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First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents:

As the end of my run as your First Selectman comes to an end, I wanted to let you all know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve in this capacity for the last eight years. Our town has been through a lot during my tenure: fiscal challenges, hurricanes, snow storms and of course, that epic battle with the State of Connecticut. We also have struggled with the realization that many of us and/or our friends and neighbors have crumbling foundations. It has been hard to see the heartbreak and devastation it has caused and also the effect it has had on the town in general as this crisis has had a negative effect on our grand list and will impact taxes for years to come. The last few months have been particularly challenging as we have dealt with the reality of the State of Connecticut's budget issues and what this could mean to Willington in the short and long term. These challenges have been tough, but time and time again I have been reminded what a special town this is as our residents have stepped up to help and find a way to work together.

I was hoping to have many things resolved by the time my term ended but the reality is that whoever gets elected on November 7th will face many of these same challenges. This is obviously true for the incoming First Selectman and the other Selectmen, but also for the Board of Finance, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning and other boards. This is why it is critical that you know who you are voting for and that you agree with what they plan to do if elected. In a small town like ours, it is incredibly important to be an educated voter and your vote absolutely matters!

Not only does your vote matter, but going forward, Willington needs more from you. We need your interest and energy. Perhaps you can commit to volunteering for the Willington Public Library or the Fire Department? Maybe you can attend a Board of Education meeting? Perhaps you can read the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes every few weeks? Perhaps you can follow the budget discussions this winter? One of the great things about living in a small town is that one person can make a big difference. Willington is run by many volunteers all making small contributions of time and talent and we need more of that.



Christina Beebe Mailhos

I've learned a lot about my hometown over the last eight years, the least of which is how amazing the people who live and work here are. I want to thank you ALL - some for your unwavering support, others for always challenging me to get better results. Willington is in as good a place as we can be right now thanks to all of you. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve this wonderful town. Again, thank you all.

Best regards,

Christina Mailhos
First Selectwoman,
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Public Works Department

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

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No person shall deposit any snow or ice onto the traveled portion of any Town road. Any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall be fined fifty (\$50) dollars by the Board of Selectmen or the Public Works Director.

This includes the draining of water from sump pumps and/or other property drainage. Besides the Town fine, residents are also liable for damage to the road and any accidents that may occur as a result of water, ice or snow deposited on the roads.

WINTER PARKING BAN

A parking ban is in effect during snow storms. Cars parked on Town roads overnight may be towed at the owner's expense. Tune to WFSB (CBS) or WVIT (NBC) for parking ban information.

MAILBOXES

Your mailbox should be in good repair, firmly attached to a solid post and properly placed so no part of it is over the pavement. It will have to withstand countless tons of flying snow this winter and may require periodic maintenance. If a mailbox or post is pushed over or damaged as a result of snow or slush coming off a snowplow, it is considered a winter hazard and the Town will not repair or replace the mailbox or post. The height of the bottom of the mailbox to the street should be between 42" – 48" and the mailbox door should be 6 to 8 inches back from the front face of the curb or road edge. In the event a Town plow hits a mailbox, it will be repaired by the Public Works Department.

PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS

Portable basketball hoops and similar items should NOT be in the Town right-of-way. The Town is not responsible for damage done by plows to such items left in the Town right-of-way.

CATCH BASINS & STORM INLETS

Do not blow leaves into catch basins or storm inlets. Help minimize street flooding by blowing leaves or shoveling snow and ice from in front of the storm inlet nearest your house. This includes keeping catch basin grates free of leaves and other debris all year long!

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Do you subscribe to E-Alerts?

Keep up-to-date with news, notices, events, meetings and minutes that are occurring in town. Whenever a new event or document is posted to the Town of Willington's website, you have an opportunity to receive a copy of that posting in your personal email. If you decide that you no longer want to receive notices, you can discontinue at any time. Please visit www.willingtonct.org and Subscribe to E-Alerts. Sign up today and keep up-to-date with all that Willington has to offer!

From the Town Clerk Office

“JUST SAYING GOOD BYE”

As of January 8th 2018 it will be my last official day in the Office of the Town Clerk. This is just a quick good bye to all the townspeople and associates that I have encountered over the years of being in the clerk's office. It has been a pleasure to have served you as your town clerk for the last 22 years. It is important to keep the land and vital records preserved. It is the town's history for generations to come. Our town records go back to 1727 and forward and are in good condition. Maureen, my assistant and I are very proud of all the work we have done to keep our records in this condition. I want to thank you for all your support over the years and will miss seeing and helping each and every one of you. I hope you will give the new clerk continuing support as you have given me.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

November 7th voting time is 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Town Office Building. Legal Notice will appear in the Courant Reminder Paper. It will also appear on the Town website. There is a sample ballot on the Town website.

Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office on October 6th through the close of the clerk's office on

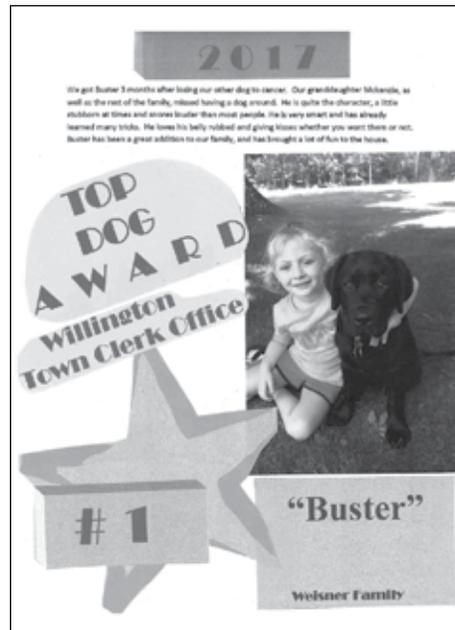
November 6th. Any questions contact the clerk's office.

FISHING & HUNTING

Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.ct.gov/deep. You can contact DEEP by phone 860-424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut residents 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license.

DOGS

#1 Dog this year was “Buster” - a black Lab owned by the Weisner Family.



Make sure if you get a new dog, register it at the clerk's office. Need rabies certificate and spayed or neutered vet papers.

PASSPORTS

Forms are available online at pptctsm@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. There is a \$5.00 fee for each notary seal being placed on a document.

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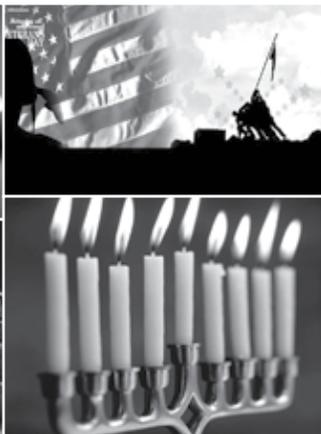
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Donna J. Hardie,
Willington Town Clerk

Maureen A. Gantick,
Willington Assistant Town Clerk

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Registrars of Voters

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

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Willington Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) is preparing a final draft of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD). The PoCD is the Town's policy guide to land use, development, conservation and a vision for the Town's future for the next ten (10) years. A formal Public Hearing will

be held on January 2, 2018. Public input at this hearing will assist the PZC in fine-tuning the document. All viewpoints are needed and welcomed. The PZC thanks all the residents and Commission and Board Members that have given input this past year. The final draft of the PoCD can be viewed on the Town website.



Willington Fire Department Inc.

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extend our greatest appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and CIP Committee for all of their work to make this possible. Please stop by and look at the new truck at any time.

It is with great excitement that we announce the arrival of our new 2017 Spartan ERV 2000 Gallon Engine Tank. We would like to

Alexander Moore,
Fire Chief

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Planning & Zoning	Susan Yorgensen	860-487-3123
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Human Services	Jennie Arpin	860-487-3118
Tax Collector	Lisa Madden	860-487-3111
Treasurer	Tish Ignatowicz	860-487-3133
Town Clerk	Donna Hardie	860-487-3121

Willington Residents!

Are you willing to put the WILLING in Willington?

The Town of Willington has a number of opportunities for citizens looking to volunteer for our community. Do you have a special interest, skill or knowledge you are willing to share? We have opportunities on many of our Boards and Commissions, as well as at our non-profit organizations. Please contact the Selectman's Office at 487-3100 for more information.

Not interested in formally serving on a Board? There are plenty of other volunteer opportunities with the Willington Public Library, Willington Senior Center, Willington Human Services, Willington PTA, Willington Parks and Recreation, the V.F.W., both of our Fire

Departments as well as other organizations in Town. Call 487-3100 to find out more about volunteer opportunities and to see if you have an interest or skill that matches up to a need in Town. As always, thank you for putting the "Willing" in Willington!



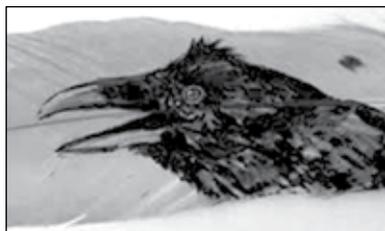
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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING FUN TO LEARN AND DO AT THE LIBRARY... MEETING PEOPLE'S WANTS AND NEEDS!

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, thanks to the Friends of WPL.

Notice of Cancellations: With winter approaching, look for cancellation of programs due to inclement weather or conditions beyond our control, by checking out our website at www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org or watch WFSB Channel 3 (or WFSB.com) and NBC 30 WVIT (NBC30.com). Updates can also be found on Facebook - like us at www.Facebook.com/willingtonpubliclibrary.



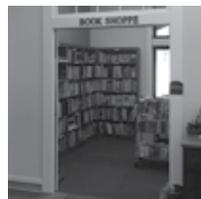
We have two beautiful display cases here at the library, where we showcase unique and special items. Right now in our Reading Room, we have a collection from renowned artist Pat Morris, "Painting on Feathers." If there is anything you see, that you would like to acquire, there is a way you may contact her directly, for further information. She will also be a part of our Holiday Craft Fair, coming up in December. We also have in our Children's Showcase, a collection of "Dolls From Around the World" from Ann Grosjean. These beautiful collections, both here

for your enjoyment; come and see! If you have any collections you would like to share, please let us know.

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



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



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

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

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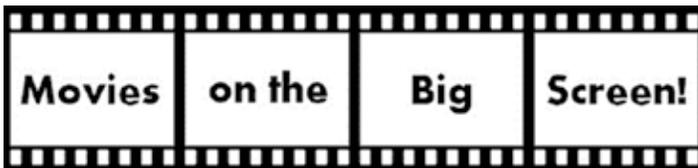


ALL programs are sponsored and made possible due to the hard and dedicated work of the Friends of the Willington Public Library. It was a GREAT September Book Sale! This book sale is the library's biggest and most important fundraiser. Thank you one and all, for all you did, to make this such a great success this year.



Friends Fundraise: Pavers of Remembrance are available for purchase once again! The sale is going on now and until December 23rd, for the holiday gift giving season. Give this enduring gift to yourself or to someone you love. Pavers of Remembrance are a wonderful way to pay tribute to a friend

or loved one, living or deceased. Your donation of \$50.00 will purchase an engraved paver up to 3 lines of 14 characters each (including spaces and punctuation). Engraved pavers will be placed throughout the library memorial path, at the discretion of the library. Pavers will be installed weather permitting. Inappropriate pavers will not be accepted and no businesses please. We would like to express a special "THANK YOU" to Margaret and David Gankofskie, who give of their own time and do a beautiful job, of installing the pavers for us.



We now offer **Movies** on our BIG SCREEN in the community room. Let us know what movie, the date and time you would like and we will set up your very own movie showing, for you and all your friends. Movie start time must be at least 2.5 hours before the Library closing time.

Ongoing programs

Knitting Group: every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, in the Reading Room. All ages and experience are welcome!

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

Game On @ Your Library: 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. All different kinds of games to choose from and play. So, bring along your family and friends, for a fun night out.

Free Play Building Day: 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Choice of different kinds of building materials - Building Blocks, Lego, Lincoln Log, Fiddle Stix, and more!

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

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

Family Movie Time: Last Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm. Bring not only your family and friends, but also a snack or lunch that you can enjoy, while you are watching the movie...watch for upcoming titles, to be announced.

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

Writing, Poetry, Journaling Group: WANTED - A group of participants who would meet monthly, to develop self-expression through creative poetry, writing, and journaling. Would meet on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Get inspired! Bring any work that you have already completed. Please let Debbie know if you would be interested or you may also contact the groups facilitator Nancy Bunnell at ncbunnell@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



IN NOVEMBER

What are you thankful for? Join in, on a family/community gratitude activity with our "Thirty Days of Thankful Wall." Giving thanks is more than a holiday, it's how people live. So, for the thirty days of November, we will be creating a Thankful Wall, here at the library. Everyone is welcome to come and share with others, what you are most thankful for.



During the month of November and until Saturday, December 16th, we will be holding, **Mrs. Passardi's 4th annual Gift-A-Book Drive**, for the Willington Human Services Department. Give the gift of reading this holiday season. Come into the library and choose from a selection of different age-level tags on our special tree. Then purchase a book to be given to someone between the ages of pre-school and high school. Each gift will then be given to and distributed through our own Willington Human Services Department.

Animal Embassy is back again! Saturday, November 4th at 2:30 pm: Animal Embassy's "Spook-tacular Animal Adventure." We will be staying open later than usual, so that we may be able to present this live animal show, for everyone's joy and



entertainment. Meet some of the animal kingdom's most amazing creatures. Learn that they need not be feared but instead, respected and appreciated.

Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm: A Celebration of Thanksgiving with Barbara Austin. Barbara will present a series of Native American Stories, Myths and Legends, about how things came to be. See history come to life!

IN DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Friends of WPL "Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale." This is a great time to purchase homemade and handcrafted items for gift giving, as well as delicious holiday treats, to eat and enjoy! We have twenty-four vendors with unique one-of-a-kind creations. There is something for everyone, of all ages.



Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 pm
Fancy Nancy visits the library.
 Dress-up fancy and be prepared for fun!

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm:
Holiday Cookie Swap. It's back! Celebrate



the holiday season with good company, fun, and refreshments. Registration is required so please RSVP by Saturday, November 25th, if you are planning to join in. Recipes are due in by that time as well. Cookies are to be homemade and all one kind. Let us know what cookie, you would like to make. Select early, no duplicates are allowed. You are invited to help set the festive mood, by wearing holiday attire. This year we will have an Ornament Yankee Swap. Create or purchase a handmade ornament with a value of no more than \$5, to give. More information will be posted at the library.

Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 pm: Storytelling of "Why the Chimes Rang" by Raymond MacDonald Alden. First published in 1909, it quickly became one of America's favorite Christmas books. Now, this time-honored classic is a beautiful tale that conveys the very spirit of giving. This story will be retold and acted out by our storyteller, Barbara Austin. This is a wonderful holiday treat and celebration for ALL AGES.

LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER

During the month of January, we are planning to add some color, to the dreary look of winter outside, on our library grounds, with Yarn Bombing. Yarn bombing is a type of graffiti or street art that

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employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn, or fibre rather than paint or chalk. You can go online and check it out or we will have pictures for you to see at the library, as to, what this is all about and can look like. There is no limit to what and

where this can be done or how. We will be looking for people and various kinds of fiber, to help make this happen. This is great fun and quite beautiful!

We will be in need of people (of all ages) to help knit and crochet. We have a nice collection of yarn here at the library. We are also asking people, to collect and donate, various kinds of fibers, as well as old sweaters, blankets and scarves that you may no longer want or are just too old to wear anymore and you want to get rid of them. If anyone has any type of hooping (any size round or oblong - ex. hoola hoops, embroidery hoops, wreathes of different materials, etc.) we will be needing these items as well. Thank you!

The Willington Historical Society

ROOF PROJECT UPDATE ...

We did it! With an ongoing joint effort over the last 12 months, the Society worked for a \$8,975.00, 50/50 matching grant from The 1772 Foundation in cooperation with The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. We also asked the Society's members, friends and neighbors to help with funding the other 50% of the roof costs, by making part of Willington's History, yours! Your generous help with this project really added up! To date, we have reached our goal of almost \$9,000 toward the now-installed new roof. We'd again like to thank these members, friends and neighbors for continuing to support this roof fund raising effort:

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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.

TREE LIGHTING AND OPEN HOUSE

December 1st at 7:00 pm

Please join the Willington Historical Society, Willington Parks and Recreation Department and the Willington Selectmen, Friday evening, December 1st for the lighting of the new Community Christmas Tree on the Town Green. Let's join together to start the holiday season with a splash of color and Santa arriving in his wildly 'tricked' out fire truck sleigh.

Following the tree lighting, you are invited to gather at the historic Glazier Tavern, at the West end of the green, to enjoy the warmth of the fires in the hearths and light refreshments. Also take a few minutes to view an exhibit of items from Willington's, once active, Railroad Station and the original Hall Memorial School office clock. Special thanks to the West Family for their annual decorating and lighting of our Community Tree.



PICTURE WINDOW AT GLAZIER TAVERN IS 'HISTORY'

Replacing the windows on the Tavern, facing the Town Green, has been on our to-do list, for various reasons, with the 2/2 double hung window being worn out and sagging, and the large, cracked picture window certainly looking out of place on the 19th century building. Both were replaced with period 6/6 wooden windows, giving that side of the building a more 'as' built appearance.

Special thanks for this project goes out to Master Carpenter Norm Barry of Tolland, for volunteering his time to guide and help us through the window and siding project. Without his help we'd still be stumbling through this job. The replaced siding is due to be painted by volunteers in October.

BECOME A MEMBER

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

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

YES, WE'RE STILL LOOKING ...

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

- Old hand tools, tin and wooden kitchen ware.
- Whale oil lamps
- 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.

- and finally we continue to ask for a Programs person and a Publicity person.

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: wilmingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Membership forms are available on our website at: www.wilmingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org. Donations may also be made through the PayPal link on our website homepage.

FINAL THOUGHT

It really is enjoyable looking around in old barns! Thanks to Ralph Tulis for an invite to look around in his family's old barn. In addition to the visit, the Society was invited to select any items of interest, to add to our historic archive of Willington items. Ralph's generosity extended to a good proportion of conversation, in addition to a selection of cobbler's tools, his Mom's Indian style sewing basket and scrap book, several buzz saw tools for setting the teeth, a cast iron manure fork, that has to be older than Ralph's and my ages combined (wow), several items that were used to hand hew logs into beams and more. Thanks, Ralph! Nice visit!!

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.wilmingtonct.org/Public_Documents/WillingtonCT_Recreation/recreation.

WILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Our commission requires seven members per the Board of Selectmen, and we presently have six members. It is a non-compensation position and has a term of three years.

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	May 22nd	September 25th
	February 27th	June 26th	October 30th
	March 27th	July 31st	November 27th
	April 24th	August 28th	December 18th

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.

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

2017 Bus Trips

UCONN VS. BOSTON COLLEGE AT FENWAY

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

Date: Saturday, November 18th
 Game Time: 7:00 pm
 Departure Time: 4:00 pm. (The coach bus will leave the commuter parking lot on Rt. 32 next to the River Road Athletic Complex.)
 Return Time: Immediately following the game.
 Fee: \$85.00/person (includes BBQ lunch, Coach Bus transportation and ticket to game)

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

A true New York City institution, the annual Radio City Christmas Spectacular is the sparkling, breath-taking way to get you in the Christmas spirit! You'll have a few hours to have lunch, shop or just take in the sights before the 5:00 pm show!

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS THE NEW YORK WAY

Date: Saturday, November 11th
 Departure Time: 9:00 am from the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot off of I-84 at Exit 68
 Showtime: 5:00 pm
 Return Time: Bus leaves NYC immediately following the show and will return to the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot at approximately 10:00 pm.
 Fee: \$125.00/person (includes ticket to Radio City and Transportation)

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Registration Deadline is October 27th. Due to the popularity of this show, we expect to sell out quickly. Please Register Early!

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY

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

Date: Saturday, December 2nd
Departure Time: 7:00 am from the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot off of I-84 at Exit 68
Return Time: The bus will return to the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot at approximately 10:30 pm.
Fee: \$68.00/person (Transportation Only)

Registration Deadline is November 17th. Due to the popularity of this show, we expect to sell out quickly. Please Register Early! This trip qualifies for "Buy 3 tickets, get the 4th 50% off"!!!

Youth Basketball Program

WPRD is excited to announce that our recreational basketball program (Grades 3-8) is now participating in the "Lakes Region" with Ashford, Bolton, Coventry, Hebron and Mansfield. The season will run from November to the end of February with practices beginning in November and the first games of the season starting on December 2nd. Locations and directions to the schools will be available at the start of the season.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration opened on September 1st for our youth basketball program and closes on October 27th. Evaluations/Assessments will be held on Saturday, November 4th. Times, dates and registration forms are available on the Parks & Recreation Department website and will also be sent out in the Digital Backpack.



YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

A FREE, pre-season, youth basketball clinic will be held on November 1st, November 3rd and November 5th. Please check the Parks and Recreation website for times and more information. If you are interested in helping out this basketball season, please call or email the Parks and Recreation Department.

WILLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION 2017-2018 LAKES REGION YOUTH BASKETBALL

Ashford, Bolton, Coventry, Hebron, Mansfield and Willington Recreational Basketball features basic skills, dribbling, passing, shooting, good sportsmanship, and fun! All home games and practices are at the Hall School Gym.

Registration deadline is 10/27

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Instructional League: Grades 1 and 2 (Registrations accepted until 11/3). This 10-week program begins on Saturday 12/2 and continues through 2/17. 8:00 am - 9:00 am. (No basketball on December 23 or December 30)

Grades 3-8: Games are played on Saturdays beginning 12/2 with the last season game on 2/10; Jamboree/tournament play will be held 2/24 and 2/25. (No basketball on December 23 or December 30)

COACHES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED FOR ALL LEVELS FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS!

Please email me if you are interested in coaching. Evaluations/team selections will be held on Saturday, November 4th. More details will be sent out in an email to all those registered and through the digital backpack. Practices begin Monday, November 6th. Coaches will email you the exact day and time.

Fees:

Instructional (Grades 1-2)	\$60.00 per player (10 weeks)
Grades 3-4	\$75.00 per player* (shooter shirt given)
Grades 5-8	\$85.00 per player* (Reversible jersey provided)
Grades 9-12:	A separate registration form will come out in November.

*\$250.00 family maximum

Reversible tanks must be returned to your coach at the last game or a \$20 fee will be assessed.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

It is expected that players will do their best at all times and avoid negative remarks (or gestures) to any player, and act in a sportsmanlike manner always, win or lose. All participants shall treat one another with dignity and respect. Be generous when you lose; be gracious when you win.

PARENTS

Volunteer parents are needed to help with keeping the book, cleaning bleachers, sweeping the floor and picking up bathrooms. Please remember no food or drink besides water is allowed in the gym. Please keep siblings in the bleachers with you and not wandering the gym or entry way. Together we can have a successful program! Please make checks payable to: WPRD and mail to Parks & Recreation Department, 40 Old Farms Road, or drop off at the Parks and Recreation Office during normal business hours or drop in the tax collector's box outside of the building. It is the Willington Parks and Recreation policy that all children should have the opportunity to participate in sport programs. Registration fees may be reduced due to financial need. If you are experiencing a financial hardship this season, please contact the Director of Parks and Recreation, Maureen Parsell, at mparsell@willingtonct.org or call 860-487-3108.

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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

FREE SNOWSHOE LOANER PROGRAM

Bring on the Snow!!! The Willington Parks and Recreation Department has snowshoes that were obtained through a grant from Eastern Highlands Health District initiative "Healthy Eating, Active Living" (HEAL). The Department has 4 sets of adult and 4 sets of youth snowshoes for use. Loaner equipment is available for pick up Monday-Friday. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household. After the completion of one reservation, another will be allowed. Maximum rental is three days.

Why go snowshoeing? What started thousands of years ago as a mode of transportation has evolved into a popular winter activity for recreation and fitness. Here's why:

It's fun: Snowshoeing extends your hiking or running season into winter. It lets you enjoy winter solitude and can be a social activity. All ages and ability levels can enjoy the sport together.

It's easy: As the saying goes, "If you can walk, you can snowshoe." The learning curve is much shorter than that of skiing or snowboarding. A few techniques worth practicing: widening your stance (to avoid stepping on snowshoe frames), going up and down hills, traversing slopes and pole usage.

It's inexpensive: Required gear includes snowshoes, appropriate footwear and clothing, and (maybe) a pair of poles. That's it! No lift ticket is required.

It's a good workout: Snowshoeing offers low-impact, aerobic exercise that helps you stay in shape during the winter.

It's versatile: You can go easy or go hard. Plus, you can snowshoe many trails that you can't ski due to trees or low-snow conditions.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

This program features dances from around the world, starting with easy walking-based dances and progressing to more advanced dances as the class is ready. Adults of all ages have

found this program to be fun and great exercise. It is a good way to learn about cultural backgrounds and make new friends! No experience is necessary and no partners are necessary. Wear comfortable clothes, close-toed shoes and bring water. Drop-ins are welcome!

Dates: This class is held on Thursday evenings
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



DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Six Week Training Program with Mike LaPointe, K-9 Connection. Beginner level basic dog obedience classes for dogs 3 months of age (by the first day of class) and older. Mike LaPointe has been training dogs since 1987. Training methods utilize positive reinforcement, no food, on leash, hand signals and verbal commands. Classes will be held from 6-7:00 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning October 17th at 504 Tolland Stage Road in Tolland.

****Bring your dog, a training collar and a 6-foot lead to class****

Fee: \$125.00 per dog
Classes will be held on: October 17th and 24th,
November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Registration and waiver form to be completed and submitted to WPRD prior to attending the first class. A copy of your dog's vaccination record is also required to participate in this program.

4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 1st at 7:00 pm on the Town Green

We are looking forward to a festive holiday season! Please join the Willington Historical Society and the Willington Parks and Recreation Department on the Town Green for the 4th Annual Community Tree Lighting! We are still in the planning stages so please check our website for more information. Want to help out? Have a great idea? Please contact us!



Santa arriving on his sleigh at the 3rd Annual Tree Lighting.



The Scouts kept us warm at the 3rd Annual Tree Lighting.

HELP KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN

At all of our parks, pets must be leashed at ALL times. For your convenience, WPRD has two dog poo stations with poo bags at River Road Athletic Complex. Help keep our parks clean and PLEASE pick up after your pets.



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We also received several anonymous donations.

Recreation is an important part of a healthy and positive lifestyle and our goal is to provide safe places to play, increase family and community relationships and offer outlets for personal growth. It is our hope that we will continue to bring our community together with these family friendly "Wednesdays in the Park."

As a resource to the community, our department is honored to coordinate special events like this with the support of local businesses, residents and volunteers. Please contact our office if you are interested in becoming a 2018 sponsor. Please accept our most sincere thanks for your support!

HALL'S POND

Thanks to our dedicated and hard-working staff, we had a fun, safe summer at the pond!! Our staff members, who are lifeguard certified and/or first aid and CPR certified, took part in regular in-service training and kept fit by swimming throughout the summer. If you happen to see one of our staff members, please be sure to say hello! Our fantastic staff members are:

Chris Beebe, Head Lifeguard
McKenna Jones, Pond Ranger
Sophia Mailhos, Certified Lifeguard
Isa Peczuh, Pond Ranger
Jimmy Petrella, Certified Lifeguard
Elliot Smith, Certified Lifeguard
Will Toomey, Certified Lifeguard

Have a great year at school and THANK YOU for keeping our patrons safe!! If you are interested in lifeguarding or teaching swim lessons next year, please contact our office. See you in June 2018!



Left, Chris Beebe, Will Toomey and McKenna Jones.

Right, Sophia Mailhos, Jimmy Petrella and Isa Peczuh



Town Parks & Amenities

**FENTON-RUBY PARK AND
WILDLIFE PRESERVE**

Moose Meadow Road and Burma Road;

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

KNOWLTON PROPERTY

Mason Road - Hiking Trails

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

TALMADGE TRACT
Mason Road - Hiking Trails
(adjacent to the Knowlton Property)

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

RIVER ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX
511 River Road
Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, swings, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court, walking path (one lap = .33 miles) and outdoor fitness equipment. No golfing allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned
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911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS
The First Step to Providing Emergency Services is Finding Your House
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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

Don't wait until the last minute! Please be sure to register EARLY for programs and trips you wish to participate in. WPRD reserves the right to close out a program and cancel trips due to limited space or low enrollment. You can download registration forms, get updated information on upcoming programs, events and facility rental information! Please visit our website at: 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. Notifications 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. Be sure to Subscribe to E-Alerts at www.willingtonct.org and stay informed of all that we have to offer!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT? WE WANT TO SEE IT!

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.



Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar

The annual Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 2 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Hill Church at the corner of Routes 74 and 320. Come buy your Christmas gifts from the gift baskets made by church members and friends with donated new items sold much below retail cost; real Christmas wreaths hand decorated by church members and friends; homemade fancy cookies by the pound; homemade baked goods; beautiful Christmas/attic treasures; RADA products including their well-known knives, serving utensils etc.; and various crafts. While shopping, enjoy breakfast sandwiches and homemade lunch in the Holiday Café. For more information, call Claudia at 860-429-4082.

Willington PTA

P.O. Box 202, Willington, CT 06279
860-883-5317

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The Willington PTA is a group of parents and faculty that work together to benefit our children. It's a great way to bring our community together. PTA events are a great way to meet other parents and teachers. Volunteering can allow you to use your skills for a great cause - our children and bringing the community together.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except April which will be held on April 12) at 6:00 pm at the Center Elementary School library. Our meetings last 30 minutes followed by a committee meeting for the nearest community event.

In addition to our events, we also have a few favorite fundraisers scheduled for our

schools including Square One Art, School Spirit Wear, and Scrip. Please see our upcoming events below:

NOVEMBER

Election Day Bake Sale: Come down to vote and bring your checkbooks. We will be hosting the bake sale at the Town Office Building 6:30 am - 6:30 pm on November 7th. Bakers and Salespersons needed!!

DECEMBER

Staff Cookie Buffet: Bring in the holidays with our annual staff cookie buffet on December 19th. Bakers needed!!

FEBRUARY 2018

Mother/Son Bowling: Bowling, pizza, fun and friends. Come to Spare Time in Vernon for this fun event scheduled for February 10th at 10:00 am.

MARCH 2018

Father/Daughter Dance: Get your dance

shoes ready for the daughter dance scheduled at Hall Memorial on March 10th at 6:30 pm.

APRIL/MAY 2018

Screen Free Week & Teacher Appreciation Week: Both weeklong events will be held April 30 through May 4.

Road Race/Silent Auction: Tie up your sneakers and bring your checkbooks for the annual road race and silent auction scheduled for May 26th!

We have a goal of 120 members and as of today's date, we are at 110. We look forward to meeting and exceeding our goal. If you are interested in becoming a member, please send an email to membership.willingtonpta@gmail.com and we will forward you a membership form. We are so excited for our first term as a new Board and look forward to meeting our members at the upcoming events!

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Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars Named 2017 National Chapter of the Year



The members of the Willington Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors are feeling both proud and humbled because of some accolades they received recently. WSF was informed in August that it is the recipient of Scholarship America's 2017 Intermediate Affiliate of the Year Award. (Small and Large are the other two categories based on the size of the communities served.) The award brings with it a \$1,000 monetary award for WSF. But, that is not all; we have also received the top prize by being named the National Affiliate of the Year for 2017. This honor brings with it an additional \$2,000. The total \$3,000 received in conjunction with these prestigious awards will be added to the donations of all sizes to be received throughout the coming year.

These honors are really to be shared by the entire rural community of Willington, CT whose generosity makes our chapter of Dollars for Scholars stand out in comparison to chapters in other towns of a similar size all across the USA. WSF has known what a special town we live in throughout the years. Since our inception in the year 1995 as the Willington PTA Scholarship Foundation which formed as an affiliate of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, continuing in 1996 when we reorganized as the Willington Scholarship Foundation, still an affiliate of CSFA, and most recently when we adopted the bylaws in conformance with CSFA's (now named Scholarship America) Dollars For Scholars, Willington has never let us down. Instead, in an increasingly generous way, the residents, businesses and organizations have responded to help the students of our community as they graduate from high school and face the financial challenges

of higher education. At our annual WSF reception in June this year, seventeen awards were given to fourteen students in the total amount of \$32,000.

Yes, Willington, we knew you were special all along and now the affiliates of Scholarship America all across America know it too! On behalf of the entire board of directors and all of the students who have benefitted from your help, once again, thank you, Willington!

If you would like to know more about WSF, visit us at www.willington.dollarsforscholars.org. Donations are welcome at any time. All donations go to scholarships, with less than 5% spent on mailings, non-profit fees and insurance. For more information, please email willington@dollarsforscholars.org or call Chopeta at 860-429-1276. New members are always welcome.

Willington Scholarship Foundation Directors & Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars 2017 Recipients



Willington Scholarship Foundation Directors:

From left to right sitting front row: Judith Marco, Leslie Letendre, Theresa Salisbury
Back row standing: Ron Growney, Paula King, Linda Cooper, Laura Rodriguez, Jean Woods, Chopeta Lyons, Dave Gabree, and Mary Pat Maloney.
Not pictured: Bob Jellen, Jennie Arpin, and Heather Kelly



Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars 2017 Recipients:

RECIPIENTS AND THE NAMES OF THEIR AWARDS:

Front row, seated, left to right: Annalise Halle (WSFDFS 2016 Renewable), Rachel Horowitz-Benoit (Key Bank), Una Hills-Gunn (The Corporal Henry Toberman VFW Post 938 and Auxiliary Scholarship; Friends of Hall School Drama and Music), Jessica Firman (MycosScience)
Back row, standing, left to right: Devin Pallanck (Chris Emond Memorial Scholarship), Patrick Hannon (Robert G. Ryder Memorial Scholarship), William Bray (PTA Scholarship), Brandon Halle (The Corporal Henry Toberman VFW Post 938 and Auxiliary Scholarship), Andrew Park (Willington Scholarship Foundation Endowment Award), Andrew Marco (Willington Pizza Scholarship), and Emma Noble (Stafford Lions in Memory of Thomas Borovicka Scholarship)
Not pictured: Nicholas Vera (WSFDFS Award), Paige Nash (WSFDFS Award), Riley Bancroft (Harvey & Pauline Morris Scholarship) and Abbey St. Pierre (Stafford Savings Bank Scholarship)

Center Elementary School PreSchool Registration



Willington Center School's PreSchool will be accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Children eligible for PreK must be three years of age by August 31, 2018 and cannot turn five before January 1, 2019. Applications will be available March 1, 2018 by calling Center School at: 860-429-9367. The application and the Ages & Stages questionnaire will need to be completed and submitted by May 1, 2018. Decision regarding acceptance will be made by June 8th.

Center Elementary School Kindergarten Registration



Willington Center School is currently encouraging parents/guardians to begin registering their children for kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before Jan 1, 2019. Please call Center School at: 860.429.9367. Orientation will be held in the spring.

Human Services

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

THIS FALL, WE ARE RAISING AWARENESS OF OUR FUEL BANK!

What is the Fuel Bank? It is actually not a "bank," but rather money set aside to give a one-time gift of 100 gallons of oil (or other heating fuel) to a Willington resident in great need.

How does it work? The resident contacts the Human Services office. After some financial information is obtained and long-term sustainable solutions are discussed, the office contacts a local supplier who delivers 100 gallons of oil to the family's home.

The fuel bank is an income-based program, and is meant for a one-time emergency only.*

A FEW FACTS

- Over 70% of our recipients are employed.
- Nearly half have children in the household.
- 46% are homeowners.
- 92% were accepted into the CT Energy Assistance Program in 2016-2017.

How can you help? Consider a donation today. Contact us for more information or visit us at the Town Offices!

Current Programs

CATERPILLAR CLUB - This is a free program that allows children, ages 12 months to 4 years, and their caregivers a safe place and time to play and socialize together. Come for as many sessions as you like! Thursdays from 9:30-11 am at the Willington Public Library.

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, 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 at: 860-487-3118 or email us at humanservices@willingtonct.org.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM - Human Services will be taking applications for our holiday programs starting November 1st. We offer both a Thanksgiving Meal and a Holiday Meal and Gifts program. Please contact us for more information on these income-based programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE - It's already getting colder out! Get a jump start on those heating bills and apply for energy assistance, a state program for lower income residents. We are currently taking applications for this program. Please call for an appointment or for more information. Due to the lengthy application process, no walk-ins please.

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

SENIOR CENTER HOURS - We now have office hours on Thursdays from 9 am until 11 at the Willington Senior Center. Stop by and say hi, or come with any questions you have about state programs, Medicare or Medicaid, or anything else! No appointment needed.

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

Willington Senior Activities

20 Senior Way

- November 18th & January 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- 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27, at 11:00 am

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- Yoga-** Tuesday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Tai Chi-** Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Men's Pool-** Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 pm
- Pinocle-** Fridays 12:30 pm
- Set Back-** Saturdays 7:00 pm
- WII Bowling-** Taking names for new league

MEETING DATES:

- **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, Birthday / Anniversary Celebrations followed by Bingo. Public is welcome to attend.

SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

"Flavors of Home" Cookbook is a

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

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

The Senior Center has established 6 Mini Gardens for seniors in town located in the rear of the Senior Center. If you would like to use one call the senior center, first come/first served. If we get a large group requesting these, we will hold a lottery drawing.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS (SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER) TO BE POSTED IN THE BUGLE:

- Ice Cream Social in July
- Annual BBQ in August
- Narragansett Bay Light House Cruise
- Afternoon Concert Trips to the Coast Guard Academy
- Talks on safe ways to exercise for Seniors
- Veteran Memorial Dedication and Open House in November
- Annual Spaghetti Supper and Country Western Show in October
- The Holiday Banquet in December
- Holiday Shopping Trip to Tanger Outlet end of November
- Monthly trips to Foxwood or Mohegan casino and Walmart
- Trips to different restaurants with the Lunch Bunch Monthly
- Coffee Klatsch meets first food share Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am
- Computer Classes fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am
- Formal Tea tickets being sold for November. Call for details.
- Many other events. Watch the membership newsletter.

Not a member? Maybe now is the time to become one. Call the telephone number below for information on becoming a member. For more information regarding Senior Activities, please call Jean at: 860-429-8321.

EC-CHAP Film, Performance, & Event Schedule November 2017 - January 2018

EC-CHAP is pleased to begin our third season with a great line-up of performances at The Packing House. Our monthly Talent Showcase has changed to the second Wednesday of the month, and we are offering a "Special Local Artist Performance Program" this year featuring artists that have participated in our Talent Showcase and First Sunday programs. As your Community Cultural Center, we invite you to join us at our information meetings to learn about membership and how you can become involved in programming, performing, and exhibiting within our creative spaces. For information, please visit www.ec-chap.org, call 518-791-9474, or email info@ec-chap.org. EC-CHAP is a member-based 501.c.3 nonprofit organization. All proceeds from events at The Packing House go to support EC-CHAP operations and programming.

LOCATION:

All performances, events, and film showings sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP) take place in The Packing House at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. Phone: 518-791-9474; Web: www.thepackinghouse.us; Email: info@ec-chap.org. For tickets, performance details, program additions and changes, please visit our website at: www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming. For additional information and table reservations, please call: 518-791-9474.

"TALENT SHOWCASE" - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Our Talent Showcase is designed as a platform for local and

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

NOVEMBER

- 11/04: Tim Ray Trio (Jazz).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 11/08: "Talent Showcase".
Doors 6:30 pm / Show 7:00 pm. Free admission - All ages.
- 11/15: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00 pm
- 11/16: Film Showing: Woodstock: 3-days of Peace & Music (R).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 11/18: Belle of the Fall in Concert (Folk / Indie).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 11/19: Bruno Raberg "Trikola" in Concert (World / Classical / Jazz). Doors 2:30 pm / Show 3:00 pm

DECEMBER

- 12/01: An Evening with Maura Geist (Spiritual Medium).
Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 12/03: Winter "First Sunday at The Mill Works." Community Event. Noon - 5:00 pm. Free admission.
- 12/09: Kevin Harris Project (Jazz). Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 12/10: Eclectica (Classical). Doors 2:30 pm / Show 3:00 pm
- 12/12: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00 pm
- 12/13: "Talent Showcase".
Doors 6:30 pm / Show 7:00 pm. Free admission - All ages.
- 12/15: Film Showing: It's A Wonderful Life (G).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm

JANUARY

- 01/06: Seat Of Our Pants in Concert (Folk / Bluegrass).
Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm
- 01/10: "Talent Showcase".
Doors 6:30 pm / Show 7:00 pm. Free admission - All ages.
- 01/17: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00 pm
- 01/19: Film Showing: TBD. Doors 7:00 pm / Show 7:30 pm



Live Nativity **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017 - 3-6:00 PM**
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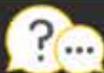
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Gardiner Hall Jr Museum is About Willington History



The Gardiner Hall Jr Museum and Willington share a rich history from 1861 to its halt in producing threads in the 1950s.

One hundred years of prosperous times, wars, economic downturns, political upheaval, society's changes have been felt by the people who lived here and worked in the mill.

Improvements to the machinery used in the mill, by Gardiner Hall Jr, meant new patents and design improvements that benefited thread mills everywhere. During war times the Hall Mill produced suture threads that were used on the battlefields of Europe. When the Great Depression devastated the United States the Hall Mill was able to employ over 130 people, when other businesses closed shop and unemployment was the norm. Willington and its population benefited from the operation of the Mill and as it grew so did the town.

William Henry Hall was active in politics and held elected offices in Connecticut. Because his interest lay in politics and not in the operation of the Mill this opened the door for Rosa Hall to step in and take over the business. A woman running a business of this size was not commonplace at that time. Ms. Hall was a forerunner in the advancement of women's rights and the suffrage movement. Rosa Hall was instrumental in the building of the Hall Memorial School in Willington as well as the Clara Hall Elliot Memorial Church.

There is this and so much more to learn about how the growth and development of Willington intertwined with the Hall family and their Mill. Please stop in on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am to learn about this remarkable period in our local history. If you have any artifacts you'd like to put on loan or donate to our museum please bring them along and share their story with us.

The Gardiner Hall Jr. Museum at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. For more information, please call: 301-500-8403 or email: curator@gardinerhalljrmuseum.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning December 5, 2017 the Museum will be open on Tuesdays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and closed on Wednesdays.

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