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# The Town Manager's Corner

## To the Residents of Tolland:

Tolland continues to be recognized by outside groups as one of the best towns to live in both within the State as well as the country. Just recently our education system was ranked 36th best in the State which is a wonderful tribute to our educators and students. Working closely with my counterparts throughout the state as well as our colleagues in our own Board of Education we continually look for ways to enhance the quality of the services we provide at a lesser cost.

In recent years we have regionalized our health insurance programs combining with six other Boards of Educations and Towns and in just three years have saved over a million dollars. We have combined with Coventry and South Windsor to provide IT support. Working with the Board of Education we have just completed a \$10 million upgrade of HVAC systems in school buildings utilizing a performance management concept that allows for future energy savings to pay for the vast majority of the cost of the improvements. In addition we have created a combined utility account which has the ability to grow to help offset the cost of future HVAC improvement needs. Currently we are in the midst of the construction phase of the Library expansion project, final design of the highway expansion project and final design of the conversion of the former Parker School to 36 units of elderly housing. All these projects are the beneficiary of State grants which is a tribute to the ability of Town staff to leverage available state and federal dollars in order to reduce the cost of these public improvement projects on Town taxpayers.

We are currently in the midst of our 2016/2017 budget preparation. Please check our web page at [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org) for latest updates and public hearing dates scheduled as part of the budget process.

The Board of Education has done an outstanding job in presenting me as part of the capital budget process the need for upgrades to school facilities. Unfortunately many of the needs are expensive and ones that can no longer be deferred. For example the roofs at the Middle School, Birch Grove and TIS are beyond their useful life and have a cost to replace in excess of \$6 million. In total there are \$9.5 million worth of improvements which I am recommending be bundled into a bond issue which would require a referendum question as part of the 2016 fall election. The work would be performed over a three year period and when complete would address the major facility needs of our school system for the immediate future. In the future I am confident the school system, with funding support, will do a much better job of maintenance which will allow us to realize the full investment made in upgrades to school facilities. We are fortunate that due to a declining debt schedule we are able to bond projects such as this without an increase in our debt service.

It is important for residents to become knowledgeable about this issue and other elements of the overall Town and Board of Education budget. As always if any residents have questions about any aspect of the budget, please do not hesitate to contact me at [swerbner@tolland.org](mailto:swerbner@tolland.org).

Steven R. Werbner, Town Manager



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# Recycling

## Spring is coming! Tolland Still Needs Your Help To Increase Recycling!

Please continue to recycle! Recycling more saves the Town money!!

Below are the items that are acceptable to recycle:

The Town of Tolland is presently recycling:

- Cardboard and Brown Paper bags
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Glass and Metal Food Containers
- Mixed Paper (Including Junk Mail, Magazines, Multi Ply Carbon Paper)
- Newspaper
- Soft & Hard Covered Books
- Phone Books
- Copy, Color and Computer Paper
- Plastic Containers #1 through #7
- Cans (Aluminum and Tin)

More information can be found at [www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling](http://www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling)

# Town Sponsored Metal/Bulky Waste Pick-Up in April

The Town will be sponsoring a metal/bulky waste pick-up in April (week of April 4th on your normal pick-up day) at no cost to residents.

Reservations are required at least four (4) days in advance and can be made by calling Willimantic Waste Paper (800) 286-5335 or (860) 423-4527 or by visiting their website at [www.williwaste.com](http://www.williwaste.com). Without a reservation your items WILL NOT be picked up.

For a complete list of acceptable items please visit us at [www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling](http://www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling) and click on the Resident's Guide to Solid Waste and Recycling link.



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# Tolland High School Athletics



Through 8 games, the Tolland Boys Basketball team has a 3-5 record with great wins against Hartford Public, Rockville and Ellington. The 5 losses have come against very stiff competition (East Hartford, East Catholic, Bloomfield (2) and RHAM).

The team is being lead by Andrew Jaworski (Junior) and David Busch (Senior). Jaworski is averaging 20 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists per game, while Busch is chipping in with 12 points and 3 rebounds per game. The boys team is also getting great contributions from DeOndrew Regisford (Senior-8pts, 4 rebs.) and Devin Shelton (Junior-9pts, 7 rebs).

The boys basketball team is hoping to build off of last years success by again qualifying for the Class M state tournament in 2016.

For more information on THS Athletics go to [www.ths.tolland.k12.ct.us](http://www.ths.tolland.k12.ct.us)



As of 1/19/16, the girls basketball team at Tolland High School is 8-3. They have defeated Bloomfield, Hartford, Public, Fermi, Granby, East Hartford, Plainville, and East Catholic. They average 48.8

points per game while giving up an average of 34.4 per game. At this point, they are the 17th ranked team in the most recent Class M standings.

The team has 19 players in the program. The JV is 10-0 so far. **Seniors**-(5) Katie Candels, Ally Finik, Emma James, Taylor Hall, and Morgan Kirby. **Captains**- Finik, James, and Hall. **Juniors** (2)- Sam Matteo and Kelly Shea. **Sophomores**-(7) Kacie Shea, Kacie Gallicchio, Annie Geitner, Sophia Webster, Megan Enman, Jess Lebel, and Lauren Janton. **Freshmen** (5)- Allison Enman, Olivia Cayward, Haley Keane, Kyleigh Sisk, and Emily Donlin.

The team has played very good basketball this season so far. They are working very hard in practice to improve their shooting and defense. The team is looking to peak in the next couple of weeks to prepare themselves for the league tournament and state tournament. They have very competitive games coming up with EO Smith, RHAM, South Windsor, and Northwest Catholic.



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## **Tolland Registrar of Voters**

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As we do for all Elections, Primaries and Referenda, voting will take place at both polling places—the Tolland Recreation Center (104 Old Post Road) and the Tolland Senior Center (674 Tolland Stage Road). Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

If you have moved within town, your Polling Place may have changed. Please notify the Registrars of Voters if you have moved so that your records can be updated. You may visit our WEBSITE [www.Tollandelections.org](http://www.Tollandelections.org) for answers to any questions you may have or to change any information on your voter registration card. Click the green button "Register to Vote Online".

Our annual Budget Referendum will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. All registered Tolland residents are eligible to vote in the Budget Referendum.

If you have any further questions please call the Registrars of Voters at 860-871-3634.



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# Tolland Recreation Department

## CONTACT INFORMATION

104 Old Post Road  
Office: 860-871-3610  
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Info-line 860-871-3625

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Wed: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Thurs: 8:00 am - 7:30 pm  
Friday: CLOSED

## RECREATION STAFF

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bwatt@tolland.org  
Administrative Assistant:  
Kim Grimes  
kgrimes@tolland.org

## MAILING ADDRESS

21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084  
Registration Website: [www.tollandrec.org](http://www.tollandrec.org)

Email: [tollandrec@tolland.org](mailto:tollandrec@tolland.org)

## RECREATION BOARD

Jeff Maron, Chairman  
Larry Gramling  
Ray Milvae  
David Boland  
Anthony Ciccone

## SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS ON - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Please visit our registration site at [www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com)

## Recreation News

*A note from the Recreation Director, Bruce Watt*

Hello Everybody,

As we leave the winter season behind us, the spring season is full of transformations. The temperature starts to increase and flowers are now budding into lush, green plants. Aside from the weather's transformations that occur in the spring season, we are transforming our activity levels as well.

As residents, you know that the Town of Tolland is a special place and we've ensured there is something for everyone recreationally.

With the weather turning warmer, you may hike the many trails offered here in town, sign up for a fitness class, join a softball team, go on a picnic or enjoy a round of disc golf. It's easy to forget to take time out each day to enjoy our beautiful town.

We have put together some great programs for your family to enjoy. We hope you will take the time to check out the different opportunities to learn and have fun this spring. If you have any questions give us a call at 860-871-3610.

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Chris Charrette, Chris Coleman, Heather Kennedy, Kevin Sylvia, Robert Lumia, Scott Cady, Adam Jensen, Caleb Jeppsen, John Bedlack, Kris Popovitch, Matt Nickels, Rick Perryman, Tom Whitwell, Aaron Irwin, Allen Podmostka, Anthony Gordon, Chris Cook, Mike Cannizzaro, Sean Deffely, Christy Czerwinski, Nick Grassi, Tony Manfre, Brett Greene, Lauren Frisbie

My apologies to anyone I may have inadvertently left off!

Bruce Watt

Director of Recreation, Town of Tolland

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### INSURANCE

All persons participating in Recreation programs should carry their own personal health insurance. The Town of Tolland is not responsible for personal injuries. Participants in all Department sponsored programs do so at their own risk.

### ADA

The Town of Tolland does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. We are committed to assuring equal access to programs, activities, and services to all individuals. If you or a family member needs special assistance, please let us know when you register.

### PARTICIPATION

Only those enrolled in the program may attend. Sorry, children will not be allowed in the class room or gym during adult programs and siblings must remain seated and not disturb youth classes.

### AGE REQUIREMENT

To participate, children must meet minimum age before the class starts.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

Program cancellations due to inclement weather are announced on our information line (860-871-3625) and are broadcast on Channel 3's Early Warning Announcements.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

It is our policy that residents of the Town of Tolland who cannot afford to participate in programs or activities can make confidential inquiries for assistance to the Recreation Director.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### MAIL-IN

Registrations are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. A registration form is available at [TollandRec.com](http://TollandRec.com). Mail your completed form with separate checks for each program to:

Tolland Recreation Department  
21 Tolland Green  
Tolland, CT 06084

Consider yourself registered if you do not hear from us. Include your email address or a self-addressed, stamped envelope with registration if you would like a copy of your receipt.

### ON-LINE

([www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com))

Town Website – [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org)

Participants registering on-line will be confirmed on-line. Not all classes can be registered for on-line; however you may view all classes.

### FAX-IN

860-870-6876

### INFORMATION

Be sure to complete all information when registering.

### CLASSES

We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements.

### PAYMENT

Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid. We accept cash, checks, Discover Card, Visa or MasterCard.

### REFUNDS

Programs less than \$15.00 receive an

account credit. Refunds are given only prior to the start of classes or if we cancel the program. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to an \$8.00 processing fee.

### TRIP CANCELLATION

You will be refunded only if the spot can be filled. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to an \$8.00 processing fee.

### PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Birch Grove School  
247 Rhodes Rd, Tolland

Crandall Park  
64 Cider Mill Rd, Tolland

Skungamung River Golf Course  
114 Folly Ln, Coventry

Tolland Intermediate School (TIS)  
96 Old Post Rd, Tolland

Tolland Middle School (TMS)  
1 Falcon Way, Tolland

Tolland High School (THS)  
1 Eagle Hill Rd, Tolland

Tolland Recreation Center  
104 Old Post Rd, Tolland

Tolland Tennis Courts  
Old Cathole Rd, Tolland

Youth Garden  
Cider Mill Rd, Tolland-by Lions Field

KFAP Archery Indoor Training Ctr.  
Phelps Crossing, Willington, CT

### PARK FACILITIES

All parks are open sunrise to sunset. Dogs are required to be on a leash.

Dogs are NOT allowed on athletic fields!!

**CRANDALL PARK:** 64 Cider Mill Road- 350+ acre Town Park containing 3 tennis courts, a basketball court, softball & baseball fields, a swimming pond, bathrooms, 2.5 miles of marked hiking trails and a picnic area.

**PAVILION:** Is an open air shelter with picnic table seating for groups of up to 75. Facilities include a large charcoal grill, horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court. Use of a softball field is possible depending on availability. A 6' gas grill is available to rent for a nominal fee. Rental

by reservation only through the Recreation Office. Call the Recreation office at 860-871-3610 for fee schedule and available dates.

**“THE LODGE”:** The Lodge is a year round rental facility available to groups of 100 or less for special events such as weddings, showers, picnics, parties or meetings. Rental rates vary for residents, non-residents, businesses, daytime, nighttime and weekends. Building contains fireplace, tables & chairs, a warming oven, microwave, and double door fridge. For available dates, fees & more information call the Recreation office at 860 - 871-3610.

**RIVER PARK:** South River Road - 2 Little League size baseball fields, River access.

**HERON COVE PARK:** 125 South River Road - Small soccer field, multipurpose field, basketball court & canoe launch.

**TENNIS COURTS:** Old Cathole Road - Six all weather tennis courts across from Tolland Middle School.

**CROSS FARMS RECREATION COMPLEX:** Rhodes Road - 3 baseball and 3 soccer fields, Hiking Trails, exercise stations, 18 hole disc golf course, concession stand and soon - Adam's Adventure an all-inclusive play structure.

**ALL WEATHER TURF FIELD:** A beautiful lighted synthetic turf field at Tolland High School. The field with permanent lines for football, soccer and lacrosse is available to rent for a variety of practices, games and other events. To find out more, call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 or go to the web site [www.tolland.org/recreation](http://www.tolland.org/recreation)

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## TOLLAND YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES & GROUPS

### Tolland Boys Travel Basketball

[www.tollandbasketballclub.com](http://www.tollandbasketballclub.com)

### Girls Travel Basketball

[Tollandgirlstravelbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:Tollandgirlstravelbasketball@gmail.com)

**Tolland Lacrosse:** [www.tollandlacrosse.org](http://www.tollandlacrosse.org)

**Tolland Little League:** [www.tollandlittleleague.org](http://www.tollandlittleleague.org)

**Tolland Soccer Club:** [www.tollandsoccer.com](http://www.tollandsoccer.com)

### Tolland Youth Football & Cheerleading:

[www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com](http://www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com)

### Tolland Garden Paths Youth Garden

[www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net](mailto:www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net)

## PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES:

TollandLibrary.....860-871-3620

Tolland Senior Center.....860-870-3730

Tolland Human & Youth Services.....860-871-3648

## ROOMS FOR RENT FOR PARTIES, EVENTS OR WEEKEND MEETINGS

Want to have a party for your son or daughter but don't have the

space in your house?

The Tolland Recreation Center has rooms available to rent for parties, small gatherings, weekend meetings or similar events.

Want a special birthday party? Why not rent our gym?

Rooms are available for meetings on a limited basis to non-profit groups at no cost.

Call the Recreation Office at 860-871-3610 to get rates and check on availability.



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS TOLLAND TYKES PRESCHOOL For 3 & 4 Year Olds Classes begin September 2016

Our 3 year old

class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:30am, September thru May (32 weeks). The tuition for this program is \$995.00 payable in \*two (2) installments (August & January). Children must be 3 years old on or before December 31st.

4 year old class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00pm, September through May (32 weeks). The tuition for this program is \$1,550.00, payable in \*two (2) installments (August & January). Children must be 4 years old on or before December 31st.

To register, fill out our department's registration form and mail to the Tolland Recreation Department, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084, along with your \$100.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your child's place. The deposit will be applied toward your tuition fee. Registration forms can be found on our department's website at [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org) or [www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com)

For more information or if you have any questions please check out our website at [www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com) or feel free to contact the Recreation Office at (860) 871-3610.

## FIT TOTS



The focus of this program is to get children involved in physical activity at an early age. This unique class will combine stretching, movement, and other fitness concepts with running, jumping, throwing, and other skills. Boys and girls will participate in

exercise, dancing and fun games. Instructor: Patricia Stauder (Ms. Pat)

Day: Wednesdays

Session 2: March 2 – March 23, 2016 (winter session 2)

Session 1: April 6 – May 4, 2016 (spring session) (No April 13)

Time: 5:30-6:15 pm

Ages: 3-5

Fee: \$40.00 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res. 4 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

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## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### TOLLAND RECREATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM -

Open to boys and girls in grades 3rd - 8th. We are happy to be able to offer this program as an alternative to your child going home alone. Our program runs out of the Recreation Center and participants will be met at the Tolland Intermediate School and walked up to our building. You have the option of signing up for 3, 4 or 5 days a week. Program participants will have the opportunity to work on homework, enjoy some quiet time, have a snack and then expend energy participating in games and sports either in the gym or outside. To register your child for the program you must complete an application and return it to the Recreation Department along with your first month's payment.

Payment Rates: 3 days a week - \$150.00 per month, 4 days a week - \$190.00 per month, and 5 days a week - \$230.00 per month.  
Instructor: Tolland Recreation Staff.

### BABYSITTER SAFETY - 101

This course is for youth's age 10 to 15 years of age with the most common age of 12. This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Basic first aid and obstructed airway management for a conscious choking adult/child and infant will be covered. Other topics include hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, personal safety, interview skills and many more topics. Booklet, handouts and Babysitter Safety Certificate of completion included. Bring a snack. Instructor: LifeSafe Services Staff

Day: Saturday  
Date: April 2, 2016  
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Ages: 13 and up  
Fee: \$48.00 Res. / \$53.00 Non-Res.  
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

### BABYSITTER SAFETY - 102

This course is for youth's 12 to 16+ years of age with a sincere interest in advanced

concepts and skills of First Aid including CPR certification. Building on the entry level skills from Babysitter 101, objectives for this scenario based, expanded course includes additional First Aid concept, Adult/Child and Infant CPR. Requires written and skills testing to receive 2 year certification. Student receives book, handouts and Rescue Shield breathing barrier device.

Course Time: 3 hours  
Prerequisite: Babysitter Safety 101 within the last 365 days

Day: Saturday  
Date: April 23, 2016  
Time: 9:00am-Noon  
Ages: 13 and up  
Fee: \$48.00 Res./ \$53.00 Non-Res.  
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

## YOUTH SPORTS

**VOLLEYBALL CLINIC Girls** - Learn the fundamentals of Volleyball in a fun environment from the coaching staff and players from Tolland High School. Each session will include instruction and playing of games. In case of inclement weather program will be held at TIS. Fee includes T-shirt. Instructor: Vinnie Cianfarani & Ken Brown

Day: Tuesdays  
Date: April 26 - May 31, 2016  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm  
Ages: Grades 4th - 8th  
Fee: \$63.00 Res./ \$68.00 Non-Res.  
6 weeks

Location: Tolland High School

**JUKIDO - Beginner** - Based on the ancient art of Jujitsu, Jukido helps build focus, determination, confidence and sportsmanship. The emphasis is on safety and doing ones best while learning the basic principles and self-defense techniques. Instructor Todd Sise, is a 4th degree black belt certified with the International Kokondo Association

Day: Tuesdays  
Date: March 22 - May 31, 2016  
(No April 12, April 26, May 3)  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Ages: 6 - 8  
Fee: \$37.00 Res./ \$42.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

**JUKIDO - Youth** - This class builds on the fundamentals learned in the Beginner class. Helps build focus, determination, confidence and sportsmanship. Instructor Todd Sise, is a 4th degree black belt certified with the International Kokondo Association

Day: Tuesdays  
Date: March 22 - May 31, 2016  
(No April 12, April 26, May 3)  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Ages: 9 - 14  
Fee: \$37.00 Res. / \$42.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: Thursdays  
Date: April 7 - June 2, 2016  
(No April 14)  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Ages: 6 - 14  
Fee: \$37.00 Res. / \$42.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

### DODGEBALL AFTER SCHOOL

A chance for some after school fun playing the popular game of dodge ball. The players will use super soft foam balls and safety is stressed. Each week different styles of dodgeball are learned. The emphasis will be on teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants will be met at school and walked up to the Recreation Center. Instructor: Rich Lavigne

Day: Wednesdays  
Date: March 16 - April 20, 2016  
(no class March 30, April 13)  
Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm  
Ages: Grades 3rd - 5th  
Fee: \$20.00 Res. / \$25.00 Non-Res. 4 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

**ARCHERY- Beginner** - "Archery is a great sport for kids, which teaches patience, concentration and attention to detail. This highly structured, 5-week, introductory course is designed for those with little to no formal archery training. It provides the basic foundation for those looking to become skilled archers. Classes are held at the KFAP Archery Indoor Training Center, Phelps Crossing, Willington, CT. Equipment is provided.

www.KFAParchery.com Instructor: William Hall, former National Champion and Olympic Trials finalist

Day: Thursdays

Date: April 21 – May 19, 2016

Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Ages: 8 and older

Fee: \$55.00 Res. / \$60.00 Non-Res. 5 weeks

Location: KFAP Archery Indoor Training Center; Phelps Crossing; Willington, CT

**TENNIS CLINIC Coed** – Tennis instruction for beginner and intermediate players. Learn and improve on basic techniques thru the use of specially designed drills. Learn how to play points and matches to win.

Instructor: Kate Tellers, Former Coach at UConn with over 16 years of coaching experience

Day: Sundays

Date: April 3 – May 15, 2016  
(No class April 10)

Time: 4:30 - 5:30pm - Ages: 6 & up  
5:30 – 6:30pm - Ages: 12- 18

Fee: \$55.00 Res. / \$60.00 Non-Res. 6 weeks

Location: Crandall Park Courts

## CRANDALL'S SUMMER CAMP



### INFORMATION

At Crandall's Summer Camp, we strive to engage your child in a variety of activities that include outdoor games, sports, nature, arts & crafts, creative games, swim time, special events and

field trips. Children should bring a lunch, water bottle (please do not send glass), snacks, bathing suit and a towel each day. Please remember sunscreen and teach your child how to put it on properly. Rainy days will be at the Tolland Recreation Center.

- Register for camp on-line, by mail, fax, or bring to the Recreation Office
- Camp Runs Monday – Friday and is for children in grades K– 9
- When enrolling in the 3 day week option, be sure to choose which three days your child will attend camp
- Participants are grouped by grade entering Fall 2016
- Deadline for registration is the Wednesday prior to the week you wish your child to attend
- Staff members CANNOT administer medication of any kind during camp
- Out of town residents please add \$10.00 per child per week

### SPECIAL DISCOUNT

Register and pay in full on or before May 13, 2016 for all weeks requested to receive a \$10.00 per week discount.

## CRANDALL'S SUMMER CAMP 2016

Day: 5 DAYS - Monday - Friday

Ages: Grades K – 9th

Date: Wk 1: June 20 – June 24

Wk 2: June 27 – July 1

Wk 3: July 5 – July 8 (No July 4)

Wk 4: July 11 – July 15

Wk 5: July 18 – July 22

Wk 6: July 25 – July 29

Wk 7: August 1 – August 5

Wk 8: August 8 – August 12

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Fee: \$160.00 Res. / \$170.00 Non-Res Regular Day (5 Days)

**OR**

Time: 7:30 am – 5:30pm

Fee: \$180.00 Res. / 190.00 Non-Res. Extended Day (5 Days)

Location: Crandall Park- (Rain location -Tolland Recreation Department)

Day: 3 DAYS

Ages: Grades K – 9th

Date: Wk 1: June 20 – June 24

Wk 2: June 27 – July 1

Wk 3: July 5 – July 8 (No July 4)

Wk 4: July 11 – July 15

Wk 5: July 18 – July 22

Wk 6: July 25 – July 29

Wk 7: August 1 – August 5

Wk 8: August 8 – August 12

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Fee: \$110.00 Res. / \$120.00 Non-Res. Regular Day (3 Days)

**OR**

Time: 7:30 am – 5:30pm

Fee: \$130.00 Res./ \$140.00 Non-Res. Extended Day (3 Days)

Location: Crandall Park- (Rain location -Tolland Recreation Department)

## ADULT SPORTS

**GOLF LESSONS - Coed** – If you want to learn to play golf or improve your game this course is for you. Learn proper grip, alignment, swing technique, basic etiquette and rules. Instructor Rick Nelson, PGA Professional

Day: Tuesdays

Date: May 3 – May 24, 2016

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Ages: 16 & up

Fee: \$70.00 Res. / \$75.00 Non-Res. 4 weeks

Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

Day: Thursdays

Date: May 5 – May 26, 2016

Time: 6:00 -7:00pm

Ages: 16 & up

Fee: \$70.00 Res. / \$75.00 Non-Res. 4 weeks

Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

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**PICKLE BALL**



Are you looking to meet new people, workout, or just have fun? Then Pickle ball is for you! Come join us for some fun playing one of the fastest growing sports in America. Pickle ball is a racquet sport which combines badminton; tennis and ping pong all in one and is easy to learn.

Instructor: Ken and Liz Brown

Day: Tuesdays (advanced)

Date: March 29 – May 31, 2016

(No April 26, May 3)

Time: 4:30 - 5:45 pm

Ages: 45 and up

Fee: \$20.00 Res. / \$25.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Day: Thursdays

Date: March 31 – June 2, 2016

Time: 5:00 - 6:15 pm

Ages: 45 and up

Fee: \$25.00 Res./ \$30.00 Non-Res.  
10 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Department



**BASKETBALL**

**Pick- up**

The benefits of basketball include great aerobic exercise, it provides a wonderful cardiovascular workout, improves heart health, stamina

and lung capacity. The quick movements exercise your joints and muscles and improves strength and flexibility. In other words it provides a complete workout and allows you to meet new people while having fun! Pickup games using multiple courts. Register with the Recreation Department for a reduced rate or pay the drop in for \$5.00 an evening.

Instructor: Phil Doucette

Day: Mondays

Date: March 28 – May 23, 2016

(No class April 11)

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: 19 and up

Fee: \$35.00 Res. / \$40.00 Non-Res. 8  
weeks or \$5.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Middle School

Day: Wednesdays

Date: March 30 – June 8, 2016

(No class April 13)

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: 35 and up

Fee: \$45.00 Res. / \$50.00 Non-Res. 10  
weeks or \$5.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Middle School (June 1 &  
June 8 at T.I.S.)

**VOLLEYBALL (Coed)**



If you are looking for a fun way to improve your health, volleyball could be the sport for you. Join us for coed pickup games, No experience necessary. Our experienced instructor will help you learn the game.

If you have experience he will help you improve. A good opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Sign up with the recreation department at the reduced rate or pay the drop in rate \$5.00 an evening. Instructor: Sue Vang

Day: Mondays

Date: March 28 – May 23 2016 (No

class April 11)

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: \$32.00 Res. / \$37.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks or \$5.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Intermediate School

**VOLLEYBALL (Power)** - If you have some experience as a volleyball player this program is for you. Coed pick- up games for fitness and fun. Improve your game and meet new people while getting a good cardiovascular workout. Build muscle

and burn fat. Sign up with the recreation department at the reduced rate or pay the drop in rate for \$5.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sandy Willis

Day: Tuesdays

Date: March 29 – May 31, 2016

(No class April 12)

Time: 7:15 - 9:15 pm

Ages: 18 and up

Fee: \$36.00 Res. / \$41.00 Non-Res. 9  
weeks or \$5.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Intermediate School

**JUKIDO ADULT** – Jukido is a style of Japanese Jujitsu founded centuries ago.

Jujitsu was used by Japan's elite warrior class, the samurai, in battlefield combat.

Jukido emphasizes safety and doing one's best in a no-nonsense approach

to self-defense. Instructor Todd Sise,

International Kokondo Association & 4rd Degree Black Belt

Day: Tuesdays

Date: March 22 – May 31, 2016

(No class April 12, April 26,  
May 3)

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: 14 and up

Fee: \$37.00 Res. / \$42.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

**KOKONDO KARATE** – Kokondo Karate, a Japanese style of Karate, uses principles

indigenous to the far east and draws from the most effective and traditional

techniques from Japan, Okinawa and

China. The emphasis is a no-nonsense

self-defense and perfection of technique.

Instructor Todd Sise, International

Kokondo Association & 4rd Degree Black Belt

Day: Tuesdays

Date: March 22 – May 31, 2016

(No class April 12, April 26,  
May 3)

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: 10 and up

Fee: \$37.00 Res. / \$42.00 Non-Res.  
8 weeks

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

**SOFTBALL LEAGUE Slow Pitch** –

Weeknights at Crandall Park starting in May. A good competitive league for adults

18 and over. Some resident restrictions apply. The league consists of established teams. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team.

Day: Tuesdays - Thursdays  
Date: Starts in May, 2016  
Time: 6:30pm OR 8:00pm  
Ages: 18 and up  
Fee: Fee by Team  
Location: Crandall Park

**SOFTBALL LEAGUE Slow Pitch (Over 35)** – Plays Friday nights at Crandall Park. Fun, friendly competition and good exercise. Tolland residents only. The league consists of established teams. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team.

Day: Fridays  
Date: Starts in May, 2016  
Time: 6:30pm ,7:45pm OR 9:00pm  
Ages: 35 and up  
Fee: Fee by Team  
Location: Crandall Park

## ADULT EDUCATION

**ED 2 GO** – Here at the Tolland Recreation Department we offer a wide range of ed2go courses that you can take from the comfort of your own home. All of our courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Our online courses are affordable, fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you. Classes as low as \$95!! Ready to explore our catalog? Visit [www.ed2go.com/TollandRec](http://www.ed2go.com/TollandRec)

**KNITTING CLASS** – Beginners, novice, intermediate or expert knitters; this is your class. Bring your problems, questions, or unfinished projects. The basics of knitting will be explored. Casting on, binding off, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, simple knit & purl combinations, simple cables, reading & interpreting patterns & abbreviations. Come join the fun and learn a thing or two. Materials are covered by the student according to individual patterns. All students will need a skein of worsted weight yarn & needles, size 6, 7 or 8 to practice stitches & techniques. Instructor Lori D'Andrea

Day: Tuesdays  
Date: March 29 – May 24, 2016  
(No class April 12)  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm  
Ages: 16 and up  
Fee: \$44.00 Res. / \$49.00 Non-Res. 8 weeks  
Location: Birch Grove School

**HULA HOOP EXERCISE CLASS** – Join us for this fat burning, core strengthening workout using hula hoops. A form of dance that builds strength, balance and flexibility. It also helps calm the mind while exercising the body and it is just plain fun! No experience necessary. Hoops provided. Instructor Roxanne Frattaroli

Day: Mondays  
Date: March 28 – May 9, 2016  
(No class April 11)  
Time: 6:30-7:30pm  
Ages: 14 and up  
Fee: \$38.00 Res. / \$43.00 Non-Res. 6 weeks  
Location: Tolland Intermediate School

**YOGA am & pm** – The aim of this class is to learn to develop strength and flexibility and reduce stress by performing a series of breathing exercises, warm-ups, simple yoga postures, and meditation techniques to stretch and strengthen the body and calm the mind. No prior experience necessary. Please bring a sticky mat if you have one and a blanket or towel. Register with the Recreation office or drop in for \$8.00 a class. Instructor: Amy Evans Yoga Incentive Program: If you get a friend to sign up, you will receive 2 FREE class vouchers which can be used at any Tolland Recreation Department Yoga class within 9 months.

Day: Tuesdays - am  
Date: March 29 – May 17, 2016  
(No April 26 or May 3)  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00am  
Ages: 16 and up  
Fee: \$39.00 Res. / \$44.00 Non-Res.  
6 weeks or \$8.00 per walk-in  
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

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Day: Tuesdays - am  
Date: March 29 – May 17, 2016 (No class April 26 or May 3)  
Time: 9:00 - 10:00am  
Ages: 16 and up  
Fee: \$39.00 Res. / \$44.00 Non-Res. 6 weeks or \$8.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Day: Thursdays- am  
Date: March 31 – May 19, 2016 (No class April 28 or May 5)  
Time: 9:00 -10:00 am  
Ages: 16 and up  
Fee: \$39.00 Res. / \$44.00 Non-Res. 6 weeks or \$8.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Day: Mondays- pm  
Date: March 28 – May 16, 2016 (No class April 25 or May 2)  
Time: 6:00 -7:00 pm  
Ages: 16 and up  
Fee: \$39.00 Res. / \$44.00 Non-Res. 6 weeks or \$8.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Day: Wednesdays- pm  
Date: March 30 – May 18, 2016 (No class April 27 or May 4)  
Time: 6:00 -7:00 pm  
Ages: 16 and up  
Fee: \$39.00 Res. / \$44.00 Non-Res. 6 weeks or \$8.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

### TRIPS

For residents of Tolland, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Mansfield and Willington  
*(Spaces must be reserved through your town of residence)*

### A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN BOSTON

(registration deadline is April 9th)  
Plan a fun day in Boston. We'll take you to Boston, drop you off at the below locations and pick you up at a pre-determined location at the end of the day. Public transportation is available for many others.

**Boston Science Museum:** participants can easily spend an entire day exploring this museum. More information about exhibits and special events can be found at [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org).

**Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall:** participants can walk around, shop and get great food at this historic area in Boston. More information can be found at [www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com).

Public Transportation information can be found at: [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)

Day: Saturday  
Date: April 23rd, 2016  
Time: bus leaves commuter lot at

exit 68 off of I-84 at 7:30am and returns at approximately

6:00pm

Fee: \$45.00 for everyone (fee includes bus transportation only)

Location: Boston Massachusetts

### A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEWPORT, R.I.

Enjoy a day on your own, in beautiful Newport Rhode Island! Newport is most famous for their exquisite mansions which display the elegant social life and times from the gilded age. The downtown waterfront harbor area has an abundance of shops, restaurants, trolleys, bus tours and boat cruises. Newport is also home to the Tennis Hall of Fame and the scenic Cliff Walk that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean on one side and beautiful majestic homes, mansions, and Salve Regina College on the other. For details, prices, and other ideas for what to do in Newport check out [www.tripadvisor](http://www.tripadvisor), or Discover Newport or [www.newportmansion.org](http://www.newportmansion.org) Your coach bus will leave from the Tolland commuter lot at Exit 68 off Rte. I-84 at 8:00 am. It's about 2 hours to Newport; the bus will drop off and pick up at the Waterfront. Departure from Newport is 6:00 pm and return time approximately 8:00 pm.

Day: Saturday  
Date: May 21, 2016  
Time: bus leaves commuter lot at exit

68 off of I-84 at 8:00 am and returns at approximately 8:00 pm  
Fee: \$45 for everyone (fee includes bus transportation only)

Location: Newport, R.I.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE TRIPS IN 2016?

July 4- James Taylor at Tanglewood, July 29 - Plymouth Whale Watch September 24 – Scallop Festival in E. Falmouth October 8 – Salem, MA November 11 – Shopping in Kittery November (TBD) – NFL Football Game December 3 - A Day in New York City

### RECREATION HAPPENINGS PLANT A PRETTY PLANTER CONTEST

We are once again offering a chance for groups, families, or individuals in Town to show their creativity and community pride by entering the Plant a Pretty Planter Contest. Crandall Park has eight round (4 foot diameter) concrete planters, in the lower parking lot along Cider Mill Road, which are seen by hundreds of people a day and are in need of decorating. We also have containers by the pavilion and the Lodge that are in need of help! We are holding a contest to see who can create the best looking display using annuals, perennials and decorative items. You are limited by only the space and your imagination. The deadline for entering is April 28th and your barrel will need to be ready for judging by June 2nd. Designs must be family friendly, non-permanent, but last through the summer.

Our Team of distinguished Judges will choose the top three based on creativity, and use of color and texture. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Thanks to everyone that entered last year! We hope to see you again this year.

To enter call the Recreation Office at 860-871-3610 or email us at [bwatt@tolland.org](mailto:bwatt@tolland.org).



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# Tolland Public Library

## EXPANSION

The library expansion is progressing well with most work centering on preparing for the construction of the mezzanine and the installation of the elevator.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

On Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. Jeff Snow presents *The Softer Side of Celtic* which combines the music, stories and history from Scotland, Ireland and England into a program which will feature singing, laughing, clapping and even a bit of foot stomping. The concerts are interactive; questions and input from the audience are encouraged and become part of the event. Jeff is a skilled instrumentalist and a highly recognized guitar player who was featured in *Acoustic Guitar Magazine*. He also plays the Autoharp, Bouzouki and a variety of other instruments. His relaxed presentation is appropriate for audiences of all ages. Please call the library at (860) 871-3620 or register online at [tolland.org/library](http://tolland.org/library) and go to the Events Calendar.

## ONGOING GROUPS

**The Cook Book Club** meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

**The Adult Book Discussion Group** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 2 pm.

**The Writers' Workshop** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

**Knitting at Night** meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

**Nookless Knitters** meet every Friday at 10 am.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### For Preschool Children:

Story times at the library run from February through May. Parents and caregivers may sign up for:

**Library/Family Resource Center Story/Playgroup**, for ages 2 – 5. Meets on: Tuesdays at 10:15 – 11:15 am.

**Preschool Story time**, for ages 2 – 5. Meets on: Wednesdays, 10:15 – 11 am.

**Mother Goose Rhyme Time**, for babies and toddlers 6 – 23 months old with parent or caregiver. Meets on: Wednesdays at 11:15 – 11:45 am.

**Afternoon Storytime**, for ages 2 – 6. Meets on: Thursday afternoons at 1:30 – 2:15 pm.

**PJ Story times: for families with children 2 to 8.** Held on selected Thursdays at 6:30 – 7:00 pm. Children are welcome to come in PJs (and bring a favorite stuffed toy!). No sign up required.

### Early Literacy: Why Story times Matter to Your Child

Parents: did you know that reading aloud to even the youngest child and attending story programs can open the door to later

reading success? Children who participate regularly in these activities develop the skills that help them learn to read and succeed in school. The library has books, kits and a wealth of materials supporting literacy skills. Stop by the library to learn more – and sign up for a program while you are here!

## FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN:

**Mad Science: Spy Academy** on Wednesday, February 24th (a school early release day) at 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Look out 007: participants will learn to communicate like a real spy, using edible messages and decoding clues. For elementary age kids; sign up in advance required. This exciting program is sponsored by the Friends of Tolland Library.

**Kids Chess Club:** Children in grades 3 and up who enjoy playing chess are invited to sign up for weekly instruction and a chance to play their peers. Meets weekly on: Tuesdays, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. through April 5th. Instruction this spring is provided by National Grand Master Alex Fikiet. The library chess program is sponsored by the Tolland Public Library Foundation and the UConn Chess Club.

**R.E.A.D. dogs for Grades 1 and up:** Our registered Reading therapy dogs, Dolly and Vinny, are at the library twice each month. Reading aloud to a dog is a powerful reading motivator! Contact Mrs. B to sign up your reader ([vbrousseau@tolland.org](mailto:vbrousseau@tolland.org)).

## FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

**5th Annual Teen Poetry Slam:** Student poets ages 12 to 18 are invited to enter the library's annual Poetry Slam, to be held on: Thursday, March 10th, at 6:30 p.m in Conference Room A.

Entry forms are available at the library; call 860-871-3620 for more information or contact [vbrousseau@tolland.org](mailto:vbrousseau@tolland.org). The Tolland Public Library Foundation underwrites this creative event.

Tolland Public Library children's events are free and open to the public. For more information, check our online events calendar ([www.tolland.org/library](http://www.tolland.org/library)), call 860-871-3620, or contact the children's librarian at: [vbrousseau@tolland.org](mailto:vbrousseau@tolland.org).

## FRIENDS OF THE TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

### KID'S SPY ACADEMY WORKSHOP - LOOK OUT 007!

Hey kids! Journey into the world of espionage! Come to a workshop for school-age children presented by Mad Science of Western New England on Wednesday, February 24th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Spend your early release day learning some cool spy stuff. Space is limited. Please call the library to register or for more information at 860-871-3620. The Friends are pleased to sponsor this free children's program.

## UPCOMING GARDENING PROGRAM - FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT!

It's never too early to start thinking about gardening! A speaker from Manchester Community College will offer a program this

spring on a gardening related topic (not gardening for beginners).

If you have signed up for library news and announcements on the tolland.org website or have indicated you wish to receive Friends Blasts on your membership form, you will automatically receive the detailed announcement for this program. Information will also be posted on the Friends bulletin board across from the circulation desk. If you like to garden, don't miss this program!

#### **CHECK OUT A MUSEUM PASS - AN ADDITIONAL LIBRARY CARD BENEFIT**

Here's a chance to go to a new museum or visit a favorite area attraction for free or at a reduced admission. The Friends sponsor most of the 18 museum passes available to Tolland patrons. Some of our more popular passes include Old Sturbridge Village, the New England Air Museum, the Connecticut Trolley Museum, and Mystic Aquarium. We also have two passes to Connecticut State Parks, which include the beaches. An adult Tolland library card is all that is needed to check out a pass. All passes can be reserved in advance. Brochures with a complete listing of passes can be obtained at the circulation desk. Get out there and explore!

#### **SALE BOOKS - GOOD VALUE FOR YOU & SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY**

Want to curl up with some good books at rock-bottom prices? Check-out our great selection of gently used books selling way below the cost at retail bookstores. All proceeds benefit the library and help to support the programs, services, and resources offered to the public. Find sale books on the back wall of the adult fiction section and shelving at the circulation desk.

#### **TOTE BAGS, ELECTRONICS ACCESSORIES AND MICE FOR SALE**

Black tote bags are available to help carry away all those exciting reads. For just \$10, you can buy one of these multi-purpose, reusable totes. Do you have an iPad Mini, Kindle Fire or other small tablet? We have just what you need to protect your e-reader! Our royal blue, padded mini

e-sleeves feature a zippered closure and are available for \$6.00. Phone holders are also being sold for the low price of \$3.00. Don't forget about our popular catnip mice! Treat your kitty to a new mouse this spring for just \$1.00.

#### **INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY?**

The Friends would love to have you join us! You would be part of a valuable, non-profit organization, whose membership is non-discriminatory. We value the diverse contributions of our community supporters. These contributions come in many forms:

- **JOIN** our monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month (excluding July and August) at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A in Town Hall.
- **DONATE** and become a supporting member. Our donations range greatly and any contribution is greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible.
- **VOLUNTEER** to bake cookies or assist with a book sale. These volunteer opportunities are not long-term commitments, but greatly assist our ability to support the library.
- **CHECK** our bulletin board across from the circulation desk for updates. Attend our sponsored programs and support our fundraisers.
- **LIKE** us on FACEBOOK!
- **ASK** at the circulation desk how you can **MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOUR LIBRARY!**

#### **MORE ADVICE FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN 2016 THANKS TO THE TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

From April to November, the Tolland Public Library Foundation will continue its informative series for small businesses and non-profit groups who want to learn more about marketing themselves.

April Woodcock, managing partner of Touching Clients of Norwich, will lead the presentations on April 5, June 9, Sept. 13 and Nov. 17. All of the talks will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference

Room A at Tolland Town Hall at 21 Tolland Green.

The talks are free, but registration is required. To register, call the library at 860-871-3620 or visit tolland.org/library to register.

Woodcock, an "authorized local expert" of Constant Contact who lectures throughout New England, said the marketing possibilities for small businesses can be time-consuming and overwhelming. She said she will show participants how to "make sense of the noise" so audience members will come away with a greater understanding of marketing.

The Foundation started the series in December 2014 to bring in experts to offer free advice to existing businesses or to residents thinking about starting a business. The occasional lectures also give local business owners a chance to meet one another and network.

Here's the 2016 line-up:

#### **Tuesday, April 5 - Grow Your Business Workshop**

Many small businesses and organizations find themselves seeking the right strategies and tools for effective marketing. This session will provide an overview of marketing basics. Participants will learn what a campaign is and how to offer one. Throughout the session, they will be given opportunities to capture their ideas and build a framework of successful campaign.

#### **Thursday, June 9 - Email Marketing for Success: Newsletters & Announcements**

In this session, participants will learn the most effective strategies for creating email newsletters. They will learn how to get more people to open their email campaigns and how to make them more effective marketing tools.

#### **Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Getting Started with Email Marketing and Constant Contact**

This is a dive into Constant Contact's email marketing Toolkit. This guided demonstration shows participants how easy it is to pick a template, add their own logo and pictures, schedule an email blast and measure the results. Participants

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do not need to bring a computer. The session is appropriate for people already using Constant Contact or who are new to it.

### Thursday, Nov. 17 - Social Media Marketing

This presentation teaches participants how to use social media as a marketing tool. They will learn the pros and cons of the most popular social media platforms. Please note that this is a marketing strategy presentation. It does not demonstrate different social media tools and is appropriate for beginner and intermediate social media users.

### THE TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS THE PLACE TO BE IN 2015 – THANKS TO GRANTS FROM A LOCAL FOUNDATION

In 2015, patrons of the Tolland Public Library could read Newsweek online for free, meet award-winning authors, learn to play chess, research their family tree and even compete in a poetry slam thanks to \$15,828 in grants from the Tolland Public Library Foundation.

The Foundation also hosted six talks on Tolland history as the town celebrated its 300th anniversary and taught owners of small businesses how to market their products through social media.

It all made for an exciting year, just as the library embarked on an ambitious expansion into the former gym at the Hicks Memorial Building at 21 Tolland Green, Library Director Barbara Pettijohn said.

“Our library staff and patrons are grateful for the grants we received all year from the Tolland Public Library Foundation,” she said. “As our library grows in 2016, we look forward to partnering with the Foundation on more lively programs and important initiatives.”

Established in 1996, the Foundation receives donations to benefit the Tolland Public Library and to enhance library services beyond what the town budget provides.

Most of its funding is drawn from income from the Phoebe Dimock King and Elizabeth C. King Eaton Endowment. Eaton, a medical librarian in Texas who died in 2009, made a large bequest to the Foundation to honor herself and her mother, who had served on the Tolland library staff for many years.

Through a Foundation grant, residents started 2015 by getting “fiscally fit” though a free series of lectures on personal finance.

The fifth season of the Eaton-Dimock-King Authors Series brought debut novelist Karen Guzman, young adult author Cindy L. Rodriguez and author Jeff Goldberg, whose book chronicled the UConn-Tennessee women’s basketball rivalry, to Tolland.

In March, the Foundation sponsored its fourth annual poetry slam for students aged 12 to 18 from Tolland and surrounding towns. It will hold the next poetry slam March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A of town hall.

From April through October, the library celebrated the town’s 300th anniversary with well-attended lectures that examined

every 50 years of the town’s history. The series ended with a lively panel by three teachers, Ivy Morrison, James MacArthur and Carlton Cayward, who reminisced about “Growing Up and Teaching Tolland” from 1965 to 2015.

In the summer, grants from the Foundation and the UConn Chess Club allowed the library to offer chess lessons to Tolland students in grades 3 and up. The lessons are continuing throughout the current school year.

In the fall, the Foundation held another popular talk on “How to Pay for College” and purchased college and financial aid guides for the library.

The Foundation’s funding also provided library patrons and Tolland residents with useful databases, including Ancestry.com, the Job Now! employment database and TumbleBooks, an online animated collection of 540 books, puzzles and videos.

Another Foundation grant now allows library cardholders to read three magazines – Newsweek, US Weekly and Outside – for FREE from any computer or mobile device using the Flipster digital magazine subscription service.

Library patrons can read the magazines online at the library, from home or anywhere using a smartphone or tablet. Just visit [tolland.org](http://tolland.org), click on the library page, follow it to “login to databases” and then login into Flipster using your library card bar code.

Flipster can also be accessed by clicking [here](#). The Foundation is considering expanding the Flipster offerings in the future.

Give Flipster or one of these databases a try today! For more information or assistance, call the Tolland Public Library at 860-871-3620.

As the library is expanding, the Foundation is exploring what technology and materials to purchase that are not included in the project’s budget, Linda Byam, president of the Foundation’s board of directors, said. Under restrictions in Eaton’s bequest, the EDK Endowment income cannot be used to fund library salaries or investments in the library’s physical plant.

“Libraries have truly evolved into community hubs, and the Foundation was pleased to help make Tolland Public Library a destination in 2015,” she said. “It’s going to be a great partnership again in 2016.”

### Supporting the Tolland Public Library Foundation

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Tolland Public Library Foundation, Inc., 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084. Donations can also be directed to the foundation via the United Way by using the code AG1694.

Tolland residents and library patrons should also be aware that the Foundation funds the popular Ancestry.com database for use at the library. It has also made JobNow! and TumbleBooks databases available for use by library patrons from home or at the library.

## TEEN POETS WILL COMPETE AT TOLLAND'S FIFTH ANNUAL POETRY SLAM MARCH 10

Teenaged writers will perform original poems and compete for prizes on Thursday, March 10 when the Tolland Public Library Foundation holds its fifth annual poetry slam.

The Foundation and the Tolland Public Library are sponsoring the slam for middle and high school students ages 12 to 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Conference Room A at Tolland Town Hall at 21 Tolland Green.

Preference will be given to Tolland residents, but students from other towns can participate if space permits.

Poetry slams were born in Chicago in 1986 to encourage and celebrate the art of performance poetry.

The Foundation is sponsoring the slam with the help of the library staff and Tolland High School.

Students will be performing two three-minute poems, which will be judged by a panel that will include THS Assistant Principal Margot Martello; a THS student, Ginny Brousseau, the Tolland Public Library's young adult/children's librarian; Foundation President Linda Byam and Foundation Secretary Kate Farrish. A top prize of a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card and other prizes will be awarded.

Poets must be prepared to perform a third poem in case of a tie-breaker. The slam will be hosted by Tolland High English teacher James MacArthur. Entry forms are available at the public library, the high school library and from any THS English teacher. Students must return the forms to one of the same places and email three original poems to [katefarrish@live.com](mailto:katefarrish@live.com) by Monday, March 7.

The slam is free and open to the public, but audience members are asked to register for the event by calling the library at 860-871-3620 or visiting [www.tolland.org/library](http://www.tolland.org/library).

### ABOUT THE TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation was established in 1996 to receive donations to benefit the Tolland Public Library and to enhance library services beyond what the town budget provides. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Tolland Public Library Foundation, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084.

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Elections Administration .....	(860) 871-3634
Emergency Management .....	(860) 871-3677
Finance Department .....	(860) 871-3653
Fire Department/Ambulance (Non-Emergency) .....	(860) 871-3677
Fire Marshal .....	(860) 871-3677 x2143
Health District/Sanitarian .....	(860) 871-3608
Human Resources .....	(860) 871-3600
Human Services .....	(860) 871-3648
Library .....	(860) 871-3620
Planning & Development .....	(860) 871-3601
Police - Daniel P. McCarthy, Admin. Resident Trooper .....	(860) 875-8911
Lori Sherwood, Secretary .....	(860) 926-4695
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Public Works .....	(860) 871-3696
Recreation Department .....	(860) 871-3610
Information Line .....	(860) 871-3625
Senior Services .....	(860) 870-3730
Solid Waste & Recycling .....	(860) 926-4695 (860) 871-3600
Tax Department .....	(860) 871-3657
Tolland Tykes Preschool .....	(860) 871-3610
Town Clerk .....	(860) 871-3630
Town Engineer .....	(860) 871-3601
Town Manager's Office .....	(860) 871-3600
Youth Services .....	(860) 871-3612

# Tolland Board of Education

## From the Superintendent

One of the greatest things about working as Superintendent in the Town of Tolland is that I have the opportunity to interact with so many wonderful organizations and people. I have had the benefit of participating in student government, student advocacy organizations, the senior center "birthday" holiday party, town recognition, madrigal performances, and more. I have interacted with and had the benefit of working with nearly every Town department from Human Services and Recreation, to the Library, to the Department of Public Works and Public Safety. More than any other time in my over two decade career in public education I have a feeling of being a professional "family" of people working hard to provide the best of everything to the citizenry of Tolland.

Along with the great Winter and Spring sports, and the various school activities available for review on our web-sites, this fall THS is offering (March 11 and 12)

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!" It is bound to be a treat for any thespian. In addition, if you are ever wondering about the "goings on" in the schools, please visit the Superintendent's Bulletin page off of the main public school web-site: <http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us> - there are Superintendent Bulletin reports for every week and season. Also coming up in March is the annual Kindergarten Meeting for Parents - March 10th @ 7:00 pm in the Birch Grove Gymnasium. Kindergarten registration begins from March 14 - 18 9:30 am to 2:30 pm with special March 16th registration hours from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. People registering during this period will receive a special child's T-Shirt!

Working with community members is one of my favorite activities. Please come to one of our Community Workshops on Assessment in the Tolland Public Schools. There are two more of these remaining on March 22nd and May 9th @ 7pm in

the Board of Education office. I'm sure you've heard about "testing" in the news, come and see how it works in the Tolland Schools. In addition, please come and attend a Breakfast with the Superintendent where you can ask any question, and discuss any issue pertaining to the schools - I provide the food and drink, and you provide the curiosity - March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, and June 6th at 10 am. Finally, if you can't make it during the day, please come to the Pizza with the Superintendent meetings, with the same structure as the breakfasts - ask questions, and get answers on April 5th, and June 1st at 7 pm. Meetings are being held at the Board of Education office, 51 Tolland Green. Please check the web-site for changes in location however, as sometimes groups become large and we have to change the location.

## For a Better Tolland

*Submitted by: Bill Eccles, Town Council Vice-Chairman Karen Moran, Board of Education*

If you've been paying attention to Town government over the past few years, you've certainly noticed that things are working a lot more smoothly than they used to. Yes, there are still some hiccups here and there, which are being ironed out gradually. For the most part, though, the Board of Education and the Town Council have been working very closely with their respective administrations to ensure that your children are well-educated and that the Town of Tolland is well-cared for.

However, there's always room for improvement. We've already saved the town money by consolidating some of our building management and computing services over the past few years, and the result has been savings for all of us, the citizen taxpayers of Tolland. But we want to do more, save more, and still maintain and improve our services. So the Board and the Council all got together in December and revised our working agreement which reads:

*The goal of our partnership is to equally share the responsibility of utilizing town resources sensibly and effectively, while maintaining strong engagement with our community.*

And there you have it. Though it doesn't look like much - and there are some of you who would say it isn't much - there were

years only a decade or so ago when the Board and the Council wouldn't so much as speak to each other. This agreement was set two years ago, and we continue to keep it posted in Council chambers as a reminder to us, and the public. Here, we're saying that we're going to work more closely together for the good of Tolland, and that is a significant and positive change for all of us.

Our joint meetings will continue on to next steps as our leadership continues to meet at least once a month. We will continue to build on the success of the Shared Services Committee, a joint Board/Council group, and explore other opportunities for savings. And we will make sure that you are kept informed with joint messages - like this one - in this Events publication, on [OurTolland.org](http://OurTolland.org), and on our respective websites, so that you can see that we're living up to our commitment to each other and to you.

Keep in touch! Go to: [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org) and [www.tolland.k12.ct.us](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us) for our list of E-mail addresses, and we'd be happy to hear from you. Suggestions? Send them in! Complaints? Send them in! The more involvement we have from the community, the better we can make Tolland....for all of us.

# Tolland Planning and Development

## What is Economic Development?

### Tolland Partners With Ellington To Examine Economic Development in a small community.

*Heidi Samokar, AICP, Director of Planning and Development and Greg Williams, Chairman, Tolland Economic Development Commission*

In mid-January members of Tolland's Economic Development Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, the Tolland Community and Economic Development Corporation and staff joined their counterparts in Ellington to explore the "Fundamentals of Municipal Economic Development." The Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), with funding support from Eversource, provides municipal training to communities across the state.

The CERC team posed key questions that all municipal leaders, staff and volunteers involved with local economic development should ponder, including:

- What is economic development and why should you care?
- How does your town fit into the broader regional and global economy?
- What is your reputation in the economic development market?

One key takeaway was the importance of business retention. When is the last time you read the headline "Business XYZ is Still Operating in Tolland"? Likely never. Headlines are generated when a business leaves and sometimes when a new business opens. Yet retaining the businesses that are here today is one of the most important elements of economic development. Successful and productive businesses build community pride and can help convey that a community is a business-friendly place.

Often, we confuse "real estate development" with "economic development." Real estate development is transactional - it can be exciting, something new in town. But economic development is really about the people. It is a more transformative and ongoing process that can include real estate development but goes to the heart of a community - its people. A healthy community can provide diversified job and career opportunities, housing options across the economic spectrum, an educational system to develop our future leaders and a community vested in the success of itself and each other.

CERC reminded the audience that the Economic Development team is broader than an Economic Development Commission and businesses. To be successful, residents, local and regional institutions, elected officials, and town employees beyond development staff also should play a role. Two online communities that epitomize this vested community include Tolland Friends and Neighbors and ourTolland.org. Every day we see examples of people helping people improve life in our community. We encourage our residents and businesses to play a hands-on role in "economic development" and we will aim to keep the community informed about initiatives and opportunities.



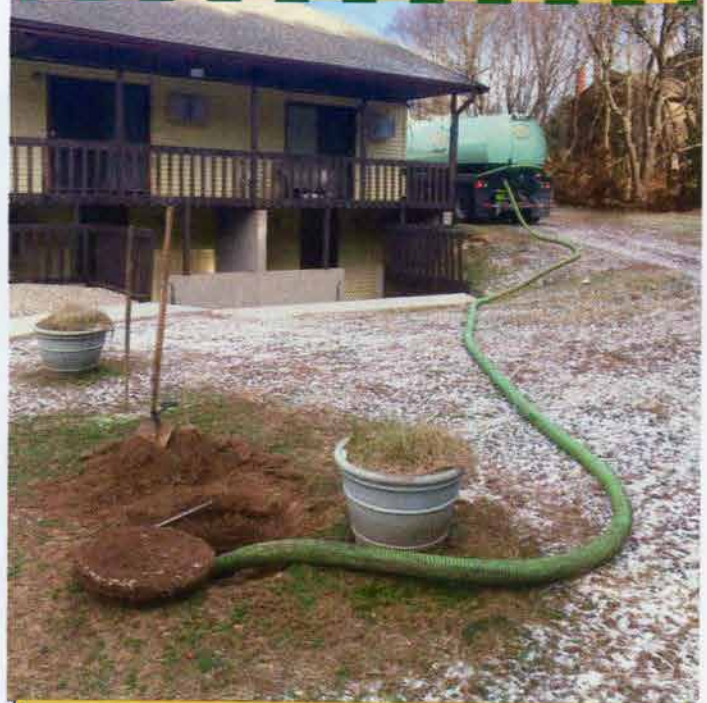
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## Tolland Planning and Development Building Department

Did you know that many permits can be applied and paid for online? From the homepage of Tolland.org, click on the Government tab, then Building Department. While you're on the Building Dept. page, please browse through our many informative handouts. There is quite a bit of information regarding swimming pools, decks, additions and the permit application process in general. Remember to schedule a final inspection appointment to properly close out your permit. Open Building Permits will impede the sale of your home and may give cause to an insurance company to deny a claim for fire or personal injury.

Spring brings many outdoor projects to the forefront. It is likely that you may want to power-wash your home, repair a fence, replace a few shingles, paint the house or stain a deck. While none of the above requires a permit, it is highly recommended that you still hire licensed and insured contractors. You should also always get a written proposal from the contractor and ask for references. Never pay in-full for a job in advance; a partial deposit is common and fair to everyone involved.

Now that warmer weather is finally here, many of you may be thinking of installing a swimming pool. A building permit is

required for all in-ground pools and any above-ground pools that are more than 24 inches deep. Building codes have changed a bit and we are here to offer guidance for a code-compliant installation. Items commonly missed by installers are proper bonding of the water and perimeter area; not having a floating pool alarm; not having a proper fence or gate and running the pump off of an extension cord instead of permanent wiring.

The Building Official, James Paquin is typically available in the office to answer questions from 8:00-10:00 am and Noon-2:00 pm, plus 6:00-7:30 pm on Thursdays.

## Tolland Planning and Development Town Engineer

### Project # 0142-0146 - Reconstruction of 195

The construction is to continue as weather allows. The retaining

wall has been completed and the existing number of lanes will be maintained in each direction throughout construction.



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# Tolland Planning and Development

## Open Space Properties of Tolland

### Get to Know Us!

Access our website from your phone! Go to [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org) and choose "Conservation Commission" under "Government"

- A- Auperin
- B- Baxter Street
- C- Becker
- D- Campbell
- E- Crystal Peat
- F- King
- G- Knofla

- I- Palmer
- J- Parkciak
- K- Sage Meadow
- L- Schindler/Schmit
- M- Shafran
- N- Stopplesworth
- O- Weigold

Please see individual property pages for approved and prohibited uses in order to maintain the properties in peak condition for everyone!



# Tolland Human Services

## Fair Housing Notice

by Beverly Bellody, Director of Human Services

Beverly Bellody, Director of Tolland Human Services, serves as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Tolland. Under the Federal Fair Housing Act, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age

of 18), and handicap (disability).

Under the Connecticut Federal Fair Housing Act, it is against the law to deny anyone housing based on race, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, religion, children or family status, mental or physical disability, marital status, age (except minors), sexual orientation, or legal source of income. If you feel your rights have been denied in the equal access to the rental, sale or financing of residential property, please contact

Beverly Bellody at 860-871-3611, Mon.-Wed. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., closed on Friday.

For more information you can also contact The Connecticut Fair Housing Center, 221 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 860-247-4236, or email at [info@ctfairhousing.org](mailto:info@ctfairhousing.org).

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center also has information about foreclosure prevention.

## Human Services

Residents may call any of the following Tolland Human Services personnel for more information about state programs and local initiatives:

**Beverly Bellody, M.S., Human Services Director** (860) 871-3611

**Nancy Taylor Dunn, L.P.C., Assistant Director Human Services** (860) 871-3612

**Stephanie Mansell, B.S., Human Services Case Manager** (860) 871-3615

**Fran Weigand, Senior Center Director** (860) 870-3725

**Rebecca Ellert, Elderly Outreach Case Worker** (860) 870-3726

**Bridget Joy, Administrative Secretary,** (860) 871-3648

### ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP/CHAP) Tolland residents may call the Human Services office to schedule an appointment to apply for the 2015/2016 Energy Assistance Program. On behalf of eligible households, the winter heating assistance pays for such heating sources as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal and wood/pellets. Homeowners and renters may apply. Eligibility is based on annual gross income and household size. To request a list of required documentation, schedule an appointment or learn more about this and other programs: Seniors- contact Rebecca Ellert, (860) 870-3726; all others contact Administrative Secretary Bridget Joy, (860) 871-3648; residents may also contact the ACCESS Agency in Willimantic, (860) 450-7423. We are unable to process walk-in applications.

Residents should make note of the following Program deadlines\*:

**March 15-** Deadline for deliverable fuel authorizations.

**May 2 -** Last day that a household can apply to establish its eligibility for benefits unless the household is utility heated and has a shut off notice for its primary source of heat.

**May 16 -** Last day that a utility heated household with a shut-off notice may apply.

(\*Note: these dates are subject to change at the discretion of the State Department of Social Services)

### Operation Fuel Emergency Assistance Program

Human Services will take applications for the Operation Fuel Energy Assistance Program for residents who need aid with meeting their energy needs. Closing date for this program is Tuesday, June 30, 2015 or until funding is exhausted. Income Guidelines are the same for both the CEAP Program and Operation Fuel. Note that Operation Fuel is an Emergency Energy Assistance Program. An Operation Fuel energy grant is not an entitlement to all Connecticut residents who fall within the income guidelines. Grants to households are approved at the discretion of the local fuel banks.

**PRIMARY HEAT SOURCE:** To qualify for oil, propane, pellets, gas/electric utility or wood, clients that qualify for CEAP/CHAP must exhaust those benefits before applying for Operation Fuel.

**SECONDARY ENERGY:** To qualify for electric utility, clients must have a shut-off notice or have no utility service or must need assistance with making a required payment in order to maintain a payment arrangement, or have a past due balance of 30 days or more.

*Income Guidelines for Connecticut Energy Assistance & Operation Fuel Programs:*

Household Income Guidelines - 2015/2016						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Under \$33,132	Under \$43,327	Under \$53,521	Under \$63,716	Under \$73,910	Under \$84,105	Under \$86,016

Contact Nancy Dunn, 860-871-3612 for further information on this program.

## Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program provides zero percent interest loans to eligible residents for home repair projects that include, but are not limited to: septic systems, well repair, roofing and siding, structural deficiencies, replacement windows,

insulation, ADA improvements, plumbing, electrical and heating systems.

To be eligible, yearly gross income must not exceed amounts listed below:

Number in Family							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Household Income							
\$46,100	\$52,650	\$59,250	\$65,800	\$71,100	\$76,350	\$81,600	\$86,900

For an application or for more information, residents who are interested and feel they may be income eligible may contact Beverly Bellody (860-871-3611). All information provided to the Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program will be kept confidential.

### FOOD BANK

The Food Bank gratefully appreciates donations from individuals, neighborhoods, youth groups, organizations and businesses. Tolland residents needing to use the Food Bank, and those wishing to make donations to the Food Bank, may contact the following staff members: Seniors- contact Rebecca Ellert, (860) 870-3726; all other households- contact Nancy Dunn, (860) 871-3612.

**THE FOODSHARE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** is available in Tolland on alternate Thursdays, 9-9:30 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green. Pre-registration and identification are not

required. For more information about FoodShare, residents may contact FOODSHARE at (860) 286-9999 or the UCC office at (860) 875-4160, or visit the FOODSHARE website, [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org).

For the next few months, distribution at the Tolland site will be on the following dates: Feb. 18; Mar. 3, 17 & 31; April 14 & 28, 2016 from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Residents participating in the program must bring their own bags.

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING

TYSCT Coffee House 2015-2016 winter/spring schedule:

**Saturday, March 5, 2016** (Auditions: Monday, Feb. 22)

**Saturday, April 30, 2016** (Auditions: Tuesday, April 19)

*Performances are at 7 PM in the Tolland High School café.*

The event features original and popular vocal selections performed by area high school youth. Admission, which includes light refreshments and coffee, is \$5 and a non-perishable food item for the Tolland Food Bank.

### *TYSCT Summer Musical- SAVE the dates!*

Performances- Friday & Saturday, July 22 & 23, 2016

Audition Date to be announced (April/May). Watch for press releases about upcoming TYSCT events.

For more information residents may contact Nancy Dunn @ (860) 871-3612 or [nancydunn@tolland.org](mailto:nancydunn@tolland.org). Please visit us at [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org).

## Senior Center News

AARP Tax Aid: Tolland Senior Center is pleased to offer on-site assistance with filing your taxes. There are no age requirements and you do not have to be a Tolland resident or an AARP member. This is a free service and is staffed by trained volunteers willing to give their time.

Appointments will be available from February 9th-April 12th on consecutive Tuesdays. (February 23rd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th, April 5th, April 12th.) One hour time slots will be available starting from 12 pm-1 pm, 1 pm-2 pm, 2 pm-3 pm, 3 pm-4 pm. Appointments must be made either in person at the Senior Center (674 Tolland Stage Road) or call Fran Weigand at 860-870-3725.

On the day of your appointment you will be required to complete an interview questionnaire, bring a form of photo identification, and bring the following documents as applicable to your financial situation:

- copy of last year's tax return
- proof of all income sources (which could include W2 for earned wages, unemployment compensation)
- SSA-1099 for Social Security
- 1099-MISC for miscellaneous income
- 1099-R for pension or annuity income
- proof of interest or dividends (all 1099 forms)
- all forms indicating federal income tax paid
- dependent care provider information
- all receipts or cancelled checks for itemized deductions (such as property tax, car tax, medical expenses),
- Social Security cards for you and all dependents.

Also, please bring your checkbook for refunds to be directly deposited into your account.

### DAY TRIPS FOR 2016

Contact the Senior Center to make a reservation (860-870-3730).

**April 19th:** Newport Playhouse-"One Slight Hitch"

**June 16th:** St. Clements Castle, Portland, CT

**July 7th:** Westchester Dinner Theater-"Happy Days"

**August 9th:** CT River Cruise, Hadley, MA—Lobster/Lunch

**October 12th:** Krucker's—Octoberfest lunch/entertainment

**December 7th:** Newport Playhouse—"Nana's Naughty Knickers"

### OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR 2016

**September 20-22, 2016**

SIGHT AND SOUND Theatre production of "Samson" 3 day/2 night trip to PA.

### AARP DRIVING COURSE

Offered at the Tolland Senior Center (674 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland), Saturday, April 9, 2016, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Registration required, please call the Senior Center at 860-870-3730.

### ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Friday, April 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm, Tolland High School, 1 Eagle Hill. Admission: Adults \$10; Students \$7

# Tolland Fire Department

## Explorer Program



takes to be a part of the fire and medical services. Were if they choose to, they can

The Tolland Fire Department Explorer Program is open to young adults from ages 14-21. Our Explorers are given the opportunity to learn what it

perform ride-along where they respond to emergencies in a department vehicle. The Explorer program's main goal with this hands on program is to provide young adults with a sense of responsibility to their neighborhood. Through on-going community related activities the participants are exposed to many career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. Explorers

meet once a week for meetings and/or training. Explorers will also have the opportunity to learn many skills and life experiences they will have the rest of their lives.

If you are interested in joining or would like to make a donation, please contact AJ Fichera at 860-871-367 EXT. 2159, 860-299-4842, or email [afichera@tolland.org](mailto:afichera@tolland.org).

## C.E.R.T Response Team



Tolland Emergency Management is pleased to announce the formation of a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) 35 current members.

C.E.R.T. members will learn valuable skills such as:

- How to recognize hazards that are most likely to affect your home, work-place, and neighborhood.

- Steps you can take to prepare for a disaster.
- Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards in your home.
- What to do when disaster strikes.

C.E.R.T. members also learn how to:

- Assist Emergency Management and First Responders in meeting the needs of the community during a disaster.
- Be part of a team serving the community.

To find out more information about this exciting opportunity contact Emergency Management Director John C. Littell or e-mail [volunteer@tolland.org](mailto:volunteer@tolland.org).

For FAQ visit: <http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams/frequently-asked-questions#.U0XNwSteKOg.mailto>

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For more information or an application or call 860-871-3677



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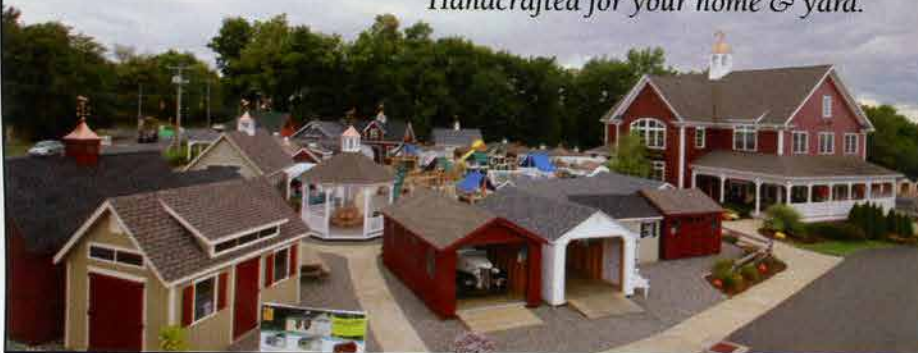
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# Resident State Trooper's Office

## DUI Enforcement Program Grant for Tolland Resident State Troopers

The Department of Transportation approved the Town of Tolland's Highway Safety project application entitled "FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program for Resident Trooper Towns" effective December 31, 2015, through September 10, 2016. Federal funds in the amount of \$39,750.00 are obligated to this project in accordance with the approved 2016 Fiscal Year Connecticut Highway Safety Plan.

The goal is to increase patrols to decrease the number of impaired drivers on Tolland roadways and prevent drug and alcohol related traffic crashes and fatalities. Laser speed measuring units will be utilized

to enforce speed on secondary roads on holidays and summer weekends.

The Tolland Resident Trooper's Office wants everyone to enjoy their holidays and the summer season and if you choose to celebrate with alcohol, we recommend the following tips:

- Plan a safe way home before your celebration begins
- If you plan to get a ride home with someone else, designate a sober driver before any drinking begins
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.

- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate - Call 9-1-1
- If you know someone who is about to drive his/her car or ride a motorcycle while impaired, take away the keys and help make other arrangements for a safe ride home.

For any questions related to DUI and traffic enforcement, please contact Tolland's Administrative Resident Trooper, TFC Daniel P. McCarthy at (860) 875-8911.

# Assessor's Office

## Town of Tolland Tax Relief Programs

The Tolland Tax Assessor's office is currently accepting applications for tax relief for senior citizens or permanently disabled homeowners from February 1, 2016 through May 15, 2016.

There are three separate programs available:

**Homeowner Aid for the Elderly and Disabled Program (Circuit Breaker)** is a State program which requires homeowners to be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2016, or be 50 years of age or over and the surviving spouse or civil partner of a homeowner who at the time of death had qualified for and was entitled to tax relief, or be eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security. Such spouse or civil union partner must have been domiciled with the homeowner at the time of death. You must also have been a resident of Connecticut for at least one year. Your 2015 income, including Social Security, cannot exceed \$42,900 if married or \$35,200 if unmarried.

**Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens (Ordinance 25)** is a local tax deferral program. This program defers property taxes for low income homeowners while they own their property. When the property is sold or a use change occurs, all back taxes are due with interest. Your maximum income cannot exceed \$52,650 for this program. You must be over 65 years of age or eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security.

**Local Tax Relief Program for Permanently Disabled and Senior Residents (Ordinance 60)** is a tax freeze program. Eligibility requirements are that homeowners must have resided and paid taxes on property since July 1, 2015 or earlier, at least one of the homeowners must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2015 or eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits of the surviving spouse or civil union partner or homeowner who at the time of death qualified for this program. Household income for the year 2015 cannot exceed \$52,650 and total household assets (excluding the home) cannot exceed \$526,500.

The application period for all three programs is February 1, 2016 through May 15, 2016. All applications must be accompanied with proof of 2015 income. For an application or more information, please call the Tolland Assessor's office at 860-871-3650.



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