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First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents:

Even though this past winter has been relatively mild, I think most of our residents are happy that spring is here!

Spring in Willington is usually a busy time with several outdoor events and opportunities to connect with friends, neighbors and ways to support local non-profit organizations. You can read about many of these events as well as the parks and trails that are open for hiking in this publication.

Many important town meetings take place in the spring as well. Our annual budget referendum will be held on May 2, 2017 (mark your calendars). I want to thank everyone who came out to participate in the budget process over the past several months. Our many boards and commissions, particularly the Board of Finance, worked hard to bring a budget to voters that maintained programs and services. While many compromises have been made in this process, I am pleased that our boards worked well together, focused on the bottom line and considered the impact each program and service has on our residents.

Other important dates to remember this spring are May 27th, Willington Day, and May 29th, Memorial Day. Our Memorial Day Parade starts at 8:30 am on the town green. We are hoping that

Congressman Courtney will be in attendance to give the keynote speech. You can read more about the Willington Day events in this publication.

While many of our Boards and Commissions take the summer months off, our town employees, particularly Public Works, are very busy when the weather cooperates. The road crew is looking forward to a productive spring and summer! I hope to see you all out and about in Willington as the days get longer and the air gets warmer!



Christina Beebe Mailhos

Sincerely,

Christina Beebe Mailhos
First Selectwoman, Willington

p.s. - Selectwoman Kim Kowalyszyn and I have recently announced that neither one of us will be seeking re-election next November. Serving as your First Selectwoman has been an incredible honor. Thank you for your support - we've been through some amazing times together over the last eight years!

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Notice from the Assessor

Town of Willington
40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279
860-487-3122

We are pleased to introduce Rachel Pierce as the new Assistant Assessor. Residents may recognize Rachel through her involvement with the Willington Day Planning Committee, Willington Hill Fire Ladies' Auxiliary, or the PTA Board. Rachel's friendly personality and efficiency has made her a valuable addition!

Just a reminder that mailed applications for the income based Elderly/Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program were due by April 15th, 2017. Anyone applying between April 15th - May 15th must apply in person. May 15th, 2017 is the last day we

can accept applications. We will be happy to assist you in filing your application. Please call in advance for an appointment so we may provide the time and attention necessary at 860-487-3122.

Property record cards, tax maps and many forms are available online. To check out this information, navigate to the Assessor's Department from the town's website at www.willingtonct.org. It is always a good idea to review your property record for accuracy. Please do not hesitate to call or email questions. Normal office hours are Mondays 12:30 pm-7:30 pm and Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Jody L. Heon
Assessor

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Tax Office

We are looking forward to the summer!!!! We enjoy seeing you all in July!



As a reminder, tax bills will be mailed out June 30th. These bills will be due July 1st, and may be paid without penalty until

August 1, 2017. If you do not receive a bill, please contact our office at 860-487-3111 or email me at collector@willingtonct.org.

Please note, that per §12-130 "Failure to send out or receive any such bill or statement shall not invalidate the tax." Or in simpler terms, failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the tax payer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. So please make sure to reach out to our office if you do not receive an expected bill.

WHAT AM I BEING TAXED ON?

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

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

Personal Property – In the most general terms, personal property is everything subject to ownership, excluding land, any interest

in land or any permanent improvement thereon. It is property that is not permanently affixed to or part of real estate. By its very nature then, personal property is moveable. This broad definition includes tangible items such as airplanes, campers, unregistered vehicles, items for business as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and animals.

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

All tax bills are mailed directly to property owners unless the Tax Collector receives specific instructions to send the bill to your bank or financial institution.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax totaling \$100 or more are due in two installments; July and January. Motor vehicle tax is due in one installment in July. Please note, we do not send out bills for the second installment in January. There is a stub on the July bills for the January payment.

HOW CAN I PAY MY BILL?

The Revenue Office accepts cash, money orders or personal
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Events Presents ~ Skip's Wastewater Services



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

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

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

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

With three full time septic inspectors on staff, Skips Wastewater Services is able to perform over 1600 septic inspections per year. Each septic inspection is a visual inspection and utilizes the use of a fiber-optic camera to visually view the condition of subsurface components. This visual inspection is accompanied by a typed septic report emailed to the customer the next business day.

A failing septic system can be a home owner's worst nightmare. With over 130 septic installs per year, Skips Wastewater Services has the experience and expertise on staff to complete the job on time and correctly. During the installation process, Skips Wastewater Services makes it a priority to have an on-going conversation with the home owner; explaining what will happen each step of the installation.

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checks for payment at the office. If our office is closed, you can leave a check in our Drop Box outside the front door of the building. You may also pay online at www.willingtonct.org and click on the red button that says "View/Pay Your Tax Bill." There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards or \$1.95 for EFT. You can also call 844-859-7566 to pay by phone, but an additional fee of 75 cents will be added. We do have a public access computer at Town Hall which will allow you to make a credit

card payment online. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous summer. See you in July!

Lisa A. Madden
Revenue Collector
860-487-3111
lmadden@willingtonct.org

Registrars of Voters



The municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. If you are interested in being a municipal

candidate, contact A Sentinel Party, the Democratic or the Republican Town Committees or the Town Clerk. A list of offices for this election is available in the Town Clerk's office.

Applying for voter registration is quick and easy through the online site voterregistration.ct.gov. Check our webpage for up-to-date voting event information and frequently asked questions—click on

the "Election Department" link from the Town's main webpage.

For voter registration questions, please contact the Elections Department at 860-487-3120, Tuesdays 10 am to 12 noon or leave a message.

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

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

Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279

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

First Selectman	Christina Beebe Mailhos	860-487-3100
Assessor	Jody Heon	860-487-3122
Building Inspector	Jim Rupert	860-487-3123
Business Manager	Donna Latincsics	860-487-3134
Dog Warden	Tina Binheimer	860-428-4422
Elections Department	Christine Psathas & Suzanne Chapman	860-487-3120
Parks & Recreation	Maureen Parsell	860-487-3108
Planning & Zoning	Susan Yorgensen	860-487-3123
Public Works	Derek Dimmock	860-684-9313
Senior Center	Ed D'Agata	860-429-8321
Human Services	Jennie Arpin	860-487-3118
Tax Collector	Lisa Madden	860-487-3111
Treasurer	Tish Ignatowicz	860-487-3133
Town Clerk	Donna Hardie	860-487-3121

Town Clerk

FISHING & HUNTING

Springtime is in the air and that means fishing. Opening day for Trout Fishing was April 8, 2017, second Saturday in April. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.ct.gov/deep. The Guide Books are available online at www.ct.gov/deep/fishing or www.ct.gov/deep/hunting or are in the Town Clerk's Office. You can contact DEEP by phone 860-424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Resident 65 years of age or older is entitled to a free license. Anyone with a "Lifetime" has to renew each year if you are a hunter or if you salt water fish. Make sure you bring in your old license with the conservation number on it.

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

Budget Hearing April 4, 2017. See how our town budget process works.

Annual Town Meeting on April 18, 2017.

Budget Referendum May 2, 2017. Vote at the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road. Absentee Ballots will be available for residents at the Town Clerk's Office. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for the date the absentee ballots will be available. Make sure you get out and vote. Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 860-487-3121.

DOG LICENSES

June is the time to register your dog. You will receive renewal reminders at the end of May 2017. There is a fee of \$8.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and a \$19.00 fee for male/female dog. You can license your dog in person or by mail. All dog license requests must be received in this office in person or in the office via the mail by June 30th. An updated rabies certificate, if not current is required, a check payable to the Willington Town Clerk and a self addressed, stamped envelope should be included, if by mail. New dogs being registered would need the rabies certificate, spayed/neutered papers, check payable to Willington Town Clerk and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, if mailed, for us to process your license. Please register your dog in June to avoid additional late fees as of July 1st. There is a \$1.00 per month fee and \$1.00 each additional month per state statute.

#1 DOG TAG ANNOUNCEMENT.

1. If you register your dog in June;
2. You bring in 3 non-perishable food items for each dog, for the town food pantry;
3. Your name will go into a drawing;
4. At the end of the day on the 30th of June, we will do the drawing;

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5. You will receive the #1 Dog Tag if your name is picked;
6. You will also be refunded your license fee.

PASSPORTS

We no longer process passports. Forms are available online at pptctcsm@state.gov. The Storrs Post Office processes passports.

The Storrs Post Office phone number is 860-429-9681.

NOTARY SERVICES

There are a number of Notary Publics in the Town Office Building who can notarize documents. The Clerk's Office will notarize any documents except that which will be filed on the town land records and or

person's wills. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each document being notarized.

If you have any questions, please call our office 860-487-3121.

Donna J. Hardie,
Willington Town Clerk

Department of Human Services

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, Connecticut 06279
860-487-3118 / humanservices@willingtonct.org

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

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

SUMMER SNACK PACKS - For Willington families, this new income-based program will provide a box of kid-friendly snacks to assist with your food budget for the upcoming summer. For more information, or to see if your family qualifies, please contact the department.

CAMP CONNRI is accepting applications for this summer! First session starts June 29th, and slots fill up fast! For more information or to register your child for this fun, sleep-away

camp, please contact the Human Services Department.

RENTERS REBATE - Renter's Rebate is a tax abatement program for elderly and disabled residents in Connecticut. We will be taking applications until October 1st. Rebates can vary in size up to \$700, depending on income and qualifying expenses. Please call for more information or for an appointment.

WILLINGTON COMMUNITY OUTREACH GARDEN - The Willington Outreach Community Garden benefits area seniors, food pantry recipients, and volunteers. We could use a few more volunteers to donate an hour or two per week to weeding, watering, and harvesting - a great activity for families and seniors! Come join us and help your community!

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

FRIENDLY VISITORS - For elderly residents in need of companionship, we are proud to offer Friendly Visitors! For a few hours, our lovely volunteers will come to the home of an elderly person and play a board game, have a cup of coffee, or just chat! Please call for more information.

WE ARE SOCIAL! - Follow our blog at <https://wyfss.wordpress.com/> and be sure to "Like" Willington's Human Services Department on Facebook! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!

Center Elementary School Registrations



WILLINGTON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians of children who will be 5 on or before Jan. 1, 2018 are asked to call Center School at 860-429-9367 to register their child. Orientation will be held on Monday, June 22. Parents who have registered their child will be contacted to set up an appointment.

WILLINGTON CENTER SCHOOL PRESCHOOL

Willington Center School is accepting applications for the preschool program for the 2017-2018 school year. Information and applications are available by calling Center School at 860-429-9367. Applications are due by May 1, 2017.

Willington Public Library

7 Ruby Road, Willington, CT 06279
860-429-3854, www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org

There's always something fun to learn and do at the Library... meeting people's wants and needs!

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

All year long, we are highlighting "Interactive Displays," which we hope you will enjoy. Some we have had are...Blind Date with A Good Book, Book March Madness, Poetry Bingo. Coming...Pets Caught Reading Photo Contest, Random Acts of Kindness, and a Librarian "Shelfies" Contest, just to name a few!

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

Looking for your next book? Read a local author! We have a special display that includes a selection of children, young adult, and adult titles, for your enjoyment.

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

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

Our new logo was created by longtime resident, Marion Doolling. We love that this new logo incorporates the architecture of our beautiful building and also represents the window of opportunity the library provides for its community. Thank you, Marion!

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Knitting Knoll group: every Tuesday at 1:30 in the Reading Room.

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

Chess Club: 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Lego Club: 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:00-2:00 pm. During our normally scheduled Lego Club time, on Saturday, June 17th at 1:00, instead of building and creating, we will be relaxing and enjoying the movie "Lego Batman" instead. Bring your friends and some refreshments.

Chair & Gentle Yoga: every Thursday at 4:30 pm in Community Rm.

Sound Healing & Meditation: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Community Rm.

Family Movie Time: last Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm, on May 27- Monster Trucks, June 17- Lego Batman, July 29- Beauty & the Beast

WPL Book Club: Beginning with the month of April, the book club will meet every other month during the spring, summer, and fall months. Our first meeting was on Thursday, April 27th. This meeting was a planning meeting for those who would like to participate. It determined our first book, and decided what the time and dates would be. If you are interested in being part of our book club and need more information, please contact our Assistant Director Krissy at 860-429-3854 or through email kpala-cious-baughman@willingtonpubliclibrary.org.

"Create a Green Healthier Home," May 11th at 6:30 pm with Health & Wellness Educator Melissa Almquist. There are many reasons to go natural with your cleaning supplies. Stop being exposed to unnecessary toxic chemicals in your home. Ditch the rubber gloves and join us for education on how to use essential oils for an organic, safe, and cost-effective way to keep your home safe and your body healthy. You will see a demonstration on just how simple it can be to make your own products.

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

Be a Friend! Join the Friends of the Willington Public Library, applications available. You can never have too many friends... be one!

Shop here for the holiday and find many beautiful gifts and tasty treats to give that special someone, in your life, who you love. Friends of the WPL's "Mother's Day Bake & Gift Sale" on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Always looking for participants. If you have anything awesome to share, we'd love to have you here! Join in on our 5th Annual Touch-A-Truck Event on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Light rain or shine. Plan to be amazed! Better than ever, with more new and exciting TOYS coming. Shuttle bus parking will be located at Center School on 12 Old Farms Rd.

Yoga for Cancer: Recovering Patients and Survivors with Certified Instructor Joy. These four free introductory and informational classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, for the month of June (6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th) at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. Yoga for Cancer is a modified practice where the Asana poses are designed to exercise every muscle, nerve, and gland in the body; to experience a sense of well-being and strength, and a balance of body, mind, and spirit. Focus on...gaining inner strength, clarity of mind and energy, meditative relaxation, reduction of pain and fatigue, alleviate anxiety and insomnia, boost mood, manage physical pain, increase range of motion, and enhances over all well-being. Light clothing recommended and bring a blanket.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Come one, come all, to the WPL's Second Annual Ye Olde Colonial Day Craftsmen Fair, on June 10th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at our beautiful and historical Willington Town Green. Join us for an educational fun-filled day, as re-enactors bring history to life! Experience the sights and sounds of our past. Enjoy watching woodcarving, candle-making, blacksmithing, pottery, weaving, period baked goods and foods, just to name a few. Our artisans will have their handiwork available for purchase so you can take a little bit of history home with you! We will be joined by many of our Town's people...The Historical Society with the opening of The Glazier Tavern and Old Town Hall and The Federated Church of Willington will open its doors, in celebration of the 500th year anniversary of The Reformation. We will be joined by the Boy Scouts who will be demonstrating camp cooking and one of our Girl Scout troops will show and play Colonial games with us. There will be a Farmers Market, farm animals, music, and so much more! This event is free to the public and will be held even in light rain. If you would like to join in or know of anyone who is involved with this period of time in history and has something to offer for the day; we would love to hear from you or them, to extend an invitation to join us.

"Tie Dyeing," Saturday, June 17th at 10:00 am with Guinnevere and Victoria. Bring something white and made of cotton or other natural fiber (not polyester) to tie dye. You will be taught how to create something unique and beautiful.

Wear clothes that you don't care about; it could get messy!

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

"Citizen Science" with Heather Alexson, Saturday, June 24th at 1:00 pm. Want to be a part of new discoveries and research around the world? Become a citizen scientist! Help research professionals around the globe to gather and/or analyze data for scientific projects. This program will give you the tools to learn what a citizen scientist is, what you can do as a citizen scientist, and how to become a citizen scientist. Pre-requisite for this activity is a passion for science and CURIOSITY! For ALL ages, 0-100+. This would be a great family project to do together. Experience this great big wonderful world we live in!

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

Joining us will be author Felix F. Giordano on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

"Summer Time Solutions," Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm with health & wellness educator Melissa Almquist. This is the second in a series we will be offering on living healthier lives. In this program, you will learn how to survive summer in a nontoxic fashion. Have you wondered what was in commercial sunscreens and bug sprays? Educate and empower yourself to explore safe and natural alternatives to summertime products. Ensure that you have what you need for healthy traveling, cookouts, hikes, camping, or long days at the beach. Arm yourself with essential oil necessities to meet all of your summertime needs.

"Drum Away the Blues" with percussionist/author/educator Craig Harrison on Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 pm. Building a better world, combining songs and stories from around the globe, guided movement, cooperative music making and rhythm, this is a multicultural, participatory, fun-for-all-ages celebration... an experience that should not be missed!

"Paper Making" with Barbara Austin, Tuesday, July 18th at 2:00 pm. This is a fun project using recycling paper. Children will make and take home their own creative paper and also make their own 4 x 8 - 8 page mini journal, where they can write their own story, if they choose. There is a maximum on how many we can provide for, so register early for this event. We are asking parents to help us, by bringing in some ordinary household blenders for this project.

SUMMER CONTINUES...

Looking ahead with Summer Reading in August.

Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow - story & activities, Thursday, 8/10 @ 2:00 pm

Pond Study - observation and identification of live creatures from the pond, Tuesday, 8/15 @ 2:00 pm

Lunch with a Llama - Thursday, 8/17 @ 11:00 am

Willington Senior Activities

- May 20th - \$5.00 Breakfast
"All You Can Eat" 8:30 am-10:30 am
- Foot Clinics - 1:30 pm; Appointment required. Call 429-8321 for a date.

Food Share Dates: Wednesdays - 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28 at 11:00 am

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- Yoga** - Tuesday 2:00 pm
- Tai Chi** - Tuesdays and Fridays
10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Men's Pool** - Tuesdays and
Thursdays 6:30 pm

- Pinochle** - Fridays 12:30 pm
- Set Back** - Saturdays 7:00 pm
- Craft Classes** - 2nd Wednesday at
4:00 pm
- Lunch Bunch Outing** - every 2nd
Thursday of the month
- Wellness Nurse** - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of
every other month
- Bingo** - 1st Wednesday at
1:30 pm and 4th
Wednesday at 12:30 pm

MEETING DATES:

- First Wednesday of every month:

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

SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

"Flavors of Home" Cookbook - a compilation of the seniors' favorite recipes. Cost is \$9.00. Books are sold at the Senior
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Center or at the Town Clerk Office. For more information please call 860-429-8321.

The Town of Willington with the assistance of the Willington Seniors have obtained a used handicap van for the seniors. The van is in need of ongoing maintenance. Private donations are being sought. If you would like to support this worthy cause,

please send your donations payable to the Town of Willington, and write "Handicap Van Fund" in the subject line of the check. Memorial gifts are also welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. The Willington Seniors.

Upcoming events (April through June), to be posted in the Bugle:

- The Annual Banquet 3rd Wednesday in June.

- How to use computer classes
- In April the Annual Tag Sale at the Center April 22nd.
- Donate a toy or blanket for our Connecticut Children's Hospital Drive

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

Willington Parks & Recreation

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

WILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Willington Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for two new members. Our commission requires seven members per the Board of Selectmen, and we presently have five members. It is

a non-compensation position and has a term of three years. The Commission meets on the last Monday of the month. Our commission is responsible for the oversight of our town's recreation facilities, recreation programs within and beyond those facilities, and managing the development of new facilities and programs.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department. The commission will meet with all respondents.

2017 WPRC MEETING SCHEDULE

The Willington Parks & Recreation Commission will meet the last Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

January 30th
February 27th

March 27th
April 24th
May 22nd (TOB is closed on May 29th for Memorial Day)
June 26th
July 31st

August 28th
September 25th
October 30th
November 27th
December 18th (TOB is closed on December 25th for Christmas)



GOLF CLINICS AT SKUNGAMAUG RIVER GOLF COURSE

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

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

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

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

2017 Bus Trips

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

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

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

BRONX ZOO! Saturday, May 13th

The Bronx Zoo is one of the premier zoos in the country and is home to more than 4000 animal species. Your total experience ticket gives you access to the exhibits, attractions and special rides! You will want to experience the Zoo Shuttle the Bengali Express Monorail, the Children's Zoo, World of Darkness, World of Reptiles, Tiger Mountain, Congo Gorilla Rain Forest and the Butterfly Gardens. It's hard to see this entire amazing zoo in one day! Bring your camera, your best walking shoes, and your lunch, or you may purchase it at the zoo. We will leave the zoo at 4:30 pm and stop for dinner on the way home.

Date: Saturday, May 13th
Departure Time: 7:30 am
Return Time: 8:00 pm
Fee: Includes transportation and admission to the zoo. \$70.00 Adults; \$65.00 Child/Senior (ages 2-12 or 65 and up) Children 2 and under are free at the zoo however, the bus fee for those (under 2 yrs.) is \$40.

Register by Friday, April 28th

RED SOX VS. DETROIT TIGERS, Saturday, June 10th

Looking for gift ideas for birthdays, graduation or Father's Day? Look no further! Includes a stop for a cookout with hot dogs, hamburgers, mac & cheese, meatballs, pulled pork sliders, fried dough, assorted salads, chips, water and soda. Enjoy a special day with family and friends! What's not to love about this trip?

Date: Saturday, June 10th
Departure Time: 3:30 pm
Game Time: 7:15 pm
Fee: \$130.00 (Includes transportation, ticket to game, games on the bus and a cookout prior to game time)

Register by Friday, May 26th

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

Save on parking and needing to drive to the famous Newport Jazz Festival by letting us do it for you! This special day on your own trip occurs during the height of the festival; you purchase your tickets, and we'll get you there. Not interested in Jazz? No problem, we've got a stop for you too! The bus will drop-off at two locations, the Discover Newport Tourist Center where you can begin your own adventure at local shops and restaurants, and Fort Adams, for the festival attendees. Planning to attend the festival? Secure your bus seat with us, then after July 15th visit

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www.newportjazz.org to purchase your Saturday event ticket and see Saturday's lineup. Planning a day of adventure at the Cliffwalk, Mansions, or just around town? Visit www.discovernewport.org for inspiration!

Date: Saturday, August 5
Departure Time: 7:30 am - Bus leaves commuter lot at exit 68 off of I-84
Return Time: Approximately 10:00 pm (The driver will indicate the pick-up time for each location)
Fee: \$52.00 (includes bus transportation only)

Register by Wednesday, July 12th

NEW YORK YANKEES VS. BOSTON RED SOX AT YANKEE STADIUM

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

Date: Saturday, September 2nd
Departure Time: 8:30 am
Game Time: 1:05 pm
Return Time: 7:00 pm
Fee: \$135.00/person (includes charter bus transportation, ticket to the game, cookout, games and prizes on the bus)

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

WILLINGTON RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

I'd like to thank the following coaches for making our 2016/2017 basketball season so successful...

Rich Mailhos - Instructional Program - Grades 1 & 2
Coree Charette & Rachel Boltseridge - Girls Grades 3 & 4
Kylie Cariddi - Girls Grades 3 & 4
Kyle Brangan - Boys Grades 3 & 4
Ed Carroll - Boys Grades 3 & 4
Dan Pierce - Girls Grades 5 & 6
Zeke Kallio - Boys Grades 5 & 6
Thomas Chadwick - Boys Grades 5 & 6
Amy Redding & Dan Cote - Girls Grades 7 & 8
Steve Davis - Boys Grades 7 & 8
Jacob Hall - Boys Grades 7 & 8
Jen Bowes - Boys Grades 7 & 8 AND Boys Grades 9 & 10
George Paquin - Boys Grades 9 & 10
Tim Wasielewski - Boys Grades 11 & 12
Josh Wojtyna & Ben Hipsky - Boys Grades 11 & 12
Chris Beebe - Boys Grades 11 & 12

I'd also like to thank the following high school boys and girls who volunteered every Saturday morning to help run our Instructional Program. They were instrumental in helping Rich Mailhos with his group of 20 first and second graders! They are: Ryan Gilbert,

Henry Bigl, Connor Grosse, Richie Mailhos, Sophia Mailhos, Liam Parsell, Ana Peczuh, Trevor Jones, Joe Fluet, and Nate Oehler.

Congratulations to the following teams that came in 1st and 2nd place in the Eastern League Championship Games ...

1st Place - Coach Dan Pierce and the 5th & 6th Grade Girls
1st Place - Coach George Paquin and the 9th & 10th Grade Boys
2nd Place - Jacob Hall and the 7th & 8th Grade Boys
2nd Place - Jen Bowes and the 9th & 10th Grade Boys

Willington was up against some tough competition this year but they didn't give up. EVERY team gave it their all and played their hearts out! Every coach and volunteer were able to balance their work/home/school life along with giving countless hours of their time in the gym to mentor the 150 plus kids who were enrolled in our recreational basketball program. If you see them out and about, please thank them for their time and commitment. I know I can't thank them enough!! I'd also like to thank all of the parents and families for supporting the coaches and kids as we all work to make this program the best that it can be. Looking forward to next season!





SNOW DAY FUN

Blizzard Chris gave the kids in Willington a couple of snow days off from school in February. We decided to take advantage and hosted a "Snow Day Party" on Friday, February 10th! We pulled out our snow shoes and invited families to come to the Town Office Building with their sleds, toboggans and skis. We had hot chocolate to warm them up, donuts to snack on and pizza for lunch! Thank you Willington Pizza House for donating several large pizzas (on REALLY short notice) for our party!



GIRLS LACROSSE CALLING ALL GIRLS!

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the nation and we want you to be a part of it! We will be holding informational meetings with girls and families that are interested in learning more about lacrosse, and opportunities to play in the area. We will be conducting hands-on instructional workshops with girls between the ages of 5 and 10 years old that will give them an overview about



lacrosse, teach them some basic stick skills, and let them get an idea if they would like lacrosse. The workshops will be conducted by members of the E.O. Smith Girls Lacrosse Club, who are fundraising to support the creation of the E.O. Smith Lacrosse team for the 2017-18 academic year. Please contact Taryn Asselin with any questions... asselint20@eosmith.org.

VOLLEYBALL ADULT CO-ED

Come play Adult Co-Ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium. This program is available to all individuals ages 18 and out of high school. USVBA rules are followed and mastery of skills is encouraged. Space is limited to 21 players per night. The program runs year round on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30 pm (time subject to change during basketball season) at Hall Memorial Gym, 111 River Road, Willington, CT.

Registration Fees Per Session:

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

Session 1: September-December
 Session 2: January-April
 Session 3: May-August

Drop-in Fees:

Resident - \$3.00/night

Non-Resident - \$5.00/night

Yearly Fees available to residents only: \$65.00

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

International Folk Dance classes will resume with a new location... classes will now be held at the Old Town Hall beginning on Thursday, April 6th from 7-8:00 pm. This program features dances from around the world, starting with easy walking-based dances and progressing to more advanced dances as the class is ready. Adults of all ages have found this program to be fun and great exercise. It is a good way to learn about cultural backgrounds and make new friends! No experience is necessary and no partners are necessary. Wear comfortable clothes, close-toed shoes and bring water.

Dates: This class will be held on Thursday evening's beginning on April 6th

Time: 7-8:00 pm

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

Fee: This program is being offered at no cost

Instructor: Veronica Craig



RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING

This course was presented on April 4th & 6th at Hall Memorial School and was available to youth ages 11-16. The American
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Red Cross babysitter's course provides youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This hands on training helps participants develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. While working in small groups, they practiced techniques with peers and role playing which aided them in developing and enhancing necessary skills. Congratulations to all 12 students that successfully completed this course and are now Red Cross Certified Babysitters!



HALL'S POND

The opening of Hall's Pond and the Last Day of School Pond Party is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 16th.

We are currently seeking Swim Instructors and Lifeguards. All applicants must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekdays and weekends. Applications can be found on our website. Please submit copies of certifications with your application. Swim instructors must be at least 18 years or older and required to be WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certified, Lifeguard Certified, CPR and First Aid Certified. All applicants are also required to teach multiple level classes with a minimum of eight children per class. The swim instructor must be willing to communicate with parents as well as the participants and be able to accommodate all aspects and levels of the program. Seasonal Lifeguards must be at least 16 years or older and must be Lifeguard Certified, CPR and First Aid Certified. Lifeguards will monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers; caution swimmers of usage areas; rescue swimmers in danger of drowning; administer First Aid/CPR when needed; maintain order in swimming areas at all times; inspect facilities for any dangers and report them to the appropriate personnel. Lifeguards' principle duties are to ensure the safety and well-being of the patrons and to observe and enforce all rules and regulations of the pond.

Dates of employment are June 16 - August 20, 2017. Interested individuals should contact:

The Willington Parks and Recreation Department
40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279
860-487-3108, Website: www.willingtonct.org

Open until positions are filled. Preferred candidates will be subject to a background check. More information including pond hours, pond rules and regulations and 2017 pond pass prices can be found on the Parks and Recreation website at www.willingtonct.org.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK

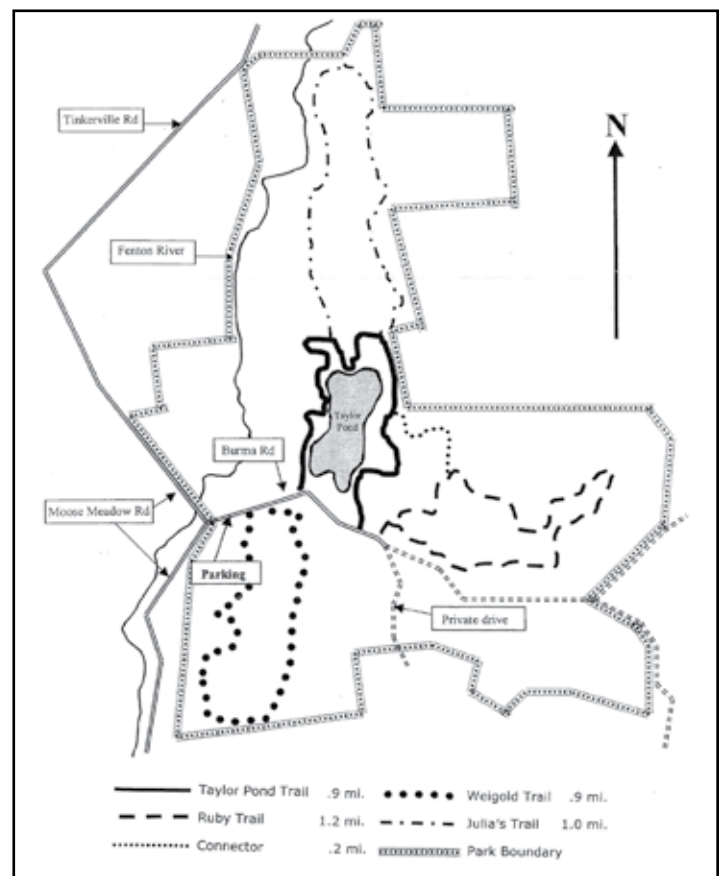
We are excited to announce that Wednesdays in the Park will

be back again this summer! Beginning in July at River Road Athletic Complex, Human Services will sponsor Crafts in the Park on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am and Parks & Recreation will sponsor our 2nd Annual Summer Concert Series. Concerts will begin at 6:30 pm and are held rain or shine under the pavilion. Severe weather cancels concerts and will be posted via Public Notice and on the Parks & Recreation website. Wednesdays in the Park will be held every Wednesday beginning on July 5th and ending on August 23rd. We are currently looking for sponsors for our Summer Concert Series. Please contact the Parks & Recreation office to find out how you can help.



CONNECTICUT 2017 TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 3rd 10:00-12:00 - Join us for a hike around Willington's Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve. Fenton-Ruby is a 305 acre park located on the corner of Burma and Moose Meadow Roads in Willington with 4.2 miles of hiking trails. Activities in the park include walking and hiking,



picnicking, fishing, bird watching, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Bring water, a snack and hiking shoes. Easy pace. Distance – 4 miles. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is appreciated. Questions and to register, please call 860-487-3108 or email mparsell@willingtonct.org.

KAYAK LOANER PROGRAM

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

TOWN PARKS & AMENITIES:

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

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Knowlton Property:

Mason Road – Hiking Trails

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

Talmadge Tract:

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

Chenes Roches Preserve:

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

River Road Athletic Complex - 511 River Road:

Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, swings, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court, walking path (one lap = .33 miles) and outdoor fitness equipment. No golfing allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags are available. Complex is CARRY IN-CARRY OUT. Dogs are not allowed on the baseball field. **State Statute 22-364 states that dogs must be under the direct control of their owners at all times when using town parks. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up all dog waste.

Town Office Building Fields - 40 Old Farms Road:

Baseball and softball fields

The Park on Village Hill Road:

Overlooking the Roaring Brook, a popular fishing spot during fishing season.

Facility Rentals:

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

Pavilion Rental:

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

Fields/Courts Rental:

Fee:	All: \$30.00/2 hours
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Registration Info:

You can download registration forms, get updated information on upcoming programs, events and facility rental information!

www.willingtonct.org/Public_Documents/WillingtonCT_Recreation/recreation

Questions:

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

Inclement Weather Policy:

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

Payment:

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

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission:

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

OOPS!

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

WE ARE SOCIAL!

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

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

The Willington Historical Society

ROOF FUNDRAISING CONTINUES ...

and the contribution total is growing, as well!! Many thanks to the generous support from our Willington community for their help with the roof replacement at the historic Glazier Tavern. To date \$4,653 has been donated, along with several pledges of support. The Society has been doing its part in getting funding as well. Earlier this year, we inquired and were accepted to compete for a 50/50 matching grant offered by The 1772 Foundation. We sent off our completed application on March 1. The outcome of the grant selection process will be announced in May. In the meantime, we'll be keeping our fingers crossed, as the grant funding would allow the re-roofing to be completed this year. As a reminder, all donations are fully tax deductible, as the Society is a designated IRS 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. Donate online at: www.willingtonhistoricalsociety.org or at WHS P.O. Box 214, Willington, CT 06279.

Thank you to the contributors of the Roof fund; Betty Robertson, Sue & Paul Schur, Willington VFW Post, David and Margaret Gankofski, Marjorie & Lynn Brown, Christine Psathas & Bob Shabot, Chopeta Lyons & Mark Palmer, Lisa Ferrieri, Pam & Sam Wheeler, Anne and Dave Sylvia, Tom and Eileen Smith, Tom and Betsy Treiber, Sarah and Michael Smith, Chris and Kathy Demers with a matching grant from United Technologies, Ken Uppling, Phil and Jeanne Monty, Syd and Mary Goodrich, Kathy and Bob Lisiewski and several donors who wish to remain anonymous.

SECRETARY AND PROGRAM PERSON NEEDED

The Society is seeking a person to serve as Secretary for the Society. It is a two (2) year commitment. Monthly Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, starting at 7 pm. Also seeking someone to oversee the four (4) programs that the Society attempts to put on each year. If you enjoy history, HELP!!

DATA INPUT ... IS IN PROGRESS!

We're glad to welcome the help of Christine Swenson who is helping the Society with transferring birth records to spreadsheet format. This involves birth records from 1889 to 1922. This represents a treasure trove of facts for those doing genealogical research.

COLONIAL DAY... JUNE 10, 2017

Sponsored by the Willington Public Library, this popular event is moving to the Willington Town Green this year. Come and experience the crafts and games of the colonial period. Stop by

the Glazier Tavern for an open house and exhibit of items from Willington's, once active, Railroad Station.



BECOME A MEMBER

If you're a little short on time, to help out, consider supporting the Society by becoming a member and/or as a donor. Don't forget that memberships also make thoughtful gifts for holidays, birthdays and anniversaries. Please consider that memberships and donations allow for continued restoration work at Willington's historic Glazier Tavern. Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests for historic items and support.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING...

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

- Old hand tools, iron, tin and wooden kitchen ware.
- Willington Wild Animal Farm memorabilia and/or photos.
- Military uniforms, all engagements, full sets or bits and pieces.
- Willington glass, especially whiskey bottles.
- 1700s-1800s tavern tables and period chairs
- Also, photographs, 'especially' consider sharing old family photos from the WW I monument dedication or the 1927 Bicentennial plaque dedication. Please scan or share your photos, for our archives.

Not sure if an item may be of interest? Feel free to contact us... please (It may take a few days for us to get back to you, we only do this part-time).

Contact the Willington Historical Society with general email at:
willingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Membership forms are available on our website at:

www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org

Donations may also be made through the PayPal link on our website homepage.

FINAL THOUGHT

Found a nice, child's, painted, tin, world globe, piggy bank at the swap shed a few weeks ago, 1950-60s. I remember having one of my own, back in the day. Thank you for the addition to the Society's archive.

Visit Willington at www.willingtonct.org

Vet Corner: Monitor Your Pets Closely for Ticks

Believe it or not, spring is here! However, despite the snowfall, all winter we have seen ticks finding their way onto many of our patients. Ticks carry many diseases, primarily Lyme, Anaplasmosis and Ehrlichiosis, which are the ones we most commonly test for. Recently, we have started to diagnose Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in dogs that have only ever lived in CT! We can almost assume there are other diseases out there that we either don't know about or don't routinely test for. Ticks are literally crawling disease factories!!

Many tick-borne diseases, like Lyme, can be transmitted rather quickly after a tick attaches to your dog. Lyme is an extremely prevalent disease in this area. It is estimated that up to 40% of deer ticks in the northeast carry Lyme disease. The ticks that spread this disease can be very difficult to see on your pet. When ticks are in the nymph stage they can be smaller

than the period at the end of this sentence. Imagine trying to find that tiny tick on your fur-covered friend! Even the best tick preventatives cannot definitively protect your pet from exposure to tick-borne diseases. However, the longer the tick is attached, the more likely it is to transmit one of the diseases. Utilizing a quality flea and tick preventative is critical to helping protect your pet from disease. Today there are many different application options (topical, oral, collar) and application frequency (monthly, every 3 months or every 8 months) that work very well. Depending on your pet's lifestyle and exposure, your veterinarian can help you select the product that is best suited for your dog. One additional way to prevent Lyme disease in your dog is with vaccination. The Lyme vaccines are far better than they used to be and are very effective at preventing Lyme disease. If you have your dog properly tested and vaccinated for Lyme disease and they test positive in the

future, most vaccine companies will pay for any treatment or medication for your dog.

As one might expect, our barnyard friends are most exposed to these nasty little ticks. We diagnose Lyme and Anaplasmosis in our equine patients very commonly. Unfortunately, we are limited by not having a licensed Lyme vaccine or tick preventative for our horse friends. Uncomplicated cases of Lyme disease are relatively easy to treat in dogs, yet can be very challenging in horses, leading to many persistent and chronic conditions.

Bottom line, monitor your pets closely for ticks and talk to your veterinarian about the best way to protect your animals from deadly diseases!

Scott Morey DVM, MS
Fenton River Veterinary Hospital

WAM United Soccer Club Registration is Now Open



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The WAM United Soccer Club is your local soccer club, offering multiple programs for children ages 3 through high school.

We are a non-profit, volunteer member organization dedicated to bringing an inspirational and

educational environment to youth soccer. Utilizing fields in all three towns of Willington, Ashford, and Mansfield, programs include:

- **Little Kicks** - for ages 3 through grade 2, this instructional clinic is designed to introduce young players to the game, held every Saturday morning during the season.
- **Developmental League** - for the U7-U8 levels these teams play against local towns on small sided 4v4 fields with no goalie focusing on the transition from instructional clinics to the recreational and competitive levels.
- **Recreational League** - for players U9 and older, this league plays against local towns with a focus less on competition and more on the pure enjoyment of the game. This includes

a coed team that's open to all high school aged players.

- **Competitive League** - for players U9 through U15, this league plays against local towns, with the opportunity to play in a state cup, this is the most competitive level we offer at WAM United Soccer Club geared towards player's interest in more serious competition.
- **Summer High School League** - For those U15 through U19 players who are planning on playing high school soccer in the fall, we offer a high school prep team to maintain those skills, play with your friends, and get some competitive play in against other towns and high schools in the lead up to the fall season.

No matter your players' level and ability at WAM United Soccer Club there is a spot just for them. Please visit our website www.WAMUnited.com for more information.

Registration is open now for our Spring 2017 season. If you have any questions please contact carli.gidman@gmail.com, Vice President, Registrar of WAM United Soccer Club.

Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP)

EC-CHAP is an independent membership-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization representing an important cultural resource serving communities and visitors to Eastern Connecticut and beyond. The Center's focus is to bring a heightened awareness to the significance of local history and historic preservation; provide an appreciation for the visual arts through creation and display; and offer performance events in music, film, dance, literature, and theater.

The EC-CHAP operates the Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum and hosts an assortment of performances and events at The Packing House, both located at The Mill Works in Willington, CT. Plans are under review to develop a formal gallery space where the works of local, regional, and nationally known artists can be displayed. A variety of creative programs, workshops, classes, and artist-in-residence opportunities are also being planned as part of a unique educational exchange.

From the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," so it goes with cultural organizations. Our ability to survive and successfully achieve our mission is only possible through the support of our local and regional communities.

It is interesting to note that the relationship between vibrant cultural organizations and the communities within which they reside and provide support is reciprocal in nature. The American Planning Association confirms "the activities of the arts and culture sector and local economic vitality are connected in many ways." They further state, "Arts and culture strategies help to reveal and enhance the underlying identity—the unique meaning, value, and character— of the physical and social form of a community" (American Planning Association. 2011. Arts and Culture Briefing Papers 03, "Community Character: How arts and cultural strategies create, reinforce, and enhance sense of place". Chicago, IL. www.planning.org).

EC-CHAP is calling Historians, Visual Artists, Performing Artists, and Art Organizations; Government and Community Leaders, Economic Development Commissions, and Business Professionals; and ALL who have a passion and appreciation for the arts and culture - to join us on our journey. We seek your input, interests, recommendations and involvement.

EC-CHAP is hosting a number of "Information Exchange
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Meetings” as a forum to share our mission, membership details, and programming and support opportunities. Please join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 16th or Thursday, June 15th at The Packing House,

156 River Road, Willington, CT. Refreshments provided, RSVP's appreciated at info@ec-chap.org. For more information and details, please call 518-791-9474. Become a “CHAP” Today!

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EC-CHAP Film, Performance, and Event Schedule

May 2017 – July 2017

LOCATION:

All performances, events, and film showings are located in The Packing House at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. Phone: 518-791-9474; Web: www.thepackinghouse.us; Email: info@ec-chap.org

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

“TALENT SHOWCASE” – 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

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

May

5/06: Kate Callahan - CT State Troubadour in Concert (Folk).

Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
5/11: “Talent Showcase.” Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00 pm
5/12: Carla Ulbrech in Concert (Comedic Singer/Songwriter).
Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30 pm
5/16: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00 pm
5/18: Workshop: “Publishing your book in the digital age” (Felix Giordano). 1:00-3:00 pm.
5/19: Film Showing: The Artist (PG-13). Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
5/20: Belle of the Fall in Concert (Indie). Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
5/23: Workshop: “Publishing your book in the digital age” (Felix Giordano). 7:00-9:00 pm.

June

6/03: Bob Bloom – “Drum Ride a la Grateful Dead.” 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
6/04: Summer “First Sunday at The Mill Works.” Community Event. Noon – 5:00 pm
6/08: “Talent Showcase.” Doors 6:30 pm / Show 7:00 pm
6/15: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00 pm
6/16: Film Showing: Casablanca (PG). Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
6/17: Libby Johnson with Chris Riffle in Concert (Folk-Rock).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm

WANTED: Original Photographs, Artifacts, & Oral Histories for the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company Museum

The Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP), a 501(c)(3) membership-based, nonprofit cultural organization, operates a local museum focused on the development and operation of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company. The objective of this permanent installation is to examine the historical impact and contributions its founder and company had on the Town of Willington and its residents over a period of more than one hundred years. The museum is located at The Mill Works, formally the home of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company. Museum is currently open during

scheduled events and by appointment, with fixed hours soon to be established. EC-CHAP is seeking original photographs, equipment, artifacts, and any physical items associated with the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company, its founders, employees, and customers. Items that are donated or loaned to the museum will be identified by the donor's name, and included on display and in any print materials created for the museum. In addition, the EC-CHAP is also interested in conducting interviews with folks that may have worked for or had a relationship with the Hall Company. The intent of this collection is to create an opportunity for the residents of Willington

and surrounding towns to learn about the technical innovations, production methods, and the application of unique management practices that shaped the local area.

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

Thank you for your Support!
EC-CHAP Board of Directors

Willington Day Celebration

Saturday May 27, 2017



Fun for All Ages FREE ADMISSION

Saturday May 27, 2017 from 11-3:00 pm and the Fishing Derby will be at Thompson's pond (Rt. 320) from 4-5:30 pm.

Willington Day offers a ton of fun-filled activities for the entire family. Admission is free and most activities are free or are a minimal fee. There is something for everyone including train rides, face painting, bounce house, dunk tank, frog jumping, pizza eating and hula hoop contests, wiffleball and horseshoe tournaments, cotton candy, baked potatoes, a slice of pie, a variety of other yummy foods and much more!

This year we will have a special guest, Miss Connecticut, Alyssa Taglia.

Before the Willington Day celebration, the Willington PTA will be hosting a 5K and kids' fun runs. The 5K starts at 8:30 am and the kids' fun runs are at 10:30 am (1/2 mile) and 11:00 am (1 mile). Registration for the 5k is here: <http://thelastmile.com/calendars/may.html>. The event is behind Center Elementary School at 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington, CT.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page at Willington Day - Willington, CT - <https://www.facebook.com/willingtonday/>

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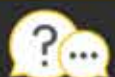
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