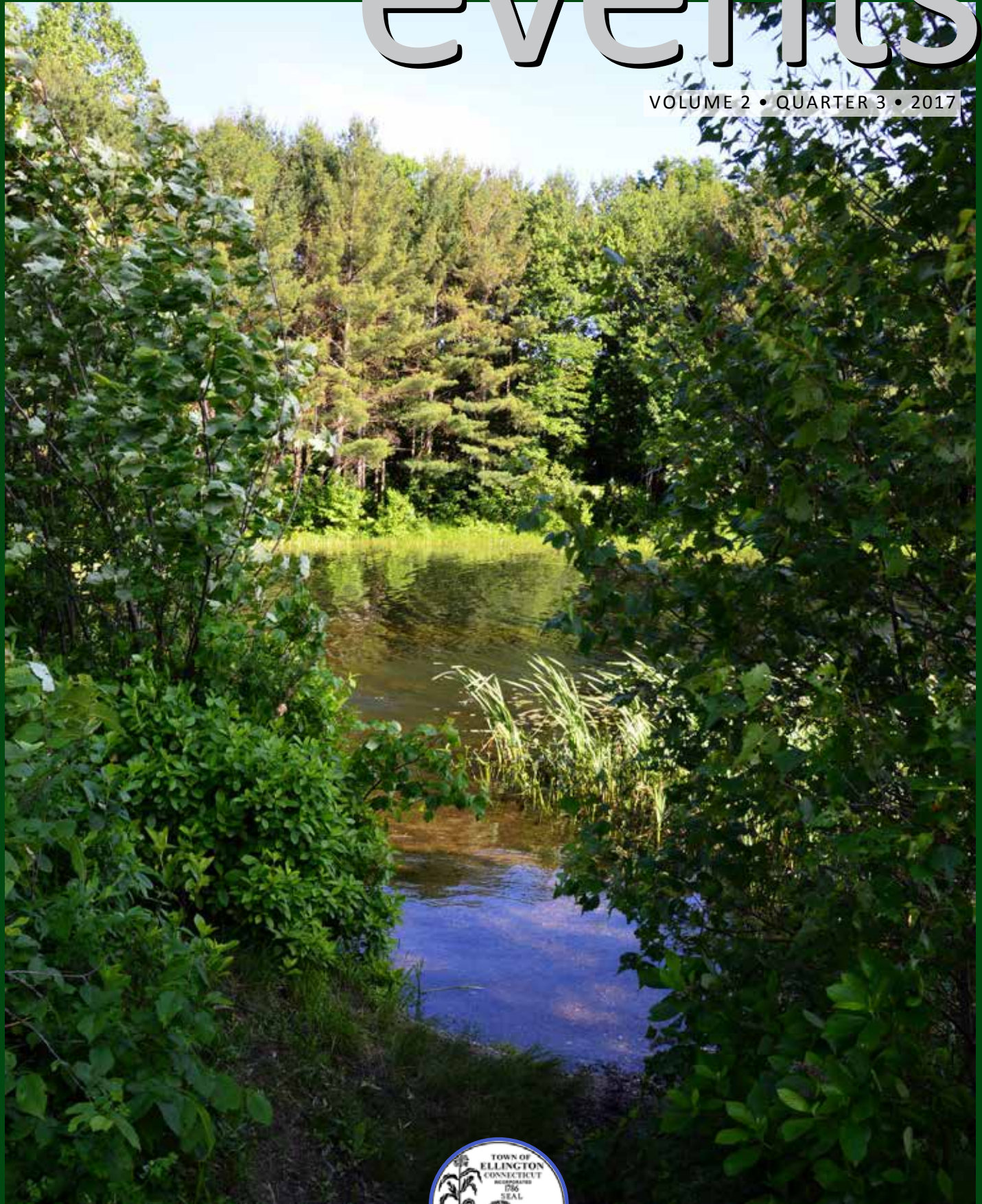


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First Selectman's Corner

Summer is in full swing in Ellington and the corn is growing a foot a day! Or at least it seems that way. The vegetable stands around the area are opening with fresh tomatoes, cucumber and squash and the apples and peaches will be ready for picking in just a few short weeks. Mother Nature has provided a good deal of rain this season. The lawns are green and the flowering plants look better than they have in years.

The picture below shows Crystal Lake Beach which opened in time for the hot, humid weather. Crystal Lake is a beautiful lake and I encourage everyone to visit the beach and enjoy the view.



Sandy Beach at Crystal Lake.



Ellington residents came out in large numbers to show their Ellington Pride as WFSB reporter Nicole Nalepa celebrated Ellington at Arbor Park in May.

During the month of May, WFSB Channel 3 did a feature called 20 Towns in 20 Days and Ellington was one of those towns. The event took place at Arbor Park and we had the best attendance of all 20 towns. We live in a wonderful community and it was certainly evident at the park that day.




First Selectman Lori Spielman with WFSB Reporter Nicole Nalepa at 20 Towns in 20 Days Celebration.

The Farmer's Market is up and running at Arbor Park every continued on page 3

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Saturday offering all sorts of goodies, fresh vegetables, bakery goods, and activities for young and old alike. Live music and a different theme every weekend has boosted attendance and people visit from all over. Thank you to all of those volunteers and vendors that make this Farmer's Market a true success.



"Ellington Welcomes You" signs are receiving a lot of great comments!

The new Welcome to Ellington signs have been installed on the major routes into Town. We wanted people to know that they were entering Ellington, as we take pride in our Town, and I appreciate the many folks who have given positive feedback on the simple design and placement of the signs.

The Beautification Committee put together a beautiful assortment of planted containers, some of which can be seen at the Town Hall. The Trails Committee is busy working on adding new trails

up at the Batz Property where we had a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 3.

On a more serious note, one of my goals when I was elected was to tackle some of the properties here in Town that have been off the tax list for one reason or another. Recently, we were able to sell a property at Crystal Lake which enabled us to pay the back taxes and other bills that were past due. This house will now go back on the grand list and the new owners are happy to give new life to this property.

I wish everyone a happy, safe summer. Be aware of all of the people biking, walking and running the roads and please be patient when behind the many tractors that are moving between the fields in town. September is around the corner and we can all look forward to the Fireman's Carnival and Parade. Let's attend and show our support for all of these terrific volunteers that make this event so much fun.



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, September 4, 2017 – Labor Day*

Monday, October 9, 2017 – Columbus Day

*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for these holidays.

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

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Assessor's Maps: Ellington's maps are available online at ellingtonct.mapgeo.io. There is also a link to the Vision website for Assessor's field card information.

Business Personal Property: Personal Property declaration forms will be mailed in September. Horses, unregistered vehicles, and vehicles registered in another state but garaged in Ellington are considered personal property and must be declared. Forms must be completed and returned by November 1, 2017. Failure to report personal property by November 1 will result in a 25% penalty.

Farm, Forest & Open Space: Applications for classification of farm, forest or open space must be submitted to our office between September 1 and October 31. If the ownership of the property has changed, a new application must be submitted in the new owner's name during this period to receive the classification.

TAX EXEMPTIONS:

- **Veterans:** To qualify for a veteran's exemption, an individual must have served during time of war or recognized military conflict and been honorably discharged. Discharge papers (DD214) must be filed in the Town Clerk's office by October 1.
- **Active Member of Armed Forces:** Any active member may be eligible for an exemption. An application must be filed by December 31 to receive an exemption for one motor vehicle on the current grand list.
- **Disabled or Blind Exemption:** Qualifying persons should file for blind or social security disability exemptions before October 1.
- **Ambulatory Vehicles:** Any owner of a motor vehicle that has been specially equipped to accommodate a handicapped driver or passenger may be eligible for a handicapped exemption.

Concrete Foundation Issues: A written evaluation (from a professional licensed engineer) and an application from our webpage may be submitted for the October 1, 2017 grand list. Please submit any additional documentation, such as test results and contractors' estimates. We also recommend you register with the Department of Consumer Protection at www.ct.gov/dcp.

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Attention Ellington Taxpayers



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We are still waiting for the outcome of the State budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017 to

June 30, 2018. Please be advised that there may be an adjustment to the mill rate once the State budget is adopted which will be included in a second billing due January 1, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax and Revenue Department at 860-870-3113.

Human Services Department

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Back to School supplies - Human Services welcomes donations of new, unused school supplies. This includes pens (blue and red), #2 pencils, pink erasers, lined paper, crayons, pocket folders, washable felt markers, glue sticks, highlighters and wide ruled spiral bound notebooks. Human Services also appreciates donations of travel size packages of tissues. Donations of gift cards to help purchase school supplies are also accepted.

Food Bank - Human Services operates a food bank of non-perishable items for qualified Ellington residents. Please contact Human Services for income limits or for more information.

The food bank is able to help Ellington households due in part by the very generous donations received from the community. We could currently use donations of cereal, pasta, Spaghetti O's, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, cake mixes, cookie mixes 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.

What we do - The Human Services Department provides programs and services to assist residents with their basic needs. The Department is an intake site for Energy Assistance, Operation Fuel and Renters Rebate. We also assist residents with applying for SNAP (food stamps), HUSKY, Medicare (including Part D and supplements), Medicaid, Social Security, etc. If we cannot directly assist you we will refer

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Under the Human Services umbrella includes Youth Services, Elderly Outreach and the Senior Center. Please look for their information/programs also listed in this magazine.



Ellington Residents!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON A TOWN COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION?

Openings currently exist on the following committees and commissions. Any elector of the Town of Ellington interested in serving the community on one of the boards/commissions should call the First Selectman's office (860-870-3100) or email us at info@ellington-ct.gov for a Statement of Interest or visit our website at ellington-ct.gov, select Government/Boards & Commissions/Applications to Serve.

Ad Hoc Beautification Committee	3 terms to April 30, 2018
Board of Assessment Appeals	1 term to January 31, 2020; 1 alternate term to January 31, 2019
Building Code Board of Appeals	1 term to April 30, 2020
Economic Development Commission	2 alternate terms to January 31, 2019
Inland/Wetlands Agency	1 alternate term to June 30, 2019

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Public Works	(860) 870-3140
Recreation Department	(860) 870-3118
Registrars of Voters	(860) 870-3107
Senior Center	(860) 870-3133
Tax and Revenue Collector	(860) 870-3113
Trash (Bulky Pick-up) All American Waste	(860) 289-7850
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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.

August 7	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
August 8	Permanent Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 8	Library Board of Trustees	Hall Memorial Library	7:30 pm
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
August 16	Parks & Recreation Commission	Arbor Commons	7:00 pm
August 16	Water Pollution Control Authority	Public Works	7:00 pm
August 22	Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
August 23	Board of Education	Administration Building	7:00 pm
August 28	Planning & Zoning Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 1	Permanent Building Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
September 5	Conservation Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 5	Board of Finance	Town Hall	8:00 pm
September 6	Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee	Town Hall Annex	6:30 pm
September 6	Board of Education	Administration Building	7:00 pm
September 11	Human Services Commission	Arbor Commons	6:00 pm
September 11	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 12	Board of Assessment Appeals	Commission Room B	6:00 pm
September 12	Ethics Commission	Commission Room A	7:00 pm
September 12	Library Board of Trustees	Hall Memorial Library	7:30 pm
September 13	Economic Development Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 13	Parks & Recreation Commission	Arbor Commons	7:00 pm
September 18	Inland Wetlands Agency	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 20	Water Pollution Control Authority	Public Works	7:00 pm
September 21	Ad Hoc Design Review Board	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 25	Planning & Zoning Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
September 26	Ellington Housing Authority	Snipsic Village	6:00 pm
September 26	Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee	Town Hall	7:00 pm
September 27	Board of Education	Ellington High School	7:00 pm
October 2	Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
October 3	Conservation Commission	Town Hall Annex	7:00 pm
October 3	Board of Finance	Town Hall	8:00 pm
October 4	Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee	Town Hall Annex	6:30 pm
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Arbor Commons – 31 Arbor Way
Public Works – 21 Main Street

Snipsic Village – 20 Main Street
Administration Building – 47 Main Street
Hall Memorial Library – 93 Main Street

Town of Ellington Ethics Commission

Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Chairman



The Ethics Commission was established to promote and affirm the ethical behavior of the

Town's boards, commissions, employees, and officials, both elected and appointed. The Commission operates under a Code of Ethics that was approved by the Board of Selectmen in January 2014. The Commission is available to receive inquiries and requests for advisory opinions submitted from town officials, employees, consultants or residents regarding possible code violations. The procedure for submitting a complaint is outlined in the Code of Ethics which can be found on the Town website on the Ethics Commission page. The "Ethics Complaint Form" is also available on the website or may be obtained through the

Town Clerk's Office. The Commission is also charged with disseminating informational and educational materials to enhance public awareness of the Code of Ethics.

The Commission consists of five members who serve staggered terms of four years. Vacancies are filled by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the Ellington Town Charter. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected annually. Currently the Commission meets quarterly over the course of the year and is served by five residents of the town.

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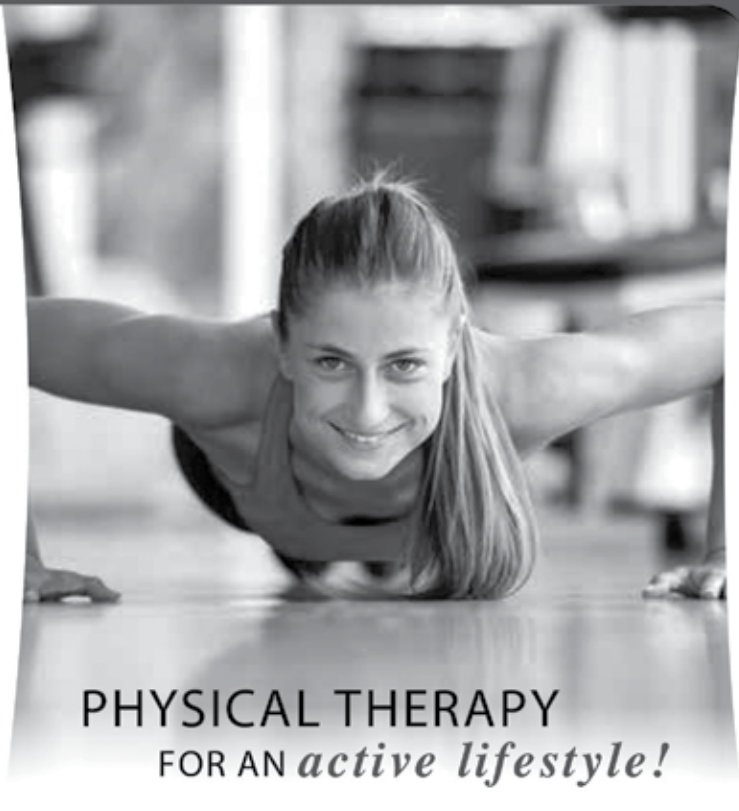
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Fall is quickly approaching and the Public Works Department will be getting ready for winter. The following are events and reminders for the upcoming fall season.

Secure Your Mailbox - Residents are asked to make sure their mailboxes are secured and sturdy before the winter snow season begins. Mailboxes damaged by the snow load will not be repaired by the Town.

Winter Sand - Sand will be available to residents throughout the winter months. The pile is located at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street on the Firehouse side. This is for residents only; no contractors.

Bagged Leaf Collection - Bagged leaves will be picked up the week of November 27, 2017. Leaves must be put in paper bags and pick up will follow the same schedule as your trash collection. Leaves may also be brought to the Hoffman Road Brush Drop off area. Plastic bags must be emptied at the drop off area.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Center - The brush drop off center is open Saturdays 9 am-4 pm during the month of September. It is open Tuesday and Thursday 1 pm-4 pm and Saturday 9 am-4 pm during the months of October and November. It will be closed on Thanksgiving weekend. The drop off center is scheduled to close for the winter at 4 pm on December 2, 2017. Items accepted are leaves, brush, firewood and tree trunks. You may call Harvest New England at

860-871-7442 for items not accepted at this drop off center. Grass clippings are not accepted.

Household Hazardous Waste - Residents are reminded that household hazardous waste, including paint, must be brought to the MIDNEROC collection center located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington. The site is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month through November 4. It will be closed Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Bulky Waste - To schedule a bulky waste pick-up, please call All American Waste at 860-289-7850. For information regarding accepted items, please visit the website at Ellington-ct.gov; search "Bulky Waste Pickup Information."



OPEN HOUSE IS HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department held an Open House on May 25, 2017. Children had the opportunity to climb aboard the trucks and plows to become familiar with the vehicles and equipment they see out on the road every day. We would like to thank Country Pure Foods, East Coast Sign and All American Waste for their donations of food and give-away items. We would also like to thank those residents who attended. A good time was had by all!



If you missed the annual Open House this year, make sure you watch for the date in May 2018! We would love to see you there.



Ellington Ninja Warrior

by Julia Connor

An hour before Sarah Poulin's episode of American Ninja

Warrior aired, hundreds of people packed into Manchester's Buffalo Wild Wings in a touching show of solidarity and community. Sarah, who started her Ninja training only a few months before appearing on the show, said she knew she wanted to compete shortly after her son, Jacob, tragically passed away from brain cancer in October of 2016. "I wanted to compete for Jacob since I knew he would never get the chance to...it was something [he] would thrive at." Sarah recalled long nights at the hospital when she would be woken up by Jacob cheering for those individuals

who were beating the odds or distraught for those that fell. This spirit was felt throughout the event, as every viewer sincerely shared in the joys and disappointments of the competitors. While her ANW run was cut short at the second obstacle, there wasn't a doubt in anyone's mind that Jacob would have been extremely proud of his mom; there wasn't a dry eye in the building when Sarah shared their story, which was truly a testament to the impact Jacob had on everyone he came across.

The viewing party was one of many fundraisers being held to raise money for the Jacob Roger Poulin Foundation, a 501(c)(3) which Sarah and her husband Steve started in October after he suggested they build a park, including a "ninja"

playground and hockey rink, in their son's memory. When asked where the idea for this kind of community project came from, Steve credited it to the outpouring of love and support the family had received throughout their ordeal. They wanted to give back to the community that they've been a part of since they moved to Ellington in October of 2013, a community that had given them so much during Jacob's illness. This sentiment is perfectly captured in the Foundation's motto: "Because Everyone Should Get to Play."

Those who wish to contribute to the Foundation can do so at www.JRPF.org; there are a variety of fundraising events, as well as merchandise and other donation options.

Today I Matter Foundation Receives Donation



During the Town of Ellington broadcast of “20 Towns in 20 Days,” WFSB reporter Nicole Nalepa presented John Lally, Executive Director of

OpTIMism, a Today I Matter Foundation, a donation of \$1,000. This is a non-profit organization established in memory of Timothy Lally, John’s 29-year old son. The group’s mission is to reduce the stigma and shame of mental illness and addiction, and promote the physical, emotional, and mental health of the community. For more information, visit the website at todayimatter.org.

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Parkinson's Disease Support Group

meetings: The support group meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street. Call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 to RSVP your attendance or if you have any questions.

Renters Rebate Program: The Town of Ellington Human Services office will be assisting eligible persons in completing their State of CT Renters Rebate applications for year 2016. To be eligible,

an applicant must have resided in CT for one year prior to filing; be age 65 or older, or if under age 65 the applicant must have been receiving Social Security disability in year 2016. Income limits for the Renters Rebate program are \$35,200.00 for a single person or \$42,900.00 for married couple. You must provide proof of your total gross 2016 income; proof of rent paid in 2016; and proof of heat, utilities and any water bills paid in 2016. If you have questions about this program or to schedule an appointment please call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 or the Human Services office at 860-870-3128. The last day to complete the application is September 29, 2017, but applicants are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Veteran's Coffeehouse: A new informal program called "The Veteran's Coffeehouse" will be starting on Wednesday, September 6th at 10:30 am in Ellington at the Hall Memorial Library! The program's intention is to bring all veterans together (both men & women of any age) in a comfortable setting to meet, socialize, seek & share information on their military experiences, learn about local & State Veteran's benefits & services, and have a cup of coffee. The Veteran's Coffeehouse will meet twice each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Please call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you join us!

Ellington Senior Center

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

In addition to many regularly scheduled programs, a variety of classes, guest speakers, entertainers and other special events are held 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! Be sure to get a flyer for more information:

- August 16, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, Mocktails & Munchies
- August 16, 1:00 pm, History for Fun: Mary Todd Lincoln with Joe Ouellette. FREE
- August 21, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, Summer Concert & Cookout with the Elderly Brothers; Tickets available in advance: Residents \$10, Non-Residents \$11.
- September 6, 9:00 am, Men's Club resumes
- September 6, 12:00 pm, Maple Street Kitchen reopens
- September 13, 1:00 pm, Musical Insights New Season Make-Over Reveal
- September 14, 12:00 pm, Culture Corner Lunch & Program: Poland
- September 18, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, "Studio Two Beatles Tribute" and Cookout; Tickets available in advance: Residents \$10, Non-Residents \$11.
- September 21, 11:30 am-3:30 pm, AARP Smart Driver Course; Pre-registration required w/fee
- September 27, 1:00 pm, "The Basics" presented by the Alzheimer's Association. FREE



Laurie Evans and Charlene Winter paused their masterpieces to let us snap this shot at the "Dessert & Canvas" guided painting class!

- October 4, 1:00 pm, Access Energy Assistance Program with Anna Turner, MSW
- October 18, 11:30 am-3:30 pm, AARP Smart Driver Course; Pre-registration required w/fee
- October 19, 12:30 pm-2:00 pm, "Oktoberfest with Scha-Musi" - advance ticket required.

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.

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*
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*

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 *
12:30 pm-2:00 pm	Blood Pressure & Diabetic Screening*
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Dominoes
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	CrossSculpting*
6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Setback

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

9:00 am-3:00 pm	Podiatry Clinic* (8/23, 9/6, 10/4)
9:00 am-10:00 am	Ellington Men's Club* (resumes September 6)
9:30 am-12:00 pm	Cut Ups Carving Club
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Maple Street Kitchen Lunch* (resumes September 6)
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	1:1 Computer Help with Bill*
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Musical Insights* (resumes September 13)
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* (resumes September 6)
12:30 pm-2:30 pm	Dessert & Canvas*
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*
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	CrossSculpting*

FRIDAYS 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

9:00 am-12:00 pm	Wii Bowling
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SATURDAYS

7:00 pm -10:00 pm	Setback
6:30 pm-10:00 pm	Open Billiards

DAILY PROGRAMS

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

LUNCH PROGRAM:

The Maple Street Kitchen (MSK), resumes September 6th, serving home-cooked meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12 pm for a \$3.50 donation. Reservations 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:

- November 17, Radio City Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes! Tickets: \$198 in advance by October 1.

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Maxwell Leo Barone
Kristopher London Beasley
Jacob Robert Berardo*
Jessica E. Blotniski
Justin Michael Breault
Alexander Bruno
Nicholas Gary Cantin+*
Michaela J. Chevalier
Sabrina Rachel Collingwood
Codi Marie Couturier
Mykela Brie-Ann Cushman
Charlotte Anne Davis
Ciara Lynn Dobrowolski+*
Michael Allen Dubiel
Rachel Krystyna Feenstra
Andrew M. Fogil
Jacob D. Fournier
Zachary P. Fuska
William John Gallant
Jenni Diane Giacalone*
Kyle Austin Goldsnider
Cody James Gottier
Samuel Jacob Greenberg*
Stephen Robert Griffith
Allison Mary Hill*
Sean Tyler Jamieson
Emma Louese Johnson*
Samantha Jane Judson
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Olivia Claire Palmer
Brianna Nichole Pekala*
April Marie Phelps*
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Daniel Albert Bocchino*
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Izaiah Castro-Vega
David Tyler Clavet
Aiden I. Connors
Cameron Taylor Cramer
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Hannah Elizabeth Gagnon
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Mckenzie Elizabeth Tishon
Colby Dale Unterstein
Sean Joseph Villeneuve
Emily Rose Walker
Maximillian L. Weiner
Emily Terese Wheeler*
John Robert Zuffelato

+ Class Scholar.

* Attained honor roll status each quarter during his/her high school career.



Photo by Lori Spielman, First Selectman

EPS - Where the Grass is Green

By Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent

“The grass is greener on the other side.”

“The grass is greener where you water it.”

“The grass is always greener over the septic tank.”

“If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.”

“Even if you think the grass is greener on the other side, you’re going to have to mow that side too.”

“Sometimes the grass will appear greener on the other side because it has been fertilized by manure.”

Well, in Ellington we sure do have plenty of manure. Of course, I mean that literally!

Some would contend that we live in a world where comparison is the primary measuring stick of success. A world in which misleading statistics, social media misinformation, and the casual judgment of others is par for the course, resulting in a confused and distracted populace.

A populace in this state tends to be accusatory as opposed to introspective; a populace that places a standard on others that they would never place on themselves.

Quite frankly, we all tend to make matters more complicated than they need to be.

Let us simplify and start by recognizing some great accomplishments by Ellington Public Schools’ teachers and students from the 2016-2017 school year!

ELLINGTON EDUCATORS

On June 16th, the Ellington Public Schools held their 6th annual educator recognition event. At this event, the Ellington Public Schools’ administration recognized over 100 hundred accomplishments by teachers. Here is a representative sample:

With Ellington Middle School (EMS) winning the Connecticut Association of Schools’ Middle School of the Year Award, we honor the EMS application writing committee comprised of the following teachers: Rachel Dio-Rand, Kelley Griffin, Edith Vibert-Johnson, Michael Nash, Scott Raiola, Jennifer Reynolds and Christina Roy.

With Ellington High School working with the Anti-Defamation League to bring the program, The Truth About Hate, we honor Caleb Johnston, Aaron Hoffman, Juanita Carroll, Rebecca Aldred,

Deb Ward, Jason Scavotto, Lindsay McGinn, Kathryn Lanz, Dylan Schroth, Emily Wry, Bill Prenetta, Lori Greenberg, Tim McCluskey, David Helmin, Christine Plummer and Catherine Lebron for their tireless efforts on behalf of students.

For creating an Innovation Zone at EMS which is a combination digital production lab, Maker Space and collaborative meeting area, we honor the leadership of John Collins, Jenna Dhandapani, Michael Nash and Lisa Polack. Moreover, we thank the EMS PTO donation of \$9,000!

For helping to schedule and organize special assemblies, notably the Windermere School 50th Anniversary, we honor Susan Horvath.

For facilitating a Girl’s Leadership Club at Windermere School which had women in high profile, leadership positions visit the school to speak with 5th and 6th grade girls, we honor Jessica Marshall, Megan Glunt and Kate Preuss.

For encouraging reading in the 4th and 5th grade classes at Crystal Lake School by organizing a Battle of the Books which introduced new titles, gave students an exciting purpose to read and encouraged teamwork and classroom continuity, we honor Brie Malone.

For bringing mindfulness and introducing yoga to classrooms across the school district, we honor Krista Hespeler, Amy Borio, Katie Johnson, Terry Johnson, Chris Marshall, Shannon Bostiga and Cheryl Warriner.

And we honor all the staff at Center School who were recognized by the Connecticut State Department of Education as a School of Excellence and awarded a grant of \$25,000 for being a top performing school who will share strategies with other school districts to boost student performance.

ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The following is a sample of student awards given at the annual academic award evening.

For Excellence in:

Advanced Placement (AP) Government and Politics:

Elizabeth Gerlach

Social Studies Over Four Years: Thomas Arbeiter

Early College Experience (ECE) Calculus: Erica Clarke,

Matthew Piotrowski

Honors Algebra II: Timothy Schaefer

Honors Geometry: Ariana Bahavar, Joseph Champeau

Honors French IV: Megan Aubin

Honors French III: Aadhya Lal

Spanish II: Alexis Cantin, Samantha Curtis, Andrew Heyman, Clara Mattson, James Maznicki, Ashka Patel
 Spanish III: Michael Motisi, Ian Pyne
 Latin I: Colton Faletti
 AP/ECE Literature: Jenni Giacalone
 Sophomore English: Alison Bennett, Katelin Berube, Isabella Kupferschmid, Aditi Natarjan
 Shakespeare: Lillian Bannock
 Creative Writing: Emma Barry
 Theater Arts II: Nicholas Cantin, Olivia Gionet, Grace Hinckley
 Honors Biology: Joseph Champeau, Samantha Curtis, Tina Ma, Noah Marshall, Sarvenaz Ranjibar, Kavya Sajeev, Olivia Santini
 Honors Chemistry: Elizabeth Gerlach, Lia Guerette, Megan Knowling, Timothy Schafer
 College Prep Environmental Science: Kaleigh Jezouit

And other accolades:

Highest Score on the AMC Math Exam: Nicholas Willett
 National Art Honor Society: Gina Carroll, Erica Clarke, Rebecca Cyr, Jenni Giacalone, Lia Guerette, Sneha Koripella, Noah Mashiak, Julia Pepitone, Stella Pontius
 The Rensselaer Medal: Daniel Meaney
 Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award: Lia Guerette
 2017 Class Scholars: Thomas Arbeiter, Kate Walder, Katlyn Tarbox, Timothy Ross, Elizabeth Canavan, Nicholas Cantin, Ciara Dobrowolski, Olivia Gionet, Stella Pontius, Randy Philavong
 Salutatorian: Kate Walder
 Valedictorian: Thomas Arbeiter

The Ellington Public Schools is an outstanding school district with dedicated educators and talented students. Let us all recognize how green the grass truly grows here in Ellington.

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Recreation News

A NOTE FROM THE RECREATION DIRECTOR, BOB TEDFORD

The summer of 2017 will be about half over by the first week of August; however, plenty of activities are still available under the summer schedule. Please take advantage of the Town's waterfront, Sandy Beach. This facility was purchased back in approximately the late 1960s-early 1970s when the Parks and Recreation Commissions were separate chartered agencies. The two organizations combined efforts to create and develop a user-friendly waterfront-picnic area that today still sees tremendous attendance, especially on weekends and holidays.

A special note: A very special member of the Ellington community, Mildred Dimock, passed away recently. Ms. Dimock was not only a loyal and supportive member of many town and private organizations, she also served as the treasurer of the Parks Commission back in the early 1970s. She was a pleasure to work with in the many facets of parks and recreation, and she will be sorely missed.

FALL PROGRAMMING

The fall edition of Ellington Events covers a myriad of veteran and new programs for all ages, and all at very reasonable fees. Our goal is to provide not only non-passive but also passive programs, and we attempt to offer a cross-section of programming for everyone! If you wish to offer a suggestion, please feel free to do so: recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov.

HUNTER K. GIROUX SCHOLARSHIPS

The deadline for (2017) submittal of an application for the Hunter K. Giroux Scholarships is August 25, 2017 for the fall semester and December 15, 2017 for the spring-2018 school semester. Contact the Recreation Office at 860-870-3118 to request an application.

AD HOC TRAILS COMMITTEE

Overwhelming interest from many town residents allowed for the creation of an Ad Hoc Trails Committee, a 10-member committee that has undertaken the charge of providing support for all of the Town-owned and maintained trails. This committee

will dovetail their efforts to work with the Hockanum River Linear Trails Committee, Town Departments and other residents who have expressed interest in assisting. In an attempt to make more opportunities available to Town residents, we have created some new and exciting outdoor educational programming for youths and adults, emphasizing access to the various trails within Ellington. Some of the areas that would provide both an educational and fun component include: learning to identify plants and forage for edible plants, as well as creating a template for sustainable, nutrient-dense food sources, kitchen medicine and amendments for our gardens.

VOLUNTEER/EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Volunteer support comes in many ways, be it coaches, team administrators, or just an overall supporter to a program in need. In addition to the mainstay of volunteers, the Town of Ellington has, over the past few years, been the recipient of numerous (Gold Award-Girls Scout) (Eagle Scout-Boy Scout) projects that helped beautify various Town-owned facilities. Currently, a major (2 Eagle Scouts) master plan has been developed by members of Troop 96 (BSA), with the intent to improve the Batz Property at 97 Shenipsit Street, as well as enhancing a number of the trails located throughout Town. Please follow the Town's websites and facebook announcements as the projects take shape. Please feel free to contact me: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov if you have any new program ideas, or questions in general about Town programs and/or policies.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Department has a registration process for all recreational programs/camps through our Activenet On-Line Program. The process for online registration is easy and convenient for all. The process involves following these simple steps:

- Go to parkrec.ellington-ct.gov
- Click the blue "ActiveNet Registration" button
- 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. Note: 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, 30 and 8 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.

ELLINGTON HIKING CLUB

This group takes a hike every Tuesday, a new site each week, and site notification is made the Monday prior (via email). Meet at Arbor Park Tuesday mornings at 9 am.

Projected Dates: Tuesdays during September, October, and November
 Eligibility: Adults 18 years of age and over.
 Bring water, snack, and sunscreen, bug spray and wear proper footwear!

Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office, 31 Arbor Way.

Ellington Parks & Recreation, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and the Ellington Athletic Booster Club present the 4th Annual Ellington Family Road Races on November 4th, 2017.

Registration will be through the ActiveNet online system.

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am at Brookside Park, Route 140 in Ellington, CT
 Fees: 3K Youth Run \$10, 5K Course \$20 (18+) \$15 (Under 18), 5K Team of 4 \$75, Kid's Fun Run Free
 The first 100 people to register will receive a 2017 Ellington Fall Festival Race Shirt. All times for the 5K and 3K will be monitored and recorded by Platt Systems.

FALL SOCCER 2017

All Travel teams for U8 to U15 for boys and girls have been formed at either the Division 3, 4 or 5 level. If openings exist at the division level, a player may be placed on one of the age appropriate teams. Registration closes on September 1, 2017.

Ellington Soccer Fund Raising: Please consider purchasing any of the listed items in order to support the Town of Ellington Soccer Program. 100% of the profits will go toward the Recreation Division and Travel Team Soccer needs, specifically for replacing equipment and upgrading uniforms.

Umbrellas (purple & white) \$15 Coffee Mugs \$1
 Water Bottles \$1 Soccer Magnet \$1

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FA/CPR/AED COACHES CERTIFICATION

Register on the Adult Programs page at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov under **continued on page 22**



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CPR & FA: Click on "Register Here"

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Fee: NA

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. Any questions please email kwasielewski@ellington-ct.gov

Dates & Times Available:

August 8th 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

August 31st 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

September 9th 9:00 am-1:00 pm

September 25th 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

October 19th 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Required Pre-Season Coaches Clinic

Date to be determined, refer to website for dates.

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Time: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

The Recreation Department, in an attempt to provide support services to all Town of Ellington coaches, has designed a pre-season coaches clinic that will discuss the very important aspects of coaching today's youth. Please visit our website for more details about the topics that will be covered.

ALL COACHES are expected to pre-register by emailing

Bob Tedford: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov or **Mary Bartley:** mbartley@ellington-ct.gov

INFORMAL KAYAK CLUB

A program for beginner paddlers will be offered after August 22nd, pending interest. The starting point will be from Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake). Instruction will be provided for the novice kayak owners. Time frames will be determined by interest, most likely; however, the program will be offered in the am or early pm hours. To indicate interest, send your name/phone and email address to: recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov.

Preschool Programs

MUSIC & MOVEMENT FOR TOTS

(Adult participation is required)

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Session 1: 9/20, 9/27, 10/04, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08

Makeup date: 11/15

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Fees: \$75 Residents / \$80 Non-Resident

Min: 6

Max: 10

Session 2: 9/21, 9/28, 10/05, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09

Makeup date: 11/16

Day: Thursdays

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Fees: \$75 Resident / \$80 Non- Resident

Min: 6

Max: 10

OUTDOOR PEE WEE SPORTS

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Session 1: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/03

Makeup dates if needed 10/10 & 10/17

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 9:00 am-10:00 am

Location: Brookside Park Tennis Courts

Fees: \$35 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident

Min: 6

Max: 10

Youth Programs/Sports

INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER

Ages/Grades: 4 years - 2nd grade

Days: Saturdays

This is a co-ed program with parent volunteers as coaches.

The program is held on Saturday mornings at Brookside Park, where children learn the basic soccer skills and drills. Mini scrimmages are played beginning the 3rd week of the program. Children are required to wear soccer cleats, shin guards and bring a water bottle.

Time frames:

2nd graders: 9:00 am-10:00 am

1st graders: 10:00 am-11:00 am

Kindergarten: 11:00 am-12 noon

4 year olds: 11:00 am-11:45 am

Fee: \$35.00

Dates: September 9 – October 28 (8 weeks)

If interested in being a volunteer coach for your child's team please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation at mbartley@ellington-ct.gov.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

Ages/Grades: 4 years – 2nd grade

Days: Saturdays December 9, 16; January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10

Location: Ellington Middle School Gymnasium

Fee: \$40/1 child; \$55/2 children; \$67/3 or more in family

Registration: October 2nd – December 1, 2017

This program is co-ed and is run by Parent Volunteer Coaches.

The program meets Saturday mornings for 8 weeks. This program is a learning instructional program based on the skills and drills of youth basketball. Volunteer parent-coaches are needed for this program.

Time Frames:
 8:30 am-9:30 am 2nd graders code: BBALL.second17
 9:30 am-10:30 am 1st graders code: BBALL.first17
 10:30 am-11:30 am Kindergarten code: BBALL.kind17
 11:30 am -12 noon 4 year olds code: BBALL.4years17

IFBB.B562017
 IFBB.B782017
 Location: Windermere School
 Fee: \$20
 Min: 12
 Max: 20

YOUTH INFORMAL VOLLEYBALL

Day: Wednesdays
 Grades: 4-6
 Location: Ellington Middle School
 Dates: September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11
 Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
 Code: YUTH.VBAL17
 Fee: \$25
 Min: 8
 Max: 16

YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAMS

Tiny Tot Tennis
 Day: Saturdays
 Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30
 Ages: 4-5 years old
 Location: Schwartz Park
 Time: 9:00 am-9:30 am
 Fee: \$35
 Code: TINY.TTTF17

COMPETITIVE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team configuration will change week to week and there will be officials to monitor the games. Each girl will receive a reversible pinney.

Location: Brookside Park
 Grades: 5-6 from 5:30 pm-6:45 pm
 Grades: 7-8 from 6:45 pm-8:00 pm.
 Dates: Friday evenings: September 8 to Oct. 6, 2017
 Fee: \$35.00
 Min: 12
 Max: 28

Pee Wee Tennis

Day: Saturdays
 Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30
 Ages: 6-8 years old
 Location: Schwartz Park
 Time: 9:30 am-10:15 am
 Fee: \$35
 Code: PEE.PWEF17

INFORMAL GIRLS BASKETBALL (grades 5-8)

Dates: Wednesday evenings from Sept. 6 to Oct. 4, 2017
 Location: Windermere School
 Grades: 5-6: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
 Grades: 7-8: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
 Fee: \$10.00
 Min: 12
 Max: 20

Youth Tennis Lessons

Day: Saturdays
 Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30
 Ages: 9-13 years old
 Location: Schwartz Park
 Time: 10:15 am-11:15 am
 Fee: \$35
 Code: YOTH.TNF17

INFORMAL GIRLS BASKETBALL (grades 3-4)

Day: Mondays
 Time: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
 Dates: September 18, 25; October 2, 16
 Code: IFBB.G342017
 Location: EMS
 Fee: \$20
 Min: 12
 Max: 20

LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

Location: Bolton Ice Palace
 Call: 860-490-5796 to sign up
 Dates: 8 week sessions beginning September thru March
 Time: 10:20 am-11:20 am
 Ages: 4-12
 No skating experience is required. The goal is to teach participants to skate and play hockey with emphasis on fun and self-discipline. Contact Mark McGrath via email at growthegame@echostars.com

INFORMAL BOYS BASKETBALL

Day: Thursdays
 Grades: 3 & 4 Time: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm
 Grades: 5 & 6 Time: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
 Grades: 7 & 8 Time: 7:30 pm- 8:45 pm
 Dates: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12
 Code: IFBB.B342017

CO-ED FLOOR HOCKEY

Day: Fridays
 Dates: September 15, 22, 29; October 6
 Grades: 7 & 8
 Location: Windermere School
 Time: 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
 Code: FLOR.HOCK17
 Fee: \$15

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JUKIDO - All skill levels welcome

Instructor: Paul Ward
Days: Thursdays
Ages: 6 YEARS AND UP
Time: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Fee: \$48 per session no walk-in fees accepted.
Session F17: September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26
Code: 2017.JUKF171
Session W17: November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14, 21;
January 4
Code: 2017.JUKF172
Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike RT 30 Vernon

CROSS COUNTRY

Program Coordinator: Dan Dryburgh
The Fall Cross Country program is designed as a "training program" for the upcoming Ellington and Manchester Road Races, but with an emphasis on fun and exercise!! New and returning coaches are welcome to participate. Please contact Bob Tedford at 860-870-3118. A participant/parent clinic will be held to provide updated insight on the following: stretching, core drills and nutrition updates.

Day: Saturdays 9:00 am-10:30 am
Dates: September 9 - November 4
Day: Wednesdays 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Dates: September 13 - October 25
Grades: 3-8
Code: CrossC.Fall17
Fee: \$10
Location: Ellington High School Track

Adult Sports/Programs

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (Informal Program)

Day: Wednesday Evenings
Dates: Starts week of September 13th through April 4th, 2018
Ages: 18 and up
Time: 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Location: Ellington Middle School
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

ADULT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Informal Program)

Day: Thursday Evenings
Dates: Starts week of September 21st
Ages: 18 and up
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
Location: Ellington Middle School
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

ADULT MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Informal Program)

Day: Tuesday Evenings
Dates: September 5, 12, 19, 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 14, 21

(January-March dates/time/locations will vary pending gym availability).

Ages: 18 and up
Time: 7:15 pm-9:15 pm
Location: Ellington Middle School
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Instructor: Rich Willis
Day: Wednesdays
Dates: September 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Location: Schwartz Park (Maple Street)
Fee: \$35
Code: Tennis.A117

ADULT CARDIO TENNIS

Instructor: Rich Willis
Day: Wednesdays
Dates: September 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Location: Schwartz Park (Maple Street)
Fee: \$35
Code: CARDIO.17

ADULT BADMINTON INSTRUCTION

Day: Tuesday Evenings
Dates: September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;
(November-December dates/times/location TBD by gym availability).
Ages: 18 and Up
Time: 7:30 pm-9:30 pm
Location: Windermere School
Code: 0116.BDM17
Fee: \$25 Residents/ \$30 Non-Residents

MEN'S INFORMAL BASKETBALL

Day: Monday Evenings
Date: Begins September 11th
Time: OVER 30: 5:30 pm-7:15 pm
Time: UNDER 30: 7:15 pm-9:00 pm
Location: Windermere School
PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BEFORE PARTICIPATING. Non-resident registration will not be open until town resident registrations have been completed and space availability is determined.
Fees: \$20 Resident / \$35 Non-resident

MEN'S COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Day: Thursdays
Date: Begins November 2, 2017
Time: 7:15 pm-9:30 pm
Ages: 18 and Up
Location: Windermere or Ellington Middle School

Team Fee: TBD
Registration begins October 3rd; space available for only 6 teams, first come, first serve. No ActiveNet Registration; a separate Roster Form is to be submitted to Recreation Director Bob Tedford For more information, email: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

WOMEN'S INFORMAL BASKETBALL

Day: Tuesdays
Dates: September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm or 7:15 pm-8:30 pm
Ages: 18 and Up
Location: Center School
Fee: \$20 Resident/ \$25 Non-Resident
Code: 2017.WIBF17

ADULT INFORMAL SOCCER

Day: Sunday Mornings
Date: September 10th through November 2017
Ages: 18 and Up
Time: 9:00 am-11:30 am
Location: Brookside Park
Fee: NA
Code: 2017.ISS

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS

Ginny's Fitness for Longevity

Instructor: Ginny Hogan
Day: Mondays & Wednesdays
Start Date: September 11th
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

Are you looking for a supportive exercise group and an instructor who cares about your results? Look no further than Ginny Hogan's Fitness for Longevity. Join a group of motivated women for workouts that are fun, varied, appropriately challenging, and effective. Workouts includes strength training, Cardio, balance, and stretching and are custom designed for all levels. 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 & Thursday Evenings
Ages: 16 and up
Date: Starts week of September 5th

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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! Each class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low intensity and high intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness-cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Instructors contact: joannebritton@zumba.com and tressag@zumba.com.

KOKONDO KARATE

Instructor: Paul Ward
Day: Thursdays
Ages: 14 years and up
Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike RT 30 Vernon
Session 1: September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26
Code: KARATE.F171
Session 2: November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14, 21; January 4
Code: KARATE.F172
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Fee: \$42 per session

PICKLEBALL

An informal pickleball program will be available, both outdoors (while the weather is supportive!) and indoors at Windermere School. Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Players use oversized ping pong paddles and a wiffle ball that 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. To register and/or show interest, please email your phone and mailing address or call 860- 870-3118. Register online through Activenet.

Fee: \$10.00
Dates: September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24 (November -December TBD)
Time: 5:30 pm-7:15 pm
Code: PICKLE.F17
Location: Windermere School

VACATION CAMP

December Break Vacation Camp

Grades: K-8th grade
Dates: December 27, 28, 29
Time: 7:00 am-5:00 pm
Location: Ellington Middle School

Code: DEC.CAMP2017
Registration Deadline: 12/19/2017.
An updated schedule and fee structure will be made available on the website in early October.

RECREATION LEAGUE BASKETBALL GRADES 3-8

Registration: October 1 through noon on December 1, 2017
All Youth Basketball Registration will be taken during regular office hours.

Recreational League Fees: \$80/1 child; \$120/2 children; \$145/3 or more in family

Recreation League Team Selection Policy:

- Games played on Saturdays and/or weeknights; times and locations pending final enrollment.
- Team Selection: All players will be reevaluated each athletic season for the Recreation Division League.
- Team Placement Requests: All requests to have a player either removed or placed on a certain team MUST be made in WRITING at least 2 days prior to the actual league draft December 2, 2017.
- A Parent/Guardian may request that their child be placed on a certain team, but only due to extreme hardship, such as: transportation, personal issues. Requests are not guaranteed.
- A written request is required if a parent/guardian wishes to have their child move up one division. Placement is based on safety, skill level and available roster space.

RECREATION LEAGUE BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

BOYS - location Ellington Middle School

Grades 3 & 4:	8:30 am-9:45 am	code: 1104.WT17
Grades 5 & 6:	10:00 am-11:15 am	code: 1105.WT17
Grades 7 & 8:	11:30 am-12:45 pm	code: 1106.WT17

GIRLS - location Windermere School

Grades 3 & 4:	8:30 am-9:30 am	code: 1107.WT17
Grades 5 & 6:	9:45 am-10:45 am	code: 1108.WT17
Grades 7 & 8:	11:00 am-12:00 pm	code: 1109.WT17

TRAVEL & RECREATION BASKETBALL INFORMATION

Boys & Girls Grades 5-8

Evaluation Dates: October thru November. Dates and Times will be posted on website. To be eligible for selection a player MUST attend a minimum of 2 tryouts.

Travel Team Tryout Policy: The Travel Teams will be registered for boys and girls in grades: 5, 6, 7 and 8 provided enough players are registered to provide recreation division teams. A player selected to a travel team may choose to play on a recreation team as well, but is not required to play both.

Parents: If a decision is made to have your child compete on both a recreation and travel team, please keep in mind that the participating player MUST complete his/her commitment to the recreation team. Failure to do so may result in removal from the travel team. Consider the weekly practice schedule along with the

game schedule before making a final decision, which has a deadline of December 1, 2017.*Fee includes Board Officials, Timers, Scorers and Custodial Services. Plus, each player must submit a separate check to the coach in the amount of \$25 for the uniform. The coach will return the check once the complete uniform is returned at the end of the season.

Rec Team registration fee is \$75. If a child is selected to a Travel Team, the additional fee of \$120 will be collected after notification from the coach, prior to the first practice. An updated schedule will be distributed through the public schools, media outlets and the Recreation Department website at parkrec@ellington-ct.gov.

ELLINGTON'S OWN ULTIMATE FRISBEE IS ON!

Come join one of America's fastest growing sports! This is a field sport similar to soccer except played with a Frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee is a great way to get in shape and have fun. Open to residents of all surrounding towns. Pre-registration is required through ActiveNet. For more information visit: groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ellingtonultimate or Email Karl Neubecker: ksneubec@gmail.com

Fee: NO FEE

Dates: Mondays and Fridays: 5:30 pm-Dark
Ongoing

Ages: High School Age to Adult

Location: Windermere School

Special Needs Social Club: This proposed new social activity program, if interest warrants, will be designed for those ages 10+ with developmental/cognitive disabilities. Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities and field trips while meeting new friends in this informal, drop-in program. An adult guardian must accompany each participant, unless waived by the activity leader. For more information, contact Bob Tedford at 860-870-3118 or email rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

Beginner Social Ballroom Dancing: Are you interested in taking part in a beginner ballroom dance program? The dates and times are to be determined based on interest. If you would like to be included on the contact list for this program, email rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

Day Trips 2017

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, and Willington. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. The pickup location for all others registering will be the Commuter Lot off I-84 Exit 68. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. Limited number of tickets per town per trip; register early! Check our website for more details www.parkrec.ellington-ct.gov

BOSTON RED SOX VS. NEW YORK YANKEES AT YANKEE STADIUM

Trip includes Charter Bus, Ticket to the Game, and cookout before game, games and prizes on bus.

Date: Saturday, September 2, 2017
Departure: 8:30 am
Return Time: approximately 7:00 pm
Game Time: 1:05 pm start time
Fee: \$135.00

EXPLORE MONADNOCK TRAILS

FALL Foliage trip

Grand Monadnock is a spectacular isolated mountain that offers commanding expansive views of New England. The vast majority of first time hikers ascend the 2 mile White Dot Trail to the summit. It is a short steep direct trail to the summit. All the trails offer different 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 far as Mount Washington.

Date: Saturday, October 14

Departure: 8:30 am

Return: 6:00 pm

Fee: Forthcoming; check website for further details.

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY

Enjoy a day in the "Big Apple" with friends and family. Get a **continued on page 28**



KIDSAFE CT

Car SHOW Festival

Spectators
FREE!



\$10 Show car
Registration

When: Saturday August 19, 2017
rain date: 8/20/17

9am-2pm

New Location: ON THE GRASS!

Where: Tolland County Agricultural Center
Exit 67 24 Hyde Ave, Vernon, CT 06066

Spectators FREE

MUSIC, FOOD, Over 35 crafters/vendors

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charitable non-profit 501 (c)(3)
organization.
More info: (860) 872-1918
Kidsafect.org for printable registration

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jump start on your holiday shopping, visit the museums, see a Broadway show or just enjoy the sights of the city. Bus drop-offs/pick-ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

Date: Saturday, December 2nd
 Reg. Deadline: Friday, November 17th
 Departs From: Tolland Commuter Lot, I-84 Exit 68
 (Near Dunkin Donuts)
 Departure: 7:00 am
 Return: Approx. 10:30 pm
 Fee: \$68 Per Person
 (fee includes bus transportation only)

OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Encourage your child to learn about the joys and benefits of gardening, with hands-on opportunities while promoting healthy eating habits. Program will utilize gardening, stories and arts & crafts to allow your child to experience nature while discovering the cycles of life. Age appropriate cooking skills will be introduced in order to provide children motivation to try fresh fruits and vegetables while encouraging a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

Preschool (3-5): 1 hour sessions for 7 weeks: 11:00 am-12:00 pm
 Fridays: August 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 Class size: 8-10
 Fee: \$20.00

Age 6-10: 1 hour sessions one night a week for 6 weeks at the 31 Arbor Way.
 Mondays: Aug. 21, 28; September 11, 18, 25; October 2, plus at least one Saturday TBD at the Youth Garden located at the Batz Community Garden at 97 Shenipsit Street in Ellington.
 Class size: 8-10
 Fee: \$20.00

LEARNING TO COOK

Encourage your child to learn about the joys and benefits of gardening, with hands-on opportunities. Program will focus on what to do in the garden in the fall. Age appropriate cooking skills will be introduced while learning about how to utilize the produce available. This may include things like art projects, composting, gift making and food tasting!

One hour session, one night a week for 7 weeks. The program will be held at 31 Arbor Way with field trips to the Batz Community Garden at 97 Shenipsit Street in Ellington.

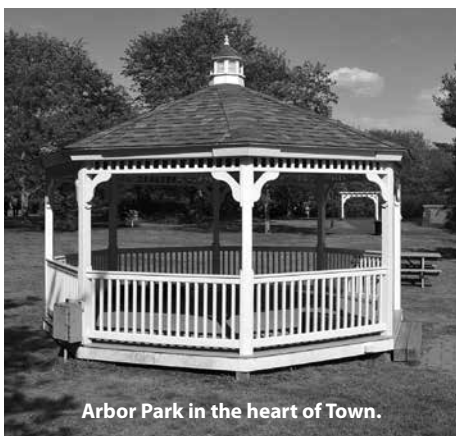
Ages: 9-12.
 Dates: Anticipated weeknight schedule to be determined by interest level.
 Fee: \$20.00

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 a grassy



Beautiful Crystal Lake. Photos by Andre J. Garant, Photography On Demand / AJG Photoguy

parking lot. This is the location of the community garden club.

Brookside Park: Brookside Park is located on Route 140, approximately two 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, and other indoor programs. The schools also allow usage of 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.

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.

Ellington Historical Society 50th Anniversary



Ellington Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. At the Nellie McKnight Museum, located at 70 Main Street, the minute books and scrapbooks of society events will be on display this year to commemorate those who organized the society and remind us how important history is to our community. Nellie McKnight was a driving force in the formation of the Historical Society. She bequeathed her home to the society to be used as a museum after her passing in 1981.

The first minutes were recorded on December 15, 1966. An organizational committee met in Hall Memorial Library with

eleven attending: Miss Nellie McKnight, Ed Myer, Mrs. Dorothy Hartman, Clyde Cordtsen Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hein, Mrs. Beatrice McConville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Friedman, M. Harrington, and Mrs. Eva Bordua. Two temporary officers were elected to serve until the society was formally organized: Miss McKnight, Chairman, and Mrs. Eva Bordua. The first meeting was held in March 1967.

The American Association of State and Local Historical History helped the society form the following guidelines to create interest and activity in the field of local history:

- Conducting a program of meetings on subjects of local history or historical interest;
- Providing an educational program in cooperation with local organizations by means of exhibits, publications and talks relating to Ellington;
- Acquiring and maintaining for preservation and research a collection of records, facts and material, past and present, relating to the history and to the citizens of Ellington;
- Preserving, identifying and marking buildings and sites of historic interest; and
- Carrying on in general any and all activities appropriate for a historical society.

Our museum is open on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm through the end of September. Come and explore Ellington's history!

Ellington Girl Scouts



The Ellington Girl Scouts had a great turn out for our second annual Powder Puff Derby. Each girl

created a car that was made out of recycled items. Our focus was to get the girls to use their resources wisely and to encourage reusing, recycling and repurposing. We were so thankful that our Town Selectman Lori Spielman was our guest judge for the event.

On June 25th, 34 Ellington Girl Scouts bridged to the next level in scouting at Arbor Park. We had a beautiful day to celebrate their great accomplishments. In attendance, we had Daisy Girl Scouts bridging to Brownie Girl Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts bridging to Junior Girl Scouts and Ambassador Girl Scouts bridging to Adult Girl Scouts. Samantha Judson and Rachel Feenstra received our annual Anne



Ellington Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony.



Photos by Maria Milanez-Miller.

T. Quinn Memorial Scholarships. Two leaders and a service unit member were also recognized for their excellence.

Look for the Ellington Girl Scouts at the Ellington Farmers Market on September

2nd on Community Day and stop by to get more information on joining Girl Scouts. If you can't make it down and your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please contact Maria Miller at: miller.maria7919@yahoo.com to learn more.

Hall Memorial Library (HML)

Susan Phillips, Director

LIBRARY HOURS

93 Main Street

860-870-3160

Website:

library.ellington-ct.gov

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
(September-June)

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(July-August)

Sunday

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

(October-May)

Closed

(June-September)

Check the Library website for
holiday closing dates.

HOLI AT THE LIBRARY - THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Over 250 library visitors enjoyed a day of culture, music, dance, food, and playing with colors at our 2nd Holi Festival on June 3! We would like to thank the Friends of the Library and the following local businesses for their support: Windermere Village/ Crystal View Estates; Eastern Connecticut Physician Associates; and Manchester Pediatric Associates.

If you would like to share some of your cultural traditions with our community, please contact the Reference Librarian to help plan a program.



Color fun during Holi at the Library, June 3, 2017

GIANT GAMES

Join us for some outdoor fun with GIANT GAMES this summer! Bring your own picnic; we'll supply the dessert and the fun! Come and play Giant Jenga, Jumbo Yahtzee, Ginormous Checkers, Humongous Chess, and many other super-sized family favorites. These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the



Ellington Subway restaurant. The programs are free but pre-registration is required. See the Event Schedule for dates. Please be sure to note if anyone in your party has food allergies or dietary restrictions.

COFFEEHOUSE SURVEY

Our monthly Friday night live music coffeehouse series will return on Friday, September 15 with Junkyard Heartstrings. We already have a few acts booked for the coming season, but would like to know what type of music you want to see and hear. Please let the Reference Librarian know if you have any thoughts or opinions on what type/style of performer/music you would like to see at the library.

LIBRARY LOCATION TOOL

We know that the online catalog can sometimes be a little confusing—all those descriptors and choices!—and all you want to do is find the book you want. Of course we are always here to help, but we have added something new to give you a hand. When you search in the catalog for an item, the following info will be shown about the book: which library has it (remember that we belong to a network of libraries), the shelving location (which area of the library it is in, the call number—the numbers or letters on the tag on the spine), and the status—whether it is in or checked out. Soon, there will be a new button that says “Map It.” Click this button and up will pop a map of the library with a flag showing you exactly where your book is located!

DELIVERIT INTERLIBRARY DELIVERY SYSTEM

You all have heard of and/or been affected by the shake-up of the Connecticut State Library run interlibrary delivery service, DeliverIt. This service transports materials between libraries. Due to a myriad of circumstances, including state budget cuts and exploding usage, the delivery system has become overburdened. In order to rework the system and regroup to provide better service, the system was shut down for a while in July. Routes were redrawn and guidelines reworked in an effort to be more efficient and we believe the results will serve you better. But there is still more volume than the system can handle in a timely manner and this where you can help. When you visit other libraries and borrow items, please visit again and return them. Thanks.

HELLO...I AM CALLING FROM THE LIBRARY...

One of the great services the library offers is reserving materials

that are checked out or owned at another library. When we call to let you know the item is here for you, we will be using the name on the card that was used to place the hold. So...if your child placed the request or you used your child's card to do it, that is the name we will be asking for when we call.

CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY

The restroom renovations at the library have been completed! The restrooms are the first in a series of interior library renovations as outlined in the long-range plan focusing on building maintenance. Next to come will be carpeting and painting. Looking ahead, it is time again to examine services and function. And this is where you all come in. Watch for opportunities to provide input for planning for your library's future!

USE THE ONLINE SYSTEM TO KEEP A HISTORY OF ITEMS BORROWED

For your privacy, the online circulation system does not keep an historical list of the items you have borrowed. But such a listing may be useful for you. You can configure your personal library account to record this information, for your eyes only.

Here's how:

1. Go to <http://www.library.ellington-ct.gov>
2. Click on "My Library Account"
3. Login into your account. (If you haven't yet set up your account and need help call or come in)
4. Click on the "Account Preferences" tab
5. Click on the "Search and History Preferences" tab
6. Check "Keep history of checked out items"
7. Check "Keep history of holds" if you would like that information also
8. Click "Save" button.

The history list will begin with the items you currently have checked out. These items will appear under the "Check Out History" tab, 15 items per page.

YA STUFF

Just a gentle reminder for EMS and EHS students that there's still time for summer reading! We have lots of narrative nonfiction for our EMS students and a good collection of fiction, including classics and new material. And if you're really crunched for time, check out our "Tiny Book" display - shorter books you can read quickly!

If you have some spare time at the end of the summer, make sure you take a look at some of the online resources we have for teens. From our web page you can access Novelist, a site that will help you find the kind of books you like to read. There are also free practice driving permit tests that will help prepare beginning drivers take the CT driving test. We also have hoopla, a site that lets you borrow free digital video, music, audiobooks, ebooks, and comic books too!

Don't forget, EMS students, to come in and get your library card.

Return the completed raffle ticket when you come in and get entered to win a \$10 iTunes card. We're giving away one iTunes card each week! You have until September 1 to enter the weekly drawings.

And finally, a great big THANK YOU to the Friends of Hall Memorial Library for their very generous support of a successful summer reading program! Because of their generosity, we were able to offer three cooking programs this summer - homemade pizza, build your own chocolate bark, and Modeling 101: sculpting edible figures. All the teens that attended these programs had a fantastic time and everyone went home with lots of goodies! We had weekly drawings for teens that checked out materials from the library and gave away six \$25 amazon.com gift cards over the summer. Can you say "happy teens"?! Once again, the craft tables proved to be very popular. We made pompom keychains, washi tape chopsticks, learned how to draw a 3D hand, made bookmarks, duct tape pouches, and some oh-so-popular fidget rings. Thank you, Friends, for providing all of this!

From the Children's Department

Summer will be over before we know it, but there are still plenty of activities to keep you and your children busy at the library, this vacation time. Come by the library and pick up a calendar of events. "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program won't be over until August 18. There is still time to read to the Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs, two more animated movies will be shown on August 11 and August 25, there are lots of great books to read, crafts to make, and prizes to win! How could you possibly stay away?

If you didn't do it this summer, don't forget to get your very own library card. Here at the Hall Memorial Library, children can have a library card with their name on it at the age of five years old. When your parents give you permission to get your own card, be sure that the librarian downstairs stamps your hand so that you can get a special gift upstairs.

2018 Nutmeg Award Nominee books are available at your library. There is one list of 15 Nutmeg books for children in grades 2 and 3 and another list of 10 Nutmeg books for children in grades 4-6. Connecticut children are encouraged to read these titles so that next April they can vote for their favorite title, which will become the 2018 Nutmeg Award Book.

Truck Day is coming! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30. Children of all ages and their families and friends are invited to view and climb into trucks of many shapes and sizes from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Come join in the fun!

Preschool Story Hours will be held for children, 3 -5 years old, beginning Tuesday, October 10, 10:15-11:00 am. This program, **continued on page 32**

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led by the Children's Librarian, is appropriate for children who are ready to be independent for the 45 minutes. Parents are asked to wait in the children's area of the library during this time period. Children who are not ready to attend by themselves and are at least 2 ½ years old may attend a Story Hour especially for them, along with their adult caregiver. This story hour will be held on Friday mornings, beginning October 13, from 10:15 am -10:45 am.

Babies & Books, for children 9 months to 2 ½ years old, along with an adult, will begin Monday, October 16 at 10:30 am. This hour-long program is 15 minutes of reading board books, singing songs, and doing movement activities, followed by 45 minutes of play time and interaction. Toys are provided by the library. Online registration is required for each of these library programs and will begin October 1. Go to www.library.ellington-ct.gov.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library Book Cellar used book store is stocked with lots of great items. Visit Mondays, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm; Thursdays 2:00-4:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am-1:00 pm. The next Bag of Books sale will be October 13-15. Hundreds of books for all ages will be available at \$9.00 per bag full. Also available are DVDs, puzzles, audiotapes and more. Be sure to visit!

ALL EVENTS

Giant Game Events

Thursdays: August 10, 17, 24 at 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Understanding Islam and Muslims, by Aida Mansoor

Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 pm

Make a Terrarium* with Mercedes Spencer

Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: Junkyard Heartstrings*

(rescheduled from an earlier date)

Friday, September 15 at 7:00 pm

Program TBD

Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm

Dolley Madison Remembers, by Patricia Perry

Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 pm

The Majesty and Mystery of Crop Circles with John Root

Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: The Bedlam Brothers String Band*

Friday, October 6 at 7:00 pm

Ford and Edison's Excellent Camping Adventures told by Joe Ouellette

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm

The Crazy Coupon Chick

Saturday, November 4 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

Going in Style	August 9	6:30 pm
	August 10	1:00 pm
Snatched	August 16	6:30 pm
	August 17	1:00 pm
Paterson	August 23	6:30 pm
	August 24	1:00 pm
Arrival	August 30	1:00 pm
	August 31	6:30 pm
Silence	September 6	6:30 pm
	September 7	1:00 pm
Queen of the Desert	September 13	6:30 pm
	September 14	1:00 pm
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	September 20	6:30 pm
	September 21	1:00 pm
The Hero	September 27	6:30 pm
	September 28	1:00 pm

*Movies 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.



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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 to our office at 31 Arbor Way. Check us out on Facebook www.facebook.com/EllingtonYouthServ/

and Twitter <https://twitter.com/EllingtonYS>

Summer Programs:

Discover Art: This art class will offer painting, sketching

and much more! Try a little of everything. Grades K-2.

Dates: August 14, 15, 16, 17 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Fee: \$30.00

EMS Scavenger Hunt: Calling all incoming 7th graders! Learn the layout of your new school through this fun team scavenger hunt with prizes. Meet 8th graders who will help you navigate as well.

Date: August 24 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Location: Ellington Middle School

Fee: \$5.00

Summer Refresh: Refresh your math, reading and writing skills through fun games, activities and projects. Taught by a PK-3rd grade certified teacher. Incoming 1st and 2nd graders.

Dates: July 25, 26, 27 or August 8, 9, 10 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Fee: \$45.00

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

Date: August 9 from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: American Karate, Route 83

Fee: \$5.00

Upcoming Fall Programs:

Youth Services has a lot of great returning and new programs coming this school year. Please look to our website and Facebook for the latest information.

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

Creative Connections: Come create arts and crafts, play games and make healthy snacks, all inspired by our favorite children's books.

Guided Sketch and Painting Nights: Come and enjoy a relaxing and fun night of creating your own work of art. Easy to follow step-by-step instructions will be given by the instructor.

Inside Out Play Groups for Infants and Toddlers: Join us for socialization, arts and crafts, discovering, parenting networking and lots of fun. Come play and have fun with us!

Mindfulness Programs: Come have fun and learn "what is mindfulness?" with movement, art, writing, and play.

Recess Zone: We will be returning this school year to the elementary schools for Recess Zone.

Rise Above: Community-based student leadership groups offer high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills by hosting a variety of events for the school and community.

Parenting Classes/Speakers: Keep a look out for our parenting programs on various topics.



Photo by Tressa Giordano.

Decide to Be Kind: Join the MOOvement of Spreading Kindness! Check out the website DecideToBeKind.com for great ideas and programs. We have the Kindness Rock Garden (left) at Arbor Park, Little Libraries in Ellington, Kindness Message Cows, and more.

Counseling: Our marriage and family therapist offers confidential counseling to Ellington's youth and families in a warm, trusting environment. Contact Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT at 860-870-3130 for more information.

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First Selectman Lori Spielman and Yale Cantor, Selected for the Wall of Honor 2017.
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The Board of Selectman Select Yale Cantor as Wall of Honor Inductee for 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. Nominations for candidates were submitted throughout the spring, and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Yale Cantor was selected for the Wall of Honor in 2017! He was nominated by resident Laurie Burstein and his application was supported by many. Watch for more information regarding Mr. Cantor's contributions to the Town of Ellington. Mr. Cantor's name, along with the inscription honoring his life's work, 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. Please join us in honoring Mr. Cantor at this ceremony.

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
Edna T. Edwards	Extraordinary Public Service Well Beyond the Call of Duty	2010
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
Yale Cantor	TO BE UNVEILED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2017	2017

Ellington Veterans' Services

Joseph A. Palombizio
Ellington Veterans Service Contact Person (VSCP)
860-870-3182

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released finalized plans that lay the framework for providing emergency mental health coverage to former service members with other-than-honorable (OTH) administrative discharges. This is the first time a VA Secretary has implemented an initiative specifically focused on this group of former service members who are in mental health distress.

Effective as of July 5, all Veterans Health Administration (VHA) medical centers will be prepared to offer emergency stabilization care for former service members who present at the facility with an emergent mental health need. Under this initiative, former service members with an OTH administrative discharge may receive care for their mental health emergency for an initial period of up to 90 days, which can include inpatient, residential or outpatient care.

During this time, VHA and the Veterans Benefits Administration will work together to determine if the mental health condition is a result of a service-related injury, making the service member eligible for ongoing coverage for that condition.

The Department of Defense announced a policy change that will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military. The veterans' online shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. While shopping privileges exclude the purchase of uniforms, alcohol, and tobacco products, it includes the Exchange Services' dynamic online retail environment known so well to service members and their families. Inclusion of honorably discharged veterans would conservatively double the exchanges' online presence, thereby improving the experience for all patrons through improved vendor terms, more competitive merchandise assortments, and improved efficiencies, according to DoD officials. Information for eligibility and registration for the program can be found at www.vetverify.org.

Ellington Rescue Post 512

Ellington Rescue Post 512 is a non-profit organization for students of Ellington High School that is sponsored by the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps. It allows a unique opportunity to receive medical training at the EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) or EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) level and to have hands on experience in the emergency medical field. By being a part of this program, students get to ride in the back of the ambulance and respond to numerous emergencies ranging from cardiac arrest to lift assists.

It truly is unique as it is the only program in the United States that allows high school students to respond to emergencies during school. In addition to vigilantly responding to emergencies, members aid the community by offering medical standby for large events. These events may not appear to need medical services, but emergent situations may occur at any time. Being medically trained at a young age gives these students the power to help those in need.



Our new Executive Board members (pictured above), who were elected into their positions for a term running through June 1, 2018.

Top row, left to right; Rebecca Cargill, President; Rachael Iverson, 1st Vice President/Training; Michaella Doyon, 2nd Vice President/Membership; Madison Killoran, Secretary; (Bottom row, left to right) Isha Patel, Treasurer; Emily Mead, Publicity; Alex Jacques, Liaison; and Grace Palmer, Liaison. Missing from the picture is Noah Welti (Scheduler) and Naomi Luginbuhl (Supply).



The above photograph is of some of our members who performed what is called a "CPR Save," when a patient goes into cardiac arrest and they are brought back to life without deficits.

From left to right: April Phelps, Rachael Iverson, Michaella Doyon, Madison Killoran, and Rebecca Cargill. Missing from the picture is Logan McDonald.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps



EVAC is proud to announce the following elections, awards and information.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD IS COMPRISED OF:

- Peter Hany - President,
- Simon Hessler - Vice President,
- Joe Glomboske - Training Officer,
- Dan Hunt - Treasurer,
- Alisa Smith - Scheduling Officer, and
- Doreen Connor - Public Relations Officer.

Alisa Smith was presented with the “Volunteer of the Year” Award at the Annual Banquet for her dedication, enthusiasm, loyalty and countless hours



Congratulations and thank you for your service, Alisa!



Congratulations Tonya for a job well done!

of service. Alisa has served as a volunteer for the past seven years.

Tonya Glomboske, Ellington Rescue Post 512 Advisor, was awarded the 2017 EMS Champion Award by St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center which is presented annually to EMTs and Paramedics who “consistently go above and beyond the call of duty, embodying values of honesty, integrity, compassion, empathy and respect.”

Sherwood Merk, past Ellington Rescue Post 512 Advisor and longtime EVAC



Sherwood Merk, left, was presented a “Lifetime Service Award” by First Selectwoman Lori Spielman as members of ERP 512 look on.

member, was presented a “Lifetime Service Award” by First Selectwoman Lori Spielman, accompanied by members of ERP 512. Sherwood’s decades of service and mentoring of our Town youth were greatly appreciated and will be forever remembered. Sadly, Sherwood passed away on July 14. His contributions to the Town of Ellington touched countless lives and he will be profoundly missed.

Bruce Hoffman, Critical Care Nurse/Paramedic/Educator and EVAC volunteer, will be conducting an EMT Class at Ellington High School beginning September 6, 2017. This course will allow attendees to earn 4 credits from the University of Connecticut.

Over the past year, EVAC responded to over 1,000 emergency calls.

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The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1928. We are proud to continue serving the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services. We look forward to celebrating our 90th year. Please take a moment to read about Chief Feldman and Assistant Chief Rich II. In future issues, we hope to bring you information about the other officers and members.



CHIEF GARY FELDMAN, SR.

Gary has lived in Ellington for 39 years, having moved here from Broad Brook. Gary has been a member of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, starting as a firefighter and working his way up through the ranks to his current position of Chief.

Both his wife of 31 years, Betsi, and older son, LTJG Gary Feldman Jr., currently serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Nimitz, are both members of the fire department. His youngest son, Joshua, recently graduated from college and is living in New York City pursuing his acting career.

Gary retired in 2011 from the Department of Corrections after 22 ½ years where he was a Fire Life Safety Officer. In addition to his responsibilities as Chief of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept., Gary is currently employed full-time by Fuss & O'Neill Manufacturing Solutions as a Compliance Specialist. He provides clients with assistance in safety compliance and training, particularly in the area of OSHA compliance for general industry and construction. In his free time he enjoys camping and spending time with his family and friends.



ASSISTANT CHIEF JACK A. RICH II

Jack has lived in Ellington all his life and currently lives with his wife of 20 years, Tracey, and their two children, Jack and Austin. Jack has been a member of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for the last 25 years. He has made his way up the ranks from a firefighter to his current position as Assistant Chief.

Jack is a proud third-generation firefighter in Ellington. He takes great pride in his family's long residence in this town and commitment to the community. His grandfather Earl was a chief at Crystal Lake and his father Jack served many years in the fire department and moved up to Assistant Chief. In addition to the roles and responsibilities as Assistant Chief of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Jack is employed by Bradley International Airport as a full-time firefighter. Jack also works part-time at Broad Brook Fire Department as a firefighter. In his free time Jack enjoys playing horseshoes, riding his motorcycle, camping and spending time with his family.

REMINDER: The fire department's annual fundraising effort, The Fireman's Fair, is being held at Brookside Park on Route 140, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2017. The parade will be on Saturday, September 9th at 5:15 pm.



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The Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. - Cadet Program

Recently, EVFD Cadet James-Paul Cosman Forbes had the opportunity to attend the Connecticut Fire Academy's Introduction to the Fire Service. This program focused on introducing youths ages 14-17 to the Fire Service. The program was held in a "camp" type atmosphere and all participants resided at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks for the duration of the course. James-Paul was selected as the Honor Cadet for Class #41 Introduction to the Fire Service. Congratulations James-Paul!



EVFD Cadet
James-Paul
Cosman Forbes



Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office



Sergeant Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor
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SAFE ZONE: ECOMMERCE TRANSACTIONS AND CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGES

The Ellington Resident Trooper's Office is pleased to announce a newly established "Safe Exchange Zone" located at 33 Arbor Way. Due to the rise of e-commerce sites such as "Craigslist" and "Letgo," easy online sales have led to uneasy moments when buyer/seller must meet to complete the deal. Stories from around the country have been plentiful; ranging from robberies to even murder.

The idea behind the "Safe Zone" is to provide an exchange area in the parking lot of a police station to complete a transaction with less fear of a violent attack. The Resident Trooper's Office provides a clearly marked parking lot that's well-lit and monitored by video camera 24 hours a day. The Resident Trooper's Office recommends all transactions be completed during daylight if possible. If you have additional questions please contact the Ellington Resident Trooper's Office at 860-875-1522.

Prevent Tick Bites

Prevention of Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases starts with reducing your exposure to tick bites. Tick-borne diseases occur during the summer months. There are no vaccines available for Anaplasmosis, Lyme disease, or Rocky Mountain Spotted fever. To prevent these illnesses use the following protection measures:

- Avoid tall grass and over-grown areas.
- When hiking stay in the middle of trails.
- Consider using tick repellent.
- Tuck pant leg into socks.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and closed shoes.
- Wear light-colored clothing to see the ticks easier for removal.
- Examine yourself, your children, and pets for ticks when returning indoors.
- When returning home after an outing, shower using a washcloth or puff to remove unattached ticks .
- Talk to your veterinarian to find out how to protect your pets from tick bites, and the roll of vaccine for dogs.

TICK REMOVAL

To remove a tick, use tweezers and grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as

possible. Pull the tick with steady pressure in an upward motion. Don't yank the tick out of your skin. Don't use petroleum jelly, hot matches, nail polish remover, or any other substance to remove a tick. Don't crush the tick's body because it may contain infectious fluids. When the tick has been removed, wash the area with soap and water, then apply an antiseptic. Write on the calendar the date you removed the tick and the part of the body from which it was removed. Should you experience any symptoms of any diseases mentioned in this article within the timeframe indicated, contact your physician to be evaluated.

LYME DISEASE

Lyme Disease has become the most commonly reported tick-borne disease. The disease is caused by bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi*. These bacteria are transmitted through the bite of an infected tick, *Ixodes scapularis*, also known as the blacklegged or deer tick. There is a blood test for Lyme disease but it isn't always conclusive. Symptoms often begin with an expanding red rash around the area of the

bite and flu-like symptoms that include muscle aches, fatigue, and fever. These symptoms generally appear 3-32 days after the bite. The early signs of the disease can be overlooked or misdiagnosed. In addition, some people bitten by an infected deer tick do not develop the early symptoms of Lyme disease. If it is not diagnosed and treated promptly, symptoms of Lyme disease may appear weeks to months later, causing serious complications of the joints, nervous system, and heart.

TREATMENT

Treatment should begin as soon after infection as possible. If you experience any of the symptoms previously mentioned, contact your physician. It will be important for your physician to have a complete history of your exposure to ticks. If you experience an expanding red rash and cannot see your physician right away, take a picture of the rash and bring that picture with you at the time of your doctor appointment. Anaplasmosis, Lyme disease, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are treated with some of the same antibiotics and is generally very effective.

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Ellington Farmers' Market



The produce season is in full swing at the Ellington Farmers' Market which takes place Saturday mornings from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in Arbor Park. August brings local peaches and plums along with the long awaited homegrown tomatoes. The Kids Power of Produce Club, which empowers kids to make healthy food choices, runs through September 2. Kids can take part in an activity, sample produce and receive a \$2 token to purchase fresh produce. The market is also matching SNAP dollars up to \$20 per week. Just present your EBT card at the market booth to receive tokens for shopping at the



market. The market will deduct \$20 from your account and you receive \$40 to shop with! The themes for the late summer and early fall include everything from the Peach Festival where you can enjoy fresh peach shortcake, Salsa Saturday, Meet Your Community Organizations Day, and concludes on with the ever-popular Halloween Pet Parade on October 21st. A complete



Photos by Dianne Trueb, Market Master, Ellington Farmers Market.

schedule and vendor list can be found on the website at www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com where you can also sign up for the weekly newsletter. *The Ellington Farmers' Market is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and accepts tax-deductible donations to support the above programs. You can contact the Market Master at ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.*

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Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee was formed in May of 2017 and the members have been very busy with their mission to enrich Ellington's beauty. The Committee was created with the purpose of enhancing the public access areas throughout Town. The committee members continue to work on their summer projects and are looking forward to bringing autumn enhancements in the coming weeks.

The members are Katherine Heminway (Chairman), Kay Luginbuhl, Carole Gerber, Kimberly Schneider, and Joe Palombizio (Vice Chairman).



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Ellington Ad Hoc Trails Committee



The Ellington Ad Hoc Trails Committee was recently formed in hopes to get our community more involved with the Town's trails.

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