27	5-6:00 pm	Youth Clinic
August 1, 8, 15, 22	5-6:00 pm	Ladies Clinic
September 7, 14, 21 & 28	6-7:00 pm	Co-Ed Clinic

Do yourself a favor and make an important step to improving your golf game with some instruction. Your game will improve as well as your enjoyment of this great game! Sign up today! Register 1 week prior to first class
Fee: \$80.00 per student

NOTE Time/day subject to change and class may be combined with other towns. Contact Skungamaug if weather is questionable at 860-742-9348.

2017 Bus Trips

These trips are offered in Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Mansfield, Tolland and Willington. Please register through your town of residence. For all trips, the coach bus will depart from the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot at Exit 68 in Tolland off of I-84.

The WPRC would like to thank Chelsea Bellefleur for her years of service that she has given to the Town of Willington and our residents. She has recently moved out of state and has stepped down from her position on the WPRC. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

Please join me in welcoming Mike Iacampo and Rocco Petrella, our two newest members of the Willington Parks and Recreation Commission! With their vast knowledge of sports and athletics, they can both offer intimate knowledge that will contribute to the success of this commission.

With one seat still available, if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department. The commission will meet with all respondents.

- ***A Day on Your Own in Boston** March 25th
-Boston Flower & Garden Show
- ***A Day on Your Own in Lower Manhattan** April 22nd
-9/11 Memorial & Museum
-Statue of Liberty
-Walk over the Brooklyn Bridge
- ***Bronx Zoo** May 13th
- **Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers at Fenway** June 10th
- **James Taylor at Tanglewood** July 4th
- ***A Day on Your Own in Newport** August 5th
- Newport Jazz Fest
- **Yankees vs. Red Sox at Yankee Stadium** September 2nd
- ***Hiking Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire** October 14th
-Hiking and Dinner in Northampton
- **Radio City Music Hall** November 11th
- ***A Day on Your Own in NYC** December 2nd

*Group Discounts Now Available for Select Trips. Buy 3 tickets, get the 4th 50% off!!

NEW YORK YANKEES VS. BOSTON RED SOX AT YANKEE STADIUM

The Yankees & Red Sox have competed in MLB's American League for over 100 seasons and have since developed one of the fiercest rivalries in sports. Don't miss an opportunity to see them play! Get your tickets EARLY!

Date: Saturday, September 2nd
Departure Time: 8:30 am. Bus leaves the commuter lot at exit 68 off of I-84 in Tolland

Game Time: 1:05 pm.
 Return Time: 7:00 pm.
 Fee: \$135.00/person (includes charter bus transportation, ticket to the game, cookout, games and prizes on the bus)

Register by August 19th (tickets are available up until August 19th unless the game is sold out prior to that date)

EXPLORE MT. MONADNOCK TRAILS - FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

Grand Monadnock is a spectacular isolated mountain that offers commanding and expansive views of New England. The vast majority of first time hikers ascend the two mile White Dot Trail to the summit. It is a short, steep, direct trail to the summit. However, there are many trails on Monadnock and all offer beautiful scenery. Mount Monadnock, at an elevation of 3165 feet, is one of the outstanding peaks of the northeast. It is an isolated mountain which offers far reaching views from the Boston skyline to Mt. Greylock, MA up to the Green Mountains as far as Mount Killington VT and as far as Mount Washington! Grab your backpack and hiking shoes and join us for a hike in the mountains!

Date: Saturday, October 14th
 Departure Time: 8:30 am. Bus leaves the commuter lot at exit 68 off of I-84 in Tolland
 Return Time: 6:00 pm.
 Fee: TBD
 Register by Friday, September 29th

UCONN VS. BOSTON COLLEGE AT FENWAY

College football returns to Fenway Park this upcoming season in the Fenway Gridiron Series, which will feature New England's premier college football programs. This trip will include a BBQ Luncheon at River Road Athletic Complex prior to departure time. Departure time will not be announced until a few weeks prior to the November 18th game. Don't miss this opportunity to see UConn play as the home team at Fenway!

Date: Saturday, November 18th
 Game Time: TBD - Game Time will not be announced until a few weeks prior to the November 18th game.
 Departure Time: TBD - Bus will leave the commuter parking lot on Rt. 32 next to the River Road Athletic Complex.
 Return Time: TBD
 Fee: \$85.00/person (includes BBQ Lunch, Coach Bus Transportation and Ticket to Game)

Register by Friday, November 3rd

YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Registration

Registration will open on September 1st for our youth basketball program and close on September 30th. Evaluations will be held in

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EARLY October; dates TBD. Registration forms will be available in the Parks & Recreation Department, on our website and will also be sent out in the Digital Backpack.

ADULT OVER 30 BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Program Information

Fee: \$65.00 for Willington Residents and
\$75.00 for Non-Residents

Registration

Registration is open for Willington Residents from August 21st through September 4th. After September 4th, the program is open to adults from area towns and Willington Residents. LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS.

Registration will be limited to twenty players, on a first come/first served basis, during your open registration dates. The Adult Registration form must be completely filled out, accompanied by the appropriate fee and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department Office. Registrations will not be accepted at the gym or prior to stated dates.

Season

The season will run from September 10th to June 24th on Sunday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Hall Memorial School gymnasium on Route 32 in Willington.

ADULT 18-30 BASKETBALL PROGRAM - NEW

Program Information

Fee: \$65.00 for Willington Residents and
\$75.00 for Non-Residents

Registration

Registration is open for Willington Residents from August 21st through September 4th. After September 4th, the program is open to adults from area towns and Willington Residents. LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS.

Registration will be limited to twenty players, on a first come/first served basis, during your open registration dates. The Adult Registration form must be completely filled out, accompanied by the appropriate fee and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department Office. Registrations will not be accepted at the gym or prior to stated dates.

Season

The season will run from September 10th to June 24th on Sunday nights from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Hall Memorial School gymnasium on Route 32 in Willington.

VOLLEYBALL ADULT CO-ED

Come play Adult Co-Ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium. This program is available to all individuals ages 18 and out of high school. USVBA rules are followed and mastery of skills is encouraged. Space is limited to 21 players per night.

The program runs year round on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30 pm (time subject to change during basketball season) at Hall Memorial Gym, 111 River Road, Willington, CT.

Registration Fees Per Session:

Resident - \$20.00/1 night or \$35.00/2 nights
Non-Resident - \$30.00/1 night or \$40.00/2 nights

Session 1: September-December

Session 2: January-April

Session 3: May-August

Drop-in Fees: Resident - \$3.00/night
Non-Resident - \$5.00/night

Yearly Fees available to residents only: \$65.00



INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

This program features dances from around the world, starting with easy walking-based dances and progressing to more advanced dances as the class is ready. Adults of all ages have found this program to be fun and great exercise. It is a good way to learn about cultural backgrounds and make new

friends! No experience is necessary and no partners are necessary. Wear comfortable clothing, close-toed shoes and bring water.

Dates: This class is held on Thursday evening's

Time: 7-8:00 pm.

Location: Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road, Willington
(Located on the Town Green)

Fee: This program is being offered at no cost

Instructor: Veronica Craig



HALLS POND

Come swim and play at one of the area's cleanest, natural facilities. The pond opened for the season on June 23rd with our "Pond Opening Party" and will close on Sunday, August 20th. Obtain unlimited use of Halls Pond by purchasing a Pond Pass for you and your family.

Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 1:00-6:00 pm.

Saturday-Sunday: 12:00-6:00 pm.

Fees:

- \$65 Willington Resident Family Pass
- \$75 Non-Resident Family Pass
- \$40 Resident Individual Pass
- \$45 Non-Resident Individual Pass
- \$35 Daily Pond Pass allows for 5 daily visits
- \$10 Day Pass

Halls Pond Staff:

- Chris Beebe, Head Lifeguard
- Nikki DeMichael, Swim Instructor
- Tommi DeMichael, Lifeguard and Jr. Lifeguard Instructor, 1st Aid & CPR Instructor
- McKenna Jones, Pond Ranger
- Sophia Mailhos, Certified Lifeguard
- Isa Peczuh, Pond Ranger
- Jimmy Petrella, Certified Lifeguard
- Elliot Smith, Certified Lifeguard
- Will Toomey, Certified Lifeguard

Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation Facebook Page to meet our staff. Bio's have been posted for each staff member.

2017 Pond Information:

All passes must be bought at the Town Office Building during normal business hours at the Parks and Recreation Department.

1. Halls Pond will open on Friday, June 23rd and close on Sunday, August 20th.
2. The pond will be open for general swimming 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm Tuesday–Friday and 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saturday-Sunday, except for lightning and severe rain storms. CLOSED MONDAYS.
3. You are required to show your pass. Season Passes/5 Day passes are available only at Town Office Building-Parks & Rec Department. Day passes can be purchased at the pond for \$10.00 with exact change only.
4. The pond is a CARRY IN; CARRY OUT area. Please plan ahead.
5. All non-potty trained children are required to wear appropriate swimming diapers.
6. The pond will close due to inclement weather and remain closed until 30 minutes past the last time the lifeguards hear or see thunder/lightning. If the weather is determined to remain in the area for a few hours, the pond will close for the rest of the day.
7. Maximum of 6 persons on the dock at a time. No rough housing on the dock or you will be asked to leave.
8. The lifeguards are the authority of the pond. Please listen and follow their instructions. They are there for your safety. You will be asked to leave if you do not adhere to the rules.
9. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied to the pond and supervised by someone 18 years of age or older. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied into the

water by an adult (over 18 years of age). Life jackets and life vests (including swim suits with foam inserts) are permitted during public swim times ONLY and within the swimming area. Any child wearing a life jacket/vest must be accompanied into the water by an adult 18 years of age or older and must be within arm's reach. (This rule trumps any age requirement - for example; if a 7 year-old needed a life jacket, an adult MUST be in the water).

10. NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING ALLOWED ON PREMISES!
Have a safe and happy summer! See you at the Pond!!

WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays in the Park is back again this summer thanks to all of the businesses and residents that have sponsored this family friendly, community-wide event!



Our Wednesday night line-up includes a great mix of music for all to enjoy! Come on out and enjoy an evening of music under the stars with your family, friends and neighbors!

July 5th**Noah Lis**

Most recognized for his appearance on Season 6 of NBC's hit television show, The Voice, where he obtained a position on Team Blake Shelton.

July 12**Bruce John**

An eclectic mix of Hit Songs, mostly from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Classics like King of the Road, Mr.Bojangles, Country Roads, Ring of Fire, Dock of the Bay and Hallelujah to name just a few.

July 19**The Professors of Sweet, Sweet Music**

Recently named Hartford Magazine's Best of Hartford 2017! Playing music that they love... everything from Bob Marley and Johnny Cash to Sublime and Mumford and Sons.

July 26**Southern Voice**

A wide variety of country covers by artists like Tim McGraw, Jason Aldean, Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton and many more!

August 2**Coyote River Band**

Coyote River Band is Connecticut's premier modern country and pop/rock event.

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August 9 1220

A versatile combination of classic and top 40 rock hits along with original music.

August 16 The Kerry Boys

Connecticut's favorite Irish Balladeers. With their signature vocal harmonies and high energy instrumentation, The Kerry Boys are just plain Celtic fun!

August 23 Val Rogers & Friends

Known throughout the region as one of New England's top Big Band entertainers, Val is joined in an intimate setting in her hometown to play with Friends. Don't miss this unique opportunity of a "one-of-a-kind" show!

Our Summer Concert Series is held at the River Road Athletic Complex on Wednesdays in July and August from 6:30-8:30 pm. Concerts are held rain or shine under the pavilion. Severe weather cancels and will be posted via Public Notice, and on our Facebook Page.

A Special Thank you to our Wednesdays in the Park Summer Concert Series Sponsors!!!

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We also received several anonymous donations

Recreation is an important part of a healthy and positive lifestyle and our goal is to provide safe places to play, increase family and community relationships and offer outlets for personal growth. It is our hope that we will continue to bring our community together with these family friendly "Wednesdays in the Park." As a resource to the community, our department is honored to coordinate special events like this with the support of local businesses, residents and volunteers. Please accept our most sincere thanks for your support!

KAYAK LOANER PROGRAM

5 kayaks are available to town residents through a FREE loaner program. All loaners include: kayak, life jacket and paddle. These are available by appointment only and a 24 hour notice. The loaner agreement is available on the Parks and Recreation website or you may fill it out in the Parks and Recreation office. Residents are responsible for loading and unloading the kayaks. Kayaks must come back clean and free of water. Give us a call or stop by the Town Office Building to find out more on this great program!

TOWN PARKS & AMENITIES:

Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve:

Moose Meadow Road and Burma Road; hiking/walking trails, bird watching, fishing, non-motorized boating, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and picnic area.

Knowlton Property:

Mason Road – Hiking Trails

Willington's Public Works Department recently finished constructing a parking lot for hiking trail access on Mason Road. This lot will allow safe parking for access to the Talmadge Spur Trail and the Knowlton Spur Trail. Both trails connect to the Nipmuck Trail, part of the Connecticut Blue Trail System.

Talmadge Tract:

Mason Road – Hiking Trails (adjacent to the Knowlton Property)

Chenes Roches Preserve:

The heavily forested Chenes Roches Preserve has wide trails that give visitors access to the property's interior, which contains a large, old white oak tree. The property lies among wet and wooded areas, including several springs that flow into the Willimantic River through a small stream. Behind Chenes Roches is a dramatic ridge line created by a series of fault lines parallel to the river. Chenes Roches has several great examples of large glacial erratics. Chenes Roches Preserve is located at 65 Blair Road, Willington, CT and is approximately 55 acres.

River Road Athletic Complex - 511 River Road:

Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, swings, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court, walking path (one lap = .33 miles) and outdoor fitness equipment. No golfing allowed. Dogs

are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags are available. Complex is CARRY IN-CARRY OUT. Dogs are not allowed on the baseball field. **State Statute 22-364 states that dogs must be under the direct control of their owners at all times when using town parks. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up all dog waste.

Town Office Building Fields - 40 Old Farms Road:
Baseball and Softball fields

The Park on Village Hill Road:
Overlooking the Roaring Brook, a popular fishing spot during fishing season.

Facility Rentals:
River Road Athletic Complex has a pavilion, fields and courts available for rent for your next birthday party or family gathering!

Pavilion Rental:
Fee:
Residents: \$75.00 for 5 hours or \$20/hour
Non-Residents: \$100.00 for 5 hours or \$30/hour
Town Non-Profits: \$55.00 for 5 hours

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911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

The First Step to Providing Emergency Services is Finding Your House
Makes checks payable to: WPRD (Willington Parks & Recreation Department) and mail to 40 Old Farms Road, Willington CT 06279.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Address Number Requested:

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Fields/Courts Rental:

Fee:

All: \$30.00/2 hours

Registration Info:

You can download registration forms, get updated information on upcoming programs, events and facility rental information! www.willingtonct.org/Public_Documents/WillingtonCT_Recreation/recreation

Questions:

Please call Maureen Parsell, Director of Parks and Recreation at 860-487-3108 or email mparsell@willingtonct.org

Inclement Weather Policy:

In the event of inclement weather, programs may be cancelled, and a makeup date may or may not be scheduled. If schools are closed, all programs will be cancelled. Notification will be placed on WFSB 3 TV.

Payment:

Payments may be made by cash or check. All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department (WPRD). Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge. Credit cards are not accepted at this time. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission:

The Parks and Recreation Commission meet the last Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Town Office Building - Selectman Conference Table.

Willington Public Works Department

SUMMER HOURS

The Public Works Department summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 6 am to 4:30 pm. They will resume their regular hours (Monday through Friday 7 am to 3:30 pm) on September 11, 2017.

MAILBOXES

The front of your mailbox should be 6 inches behind the curb of the road. This

is a good time to check your mailbox and see that it is sturdy and will withstand a hard winter.

TRANSFER STATION

Yellow Transfer Station stickers should be affixed to all vehicle windshields when entering the Transfer Station. If you are a Willington resident and do not have a yellow sticker, please see the attendant

and have proof of residency with you (car registration, driver's license, mail).

MIDNEROC

The remaining dates for the Mid-Northeast Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility are as follows: August 5, August 19, September 16, October 7, October 21 and November 4.

OOPS!

Sometimes despite our best efforts, a misprint may make its way into our magazine. In this case, changes may be made to some of the programs listed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

WE ARE SOCIAL!

Be sure to "Like" Willington Parks & Recreation on Facebook! Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation website at www.willingtonct.org for all of our latest events and programs. Sign up for Public Notices at www.willingtonct.org and stay informed of all that we have to offer!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a few moments to share your ideas with us. Do you have a talent or program that you would like to see offered? Your input, opinions, suggestions and comments are an invaluable part of our continued improvement to our offerings. We welcome and value your input as we work together to make our parks and programs the best they can possibly be. Please email me at mparsell@willingtonct.org to provide your input or suggestions. Better yet, stop in to the Town Office Building during regular business hours.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A scholarship program was created to help Willington children participate in all recreational activities offered no matter their financial circumstances. Donations are always accepted. Please make check payable to WPRD and mail to 40 Old Farms Road, Willington.

Parkinson's Exercise Program

East Shore Region Adult & Continuing Education is hosting classes.

Beat Parkinson's Today is an exercise program designed specifically to improve Parkinson's symptoms.

There are presently 12 classes per week in 4 locations in CT with almost 50 Parkinson's clients participating. Results have been astounding. Clients have improved gait, balance, fine motor control, explosive movement, attitude, self-image, and fatigue. Some have lowered the dosage of their medications.

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email at info@beatpdtoday.com, or visit website www.beatpdtoday.com

Conservation Commission Notes - Summer 2017

Summer is upon us and the members of the Conservation Commission hope that you will take the opportunity to put your feet on the ground along some of the trails through the forests and along the waterways in the preserved natural areas we are fortunate to have in Willington.

The 300-acre Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve and Drobney Sanctuary on Moose Meadow Road has 4-plus miles of trails through woods, over ridges and along ponds and streams. A kiosk with maps is located at the parking area, and a box with nature trail guides is located a short distance down the Taylor Trail. Several picnic tables and benches are available in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot and overlooking the Beaver Pond.

Several new features are now in place at Fenton-Ruby. Trail maps are now located at all trail intersections to help orient you if there are no maps at the kiosk or if you choose not to carry a paper map. Also, there is a newly-constructed deck for wildlife observation and fishing at the edge of the Beaver Pond. The deck was completed for Mitchell Parizek's Eagle Scout project. A new trail, the Ashford Link Trail, now connects the Fenton-Ruby system to a 1-mile loop trail on the Langhammer Preserve in Ashford. This .1-mile link, shown on the trail maps, runs from the Ruby Trail to Lustig Road with the Ashford trail immediately across the road.

The 28-acre Talmadge Tract, which contains the Talmadge Spur Trail with 1 ½ and 2-mile loops, will take you through scenic woodlands and along gravel Mason Road. This tract abuts the 400-acre UConn Moss Forest Tract, and on the other side of Mason Road is the 138-acre Royal Knowlton Preserve. Several miles of the Connecticut Blue Trail (Nipmuck) run through this area, with a portion along the Fenton River as

it flows through a deep ravine. The 3/4-mile Knowlton Spur Trail connects the Nipmuck Trail to the Talmadge Trail. Maps can usually be found at the sign at the Talmadge/Knowlton trailheads on Mason Road where there is now a parking area, and also at the sign where the Nipmuck crosses Mason Rd. Brochures and trail maps for both these areas and also be found at the Town Clerk's office and the library, and the same information is available for Fenton-Ruby on the Conservation Commission website (see below).

If you are interested in taking an active part in helping the Town manage its environmental resources, the Commission has openings for alternate members. Alternate members participate in meetings and may be seated as voting members in the absence of regular members. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings in the lower level of the Town Office Building on the third Wednesday of every month. Contact Peter Andersen, Commission Chair, at 860-933-6380 or andersen108@sbcglobal.net, or Kathy Demers, Commission Vice-Chair, at 860-377-6416 or kdemers48@gmail.com for more information. Please visit the Conservation Commission website under "Boards and Commissions" on the Town of Willington home page, www.willingtonct.org, for information on conservation issues, programs and links to other websites. Last, we would be happy to hear any comments you may have about your experiences regarding Willington's outdoor resources.

Plan to take advantage of Willington's protected forest resources this summer for appreciation of their beauty, observation of the varied ecosystems and habitats, for exercise and for their restorative powers (shinrin-yoku: Taking in the Atmosphere of the Forest). Have a good summer! We hope to see you on the trail.



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EC-CHAP Film, Performance, and Event Schedule September 2017 – October 2017

The entire Board of Directors and membership of the Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP) would like to thank those who supported our second season at The Packing House. Your attendance at our programs and events is greatly appreciated and critical to sustain our offerings! We will be taking time during the months of July and August to prepare for our third season.

As your Community Cultural Center, we invite you to join us at our information meetings to learn about membership and how you can become involved in programming, performing, and exhibiting within our creative spaces. For information, please visit www.ec-chap.org, call 518-791-9474, or email info@ec-chap.org.

LOCATION:

All performances, events, and film showings sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP) take place in The Packing House at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. Phone: 518-791-9474; Web: www.thepackinghouse.us; Email: info@ec-chap.org

For tickets, performance details, program additions and changes, please visit our website at: www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming. For additional information and table reservations, please call: 518-791-9474.

“TALENT SHOWCASE” - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Our Talent Showcase is designed as a platform for local and regional performers of all ages to share their talent. Showcases are scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May (previously the 2nd Thursday). Admission is free and open to the general public. We strongly recommend that those interested in performing call to register in advance (518-791-9474). Performers

may also sign in at the door before the show (time permitting).

September

- 9/09: Edmund Smith (Local Artist-Music/Poetry/Dance).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 9/13: “Talent Showcase.”
Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00 pm
Free admission - All ages.
- 9/16: Eric Lee in Concert (Folk/Bluegrass).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 9/19: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting.
7:00 pm
- 9/22: Film Showing: The Doors (R).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 9/23: Kala Farnham in Concert (Folk / Indie).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 9/30: Don Braden Trio (Jazz).
Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30 pm

October

- 10/01: Fall “First Sunday at The Mill Works.” Community Event. Noon – 5:00 pm. Free admission.
- 10/11: “Talent Showcase.”
Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00 pm
Free admission - All ages.
- 10/13: Bob Malone in Concert (Keyboard Artist-Rock).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 10/14: Greg Abate Quartet (Jazz).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 10/19: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting.
7:00 pm
- 10/20: Film Showing: A Great Day in Harlem/The Spitball Story (NR). Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 10/21: Jacqui Naylor (Jazz).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 10/28: Kris Adams (Jazz).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm

New Curator Announced for the Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum

The Board of the Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Pamm Summers as the new Curator of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum at The Mill Works! Pamm has recently returned back to Connecticut after residing in Bethesda, MD for over 30-years.

Pamm received her Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in painting from Arcadia University and worked as a faux painter on commercial and residential projects in the Washington, DC area. She has been teaching preschool for the past 16 years prior to her return to Connecticut.

Over the years, Pamm developed a

passion for history, specifically associated with the Civil War period. Her experience and expertise as a fine artist, educator, and her historical interests make her a tremendous asset to EC-CHAP.

The Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum is operated by the Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and

Performance (EC-CHAP) and located in Suite 2106-A at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT. The Mill Works facility, original home of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company, was listed on the CT Register of Historic Places in 2014.



Pamm Summers is the new Curator of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum.

Message from Pamm Summers: Summertime is here and the time is right to plan a visit to Willington's Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum at The Mill Works!

Are you aware of all the significant contributions Gardiner Hall Jr., his company, and his descendants have made to the town of Willington? The history of the Hall's involvement reaches from 1860 to the present day. Their history and that of the Mill is vast, informative and sure to fascinate both residents of this historic town and visitors as well.

Stop by Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am or by appointment and spend some time exploring the innovations this Thread Company has achieved, and its impact on Willington's past.

The primary entrance door is located in the center of the main building of The Mill Works beneath the "1860-1916" granite marker; press the Intercom Station #17 to access the museum. For additional information, please call Pamm Summers at 301-500-8403, email curator@gardinerhalljrmuseum.org or info@ec-chap.org, and visit www.ec-chap.org.

WANTED

EC-CHAP is seeking original photographs, equipment, artifacts, and any physical items associated with the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company, its founders, employees, and customers. Items that are donated or loaned to the museum will be identified by the donor's name, and included on display and in any print materials created for the museum. In addition, the EC-CHAP is also interested in conducting interviews with folks that may have worked for or had a relationship with the Hall Company.

If you possess any related items, have knowledge of any, or are interested in sharing thoughts or reflections about the Hall Company, please contact: Pamm Summers at 301-500-8403 or email curator@gardinerhalljrmuseum.org.

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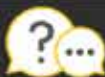
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CRAFTS IN THE PARK - Enjoying our third year of fun in the sun! Every Wednesday in July and August from 10 -11 am at the River Road Athletic Complex, come join us for some kids' crafts! A small fee of \$3 will be payable prior to the start of each session to cover the cost of materials, which are provided. Join us in making washer necklaces, sock animals, magnets, and more! No registration required, inclement weather cancels the session. For more information, please contact the department at 860-487-3118.

PET FOOD DRIVE - Many residents in need have pets in need as well! We are always in need of cat and dog food for our food pantry. Donations of any canned or dry pet food will be accepted during the month of July in the common (voting) room or in the department. Our residents and pets thank you!

BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM - Human Services is collecting notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, and backpacks to assist families in need with providing school supplies to their children. If you wish to donate, collection box will be located outside of the Selectman's Office starting August 1st. If you wish to see if your family qualifies for this program, please contact us.

TEE SHIRT BOOTH AT THE FLEA MARKET - Be sure to stop by our booth at the Federated Church Flea Market on the Town Green on Saturday September 9th! We will be selling Willington tee shirts in navy blue and dark green. Show your town pride! All proceeds will benefit our programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE - Sooner than we realize, it will be getting colder out. Get a jump start on those heating bills and apply for energy assistance, a state program for lower income residents to assist with heating costs. We will start taking applications September 18th. Please call for an appointment. Due to the lengthy application process, no walk-ins please.

RENTERS REBATE - Renter's Rebate is a tax abatement program for elderly and disabled residents in Connecticut. Applications will be accepted until October 1st. Rebates can vary in size up to \$700, depending on income and

qualifying expenses. Please call for more information or for an appointment.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS - Starting in early October, come join us for our Preschool Programs and Caterpillar Club! Children will do crafts, play games, sing songs, and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Please call for registration information.

MOBILE FOODSHARE - Bringing produce, breads, and on occasion, meats to Willington residents. The Foodshare truck comes every other Wednesday from 11-11:30 am sharp in front of the Senior Center. Please bring plenty of bags or boxes.

FOOD PANTRY - The Willington Food Pantry offers canned and dry goods, seasonal vegetables, and eggs to residents in need. Located at the Town Office Building, our hours are Mondays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm. Also open during these hours is our Community Closet, a place to pick up some gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories. For more information or to see if you qualify for this service, please call or email us at humanservices@willingtonct.org.

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SUMMERTIME IS FAIR TIME, AND THAT IS TRUE FOR MEMBERS OF TOLLAND COUNTY 4-H CLUBS.

4-Hers in Willington are no exception as they prepare for the 75th Annual Tolland County 4-H Fair to be held

on August 11-13, 2017 at the Tolland Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon. The fair is the culminating event for months of study and work on various projects, including: natural science collections, food preservation, art work, flower and vegetables, and small gas engines. Throughout the weekend, 4-H members will also show their various animal projects – beef, dog, goat, poultry and rabbits. More information is available at <http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/TollCo/fair.php>.

4-H encourages diverse groups of youth to develop their skills and talents to the fullest potential. In 4-H, youth “learn by doing.” Youth, ages 7-19, can pursue their interests in a wide variety of “hands-on” programs areas:

Environmental Education, Citizenship, Science and Technology, Communication and Expressive Arts, Workforce Preparation, and Leadership. Most importantly, 4-H is fun!

Fall is also the start of the 4-H year. Youth can join 4-H through a local club, a special interest group, or through an after-school program. Each program is unique and often involves the whole family. The Willington Willing Workers is the local 4-H club. Club business meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Willington Hill Firehouse. Current projects include: beef, dog, horse, poultry, rabbits, environmental science, expressive arts, and community service. The Information and Sign-Up Night will take place on Sept. 27th. For more information about 4-H in Willington, contact Jan Castle at 860-429-1214 or jancastle@earthlink.net. For information about other Tolland County 4-H opportunities, call the Tolland County Extension Center at 860-875-3331.

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