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First Selectman's Corner



Working with the Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee to enhance the round-about at Five Corners. What a fun group to work with!

Fall is here once again! We are so fortunate to live in an area where we get to see the vibrant color changes of the leaves, and are surrounded by pumpkins and cornfields that are being cut and changed into a bright green cover crop, not to mention apple picking at the area orchards.

New this year we have had our very first Scarecrow Contest! The Ad Hoc Beautification Committee has been busy getting this brand-new event off the ground, and it has been wonderful as it has involved much of our community coming together. The competition added to the fun, but the real treat was seeing our residents, businesses and employees all coming together to decorate and beautify our Town for the fall season.

I'm pleased to be able to say that the necessary work has begun on Crystal Lake Dam, after a year-long delay. Due to the diligence and hard work of the Crystal Lake Association, this work has started.

Oakridge Dairy, LLC opened its doors to the public for a special open house that gave information and tours of how their operation works. It's no surprise that Connecticut's largest dairy farm drew a crowd! Special thanks to the Bahler family for holding this enjoyable and educational free event. And thanks to Luann's Bakery for the delicious apple crisp!

Our Ad Hoc Trails Committee, headed by Chairman Erin
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Stavens, has become the most popular committee in Town. Now we have walking trails that are marked out and we have mapping for distancing guidance. Our residents are all abuzz about the improvements that are being made and thanks to the Trails Committee, they will continue.

I also have been very busy working on the issue many of our residents are suffering from, crumbling foundations. I've attended meetings in Hartford and the Town of Ellington has hosted meetings at Ellington High School, bringing our State Representatives and Senators to Ellington so they can hear our residents first-hand. We will continue to stay on this issue.

With the blessing of the Board of Finance, I have redesigned the Town of Ellington Annual Report! I wanted to make it more interesting and informative with maps, schedules, deadlines and information pertinent to our residents. Just a few of the changes you'll notice are a recycle guide (what can and cannot be recycled), a pull-out trail map, the 2018 trash collection and recycling schedule, a park guide, an updated street map, and much more. Copies are available at the Town Hall and at Hall Memorial Library. Let us know what you think of the changes at info@ellington-ct.gov.

Keep your eyes open for information on the Annual Holiday



Ad Hoc Trails Committee Chairman Erin Stavens congratulates Miss Eleanor Stocker (pictured here with her dad, Karl Stocker) for winning the Bike Contest. The Committee added some tassels and a basket for Eleanor's new cow friend to ride along with her. See you out on the trails!

Lighting Contest and the 14th Annual Winterfest Celebration. I am looking forward to both as these two events provide more opportunities for community involvement and interaction.

I wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone likes our new magazine format. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Respectfully,
Lori L. Spielman



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RECENT GUESTS INCLUDE:

Scott Nicol, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Seth Bahler, Oakridge Dairy, LLC

Pete Hany, President, Ellington Volunteer

Jim York, Fire Marshal

Erin Stavens and Lauren Desrocher,

Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee

Sarah Poulin, Jacob Roger Poulin Foundation

Dianne Trueb, Ellington Farmers Market

...to name a few! Tune in!



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Homeowner's Tax Relief Program: The Homeowner's Tax Relief Program allows a tax credit for qualifying individuals. To qualify, the homeowner (or spouse, if domiciled together) must have been 65 years of age by the end of 2017 and reside at the property. 2017 income limitations have not been set by the State of CT Office of Policy and Management to date, but is defined as adjusted gross income and tax exempt interest, plus any other income not included in the adjusted gross income. Totally disabled persons, regardless of age, are eligible provided they have a Social Security Award letter or SSA-1099 with Medicare premiums. The filing period for the Homeowner's program is February 1 through May 15, 2018.

Additional Veterans' Exemptions: An additional exemption may be available for those veterans who meet the income requirements. Applications for this program must be filed between February 1 and October 1, 2018. Both of these programs require applications to be filed every two years. If you are currently on one or both of these programs and it is your year to refile, applications will be mailed to you February 1. Forms will be available after February 1 in the Assessor's Office. For questions or help completing the forms, contact the Assessor's Office or Anna Turner with Human Services at 860-870-3131.

Trash Collection Fees Due

Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector
860-870-3113

Just a reminder to all persons liable to pay trash collection fees, the last day to pay without penalty is Friday,



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Economic Development Commission Ellington Planning Department

Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Recipient

JOE'S FINE WINE AND SPIRITS - BEAUTIFICATION 2017



Please join the Ellington Economic Development Commission in congratulating Joe's Fine Wine and Spirits of Ellington as recipient of the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award for 2017. In 2014, Leslie J. Hickey, owner of Joe's, began plans to transform a property on West Road that had fallen into a state of disrepair. The property was formerly home to the Thunder Bird Package Store, a 700 square foot one level, octagon shaped building that straddled two adjoining, undersized parcels. The new 2,800 square foot building honors the design of the original building and includes a two-story octagon entry that is donned with decorative awnings, plenty of quality windows and beautiful stonework. The yard at Joe's includes fresh parking surfaces, new trees and large wooden whiskey barrels planted with colorful

annuals. The interior is outfitted with beautiful wood ceilings and warm and inviting colors.

Being considered for an annual award is one of many benefits of joining the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce. Annual award categories include Economic Development, Corporate Citizen, Beautification and Best New Business. Joe's is just one Ellington business to recently receive an award. Past recipients include Kloter Farms - Corporate Citizen 2016, Cold Creek Brewery - Best New Business 2015 and Great Country Garages (Barn Yard) - Beautification 2015. The Tolland County Chamber of Commerce represents businesses from Andover, Bolton, Columbia, Coventry, Ellington, Hebron, Mansfield, Somers, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon and Willington. Other benefits of annual membership include a variety of networking events, low-cost advertising opportunities, affordable healthcare options, access to meetings with local legislators, and much, much more. To learn more about Chamber membership please visit the Chamber's website at www.tollandcountychamber.org or contact the Chamber's Vernon office at 860-872-0587.



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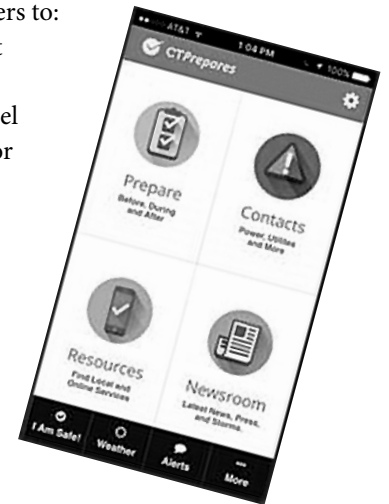
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John Turner
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emergency services workers to provide efficient service to our residents.

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- Completely clear all of your driveway and sidewalk areas from snow and ice accumulations and apply sand for traction if

necessary. Keep a small container of sand near the entrance steps in case responders need to provide additional traction for a stretcher or equipment.

- Have your heating sources serviced so they are ready to provide a season of safe and efficient service.
- Make sure your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors have working batteries and are tested.
- Remove snow and ice from around all neighborhood fire hydrants.

In an emergency, response time is critical! Being able to quickly find a location, having a clear access to the residence and being able to have fire hydrants available for immediate use saves time for the responders. Stay safe all season long!

Town of Ellington Employees Celebrate Years of Service Milestones & Employee Highlights!

The Town of Ellington Employee Recognition Program was developed for the purpose of recognizing contributions made by persons employed by the Town for periods of significant years and beyond. This program was developed by the Board of Selectmen and this is the 30th such annual event. We are very pleased to acknowledge the following Town of Ellington employees for the unique contributions that they each have made to the Town of Ellington:

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Samantha Baer, Assistant Senior Center Director
Mary DiBenedetto, Food Bank Coordinator
Dana DiNallo, DPW Custodian
Brittany Lemire, Administrative Secretary
Taylor Olson, Lead Mechanic
Bob Ouellette, DPW Maintainer I
Patrick Roy, DPW Maintainer I

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Roberta Printy, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Deborah Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator
Frederica Weeks, Deputy Emergency Management Director

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Debra Cormier, Library Assistant II

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Arthur Carlson III, Police Officer
Susan Phillips, Director of Hall Memorial Library

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS!

Donna Hosey, Assistant Town Clerk received her Certified Connecticut Town Clerk Certification on September 28 at the Annual Fall Conference held in Westbrook, CT.

Tim Webb, Director of Public Works, serves as the 2017 President of the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Tim also serves as a member of the CT Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Advisory Board.

Kevin Gambacorta, Public Works Assistant Foreman, successfully completed the UConn Connecticut Transportation Leadership Program, a two-year educational opportunity which provides comprehensive leadership training.

Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner, was selected to serve on the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Joy Hollister, Director of Human Services, was selected as Chair of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Aging Committee.

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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.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| November 10 | Veterans Day (Observed) | All Town Offices | Closed |
| November 13 | Emergency Mgmt. Advisory Council | Town Hall | 2:00 pm |
| November 13 | Human Services Commission | Arbor Commons | 6:00 pm |
| November 13 | Board of Selectmen | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| November 13 | Inland Wetlands Agency | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| November 14 | Permanent Building Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| November 14 | Library Board of Trustees | Hall Memorial Library | 7:30 pm |
| November 15 | Charter Revision Commission | Town Hall | 6:30 pm |
| November 15 | Board of Education | Administration Building | 7:00 pm |
| November 15 | Water Pollution Control Authority | Public Works | 7:00 pm |
| November 16 | Ellington Republican Town Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| November 21 | Ellington Democratic Town Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| November 23-24 | Happy Thanksgiving! | All Town Offices | Closed |
| November 27 | Planning & Zoning Commission | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| November 28 | Ellington Housing Authority | Snipsic Village | 6:00 pm |
| November 28 | Ellington Patriotic Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| December 4 | Board of Selectmen (Organizational) | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| December 4 | Zoning Board of Appeals | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| December 5 | Conservation Commission | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| December 5 | Board of Finance | Town Hall | 8:00 pm |
| December 6 | Ellington Trails Committee | Town Hall | 6:00 pm |
| December 11 | Human Services Commission | Arbor Commons | 6:00 pm |
| December 11 | Board of Selectmen | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| December 11 | Inland Wetlands Agency | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| December 12 | Ethics Commission | TH Comm. Room A | 7:00 pm |
| December 12 | Library Board of Trustees | Hall Memorial Library | 7:00 pm |
| December 12 | Permanent Building Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| December 13 | Economic Development Commission | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| December 13 | Parks & Recreation Commission | Arbor Commons | 7:00 pm |
| December 18 | Planning & Zoning Commission | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| December 19 | Ellington Democratic Town Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| December 20 | Charter Revision Commission | Town Hall | 6:30 pm |
| December 20 | Board of Education | Administration Building | 7:00 pm |
| December 20 | Water Pollution Control Authority | Public Works | 7:00 pm |
| December 21 | Design Review Board | Town Hall Annex | 7:00 pm |
| December 21 | Ellington Republican Town Committee | Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| December 25 | Christmas Day | All Town Offices | Closed |
| December 26 | Ellington Housing Authority | Snipsic Village | 6:00 pm |

Town Hall Annex – 57 Main Street
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

Ellington Town Hall Hours

Monday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Monday, December 25* – Christmas Day
Monday, January 1* – New Year's Day
Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 19 – Presidents' Day

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 22 – Close at noon
Thursday, November 23*
& Friday November 24* – Thanksgiving Holiday

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

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

Department of Public Works

Timothy Webb, Director of Public Works/
WPCA Administrator
860-870-3140

WINTER REMINDERS!

Secure Your Mailbox - Residents are asked to make sure their mailboxes are secured and sturdy before the winter snow begins. Mailboxes damaged by 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 behind the firehouse. This is for residents only; no contractors.

Christmas Tree Pick Up - Christmas trees will be picked up during the first two weeks of January. Please leave them at the curb, butt end out and free of ornamentation and tree stands. If trees are not cleaned, they will not be picked up. If residents prefer, trees may be dropped off at any time by the recycling shed at the Town Garage on 21 Main Street.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off - The brush drop off center will be open Saturdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm until December 2, 2017. It will be closed Thanksgiving Day and that weekend. 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.

Recycle Shed and Household Hazardous Waste - Currently the MIDNEROC collection center in Willington is closed for the winter, but will open again in Mid-April 2018. The Town's recycling shed at 21 Main Street continues to be open during working hours Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. There will be two Saturdays (January 6 and January 13, 2018) that the shed will be open from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. The following items are accepted at the Public Works shed: batteries, waste oil, antifreeze, motor oil, oil

filters, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, computer components, and electronics. Household Hazardous waste and paint are NOT accepted at this location.

Textile Recycling - The Town has a box for textile recycling located at the Town Garage. Usable as well as non-usable clothing items are accepted. Also accepted are shoes, belts, handbags, stuffed animals; all must be bagged and put into the container.

Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants - Residents are asked to clear any snow from fire hydrants on your property or nearby. Open a path to the hydrant and clear an area all around the hydrant. All hydrants should have a reflective pole marker. If the hydrant near you does not, please call the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department at 860-870-3190 and leave a message with the specific location of the fire hydrant.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks - Homeowners are required to remove any snow or ice from sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours following the cessation of the fall of snow or ice, per Town Ordinance. Failure to do so is subject to a fine.

Parking Ban - Residents are reminded that the Ordinance Concerning Parking on Public Highways within the Town prohibits street parking during and after any period of snowfall or icy condition, while said highways are hazardous to traffic. This will allow the Department of Public Works to be able to safely and efficiently remove the hazards of snow and ice from the roads. Violation of this ordinance will result in the removal of the vehicle at the owner's expense and may result in a fine.

Storm Water Reminder - You may think that it's ok for little things here and there to be put down the storm drain. It's easy to forget that your one little thing and my one little thing eventually add up to create a monster problem. Our storm drains don't filter what we put into them. They run directly into our lakes and streams.



To help keep them clean, properly dispose of your motor oil, pick up after your pet, take your car to a car wash and follow the directions when you spray and fertilize your yard.

WORKING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Do you know what your responsibilities are when you are working in the Public Right-of-Way, (R.O.W)? Do you know that you are required to have a permit and carry insurance and provide a bond? These are some questions you should have answered prior to doing any work along the roadway.

Permits are required for any excavation, driveway, utility, sewer connection. These also require the contractor to post a bond and carry the proper liability insurance.

Planting trees or any other landscaping within the public R.O.W is not allowed and may cause sight line problems and interfere with snow removal and electrical wires.

The cost of a permit to work in the R.O.W. is \$35.00. The permit is required so that the proposed work can be inspected to insure it has or will not interfere with drainage and public use of the right-of-way. All permits can be obtain in the Ellington Land Use Office located next to the Town Hall and on the Town's website.

Ellington DPW Staff Place in the Annual "Snow Plow Rodeo"



Each year for the past 34 years, the Connecticut Association of Street and Highway Officials, Inc. (CASHO) holds an annual "Snow Plow Rodeo." Many Town and State Highway garages enter to test their safe snow operations. Drivers have the options of the following classifications: pick-up, small dump and large dump trucks. This year Pat Roy and Denis Giroux placed third in the large dump and pick-up entities. Dan Whitman also participated in the small dump class. Over 30 towns sent their operators to the "rodeo" to test their skills and overall safety knowledge. Each truck entered is inspected to ensure all trucks are road-worthy along with each operator taking a written test for safe driving and snow operations of the truck. Congratulations to Pat and Denis!

Animal Control's Cold Weather Advice for Dog Owners

Barbara Murdach, ACO
860-870-3155

Winter is coming and along with it comes the cold, snow and ice. Your dog might like to frolic in the snow but there are risks that the freezing temps can bring. Well before the real winter begins, antifreeze is being used to prepare vehicles for the cold that lays ahead. Antifreeze (ethylene glycol) has a sweet taste and it only takes a small amount to damage the kidneys if your pet licks up a spill. Be extra careful and keep antifreeze out of the reach of pets and children.

Most dogs do love to play in the snow but depending on the breed, age and type of coat your dog has should determine how long the winter romp lasts. Very old dogs, young pups, and dogs with chronic illness do not do well when left outside for too long. Also, dogs with shorthair will be shivering long before their thick coated friends.

Right after a fresh snow is the prime time for dogs to be out playing in the snow but do not allow them to run free as a fresh



In Memory of "Baron." His favorite time of the year was winter when he could go outside and play in the snow. He was amazed by every snow flake falling from the sky.

layer of snow on the ground can cause a dog to get disoriented if they run too far and they may become lost. Snow accumulations can make it impossible for your dog to know if he is in his front yard or if he is standing in the road. If you don't have a fenced yard keep your dog on a leash when you take him outside. There is an increased risk of dogs being hit by cars following a snowstorm. Dog owners may think it is safe to let their dogs run loose because of less traffic but they don't realize that the stopping time required for drivers has greatly increased and the driver may not

be able to stop in time to miss hitting a dog that is running in the road while the dog owner is busy shoveling snow.

Every year there are tragic stories of dogs falling through ice assumed to be frozen on a lake or pond. Even worse are the cases where a dog owner succumbs while trying to save their beloved pet. Many years ago I was called out by the CT State Police for a dog that had fallen through ice and was struggling to keep his head above the cold water. This was my first attempt to do a water rescue and it may not have gone well without the help of the Crystal Lake Fire Department bringing out a boat and several very helpful young men who got me out to the frozen dog by chopping the ice to get near enough to the dog and then helped me lift his heavy, water soaked body into the boat. This was all before the cell phone era or there would have been many bystander videos of this rescue since a large crowd had gathered around the pond. The rescue went well and the dog's life was saved. This was all because someone heard the dog's cries and alerted the State Police.



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Town of Ellington Ethics Commission

Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Chairman



Pictured left to right: Charles McCleary, Derek Reed, Alysia McDowell, Chairman Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Jane Roets (not pictured: Grace Boucher, Vice 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.

Winter Weather Cancellations and Delays



WEATHER RELATED

- Town office closings
- Delayed openings
- Meeting cancellations

- Program cancellations will be posted on the Town website at: ellington-ct.gov. Also check WFSB Channel 3 for cancellation notifications.

| Town of Ellington 2018 Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar | | | | | | |
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D = one day delay for New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas
 When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there is no delay in the collection schedule.
 All items for curbside pick-up must be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

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Ellington Parks & Recreation Department

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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 8:30 am-6:00 pm / Tues-Thurs 8:30 am-4:00 pm / Fridays 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Recreation News

A NOTE FROM THE RECREATION DIRECTOR, BOB TEDFORD

Please peruse this latest edition of Ellington Events for winter and early spring registration information. There are a variety of programs to select from, ranging from pre-school to adult programs. IMPORTANT! This edition contains early notice for pre-season registration information for: spring baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer. Registration information will be posted on the respective websites, but the information contained in this magazine edition can easily be placed on the 'front of the refrigerator'!

Batz property - Once again, Boy Scout Troop 96 has collaborated with the Town of Ellington for the recent completion of two projects at the Batz Passive Recreation site located at 97 Shenipsit Street.

Project #1: The Community Garden had no water onsite. The water collection pavilion will provide rainwater for the garden plots and a shady place adjacent to the NEW Youth Garden.

Project # 2: The addition of the Youth Garden provides numerous opportunities for youth to be outside exploring nature and learning scientific concepts while planting and tending to the garden.

3 vs. 3 Soccer event - A 3 vs. 3 soccer jamboree-fundraiser was held on October 9. Thirty-six teams participated and there were twenty-six sponsors. All proceeds from the tournament benefitted the Jacob Roger Poulin fund towards a future project, proposed to be located at a Town property on Middle Road. The current layout at the property depicts possibilities for a deck-hockey rink, a special playground, a baseball field and a multi-purpose field.

Hunter K. Giroux Memorial Basketball Tournament - The 2017 Hunter K Giroux Holiday Basketball Tournament for 8th grade boys' teams is scheduled for December 27-28, with a makeup date of December 29. Anyone interested in sponsoring or advertising in the tournament booklet should contact Bob Tedford (rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) by the first week of December. This tournament is named after the late Hunter K. Giroux, a long-time

resident who was a valuable contributor to all aspects of Parks and Recreation activities within the Town of Ellington.

Youth Basketball Registration - Youth basketball registration has been underway since October 1, for the following age groups:

1. Instructional
2. Recreation Division
3. Travel
4. High School (recreation) division

Travel Basketball evaluations took place between October 24 and November 3. Based on the total number of teams in 2016-17 (37 recreation, 10 travel) plus the instructional program, we will be in need of additional volunteer coaches.

The Recreation Department will provide a coaches' clinic along with CPR-AED-First Aid certification. Please contact: recreation staff@ellington-ct.gov if interested in assisting with the upcoming youth basketball season.

Sports Officials - Individuals wishing to be trained to officiate youth basketball games should contact the Recreation Office (860-870-3118) as soon as possible. In addition, spring softball, lacrosse and soccer officials are always needed.

Trails - The Ad Hoc Trails and Beautification Committees continue in their efforts to enhance trail access throughout the Town, with work parties and special events to illustrate what is available. Trail maps can be found online and copies are available at the Parks and Recreation office (31 Arbor Way) and the First Selectman's office (55 Main Street).

WEATHER POLICIES / PROGRAM GUIDELINES

As the winter months get closer, the program postponement policy is as follows:

1. If the public schools are closed, including half-day closures, due to inclement weather, ALL programs, are postponed as well.
2. Late day: If inclement weather becomes apparent after 3:00 pm on a weekday, coaches, program supervisors and

participants will be notified via email and/or an announcement on the Town's website and the department's Facebook page.

3. Weekend guidelines: All postponements will be placed on Channels 3, 30 and 8, plus the Town website and department's Facebook page. Historically, weekend (Saturday and Sunday programs) decisions are made by 6:30 am for morning (am) events and no later than 10:00 am for afternoon (pm) events.

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 on the bottom of the page
- Click the ActiveNet link under Register Online
- Select "Sign in" if you have an account or select "Create an Account" to set one up

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.

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: November–December weather permitting.

Pre-registration: Required at the Recreation Office, 31 Arbor Way.

Eligibility: Adults 18 years of age and over. Bring water, a snack, sunscreen, bug spray and wear proper footwear!

2017 HUNTER K. GIROUX MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2017 Holiday Travel Basketball Tournament for 8th grade boys' teams is named for the late Hunter K. Giroux, a former coach on the recreational and travel level, as well as an invaluable member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Naming the tournament after Hunter is a fitting tribute to his contributions over the past 20 years to the Town's athletic programs. Hunter's energy and zeal for competition, and his caring and supportive approach to every athlete regardless of ability were genuine trademarks. Please try to catch a game. The level of play is worth the price of admission!

The Tournament Awards will include:

- Hunter K. Giroux Team Sportsmanship Award
- Hunter K. Giroux All-Tournament Team
- Hunter K. Giroux All Defensive Team Award

Check the website in early November for an updated schedule at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov.

Location: Ellington Middle School, 46 Middle Butcher Road. Concessions will be available.

December 27 6:00 pm First Round Game
Ellington playing at 7:30 pm

December 28 4:00 pm Consolation Game
6:00 pm Championship Game

December 29 Makeup date

To place an advertisement in the program brochure, please contact Bob Tedford at 860-870-3118 no later than December 20, 2017. All proceeds will benefit Ellington Recreation Programming.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

This program is co-ed and is run by Parent Volunteer Coaches. The program meets Saturday mornings for 8 weeks and is a learning-oriented instructional program with basic skills work and drills

Ages/Grades: 4 years – 2nd grade

Days: Saturdays

Dates: 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 will be open through 12 noon on December 1, 2017

Time Frames:

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| 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 |

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RECREATION LEAGUE BASKETBALL GRADES 3-8

Registration will be open through 12 noon on December 1, 2017
Games are played on Saturdays and/or weeknights; times and locations will be determined

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

Recreation League Team Selection Policy:

- Team Selection: All players will be re-evaluated each athletic season for the Recreation Division League.
- Team Placement Requests: All requests to have a player either avoid or be placed on a certain team MUST be made in WRITING at least two days prior to the actual league draft of 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 or 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 - 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 - 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

Informal High School Basketball Grades 9-12*

Registration ongoing through December 1, 2017

Program Dates: December 9 – March 5, 2018

**CIAC rules prohibit anyone playing on a High School team from participating in this program. Interested in competitive play?*

We anticipate forming a competitive team to play games against surrounding towns. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$80

Code (Boys): 1119.BB912W17

Code (Girls): 1119.BGS912W17

2018 DICK GUNN & CLARE LANDMANN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS/JAMBOREES

It's that special time of the youth basketball season when the Town recognizes two long-time volunteers for their many years of loyal support to the Town's recreation growth, from both a program and athletic facility standpoint. The Tournament and Jamboree is tentatively scheduled between the 2nd and 3rd week of March and will be posted on the Parks & Recreation website once the exact dates and time frames have been established. Even if you do not have a child that participates in any of the leagues, you will want to visit one or more of the games and witness the friendly yet competitive nature of the teams involved. Volunteers

are being sought to help assist with this event. Please call 860-870-3118, if you would like to volunteer.

Unified Basketball (Special needs program)

Code: UNIFIED.BBK618

Session 1: 5:45 pm-6:30 pm Grades K-6th

Code: UNIFIED.BB71218

Session 2: 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Grades 7th-12th

Day: Mondays

Dates: March 19, 26; April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14

Fee: \$25

Location: Middle School

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FA/CPR/AED COACHES CERTIFICATION

Register on the Adult Programs page at: parkrec.ellington-ct.gov under 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. Questions please email kwasielewski@ellington-ct.gov. 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.

Dates & Times Available:

Saturday, November 18 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday, November 28 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Saturday, December 9 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 26 5:00 pm-9:00 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. Head coaches, as well as assistant coaches, are expected to pre-register by emailing: Bob Tedford: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov or Mary Bartley: mbartley@ellington-ct.gov.

Adult Sports/Programs

ADULT INFORMAL BASKETBALL

Monday Evenings

Location: Windermere School

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

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

Pre-registration is mandatory before participating.

Program schedule follows the Ellington Public School Calendar

Dates NOT available are January 1, 15; February 19;

April 9 and May 28

Fees: \$20 Resident/ \$35
Non- Resident (\$10/\$25 after January 1, 2018)

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (Informal Program)

Day: Wednesday Evenings
Ages: 18 and up
Time: 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Location: Ellington Middle School
Fee: \$25 Resident/ \$30
Non-Resident (\$10/\$15 after January 3, 2018)

ADULT MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Informal Program)

Day: Tuesday Evenings
Ages: 18 and up
Time: 7:15 pm-9:00 pm
As gymnasium space permits in Dec 2017 - Feb 2018
pre-registration required in order to notify participants
of specific program dates
Location: Ellington Middle School
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

ADULT BADMINTON (Informal Program)

Day: Thursday Evenings
Ages: 18 and up
Time: 7:45 pm-9:15 pm
As gymnasium space permits in Dec 2017-Feb 2018
pre-registration required in order to notify participants
of specific program dates.
Location: Windermere School
Code: 0116.BDM18
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS (Indoors)

Instructor: Rich Willis
Day: Wednesdays and Fridays
Dates: March 7, 9, 14, and 16
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Location: Crystal Lake School
Fee: \$40
Code: Tennis.Indoor31

PICKLEBALL

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. Register online through

Activenet.com

Fee: \$10

Dates & Times: TBD based on available gymnasium space; updates will be emailed weekly.

Code: PICKLE.W18

KOKONDO KARATE

Instructor: Paul Ward
Day: Thursdays
Ages: 14 years and up
Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike RT 30 Vernon
Session 2: November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14, 21;
January 4
Code: KARATE.F172
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Fee: \$48 per session

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS

Ginny's Fitness for Longevity
Instructor: Ginny Hogan
Day: Mondays & Wednesdays
Start Date: Program is currently in session,
new enrollment welcomed.
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.

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Instructors: Tressa Giordano & Joanne Britton
Days: Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
Ages: 16 and up
Time: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Location: Ellington Senior Center 40 Maple Street
Fee: \$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes available
at location site or \$8 Walk-in fee.

Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. NO classes on vacation or school cancellation days. Perfect for everybody and every body! 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 awe-
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some each time you leave class. Instructors contact: joannebritton.zumba.com and tressag.zumba.com.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Ellington Post Office in Santa's Mail Box starting November 27 through December 11, the last day to drop off letters in order for Santa to provide a timely response. Please make sure your letter is addressed to Santa and that your name and return address appear on the envelope.

VACATION CAMPS

December Break

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

April Break

Grades: K-8th grade
Dates: April 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
Time: 7:30 am-5:00 pm
Location: Ellington Middle School
Code: APRIL.CAMP2018
Registration Deadline: 04/01/2018

More information will be on our website.

GIRLS & BOYS SPRING LACROSSE OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Dates: March 12 to June 10, 2018

The Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Teams for grades 1-8. Registration must be received by January 31, 2018 so we can determine number of teams and roster size. We anticipate the CT Youth Lacrosse League will move to a U-based system for deciding teams. The following chart will help determine who is eligible for which team. Birth certificates are required before the start of the season.

| CVYL Division | NEW Birthday Range (2018) | NEW USL Designation | OLD Designation |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Senior | March 1, 2003 - Aug 31, 2005 | 14U | 7th & 8th |
| Junior | Sept. 1, 2005 - Aug 31, 2007 | 12U | 5th & 6th |
| Bantam | Sept. 1, 2007 - Aug 31, 2009 | 10U | 3rd & 4th |
| Lightning | Sept. 1, 2009 - Aug 31, 2011 | 8U | 1st & 2nd |

Coaching Positions: Those individuals interested in applying for coaching positions must do so by January 25, 2018. Questions, please email Bob Tedford at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

2018 Playing Time: The boys and girls lacrosse programs will be considered "travel" programs during the 2018 season. Current Town policy requires each player to receive a minimum of 25% playing time, per game; however, it is anticipated that

every attempt will be made to increase playing time percentage over the course of the regular season.

Evaluation Session: The Recreation Department reserves the right to establish/schedule two evaluation sessions (based on enrollment) in order to provide/select balanced teams and assign teams to the appropriate levels of competition; Bantam, Junior and Senior levels. It will be required that each player attend at least 1 of the 2 evaluation sessions. Time and location will be determined after registration closes.

Mandatory Parents Meeting: There will be mandatory parents/players meeting in March to review details and season expectations, costs, fundraising and rule changes for 2018. Date & Time TBA.

Lacrosse Equipment Required

Girls: Stick, goggles, mouth guard and cleats
Boys: Helmet (black), mouth guard, shoulder & elbow pads, cleats, athletic supporter, gloves and regulation stick

Season Practice Schedules:

Bantams Practice 2-3 days per week
Juniors and Seniors Practice 3-5 days per week
Lightning 1-2 days per week

Fees: Families with 3 or more participants will receive a \$10 family discount per child.

Lightning Program Grades 1 & 2 (Fee \$45)
Bantam Program Grades 3 & 4 (Fee \$95)
Junior Program Grades 5 & 6 (Fee \$105)
Seniors Program Grades 7 & 8 (Fee \$115)

NEW PRE-SEASON YOUTH LACROSSE CLINIC (FREE)

A youth lacrosse pre-season clinic will be offered to new and returning lacrosse players, which will allow for an opportunity to learn and start the preparation process for the 2018 season:

12:30 pm-1:30 pm Bantam Girls
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Junior Girls
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Senior Girls
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Bantam Boys
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Junior Boys
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Senior Boys

- If there are less than (10) registered for any one group then 2 sessions will be joined together.
- Location: Ellington High School Date: January 14, 2018

BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE CLINICS PROGRAM INTRO CLINIC FOR GRADES K-2

Saturday Program: April 21 – May 19, 2018
Time: 9:00 am-10:00 am
Location: Ellington High School
Fee: \$25 per player

This clinic will be designed to introduce kids to lacrosse. Basic fundamentals of throwing, catching, cradling and shooting will be covered. Players do not need equipment for this clinic; the equipment will be provided.

Preschool Programs

MUSIC & MOVEMENT FOR TOTS

(Adult participation is required)

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Winter Session JW18

Day: Wednesdays
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21,
(Make-up dates 2/28 and 3/07)

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Min: 6 Max: 10

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

Spring Session MW18

Day: Wednesdays
April 4, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
(Make-up dates 6/06)

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Min: 6 Max: 10

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

Winter Session JT18

Day: Thursdays
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22,
(Make-up dates 3/01, 3/08)

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Min: 6 Max: 10

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

Spring Session MT18

Day: Thursdays
April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
(Make-up dates 6/07)

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Min: 6 Max: 10

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

Youth Programs

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

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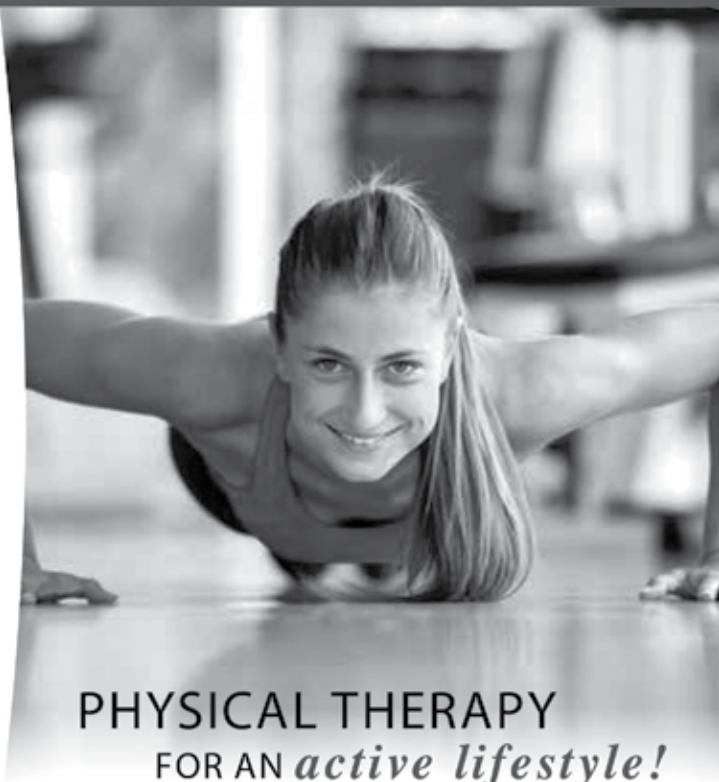
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Session W17: November 2, 9, 16, 30;
December 7, 14, 21; January 4
Code: 2017.JUKF172
Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike RT 30 Vernon

Youth Tennis Programs

Instructor: Gary Marquez

TINY TOT TENNIS

Day: Mondays
Dates: Feb 26; March 5, 12, and 19
Ages: 3-5 years old
Location: Crystal Lake School
Time: 5:30 pm-6:00 pm
Fee: \$40
Code: TINY.TTTW18

PEE WEE TENNIS

Day: Mondays
Dates: Feb 26; March 5, 12, and 19
Ages: 5-7 years old
Location: Crystal Lake School
Time: 6:15 pm-7:00 pm
Fee: \$40
Code: PEE.PWEW18

YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Day: Mondays
Dates: Feb 26; March 5, 12, and 19
Ages: 8-13 years old
Location: Crystal Lake School
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Fee: \$40
Code: YOTH.TNW18

Youth COED Informal Volleyball

Instructor: Allison Huie
Day: Wednesday
Grades: 5-8
Location: Ellington Middle School
Start: March 14, 21, 28; April 4
Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
Code: YOUTH.COEDVB18
Fee: \$25
Min: 8 Max: 16

Day Trips 2017-2018

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! Fees include transportation and entry for game or show. Check our website www.parkrec.ellington-ct.gov.

Upcoming trips, those interested can check the website from November on for updated information:

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY

December 2, 2017

Enjoy a day in the "Big Apple" with friends and family. Get a 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 Time: 7:00 am
Return Time: Approx. 10:30 pm
Fee: \$68 Per Person (fee includes bus transportation only)

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN BOSTON

March 2018 date forthcoming

Plan a fun day in Boston! We'll take you to Boston, drop you off at several locations and pick you up at a pre-determined location at the end of the day. The bus will drop off at the following locations and public transportation is available for many others; info can be found at www.mbta.com.

- **Boston Flower Show:** Held at the Seaport World Trade Center, this year's theme is Superheroes of the Garden! For more info and to purchase tickets, check out <http://www.bostonflowershow.com>.
- **Boston Science Museum:** Trip-goers can easily spend an entire day exploring this museum. For more info about exhibits and special events and to purchase advance tickets, check out www.mos.org.
- **Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall:** Trip-goers can walk around, shop and get great food at this historic area in Boston. More information can be found at www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com.

Date: Saturday, March TBD
Reg. Deadline: Friday, March TBD
Departs From: Tolland Commuter Lot, I-84 Exit 68
(Near Dunkin Donuts)
Departure Time: 7:00 am
Return Time: 7:00 pm
Fee: \$40 per person

SPRING SOCCER 2018

IN-HOUSE SPRING SOCCER PROGRAM

Ages 4-8 years Boys & Girls

The Recreation Department will be offering a Spring Soccer Clinic for children in April 2018. Due to the growing number of children interested in the sport of soccer, WE NEED YOUR HELP. Even if you have never played, coached or watched soccer, your participation is vital to this program. In conjunction with the Recreation Department, we will be offering a free Coaches Clinic

in order to assist in helping you grow to love the game of soccer. Not only will you enjoy yourself, the smiles on the children's faces are worth every minute you put into this program. Ages 4, 5, and 6 will be coached on one night; ages 7 and 8 will be coached on a different night. Depending on how many teams are formed, there will be a "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another team in a scrimmage/match. This cannot be successful without your help and volunteer time. Contact the Recreation Department at recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov or rtdford@ellington-ct.gov. Please note: The quantity of volunteers will determine how many children will be accepted into this program.

Ages: 4-6
 CODE: INHSE.SOC4618
 Day: Mondays
 Dates: April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21
 June 4 makeup date
 Time: 5:30 pm-6:45 pm
 Location: Middle School Soccer Field
 Fee: \$35
 Ages: 7 & 8
 CODE: INHSE.SOC7818
 Day: Wednesdays
 Dates: April 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23
 May 30 makeup date
 Time: 5:30 pm-6:45 pm
 Location: Middle School Soccer Field
 Fee: \$35

2018 SPRING OUTDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

Fee: \$35.00 (U8- U15)

The Recreation Department will offer an Outdoor Soccer Program for boys and girls based on current CT Junior Soccer Association age/birth date guidelines (see chart below). Based on enrollment and evaluation submittals of the respective coaches, teams may be formed in the following age groups:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| U-15 Boys and Girls | Full sided (11 vs. 11) or Small sided (6 vs. 6) on the playing field |
| U-14 Boys and Girls | Full sided (11 vs. 11) or Small sided (6 vs. 6) on the playing field |
| U-12 Boys and Girls | Small sided (9 vs. 9) or (11 vs. 11) on the playing field |
| U-11 Boys and Girls | Small sided (9 vs. 9) on the playing field |
| U-10 Boys and Girls | Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field |
| U-9 Boys and Girls | Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field |
| U-8 Boys and Girls | Small sided (4 vs. 4) on the playing field |

Placement will be determined by skill level, age compatibility and available roster space. The Recreation Department will make the final determination regarding a player's placement to a respective age level; a player may attend evaluation clinics at an age group higher than his/her current age, but cannot attend an evaluation clinic at a lower age division. The deadline for players to register in order to retain his/her fall 2017 roster placement is April 10, 2018. Registration forms received after that date will be placed in the "as available" file until final registrations/two evalu-

ations have been completed. It is important to note that the spring 2018 season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on 'actual enrollment' as of April 10, 2018. Since spring Soccer is considered an off-season sport, roster size and team alignment may be adjusted in order to provide a roster placement for all registrants. If a player wishes to attend an evaluation session in order to (1) qualify for a specific age group/level or, (2) is a new player that was not rostered in the fall of 2017, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form.

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

Evaluation Dates: At Brookside Park
 Monday, April 16 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
 Tuesday, April 17 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER TRAVEL DIVISION LEVELS

Travel Team Soccer Age Groups for Seasonal Year

2017 Fall to 2018 Spring

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2008-2009-2010 | 8, 9, and 10 year olds |
| 2006-2007 | 11 and 12 year olds |
| 2003-2004-2005 | 13, 14 and 15 year olds |

Ellington Girls Softball League

Register online at ellingtongirlssoftball.org

Select "Register Online" tab on left of Home Page. You will also be able to register for player clinics at this time. Softball Registration dates for new players:

First year players are required to provide an original birth certificate and parent/guardian must show their driver's license at time of registration. Online registration begins December 1st. Check the website for details.

Registration Dates:

| Dates | Time | Location |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Sat. Jan. 27th | 9 am - Noon | Middle School - Cafeteria |
| Sat. Feb. 3rd | 9 am - Noon | Middle School - Cafeteria |

All Minor and Major League Players will be evaluated at an Evaluation Clinic in March. Pre-Season Player Clinics will be scheduled in February/March, before the Evaluation Clinic. All Clinics have limited space; signups will be offered during registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. Practices will begin sometime in early April depending on weather/field conditions.
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Volunteer Opportunities Umpiring Minor & Major League Games; Coaching and Concession Stand. League volunteers who have regular contact with players must attend one of the registration sessions. Please complete a Little League Volunteer Application (which can be found on our website under the Registration Tab at top of the page, and bring it along with your driver's license (we will need to keep a copy).

Ellington Girls Softball League is NOT AFFILIATED with the Ellington Recreation Department. The Ellington Girls Softball League Program is an all-volunteer organization. For more information, visit ellingtongirlsoftball.org

| League | Age (as of 12/31/17) | Fee (plus \$25 refundable concession deposit/clinic fees) |
|---------|----------------------|---|
| Rookies | 6 – 8* | \$65 |
| Minors | 9 – 10 | \$75 |
| Majors | 11 – 12 | \$85 |
| Seniors | 13 – 16 | \$85 |

*may be 6 years old if child has played at least one year of t-ball

Contacts: Keith Jarvis @ egspresident1@gmail.com
Or Andrew McCoy @ amccoy2@gmail.com

Ellington Little League Baseball 2018 SPRING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Players Ages 6 - 16 years (as of August 31, 2018)

www.ellingtonll.org

Returning Players - Online Registration Requested

www.ellingtonll.org - Registration Tab

Online registration open from 1/27/18– 2/28/18

NEW PLAYERS TO LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration Dates

| Dates | Time | Location |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Sat. Jan 27th | 9 am - Noon | Middle School - Cafeteria |
| Sat. Feb 3rd | 9 am - Noon | Middle School - Cafeteria |

NOTE: FIRST TIME PLAYERS must bring a BIRTH CERTIFICATE to registration (Ages 6 & up)

The Ellington Little League Program is an all-volunteer organization. The league is affiliated with Little League, International and follows the rules and guidelines set forth by the National Organization in Williamsport. The revised age chart is posted on the Ellington Little League website.

Divisions/Fees

| Division | Ages* | Fees** |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| T-Ball | 6-7 | \$60 |
| Instructional | 7-9 | \$60 |
| Farm | 7-10 | \$120 |
| Minors | 8-11 | \$130 |
| Majors | 10-12 | \$130 |
| Juniors | 13-15 | \$130 |

*details regarding the evaluation process to determine division

of play is posted on the Ellington Little League website at www.ellingtonll.org

** (\$10 dollar family discount for second family member and \$30 family discount for three or more family members)

*** Note all fees require an additional \$35.00 family concession stand deposit that is refundable upon serving in the concession stand.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MANY AREAS!

Ellington Little League is looking for volunteers for coaching and Board of Director positions. Please contact Derek Baehre at: 860-716-8469 / dbaehre01@hotmail.com or any BOD member. BOD members contact information can be found at <http://www.ellingtonll.org>.

EVALUATIONS

Juniors, Major, Minor, and Farm League Try-outs: To be held in March 2018. Dates and locations to be posted on website at: www.ellingtonll.org.

Juniors Ages 13 - 15 - Evaluations required for placement on Junior league team.

Majors Ages 10 -12 - All players interested in participating in the Majors program ages 10/11/12 must attend major league tryouts to be eligible for Major League Draft. All 12 year olds will play in majors unless special waiver granted.

Minors Ages 8-11 - All players interested in participating in the Minors program ages 8/9/10/11 must attend Minor league tryouts to be eligible for Minor League Draft. All 11 year olds not selected to a Majors team will play in minors unless special waiver granted.

Farm Ages 7-10 - All players interested in participating in the Farm program ages 7/8/9/10 must attend Farm league tryouts to be eligible for Farm League Draft. All 10 year olds not selected to a Majors or Minors team will play in Farm unless special waiver granted.

INSTRUCTIONAL AND TEE-BALL DIVISION AGES 6-9

These divisions are instructional in nature and designed to develop baseball and team work skills. Evaluations are not required for this division and parents will be notified as to which team their player has been assigned to.

UMPIRES

All interested umpires (adults and children age 13 & up), including returning umpires, must complete an application on website. Training will be provided.

COACHES/PLAYERS CLINIC(S)

Multiple clinics will be available to both players and coaches over the winter. Details of these programs will be posted on the

Ellington Little League website <http://www.ellingtonll.org>

2018 Seasonal Employment Opportunities

Applications for seasonal employment will be available January 10, 2018 for those interested in applying for the following positions within the Recreation Department. Please contact the Recreation Office at: 860-870-3118 or

recreation@ellington-ct.gov to obtain an application form.

- ASA (Softball Umpire)
- Day Camp Counselor
- USSF (Soccer) Official
- WSI and LGT Lifeguards
- USSF (Soccer) Official
- Youth Lacrosse Official
- Site Supervisors
- Special Event Instructors

Ellington Senior Center

Erin Graziani, Director

40 Maple Street

Website: seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov

Phone: 860-870-3133

In addition to our many regularly scheduled programs, a variety of classes, guest speakers, entertainers, trips and other special events are scheduled monthly. Please stop in to get your copy of our monthly newsletter, The Maple Street Monthly; Follow us on Facebook 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:

- Nov. 8, 1:00 pm - Musical Insights: A Tribute to Veterans (Bob Hope, Andrews Sisters and more!)
- Nov. 9 & Dec. 14, 12:30 pm "Dessert & Canvas"
- Nov. 14, 10:00 am "Medicare Boot Camp" Presented by Cynthia Del Favero, NCAAA & CHOICES Regional Manager
- Nov. 15, 9:00 am-1:00 pm AARP Smart Driver Course
- Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 1:00 pm "History for Fun: Television's Golden Years of Comedy" presented by Joe Ouellette
- Nov. 16, 12:30 pm, Thanksgiving Dinner - Tickets in Advance
- Nov. 29, 10:00 am Ellington Singers Holiday Open Rehearsal



- Dec. 2, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair
- Dec. 7, 12:30 pm Holiday Dinner - Tickets in Advance
- Dec. 13, 1:00 pm Musical Insights: Christmas Karaoke and Sing-a-long
- Dec. 28, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, Amelia's New Year's Eve Party (Snow date 12/29)
- Jan. 10, 1:00 pm "Music for All" presented by Janice Chaplin
- Jan. 31, 1:00 pm "Journey Through the Universe" an Astrology Program presented by Gary Chaplin

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

10:00 am-1:00 pm Chess Mates

- 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-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 CrosSculpting*
- 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Setback

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

- 9:00 am-3:00 pm Podiatry Clinic* (12/6, 1/3, 2/7)
- 9:00 am-10:00 am Ellington Men's Club*
- 9:30 am-12:00 pm Cut Ups Carving Club
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Maple Street Kitchen Lunch*
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:1 Computer Help with Bill*
- 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Musical Insights*

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2:00 pm-3:30 pm Shuffleboard

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Yoga*

THURSDAYS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

9:30 am-11:45 am Sew and So

10:00 am-10:45 am Chair Exercises*

11:00 am-11:45 am Simple Circuit
Fitness*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Maple Street Kitchen
Lunch*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm Memories & Creative
Writing*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm Ballroom, Polka &
Fun Dancing

1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:1 Computer Help
with Bill*

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Chair Yoga*

5:30 pm-6:30 pm CrosSculpting*

FRIDAYS 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

9:00 am-12:00 pm Wii Bowling

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

LUNCH PROGRAM

The Maple Street Kitchen (MSK), serves home-cooked meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 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." Mondays and Tuesdays grab a sandwich, salad, fruit, etc. while

they last in La Petite Café. Items vary weekly and suggested donation price is listed individually

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation is available to Ellington residents for medical, social and nutritional programs by calling the Transportation Line Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 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

See our website at: seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov or check the Information Center for all available trips and cruises.

Elderly Outreach

Anna L. Turner, MSW,

Elderly Outreach Social Worker

Phone: 860-870-3131

Email: aturner@ellington-ct.gov

Parkinson's Disease Support Group Meetings: Our support group meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30 am to 12 noon at the Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street. Persons with Parkinson's disease and their partners and caregivers are welcomed to attend. Call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 if you have any questions.

Veteran's Coffeehouse: "The Veteran's Coffeehouse" upcoming meetings will be held on November 15, December 6 and 20 and January 3 and 17 at 10:30 am in Ellington at the Hall Memorial Library. The program's intention is to bring veterans from all branches of the military together (both men and women

veterans of any age) in a comfortable setting to meet, socialize, seek & share information on their military experiences, learn about local & State Veteran's benefits and services, and have a cup of coffee. If you have any questions about the State of CT Veteran's Wartime Service Medal, or any other question please call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131. We look forward to having you join us!

Access Energy Assistance Program: The Human Services office has begun scheduling appointments for the Energy Assistance program. This energy assistance program can help low income persons and/or families pay for some of the cost of their primary heating bills. Please call the Human Services office at: 860-870-3128 for details on the income and asset limits for this program, required documents, and to set up an office appointment to do the application. Senior applicants can call Anna Turner/Elderly Outreach Social Worker at 860-870-3131.

V.F.W. Post 10689

Bob Butler

I would like to thank the Ellington YMCA, summer camp youths and the camp counselors for choosing Ellington Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 10689 for their "Heroes Week" and their donation. It was truly an honor to speak to them, along with Qtr. Master Bruce Warkentin and American Legion CMDR. Al Lewandosky. We are committed to continually serve our community, State, and Nation. Veterans, consider joining us and continue to serve!

Ellington Winter Farmers' Market to be Held at the YMCA

The winter season of the Ellington Farmers' Market kicks off on Saturday, November 18 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the YMCA, 11 Pinney Street. The market, held every other Saturday through March, is a wonderful example of two organizations, the Ellington Farmers' Market Association and the Indian Valley YMCA, working together to provide a community supported event. The market is a non-profit 501c3 dedicated to providing healthy, local food sources to the community along with education on healthy eating. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, up to \$20 in SNAP benefits will continue to be matched at each market. Simply present your EBT card at the market table and receive tokens to shop.

The market hosts twenty-five vendors bringing locally produced foods including produce, dairy, beef, seafood, pork, poultry, lamb, a wide variety of baked goods, cheeses, honey, specialty sauces,

soups, ready to eat items and artisan wares. The market will host a "Holiday Extravaganza" market on Saturday December 16 adding additional vendors bringing a wide variety of local holiday products and gifts. Additional programs including chef demonstrations will take place throughout the winter season.

The current market information can be found on the website at: ellingtonfarmersmarket.com where you can also sign up for the market's newsletter. Questions can be addressed to ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.





Local and Fresh...Our Community at its Best

**Winter Market
Saturdays
2:00pm - 4:00pm**

YMCA
11 Pinney Street

**Nov 18 • Dec 2 & 16
Jan 6 & 20 • Feb 3 & 17
March 3 & 17**

EllingtonFarmersMarket.com
EllingtonFarmersMarket@gmail.com



Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Saturday, December 16, 2017, 12:00 noon

The Ellington Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee in cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department welcomes everyone to join us

Ellington Center Cemetery, 95 Maple Street, Ellington, CT

There are more than 450 veterans buried at the Ellington Center Cemetery. If you wish to honor a fallen service member by purchasing a \$15 wreath, contact Wreaths Across America at: 877-385-9504 or visit the website at WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. Using our sponsor ID: CT0039 and location ID: CTECCE - your order will be delivered with the town order. For every 2 wreaths purchased, 1 is awarded to Ellington at no charge when you use the town code. The wreaths will be presented during the Ellington Center Cemetery Ceremony. Contact Peter Hany, Jr. at: 860-281-4454 for more information.



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Suicide in the Military and with Veterans

Joe Palombizio, Emergency Management Director
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Suicide in the military and with the veteran group is a serious problem. The Census Bureau estimates there are 21.5 million veterans in the United States. There are 19.3 million male veterans and 2.2 million female veterans.

President Obama signed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, named for a Marine Corps combat veteran who struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. He later committed suicide at age 28. The bill calls for evaluation and expansion of existing Veterans Affairs mental health and suicide prevention programs.

Doctors and researchers are attempting to identify which group of veterans are most at risk and a potential suicide threat. Once they identify the group, they can begin treatment. Some of the

variables they are looking at are; veterans who saw heavy combat action and veterans who left the military after a three- or four-year tour and saw no combat action, veterans who retired after twenty years or more of service, veterans who received military discipline, and veterans who were influenced by outside factors.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP.....?

In Connecticut, if you are a veteran, or a loved one or friend is a veteran, or you know a veteran and they are exhibiting; confusion, withdrawal from friends / social interaction, inability to work, go to school, nervousness, jumpy, self-medicating with alcohol-drugs, abuse of prescription drugs, sleep problems, expressing thoughts about dying or life would be better without them.

Please call the number below 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
Veteran Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255

No veteran or soldier should ever feel alone or helpless. They served us and our Country, now it's our turn to serve them.

Human Services

Joy Hollister,
Director
860-870-3128
email: jhollister@ellington-ct.gov

Holiday programs - Human Services offers an "adopt a child" holiday program for low income children, as well as a program to adopt needy disabled and elderly residents. Residents who could use assistance during the holidays are welcome to contact our office for more information. Human Services welcomes businesses and/or families/individuals to "adopt" our program participants. Please contact us for more information on how you can help.

Food Bank - Human Services provides Thanksgiving food baskets and a grocery store gift card for the December holidays for food bank participants. Residents in need of food assistance during the holidays are encouraged to contact our office for more information. Human Services welcomes donations to help support these programs. Please contact us if you would like to donate.

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 you to who can, if applicable. Please call us to discuss what you or a loved one could be eligible for, or to discuss what is out there for services for your situation. Some programs we offer have income and asset limits.

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

Ellington Youth Services Spotlight

Julia Connor



The Ellington Youth Services Department, which falls under the Human Services umbrella, provides dynamic programs and community activities that develop and strengthen the essential life skills needed to face life's many challenges. Among the offerings are in-school, after-school, and evening programs designed as fun interactive learning experiences including playgroups, art programs, parenting, social and emotional learning, summer camps/activities and

leadership programs. In addition, there is a licensed therapist on staff that offers confidential counseling to Ellington youth and families in a trusting environment.

Youth Services oversees the Counsel for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) and Decide to Be Kind Campaign:

DPYC is an ad-hoc committee whose mission is to create and sustain a positive youth culture through collaboration among the community, schools, and town agencies. Rise Above is a community-based student leadership group offering high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership by hosting

a variety of events for the school and community. New ideas for programs and events come out of staff brainstorming sessions and surveys from the community; the department listens to their feedback on programs. Many ideas do come from community members saying "it would be great if," "have you ever tried?"

There are so many good things about working with kids: Seeing the pride they feel when they accomplish their goals, their high energy and creativity, and seeing their growth when they are learning new skills. Helps me to remember to have joy in everyday life. Laughter and kindness are essential to a healthy life.



2017 Safety Town Staff

Human Services will be having collections for the holidays and is always collecting for the food bank. Donations are always welcome.

Ellington Centennial Lions Club



In September of 2016, the Ellington Centennial Lions Club became officially chartered as a member of Lions

Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world consisting of more than 46,000 clubs, serving more than 200 countries with more than 1.35 million members. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. Current initiatives are to address pediatric cancer, diabetes, hunger, and the environment.

Our over 20 members are dedicated to identifying needs within our Ellington community and working to fulfill those needs. While a relatively new club, during 2017, we have been able to award two



scholarships to Ellington High School graduating seniors, collect used eyeglasses for reconditioning and distribution to those in need, and support a fundraising activity of Hall Memorial Library. We look forward to being able to expand our community support during 2017-2018.

We seek civic-minded men and women to join us in helping to make a difference in our community. The Lions's motto is "We Serve." It has been said that some people

live an entire lifetime wondering if they've made a difference in the world.... Lions don't have that problem!

"Our club gives members an opportunity to advance worthy causes, serve with friends, and become leaders in our community. This club means a lot to our Lions, but it means so much more to the people we serve," said Glenn Eberly, our club president.

Numerous fundraising activities are planned. We are proud of the fact that absolutely 100% of all fundraising proceeds are funneled back to the community through various charitable means. Join us! Support our activities! Help us help our community!

For information contact Ellington Lions at: PO Box 111, Ellington, CT. 06029 or email to: ralarson421@att.net.

Ellington Girls Scouts



Ellington Girl Scouts has collaborated with the Pajama Program to collect pajamas for infants through young adults who may not otherwise have pajamas. Pajama Program, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, provides new pajamas to children in need in the United States, and around the world, many who are waiting and hoping to be adopted.



IT'S SO EASY TO HELP!

Donate NEW pajamas in sizes newborn up to adult size XXXL. Drop off donations at Hall Memorial Library or Ellington Youth Services in collection boxes between October 1 and December 1, 2017. Questions? Contact Jenna Miller at: jmrstau@gmail.com.

Hall Memorial Library (HML)

Susan Phillips, Director

93 Main Street

860-870-3160

Website:

library.ellington-ct.gov

LIBRARY HOURS

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.



Eclipse gazers of all ages.
From the Library's Solar Eclipse
event, August 21, 2017.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Each year the Library receives hundreds of donations of books, DVDs, videos, puzzles and other items. Thank you, thank you, and thank you for all these great items! We add to the library collection that which is appropriate and handle the remainder in a variety of ways. Videocassettes are placed on a cart by the front door for free taking by whoever wants them. Magazines are also free for the taking from the basket nearby. All the rest is given to the Friends of the Library to be offered for sale either in the Book Cellar or at the semi-annual Bag-of-Books sales. This works out great of us all - you declutter your home and donate your items to be reused and recycled, the library benefits from the use of the items, or ultimately from the sale of them, and someone goes home with a new treasure! That being said, please keep in mind that only items with life left to them are useful. Things that are dirty, moldy or smelly should be discarded in your recycle bin at home. Textbooks, except for those only a few years old are sadly also recycle items. Magazines more than 5 years old (unless of a specific subject like woodworking), popular books more than 20 years old and old encyclopedia sets are likely not of interest either. And when you bring your donations, please don't bring them when the Library is closed and please don't leave them outside! If you need help carrying them in, please call ahead or come in and ask. Materials left outside are often damaged by weather and then are only trash to everyone. Thanks again for all your great donations!

VISITORS IN SEARCH OF THEIR PAST

The Library often hosts visitors in search of genealogy information or with a link to Ellington. This past September we were thrilled to have Frances Morgan White and her sons visit us from Georgia. Frances is the 5th-generation granddaughter of Reverend John McKinstry, the first minister of

Ellington Congregational Church. Reverend McKinstry's oldest son John moved to Holyoke, MA and spawned the family line from which Frances descends. The Library is built on land that was originally (starting in the early 1700s) the McKinstry farm and it is their family cemetery that is the lovely view from the library windows.

CLOTHING DONATION BIN

The Library hosts a Kiducation clothing donation bin in the parking lot. Please remember - this bin is ONLY for donations of clothing and shoes. Please don't leave other kinds of items outside the bin.

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

The Library is a U.S. Passport application acceptance agency. This means you can make an appointment and we can process and submit your application for a new passport. You need to bring: completed application (we have them here or you can download one from the U.S. Dept. of State website), a passport picture (have it taken at Walgreens, CVS, AAA, etc.), a check or money order for fees, your license or other government issued ID, and your original birth certificate or proof of citizenship. Passport renewals are self-serve, but we can assist if you wish. Call 860-870-3160 for an appointment.

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All Free with Your Hall Memorial Library library card!
Just use your library card and set up an account and go for it! Find Universal Class on the ELibrary Link on the library website at: www.library.ellington-ct.org/.

TOWN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM - THE LIBRARY CAN HELP

With a severe winter season predicted for us, the usefulness of an emergency alert system comes to mind. The Town provides a system, Everbridge that allows you to get emergency alerts and optional community alerts by phone, email, SMS TXT, and/or TTY/TDD. Registration is done online. If you or someone you know would like to signup, but don't have a computer or need assistance, come to the Library and we can help!

Fall/Winter Events

Snowman Cake-Top Sculpture* with Jan Holland

Monday, November 13 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: Phil Rosenthal-Songs of Pete Seeger*

Friday, November 17 at 7:00 pm

Holiday Mousse and Chocolate-Dipped Fruit* with Alissa Monteleone

Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm

Clutter Control 102 with Dave Downs

Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: The Rolling Beats*

Friday, January 19 at 7:00 pm

Marty Podskoch: Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps with Marty Podskoch

Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 pm

A Passegiata Through Italy with Mariann Millard

Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 pm

Pretty Paper, Paint & Glue* with Judith Bird

Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm

Coffeehouse: Performer TBD*

Friday, February 16 at 7:00 pm

The Role of Herbs in an Early American Household with Carole Barber

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

History and Highlights of the Wadsworth Atheneum with Pauline Arendt

Tuesday, February 27 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

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| American Wrestler: The Wizard | November 8 at 6:30 pm |
| | November 9 at 1:00 pm |
| The Glass Castle | November 15 at 6:30 pm |
| | November 16 at 1:00 pm |
| Wind River | November 29 at 6:30 pm |
| | November 30 at 1:00 pm |
| I Do...Until I Don't | December 6 at 6:30 pm |
| | December 7 at 1:00 pm |

Coming soon:

Dunkirk; All Saints; Battle of the Sexes, and many more....

**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.*



These photos are from Minigolf at the Library 2017.

MINIGOLF AT THE LIBRARY- SAVE THE DATE!

Planning will begin soon for our 3rd Annual Minigolf@the Library event, scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018! If your business or organization has previously sponsored a hole, we will contact you at the beginning of November to see if you plan to sponsor again. If you have missed out on the fun in the past and would like to sponsor a hole, please contact the Reference Librarian as soon as possible and we will add you to the list. We will also be in search of fabulous prizes for our Teacup Raffle so please give us a call if you would like to contribute a gift card or an item. Local restaurant gift cards and locally produced items are particular favorites!

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WE CAN HELP WITH THAT...

Do you have pictures on a cd...your resume on a floppy drive... but your new computer doesn't have those drives? The Library has portable drives that can attach to USB outlets on your laptop so can access your stuff. We also have a card reader for photo cards and a CAC card reader so you can access your account away from the office.

The Library also has a public fax machine, computers, black and white and color photocopiers and printers, a scanner and a digital microform machine.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

If you are an artist looking for display space, check out the Library! We have a space for monthly exhibits with several openings still for 2018 and much of 2019. Call Sue or stop in.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Friends of the Library for their support of the summer reading programs. Everyone had a wonderful time "Building a Better World" this summer with reading activities, crafts, prizes and lots of fun programs for all ages, all funded by the generous donation from the Friends. Thanks for all you do!

BOOK CELLAR GIFT CERTIFICATES

Need a gift for a teacher, co-worker, secret Santa or some other special person? How about a gift certificate to the Book Cellar! The Friends of the Library used book store stocks hundreds of slightly used books and other materials for all ages at rock bottom prices - perfect for any book lovers! Gift certificates may be purchased in any amount.

Teen Stuff

Hey, teens! Stop in at the library during December and make an ornament or easy gift for someone special. We'll have supplies and ideas for you - you supply the hands and the thoughtfulness!

We'd like to give many thanks to the Friends of the Hall Memorial Library for sponsoring our fantastically successful summer reading program. We had 280 teens participate in the summer program and gave away six \$25 Amazon gift cards, one at the end of each week of the program. We had 163 teens complete a craft at one or more of the weekly craft tables, with fidget rings and pompom key rings being the most popular! We also had 25 teens enjoy the three foodie programs we held over the summer - making homemade pizza, make your own chocolate bark, and making an edible sculpture the top of a cake or cupcakes. Rave reviews were given to the homemade pizza workshop!

As always, we'd love your feedback and suggestions. If there's a teen book series you think we should own, let us know! If there's a teen program you think would be interesting, let us know! And

if there is any new music you'd like us to buy, let us know! We're always open to suggestions from our patrons. Season's Greetings and a wish for Happy Holidays to all of you!

From the Children's Department

A really **BIG thank you** goes out to the Friends of the Hall Memorial Library for their generosity this past summer. They provided us with the funds to have ten wonderfully special programs in celebration of the "Build a Better World" summer reading program. They also provided the monies to supply almost 100 children with free paperback books and to provide the delightful prize baskets given away at the end of the program. We had a truly busy and exciting summer here, in the Children's Department.

Healers with Halos, formerly Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs, will be visiting our library November 18, and December 16. On each of these Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30, several specially trained therapy dogs will be located in the children's area so that boys and girls, 5-12 years old, can read to them. These dogs are trained to be good listeners and they are very friendly! Online registration is recommended. Go to the library web site: www.library.ellington-ct.gov, locate the event calendar, find the date you wish to come, and click on the "sign-up hand." Each child is asked to bring from home a favorite book or the chapter of a book you are in the middle of reading. You will get about ten minutes to read and visit with a dog. All children's programs are free and open to the public. What a great way to practice those reading skills!

Story Hours are in full swing. For children ages 3-5 years old who are ready for an independent program, the Children's Librarian has stories, songs and movement activities that will keep you busy on Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00. For 2 ½ year olds along with an adult, there will be stories, songs and a story-related craft activity each Friday, 10:15-10:45. Babies & Books will be held for children who are 9 months to 2 ½ years old, along with an adult. They will meet on Mondays 10:30-11:30 to read board books, sing songs and mostly, play and visit with new friends. Online registration is required for these programs. Check out the event calendar on the library website to register or call the library at: 860-870-3160.

Thursday, November 9, beginning at 10:30, storyteller Anne-Marie Forer will be at the Ellington library for Tellabration. This is an international celebration of "storytelling." Story tellers all over the world will be sharing their craft through storytelling, puppets, and song. Ms. Forer will be sharing stories especially prepared for preschoolers, ages 3 and up. Area preschools have been invited to attend, and YOU can come too! There is no charge and no registration.

Saturday, December 2 Hall Memorial Library will present our annual Christmas Ornament Workshop. Free tickets will be available beginning November 25 for three different sessions:

10:00-10:30, 10:40-11:10, and 11:20-11:50. Pick up your tickets at the Children's Desk, upstairs at the library. Choose the session that works best for your schedule. This program is appropriate for children ages 3 to 12 years of age. Children 5 and under, should have an adult with them. Each child will make several ornaments which they can use to decorate for the holiday season. Come join in the FUN!

BOARD GAME CLUB- ALL AGES

As a follow-up to our successful summer Giant Games events, we will be re-starting our all ages Board Game Club one Sunday afternoon each month. We will be focused on teaching and learning strategic games; we hope to provide an experience different from what you are already doing at home. The games will be brought and taught by local game club members. All ages are welcome, but children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult who will actively participate in the game play. We will have games available



Board games for the Family Game club.

for all abilities but these are games designed to stimulate strategic thinking skills, therefore they require a higher level of concentration and focus than a simple game might demand. Dates will be Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 pm; Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 pm; and Sunday, December 10 at 1:00 pm. Please pre-register at www.library.ellington-ct.gov so we know how many gamers to expect.

Friends of Hall Memorial Library

The Friends of Hall Memorial Library elected the following individuals to the 2017-18 Board of Directors:

- President Peg Busse
- Vice President -
 General Chris McKechnie
- Vice President -
 Communications Diane Madore
- Treasurer Larry Dunn
- Assistant Treasure Patti Wendell
- Secretary Mary Lou Dyjak

Our next fundraiser will be our holiday cookie sale on Sunday, December 17. Also, mark your calendars for the Third Annual Mini Golf Event on Saturday, February 3, and visit the Book Cellar. Due to generous donations our shelves are very full with all types of materials for all ages. Our fundraising activities allowed us to provide the library with significant support this past year including very successful summer reading programs and museum passes, including the addition of the newly

renovated Dr. Seuss Museum in Springfield.

Beginning in November 2017, our monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, at Hall Memorial Library starting at 7:00. All members are always welcome and prospective members are invited to come and check us out. Call Peg Busse 860-966-6331 for more information or watch for notices on our bulletin board located in the foyer of the library.

Flu and You!

Flu season is rapidly descending upon us and we need to spread the word and not the germ.

WHAT IS FLU ?

Flu or influenza virus is a viral infection which causes infection of upper respiratory tract causing fever, chills, body aches, sore throat, runny nose, headache, fatigue and cough.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

The virus spreads via droplet in the air (coughing, sneezing, etc.), by direct contact (touch) with infected or carrier person and by touching a surface contaminated with the virus (desks, public places, etc.).

WHO IS AT SPECIAL RISK?

The population at special risk of developing a more severe

infection are pregnant women, children under the age of six, people older than 65 years of age, immunocompromised adults, people with history of asthma/bronchitis and people with diabetics.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT THE SPREAD?

Proper hand hygiene is the best preventive measure we can take against the spread of this virus. Remember to wash your hand properly anytime you come in contact with a sick person or go out in a public place, cover your face when you sneeze or cough. Avoid contact with people suffering from flu especially if you belong to the group at special risk of the disease. As in all diseases, keep your immunity and hydration up to decrease your chances of getting the disease.

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WHAT ARE THE COMPLICATIONS OF FLU?

Complications of flu include dehydration, electrolyte imbalance, secondary bacterial infection (including pneumonia /sinusitis, etc.) and deterioration of underlying chronic conditions, such as asthma /heart failure, etc.

WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE?

Flu vaccine is highly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The treatment option is basically an antiviral medication and supportive treatment as well as diagnosing and treating the complications occurring from the flu. Antibiotics are not used to treat flu.

However a secondary bacterial infection may require antibiotic.

This season commit yourself to proper hand hygiene, flu vaccination, building up immunity and staying well hydrated. Stay healthy and blessed.

Priority Urgent Care

A Rare Search

Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent



The last time the Ellington Public Schools (EPS) conducted a high school principal search was during the spring of 2005. Neil Rinaldi began his tenure as principal of Ellington High School (EHS) with the 2005-2006 school year. Thirteen years later, Principal Rinaldi has announced the 2017-2018 school year will be his last.

During Principal Rinaldi's tenure, EHS has worked diligently to increase student learning options for all students, adding a total of 67 new courses in the past 10 years. New courses have been added in every high school department, with new offerings including Heroes and Monsters, Robotics, Sculpture and 3D Design, Steel Drum Band, Probability and Statistics, and a new UCONN ECE EMT and Medical Terminology course. There was also a significant expansion of the fine and performing arts programs and extracurricular offerings.

EHS now offers a wide range of courses and activities to allow students to pursue their passions, develop new interests, and develop a plan of study that helps them meet their own academic goals. Further, in order to offer more options that will challenge high achieving students, 15 new Advanced Placement (AP) or UConn Early College Experience courses have been added in the past seven years. In fact, EHS has been recognized three times with placement on the National AP Honor Roll by the College Board for expanding opportunity and improving performance of Advanced Placement (AP) students.

Having begun his career as an elementary music teacher, Mr. Rinaldi now has over 40 years of educational service in Windsor Locks, South Windsor, and Ellington. Ellington High School is a better place because of Neil Rinaldi.

The search for the next Ellington High School principal commenced in September with a projected hire date of December 2017. We anticipate that the next principal would start his/her official duties this coming July 2018.

THERE WILL BE THREE PRIMARY PHASES FOR THE SEARCH PROCESS:

- 1 Input from Stakeholders
- 2 Search Committee Interviews
- 3 Stakeholder Dialogue with Finalist(s)

The process is designed to maximize the interaction between candidates and students, parents, staff, and Board of Education members.

Phase One was completed during September. There were multiple opportunities for stakeholders to interact with the Superintendent, providing input as to the characteristics they desire of the next principal. The following were the results:

ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL WILL...

- employ effective and strategic verbal and written communications with all stakeholders regarding the work related to the mission and focus areas of the school district and the high school;
- ensure Ellington's cultural and racial diversity enriches students' lives and prepares them to be leaders in an evolving society;
- utilize a student-centered approach encouraging students to find their voice, follow their passion, and develop a solution-oriented and innovative mindset;
- enhance the partnership with Ellington Middle School to ensure a seamless and welcoming transition from grade 8 to 9 and continue a student's personalized and academically rigorous 7 - 12 journey;
- lead instructional initiatives (i.e., Mastery Based Learning) to ensure cohesiveness, ownership, and understanding amongst parents, students, and staff;
- leverage the arts, athletics, STEM, and other student pursuits to ensure a comprehensive learning experience;
- employ strategies such as mindfulness, physical fitness, and healthy food practices to enhance the wellbeing of staff and students;
- model accountability, growth mindset, and commitment to continual improvement for students and staff;
- and, be mission driven to ensure Ellington High School continues to be a high caliber, model learning institution for

all students in our local, regional, and national communities.

Jack Harrington
Cathy Dziadul

EHS Paraprofessional
EHS Admin. Assistant

This input will drive the search committee's work when interviewing candidates. Joining EPS administrators on the search committee are the following stakeholders:

- Lori Caron EHS & EMS Parent & Crystal Lake Admin. Assistant
- Beth Shaw EHS/EMS & Crystal Lake Parent & EMS Counselor
- Amanda Marcus EHS Junior Student
- Nick Willett EHS Senior Student & BOE Student Representative
- Matt DeLassus EHS Band Teacher
- Mark Mahler EHS English Teacher
- Dylan Schroth EHS Special Education Teacher

The search committee's task will be to determine finalist(s). These finalist(s) will have the opportunity to dialogue with students, parents, staff, and Board of Education members prior to one candidate being brought forward to the Board of Education for an anticipated appointment in December, 2017.

This is an exciting time for the Ellington Public Schools. EPS hires on average twenty-three new teachers per year, but the hiring of a new high school principal is a rare occurrence. Life is about transitions and turning the page to a new chapter, this next chapter will be filled with great opportunities for Ellington Public School students.

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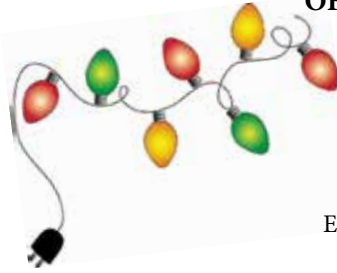
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Submit entry forms to the Ellington First Selectman's Office by 1:30 pm on Friday, December 8. Judging, both on-site and over social media, will take place the weeks of December 11-22. Please ensure that your lights are on during this time. This contest is open to Ellington residents only. If you have any questions, email to: info@ellington-ct.gov or call: 860-870-3100.

Let's light up the Town!

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DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT A. SMITH



Robert (Bob) has lived in Ellington all his life and currently lives with his wife of 29 years, Alisa and their two children, Heather and Haley. Bob has been a member of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department for 37 years. Starting out as a junior member at the age 16 he has made his way up the ranks to his current position as Deputy Chief.

Bob is a proud second generation firefighter in Ellington. Bob's father Allen rose up to the rank of Captain and his brother Randy to the rank of Lieutenant in the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department. Bob's wife is also an EMT with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant. The Smiths together have over 115 years of service to the Town of Ellington.

Bob is employed full time by UBS Realty Investors in Hartford where he holds the title of Associate Director in the accounting area and recently celebrated 35 years with the firm. In his free time if he's not in Boston watching his beloved Red Sox, you will find Bob on a softball field or volleyball court somewhere in the state. Bob also enjoys spending time with his two girls, Haley a sophomore at Central Connecticut State University and Heather a recent graduate of Manchester Community College currently working at Star Hardware.

DEPUTY CHIEF KARL NEUBECKER



Karl has been in Ellington for almost 15 years, originally coming from NY where he spent time as a firefighter and EMT. Joining the department upon moving to Town, he is currently certified as a Fire Officer II, Fire Service Instructor II, Health and Safety Officer, Aerial Operator, HazMat Technician and Emergency Medical Services Instructor. He serves as the deputy chief of training.

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year to compete in the Fight for Air Climb, a charity race up one of the tallest buildings in Hartford. He and his crew wear full bunker gear and compete against other fire department teams in the region, with all funds raised going to the American Lung Association. He also leads a team of firefighters to Maine every year to partake in a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Here, Ellington Firefighters climb the tallest building in Portland 10 times, equaling the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Done as a way to honor the fallen and raise money for the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation, this is not a competition but a great team building experience. They climb in full firefighting gear and air packs as a way to honor the 343 that died that day.

Karl is also employed as a Physician Assistant, working in Orthopedics in Manchester. He lives in Town with his wife, Lindsay, and their two children. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with family, playing Ultimate Frisbee and mountain biking.

THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS WOULD LIKE YOU TO REMEMBER THESE WOODSTOVE & FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS:

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- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces, otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
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WELCOME TO EMT CLASS!

That is what seven (7) Ellington High School students heard on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. These young adults have committed the next school year (on Wednesday nights from 6 pm to 10 pm) to become Emergency Medical Technicians.

Developed and offered in conjunction with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. and Ellington High School, the University of Connecticut (UCONN) awards four (4) college credits to the students that are successful in this, first in our state, Early College Experience program. Collaboration between Mrs. Fran Zampini (Ellington High School), Dr. Erin McGurk (Town of Ellington Board of Education)



EHS EMT Students with Instructor Hoffman and FOX 61 Host Ben Goldman, October 2017.

and Mr. Bruce Hoffman (Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.) have made this coursework possible and the past four weeks have been nothing shy of amazing. The students are mature, professional, intelligent, and dedicated to becoming EMTs by August 2018!

These seven young adults are embarking on a rigorous journey to make this happen. In addition to their regular high school academics, the students are also taking a UCONN / college level Medical

Terminology course, the EMT course on Wednesday nights, as well fulfilling several extra-curricular activities, including community service.

To date, they have filmed a promotional TV exclusive with FOX 61 (will air in November 2017 - see picture left with FOX 61 host Ben Goldman), have planned a blood pres-

sure screening clinic at the Senior Center (November 2017) and are preparing to do several clinical site visits which includes an emergency dispatching center, a regional trauma center and a helicopter EMS program.

The EMT course will prepare these students to provide prehospital assessment and care for patients of all ages with a variety of medical conditions and traumatic injuries. **Topics include:**

- Introduction to the Emergency Medical

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Dr. Daniel Veltri is board certified in orthopedics and sports medicine. Dr. Veltri graduated magna cum laude from Washington University and received his medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He completed his Surgical Residency at Hartford Hospital and his Orthopedic Residency at the University of Connecticut Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Veltri completed a Sports Medicine and Shoulder Fellowship emphasizing arthroscopic shoulder repairs at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Arthroscopy Association of North America, the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the Sports Medicine Committee of Connecticut. Dr. Veltri is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. He has authored numerous publications in peer-reviewed sports medicine journals and has also presented many research papers at national orthopedic conferences. His areas of research interest are arthroscopic knee ligament repair, arthroscopic rotator cuff repair and shoulder reconstruction.

Dr. Veltri has completed a fellowship in sports medicine and is an experienced athletic team physician consultant. He has served a rotation for the New York Giants football team as assistant team physician, attending to world class athletes both on and off the field. Today, Dr. Veltri provides athletic game coverage, and is the Team Physician to 10 local area high schools.

Sports Medicine & Orthopedic is a main sponsor of the annual Manchester Road Race and also sponsors the Athletes Pre-race Pasta dinner. Dr. Veltri was captain of his varsity wrestling team at Washington University and remains an avid athlete. In his free time, he is an active triathlete who participates in races from sprint to Ironman distances. He also enjoys running road races and cross country skiing.



He is specialized in orthopedic sports medicine for patients of all ages and skill levels and provides customized preventative programs, injury rehabilitation, arthroscopy and reconstructive surgery. His sports medicine specialty training guides his treatment of every patient regardless of age, activity level, or mechanism of injury. Dr. Veltri's goal is to help his patients return to optimum recovery and maximum performance.



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