



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Fall 2011

Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman 860-870-3100

As I write this mid-August, there are a number of brief but significant items to bring to your attention.

July 25 was Timothy Webb's first day as Director of the Ellington Department of Public Works, succeeding George Fetko who left in April and Peter Michaud who came out of retirement to fill in as Interim Director from April into July. We should welcome Tim and THANK Peter for helping us when we really needed it.

Recently, the State of Connecticut re-paved Route 286 (all of Main and Pinney Streets); I hope that this brings a smile to a number of people who mentioned the poor condition of that State road to me since I took office.

The State is well underway in converting the 'five corners' intersection of Routes 74 and 286 (where Pinney Street meets Windsorville, Wapping Wood and Skinner Roads) into a roundabout; the goal is to safely reduce the transit time through this increasingly busy intersection. You can find information at the Town website under 'Our Town News', with a link to the State DOT website which has a lot more detail. Heavy construction is expected to be completed this fall, with landscaping in spring of 2012. It should be an aesthetically pleasing gateway into Ellington.

The State is just now also fully engaged in a project to replace the bridge across Kimballs Brook on Route 83, ¼ mile north of Route 140. Because of some environmental sensitivity, construction is in phases, leaving only one lane open through the site for six months. Temporary traffic lights have been installed to safely control traffic flow over that one shared lane; our fire and ambulance emergency vehicles are equipped with remotes to override the signals in their favor; **NO**, nobody else can have one.

Our own Department of Public Works summer road work is underway. This year's plans include the following: reconstruction of Ellington Ave. (from the Town Line to Walnut St.) and North Park St.; and overlay of Francis Ave., Hilltop Dr., Hilltop Dr. Ext., Davis Rd., Grant Rd., Pinney Rd., Woodmar Circle, and Ridgeview Drive.

According to the 2010 census, Ellington is one of the fastest growing towns in the state, with 20% population gain since year 2000. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that our elementary school population is again out of space; the last addition was to Center School, eight years ago. This time the proposal long-in-the-planning is to renovate-like-new, and provide a significant addition to, Crystal Lake School. This should permit fifth and sixth grades to be favorably relocated to the three district elementary schools, relieving Windermere School of tremendous overcrowding. The Superintendent's article on page 4 summarizes the need, the proposal, and the benefits.

Maurice Blanchette

Ellington Vol. Fire Department Annual Carnival & Parade

Carnival

September 8, 9 & 10
6:30 PM-11PM
Brookside Park

Parade

September 10 @ 5:15 PM
Parade begins at the inter-
section of Jobs Hill Road &
RT 140 and proceeds west
to Brookside Park.

Ellington Hockanum River Trail Committee

The Ellington Hockanum River Trail Committee is looking for help on its four (4) trails. If you can prune, weed-whack, rake, use a wheelbarrow and/or operate a chainsaw, please volunteer your time.

For regular projects we meet on Tuesdays from 10AM to 11:30 AM. For special project we will set aside one Saturday during the month. Please contact Ann Harford at

860-872-0406

for more details or visit:

www.hockanumriverwa.org
and select 'Ellington Links'

Election Day November 8

Polls will be open 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

District 1: Ellington High School
37 Maple Street

District 2: Crystal Lake School
284 Sandy Beach Road

See Page 6 for more election information.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
860-870-3160 ~ www.biblio.org/ellington

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday-Saturday 10AM-5PM

Sunday 1PM-5PM*

* Beginning October 2

See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.

NEW GENEALOGY REFERENCE SOURCE

The library recently subscribed to Ancestry.com, a popular genealogical reference source. Ancestry.com is the world's largest online family history resource — including centuries of historical records, photos, stories, family trees and a collaborative community of millions. This resource is available from the computer stations in the Reference Room of the Library.

NEW LIBRARY CATALOG SYSTEM AND PLACING HOLDS ON MATERIALS

We hope you all are adjusting to the new library catalog system and we thank you for your patience as we all work through the kinks and learning curve. A few things to make life easier: When placing holds on materials, the new system offers the choice of phone or email notification. In order to prevent duplicate notifications, please choose one or the other. Also, we have had many, many instances of requested materials not being picked up. It costs about \$5.00 per item for an ILL request to be fulfilled. Please pick up your requests in a timely manner. If materials continue to not be picked up, we may need to institute a penalty fee. If you would like instruction in navigating the new system to check your account and place holds, please contact Sue and a class will be arranged.

HOLIDAY TREE FESTIVAL

Due to popular demand, the Community Tree Festival will return to the library in November. But it doesn't happen without contributors from the community, so sharpen your imaginations and design a tree, wreath or centerpiece to share. Traditionally, many of the trees and decorations have been donated for a silent auction, with the funds going for the purchase of library materials. But a donation isn't necessary—participation is far more important. Items will be accepted November 19-29, and the festival will take place Nov.30-Dec.17. Check the library website for the registration form and further details.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The library book discussion group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30. Titles are chosen by the group, and new participants are always welcome. The title for September is *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett.

YOUNG ADULTS

Whew! What a summer teens had at the library! Over 40 teens participated in the summer reading program — including teens who just stopped in to attend a craft program or learn new skills during our creative writing session, or came to help us sample pizza during the pizza taste-off. At the end of the program? Eight teens won prizes for completing a "Frequent User" card and were awarded with free movie passes and king-size candy bars.

We learned how to make wallets out of recycled milk cartons, we dipped marshmallows into chocolate and all kinds of yummy toppings and went home with LOTS of treats, we acquired some jewelry making skills by making tiny bird nest necklaces from wire and beads, and we finished the summer with pizza from all five pizza restaurants in town and voted on *Most Cheesiest*, *Best Sauce*, *Best Crust*, and *Best Overall Slice*. Stop by the library to see who won in each category.

A BIG thank you to all the pizza restaurants in town for donating the pizzas for our summer finale — Ellington Pizza & Family Restaurant, Holiday Restaurant & Pizza, Hometown Pizza, Pizzeria DaVinci and Pastori's Restaurant. And we'd also like to send a HUGE thank you to the Friends of Hall Memorial Library for their very generous support this summer. Because of this wonderful group of people, we provide a variety of programs, prizes, and reading material to our teen patrons.

Looking ahead, we'll be kicking off a new year for the Young Adult Advisory Board on Tuesday, October 4th at 3:30 pm. We accepted applications for new members through September 1st and will have our board in place for the first meeting.

And finally, our creative writing group continues to meet on the last Thursday of the month from 3:00-4:00 pm. This is an open group to students in grades 7-12. If you like to write, or just want to practice some writing skills, please join us! We're always looking for new members.

COMING SOON—NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE

We are redesigning and upgrading our website to better fit your online library needs. The gorgeous new site will go live in late September at www.library.ellington-ct.gov.

Patricia Grundman, Children's Librarian
860-870-3160

What an active summer we have had at the library! **One World Many Stories** was a very popular theme with many exciting programs and activities to keep the children of Ellington reading and involved. The highlight of the summer reading program was the **"Read Around the World"** contest between the boys and the girls. A giant, colorful map of the world covered one wall upstairs in the children's area. For every two books that were read, a sticker was placed on the map; (green for boys, orange for girls). The object of the race was to determine which team could read enough books to circle the globe with stickers first. For most of the seven weeks of the program, it was neck and neck. But the day just before the grand finale, the **boys** pulled ahead by a large margin and claimed the "World Traveler" title. The final tally for the children participating in the program is **2,272 books read.**

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS AND GIRLS!!!!

But, alas, summer is gone. Fall is approaching. School has started once again! For those of you who did not read all of the Nutmeg Nominees during the summer, we still have several copies of each title. Each year a committee chooses ten titles for children in grades 4 through 6 to read, throughout Connecticut. Voting on your favorite Nutmeg Nominee takes place at the end of January 2012. You may vote in school OR you may turn in your vote at your public library. The Nutmeg Book chosen each year is announced early in February. A list of the titles being nominated is available in the Children's Department, upstairs at the library. Happy Reading!!

This Fall we have a full slate of preschool programs:

Babies & Books Program: Babies ages 9 months to 2 ½ years & their care giver or parents; meets on Mondays 10:15-11:15 from October 3 through November 14. Registration will begin September 26.

Story Time: Two and a half year-olds & an adult; meets on Fridays at 10:15-10:45. It runs from September 30 through November 4. Registration for this session will begin September 19.

Story Time: Three to five year-olds have a Story Time especially for them on Tuesdays 10:15-11:00. It will be held each week from October 4 through November 15. Registrations will be held September 26.

Each of these programs features age-appropriate stories, songs and movement activities and is led by the Children's Librarian. You may register in person or by telephone (860-870-3160).

CHILDREN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

A book discussion is planned during the month of October for **Masterpiece**, which is one of the Nutmeg Nominees for this year. Children in grades 4-6 will be welcome to sign up. This program will take place on Wednesday evenings 5:30-6:30 in the Children's Program Room. Registration will begin September 26.

TRUCK DAY

Truck Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 1 from 10:00-12:00. This is a day of great fun, as children of All Ages come to the library parking lot to view and climb on trucks of all kinds. Horns will be blasting and pictures may be taken. Come enjoy the excitement. No registration required.

TELLABRATION

Thursday, November 17, the Hall Memorial Library will once again host **Tellabration**, for area preschools. The Connecticut Storytelling Center co-sponsors the event throughout the state every November to bring the art of storytelling and the pleasure of listening to stories to people of all ages. Here, in Ellington, various preschools are invited to bring children to the event. Storytelling is alive and well in Ellington, CT.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Ornament Workshop on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 to 12:30. Children ages 3 to 12 will be instructed in the making of four or five ornaments which can then be taken home for the holiday celebration. Free tickets will be given out for 25 minute sessions.

All library programs are FREE & open to the public.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

October 14-16

Friday 10am-4:45 pm

Saturday 10am-4:45 pm

Sunday 1-4pm

For \$8.00 you may bring home a bagful of goodies, including books for all ages, videos, DVDs and CDs.

Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools
860-896-2300 ~ www.ellingtonschools.org

From the Desk of the Superintendent...

On Wednesday, August 10, 2011, the Ellington Board of Education held a special meeting. The agenda for this meeting was a presentation of the recommendations of the Board of Education's Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. In addition to the members of the Board of Education, the meeting was also attended by a number of officials representing the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Members of the Board of Education as well as members of other Town boards and the community have been engaged in analyzing enrollment and facility needs for the school district for a number of years. In December 2003 the Board of Education authorized the formation of a School Facilities Study Committee that met throughout 2004 and presented a formal report in March 2005. This committee used school capacity data provided by a state consultant as well as enrollment projections provided by the State of Connecticut.

The School Facilities Study Committee recommended consideration of cost estimates for seven projects. The Town of Ellington authorized obtaining cost estimates and conceptual drawings for projects at Crystal Lake School and Ellington Middle School which were completed in February of 2006. The Operations Committee of the Board of Education continued to analyze enrollment data and updated the estimates of these projects in March 2007.

In June 2007 the Board of Education contracted with the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to complete a Long-Range School Facilities Planning document. A final report was presented to the Ellington Board of Education in April 2008. As a result of this report, the Board of Education created an Ad Hoc Facilities Committee which continued working on this process throughout 2008. Due to the global economic downturn, however, the work of the committee was put on hold until 2010.

The Ad Hoc Facilities Committee met throughout 2010 and expanded its membership to include a representative of the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen and the PTO. In June 2010 the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee requested a more detailed analysis of proposed projects at both Ellington Middle School and Crystal Lake School. The results of that analysis were presented on August 24, 2010 at a combined meeting of the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The analysis also reviewed the impact of the addition of the property at 59 South Road upon a project at Crystal Lake School.

This analysis revealed that, although an eighteen-room addition could be constructed at Ellington Middle School, it would require significant and expensive movement of soil and would result in significant grading concerns. The grading concerns were further enhanced by the negative impact upon emergency vehicles. The grading concerns would also require the construction of a number of retaining walls. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee that an eighteen-room addition to Ellington Middle School was not a feasible option.

At the special meeting of August 10, 2011, Mr. Hugh Pearson of Moser/Pilon/Nelson Architects presented a conceptual drawing of a renovation and expansion project at Crystal Lake School. The most important factors impacting work at Crystal Lake School are safety and health. The current exit/entrance on Route 140 does not have sufficient line of sight for exiting. With the addition of the land at 59 South Road, a new and safer entrance/exit can be constructed. The new entrance will also provide for separate bus and car drop off and pick up.

Currently, Crystal Lake School does not have an art room nor does it have a music room. Art instruction is provided in the cafeteria when lunch is not being served. Music instruction is presented on the gymnasium stage. Classroom space is limited, therefore, should an additional class be needed at any grade level, the computer lab would need to be dismantled. There is no dedicated space for occupational or physical therapy. The school lacks sufficient storage space and the original structure, which was built in 1957, is not ADA compliant. The gymnasium floor is cracking. The kitchen has numerous deficiencies including deteriorating floor tiles, older equipment, and insufficient space for refrigerators and freezers. The small staff room has no running water and there are no lavatories in the kindergarten room.

The overall enrollment for the Ellington Public Schools continues to grow. The kindergarten through grade twelve enrollment grew by 457 students (20.6%) over the past decade and is projected to grow by another 394 students (14.7%) in the upcoming decade. Currently, Windermere, Center and Crystal Lake Schools do not have the capacity to provide for the number of students projected to enroll in the next decade. Windermere School has grown by more than 100 students in the past four years. Windermere's June 2011 enrollment of 877 students was almost 100 more students than at Ellington High School. An additional grade six class was added last year. An additional grade five class is needed for the upcoming school year. There is no more classroom space available at Windermere School.

The recommendation of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee is to renovate and expand Crystal Lake School. The committee also recommends the relocation of the special education pre-kindergarten program to Windermere School. This would result in three neighborhood schools (Center, Crystal Lake and Windermere) that would serve students through grade six.

As a result of the project, the following would be accomplished:

- The safety and health issues at Crystal Lake School would be addressed.
- Crystal Lake School would be renovated “like new.” This would include code compliance, ADA, hazmat, acoustic standards, building systems, and high performance [comparable to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver].
- Overcrowding at Windermere School would be eliminated.
- Sufficient space for the expected enrollment increase in kindergarten through grade six over the next decade would be created.
- Building deficiencies at Crystal Lake School would be remedied.
- Additional recreational fields for the town would be developed.
- The three-tiered busing required due to the intermediate school would be eliminated.
- Kindergarten through grade six neighborhood schools would be created.

There are some additional facility issues at Windermere School that need to be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee and the Board of Education. Among the issues to be reviewed at Windermere School are: computer labs, lavatory facilities, health services, support rooms, staff areas and pre-kindergarten rooms.

It is expected that the Ellington Board of Education will be approving its recommendation for the facility needs of the district in early fall. Members of the Board of Education and the administration will host a series of open forums to present its recommendation and to receive feedback from the entire community. This work of the Board of Education is most important. The capacity to provide quality educational opportunities to the children of this district is paramount. The Ellington Board of Education believes that you have a school system of which we can all be proud. Our responsibility is to make appropriate plans to provide for the needs of our students in the future.

The goal of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee has always been to provide for the future growth of our student population in the most cost effective manner. The Board of Education and the administration is committed to achieving this goal on behalf of the Town of Ellington.

Stephen C. Callinan

Ellington Public Schools
Where Children Come First

Robert A. Phillips, AICP, Town Planner
860-870-3120

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recently approved modifications to our residential zoning regulations in support of the Town’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). This latest proposal was modified through internal compromise and the primary goal was to lower build-out population. By association, these zoning changes will moderate the future fiscal impacts to taxpayers that are related to residential growth. In particular, we now have a density-based standard where a maximum number of lots can be created depending on the specific attributes of a piece of land, while minimum lot standards may be reduced in order to promote a “clustering” of development. This can lead to reduced development costs to the developer, reduced infrastructure/maintenance costs passed on to the town and its taxpayers, greater protection of our natural resources and connectivity of open space and greenway corridors. An agricultural / conservation easement option has also been provided to allow a landowner the ability to retain a portion of their land, not intended for residential development, for other uses such as farming. This could be transferred or leased to another farmer or perhaps even sold to the town without an easement for increased open space where appropriate.

In other news, the Conservation Commission continues to support our local Farmland Protection Program and has recommended two separate farms with an additional 200 acres or so for consideration for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR). Grants have been awarded and work continues on this front. In addition, you may see a new sign at “The Batz” property located on Shenipsit Street. This is part of an initiative to identify existing open space around town available for public use.

Major initiatives such as these need strong input from the community. So by all means let your voice be heard at the next land use commission meeting! **They need to hear from you!**

For more information on any matter, please contact the Planning Department (860-870-3120) or visit the Town website at

www.ellington-ct.gov

(select ‘Town Services’; ‘Planning’)

All Land Use Commission Meeting Schedules are posted on our website.

**Registrar of Voters
860-870-3107**

The upcoming municipal election is slated for **November 8, 2011**. Residents will cast their votes for First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Library Board of Directors. Check the website to view the list of candidates: www.ellington-ct.gov, select "Our Town News".

To register to become a voter in Ellington or to change your voting information (i.e. address, name or party affiliation), please call 860-870-3107 or pick up a voter registration card at our office, the library or the Town Clerk's Office. You may also get an application online from the Secretary of the State's website, www.sots.state.ct.us. Return the cards to the Registrar of Voters, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029.

The **LAST DAY** to register in person for the election is November 1, 2011; October 25, 2011 for mail-in, postmarked forms. Those persons seeking to vote in the election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained after November 1, 2011, may register to vote up to 12:00 noon on November 7, 2011. The following voter-making sessions have been scheduled:

VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS

Date	Time	Location
October 4, 2011	9AM—5PM	Town Hall
October 13, 2011	10AM-2PM	Town Hall
October 22, 2011	10AM-2PM	Library
November 1, 2011	9AM-8PM	Town Hall

Please check the newspaper for any changes or additional registration sessions. You are also encouraged to register during regular office hours or by mail.

All of this information and more is available on the town's website, www.ellington-ct.gov; select "Town Services"; select "Registrar of Voters".

Susan Luginbuhl
Democratic Registrar of Voters

Wanda DeLand
Republican Registrar of Voters

Senior Citizens who need a ride to the Voting Polls on November 8, 2011 should call the Senior Center Transportation Secretary at 860-870-3137 to make a reservation. Please call no later than October 18.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office beginning October 7, 2011 for registered voters who will not be in Ellington on November 8 during voting hours. Any qualified voter unable to vote due to the following reasons may obtain an Absentee Ballot:

- ◆ Illness or physical disability
- ◆ Absence from town during all election hours
- ◆ Religious beliefs forbidding secular activity on election day
- ◆ Serving as an election official at a polling place other than their own
- ◆ Active service in the Armed Forces

An application for an Absentee Ballot **MUST** be completed before a ballot can be issued. As of October 7, ballots can be given to a voter in person in the Town Clerk's office or can be mailed to the voter upon receipt of the application. (Ballots cannot be given to anyone other than the voter.)

Applications can be downloaded from our website:

www.ellington-ct.gov
Select 'Our Town News'

You can also pick up an application at anytime in the Town Clerk's office or call us (860-870-3105) and we will mail you an application. The Town Clerk must receive the voted ballot back by Election Day in order for the vote to count.



**Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach
860-870-3131**

**FLU SHOT CLINIC & "SHRED IT" EVENT
September 29 ~ 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Ellington Senior Center**

The Visiting Nurse & Health Service of CT will be conducting our annual Senior Citizens Flu Shot Clinic. **Call the Senior Center at 860 870 3133 to pre-register for this program and schedule your shot appointment time.** Please bring your health insurance cards of Medicare Part B, or Aetna, or Anthem Blue Cross or ConnectiCare accepted, or pay \$35 cash.

Also we will have a **FREE "Shred It" Event**—Bring your private, sensitive documents that you want shredded to protect your personal identity data. We will be having a mobile Shred It truck in the Town Hall Parking lot (behind the Senior Center) that will shred your documents on-site. For more details, contact Anna Turner at 860-870-3131.

**MEDICARE UPDATE FOR 2012
October 6 at 2:00 pm
Ellington Senior Center**

Anna Turner, MSW, will provide information on Medicare and the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program for 2012. RSVP to attend by calling Anna at 860-870-3131 before October 4 as seating space is limited. Refreshments served.

**FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY PROGRAM
October 14 at 10:00 am
Ellington Senior Center.**

The Ellington Fire Marshal's office will provide an insightful program on fire safety issues. Refreshments served. Call 860-870-3131 to RSVP.

**EVERBRIDGE
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
November 8 at 2:00 pm
Ellington Senior Center**

Don Davis, Emergency Management Director, will update the public on how to register for the new Everbridge Notification System. Refreshments served. Call 860-870-3131 to RSVP.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly support group meetings are held at the Ellington Senior Center - all are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining us, call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131.

**Erin Graziani, Sr. Center Director
860-870-3133**

Senior Center Steering Committee

The Ellington Senior Center Steering Committee (SCSC) was established by the Human Services Commission in November 2010 to evaluate the long-term needs of Ellington Senior Citizens with respect to the services and facilities provided by the Senior Center. The Committee meets regularly, at least once a month, under the directorship of Chairman Wayne Reynolds.

Information pertaining to the SCSC is showcased in a notebook located in the main room of the Senior Center. Come to the Senior Center the first Wednesday of the month from 9am-10am to meet Senior Center Director Erin Graziani, who will personally bring up-to-date information to those in attendance. You may also seek the information from a computer by our *new* link on the Town Website:

www.ellington-ct.gov

select the 'Senior Center Steering Committee' using 'Quick Links' on the right hand side. Come and see what your Senior Center is all about!

**Ellington Senior Center Building Fund
Golf Tournament**

Honorary Chairperson Chris Dailey

Monday, October 3, 2011

Ellington Ridge Country Club

\$185 per golfer

Sponsorship opportunities available

For more info call: Stu Magdefrau 860-871-0373

**Senior Center
Open House**

Sunday, October 16

2:00-4:00 PM

Senior Center, 16 Church Street

The emphasis will be sharing information on the informative programs and activities offered at the Ellington Senior Center.

Holiday Bazaar

November 5

9AM-2PM

Senior Center, 16 Church Street

Timothy Webb, Public Works Director
860-870-3140

Household Hazardous Waste Day

**Saturday, September 17, 2011
8AM -1PM
Town Garage, 21 Main Street**

Collection items include household chemicals, cleaners, garage and workshop chemicals, pool chemicals, paint, paint thinner, fluorescent bulbs and mercury thermometers. **These items should never be disposed of in your regular trash.**

Call Public Works at 860-870-3140 if you have any questions. If you miss our Household Hazardous Day, Ellington residents may attend other MDC drop-off locations. Visit www.themdc.com for dates and locations.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Hours of Operation

September

Saturday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

October & November

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Closed for season December 3

Items accepted: leaves, brush, firewood and trunks of trees.

Items not accepted: Construction materials, grass clippings and tree stumps. GreenCycle (860-827-1490) on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps.

Proof of Residency Required

Recycling Update

Residents are now able to put **all** (cleaned) plastic food and beverage containers into their recycling carts, not just those made from #1 and #2 plastics. Yogurt cups, margarine tubs, ketchup bottles – just about anything that contained food or beverages and is made of plastic. Check the item for the triple-arrow recycling symbol ~ #1 through #7.

For a full list of recyclable items, visit our website at:

www.ellington-ct.gov

Select 'Government'

Select 'Public Works'



Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Recycling

Computers, televisions and other home electronic equipment are one of the fastest growing portions of our waste stream. Home electronics includes computers, monitors, cell phones, TVs, VCR/DVD players, fax machines, printers, radios, stereos.

Careful disposal of these items is important because some electronics contain hazardous components. Computer monitors and televisions can contain leaded glass. Materials such as mercury, cadmium, nickel and zinc can be found in printed circuit boards. Cadmium can also be found in batteries and mercury can be present in relays and switches. Because of the presence of these materials, it is important that we are careful how we dispose of these items. **These items should never be disposed of in your regular trash.**

Ellington Residents can bring their electronic waste to the Public Works Facility located at 21 Main Street. Item should be placed in the grey shed, located on the east side of the driveway.

Bulky Waste Pickup

Bulky waste includes scrap metal, appliances, aluminum, copper, brass, tools, water tanks, pipes, faucets, tires, rims, furniture, carpet, toys, toilets, sinks, tubs, mattresses, box springs, etc. Wood and carpet cannot exceed 4 ft. in length. Carpet should be rolled and tied. No more than 2 cubic yards of bulky waste allowed per week. To schedule a pickup, please call **four days** before your *regular* collection day: **All American Waste 860-289-7850**

Note: Demolition/construction debris is not picked up under the bulky waste program.

Bagged Leaf Collection

Week of November 28

Leaves must be put in paper leaf bags and placed at curbside. Leaf collection will follow the same schedule as your trash collection.

Leaves can also be brought to the Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area. Plastic bags must be emptied.

**Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector
860-870-3113**

Delinquent statements were mailed in August and beginning of September for overdue taxes. Please contact this office if you have any questions concerning the status of your accounts.

If you are being billed for a motor vehicle which was disposed of you must contact the Assessor's office, they are responsible for checking and adjusting values. You must provide proof and must apply for credit within a limited time. If the vehicle is replaced by another using the same registration plates, a credit will be applied automatically to your Supplemental Tax bill in January.

Effective October 6, 2011, we will be migrating our current lockbox 776 in Hartford, Connecticut to a new lockbox facility in Boston, Massachusetts. Care should be given to the address you will be sending your tax payment. Please discard all Hartford, CT payment return envelopes you may have in your possession. Our new remittance address will be:

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
PO BOX 416316
BOSTON, MA 02241-6316

Our lockbox service is designed to increase payment and posting accuracy, improves cash flow by reducing processing time between delivery of mail and depositing of payments. As a reminder, lockbox will only process current tax payments. Payments made after the 30 days grace period must be mailed to:

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
PO BOX 158
ELLINGTON, CT 06029-0158

The Tax Office offers the option of paying taxes online, by visiting the Town of Ellington's website, www.ellington-ct.gov; real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes can be paid by credit card or from an online checking account. Sallie Mae Solutions Inc., which handles these transactions, charges taxpayers a convenience fee. The fee is disclosed on our website. The Tax office will not be able to process credit card payments in the office.

PAYMENT DUE SCHEDULE:

JULY	Real Estate 1 st installment; Personal Property 1 st installment; Motor vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER	Sewer Usage Fee
NOVEMBER	Refuse Fee
JANUARY	Real Estate 2 nd installment; Personal Property 2 nd installment; Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax, <i>only if applicable</i>
APRIL	Sewer Use Fee
JUNE	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee

**Rhonda McCarty, Assessor
860-870-3109**

EXEMPTIONS

VETERANS: To qualify for a veteran's exemption an individual must have served during a period of war or recognized military conflict and been honorably discharged. Discharge papers (DD214) must be put on file in the Town Clerk's office by September 30th.

ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES: Any active member of the armed forces may be eligible for an exemption. Contact our office for further information or visit the Assessor's page on the Town website:

www.ellington-ct.gov

DISABLED OR BLIND EXEMPTIONS: Qualifying persons should file for blind or Social Security disability exemptions on or before October 1st.

AMBULATORY VEHICLES: Any owner of a motor vehicle that has been specially equipped to accommodate a handicapped driver or passenger may be eligible for a handicapped exemption. Contact our office prior to October 1st for eligibility requirements.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Business Personal Property Declaration Forms will be mailed in September. Horses and unregistered motor vehicles are considered Personal Property and must also be declared. These forms must be completed and returned to our office on or before November 1st. Failure to report business personal property by the November 1st deadline will result in a 25% penalty.

FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE

Applications for classification of land as farm, forest or open space must be submitted to our office between September 1st and October 31st. If the ownership of the property has changed a new application must be made in the new owner's name during this period to receive the designation.

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2011 FALL PROGRAMS

Address:

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

Email: recreation@ellington-ct.gov**Office Hours :**

Monday 8:30 am-6 pm Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Phone: (860) 870-3118**Fax:** (860) 870-3198**www.ellington-ct.gov**

Registration Process

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

Go to www.ellington-ct.gov;

Click 'Town Services'; 'Parks & Recreation'
Select 'Click here for New Activenet On-line Registration!'

It is imperative that an adult household member setup the family account. The process for requesting an account is simple and takes but only a few minutes of your time. The advantage to setting up an account is the convenience of registering for recreational programs and camps at your leisure. You will need an e-mail address to setup your account, a password and family members' dates of birth. (Remember to add your family members to your account).

If you do not have access for setting up an account at home, we can assist you in setting up your account here at the Recreation Department Office during regular office hours. **In-office on-line registrations allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. *Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home.** If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Recreation Supervisor, at 860-870-3118 who will assist you.

Cancellation Notice

In the event of snow or bad weather, the Recreation Department will put all program cancellations on television. Tune in to Channels 3, 30 and 8 to check if there is a cancellation which will be listed under 'Ellington Recreation Department'. We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements. Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the first week of registration.

Ellington Family Fall Festival

Hosted by the Ellington Recreation Department

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

Brookside Park Pavilion

12noon- 2pm

Come celebrate Autumn and get into the Halloween "spirit"

with this line up of exciting events:

- Decorate a Pumpkin
- Art/Craft Activity
- Face Painting
- Tractor drawn hay rides
- Sack Races
- HUGE Tug of War Contest

Promises to be a great time for all!



Family Fee \$10.00

Walk-in Fee \$5.00 per person

Pre-registration required Online or at the
Ellington Recreation Office

For more information please call the Recreation Department
860-870-3118

Donations of a non-perishable food item for the
Ellington Food Bank will be accepted.

Paul Recker, an Ellington resident and an accomplished guitarist and engaging singer, will team up with Jim Harkins to provide those attending the festival with a myriad of songs that tell stories, tap memories and touch the heart!! Sing along, dance or just sit back and enjoy!! Paul is a former Chairperson of the Town's Cultural Arts Commission and years ago was one-half of the duo known as 'Peanut Butter and Jam'.



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BLAST!

**Featuring the
Men of CT
Zumba®**

Friday, Sept 23

Ellington Middle School Gym

Doors Open: 7:00 PM

Class: 7:30 - 8:45 PM

Admission: \$10 Prepaid /\$15 at Door

Zumbawear for sale by Zhuffle fITness, LLC!

DJ! Prizes! Drawings!

Fall Girls Softball Ages 9 to 14

MAY be available if interest warrants; birth dates coincide with league guidelines.

Please contact the Recreation Department 860-870-3118 in order to determine the status of league play. Informal games are slated to be played on weekends.

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION	
Men's Volleyball	0101.MVB	Thursdays Starting Oct 27th	7:30-9:30 pm	18 + up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Crystal Lake Or Middle School	
Women's Volleyball	0102.WVB	Wednesdays Starting Oct 26th	7:00-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School	
Co-Ed Volleyball	0103.CVB	Wednesdays Starting Sept. 14th	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School	
Men's Informal Basketball	0104.MIB5	Monday Evenings Starting Sept. 12th	5:30-7:30 pm	Over 30	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Resident	Windermere School	
	0104.MIB7		7:30-9:00pm	Under 30			
Adult Tennis Lessons Ages 15 and up Ins. Rich Willis	Tennis. AI	Sept. 14,21,28; Oct. 5,12 Rain date to be determined	6:00-7:00pm	Beginner Intermediate	\$35 per session	Brookside Park	
Cardio Adult Tennis Inst. Rich Willis	CARDIO.1	Sept: 14, 21,28: Oct. 5,12	7:00-8:00pm	All Levels	\$35	Brookside Park	
Adult Competitive Basketball	0109.ACB	League Play Begins 3rd week of November Thursday Evenings	7:15-9:30 pm	18+ up	Team Fee TBD	Middle School	
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.WIB	Tuesday Evenings Oct. 18th	7:30-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Resident \$25 Non-Residents	Center School	
Informal Soccer Sunday	0111.ISS	Sunday Mornings Ongoing to end of Nov.	9:00-11:30 am	18+ up	N/A	Brookside Park	
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.AIS	Wednesdays Starting Dec. 7th	7:30-9:30pm.	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School	
Adult Badminton Instruction Available	0113.BDM	Sept. 19,26; Oct. 3,17	6:00-7:15pm	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Crystal Lake School	
Eastern Connecticut Women's Soccer Club	0115.401	Sundays Sept.11th-Nov. 13th	9-10:30am	23 & up	Sponsors Fees	Brookside Park	

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Adult Karate Instructor: Paul Ward	KARATE.SF2	Session 4: Sept. 15,22,29 Oct. 6,13,20,27 Nov. 3,10,17 Dec. 8,15	6:45-7:45pm	18 & up	\$72 per session \$6.00 per class	Windermere School Gym	
Women's Self-Defense	0503.WSDF	Sept. 29th & Oct. 6th Inst.: Paul Ward	7-8:30pm	12 + up	N/A	Windermere School	
Jukido All Skill Levels Instructor: Paul Ward	0504.JUK912	Session 9: Sept. 15,22,29 Oct. 6,13,20,27 Nov. 3,10,17 Dec. 8,15	5:30-6:45pm	6 + up	\$72 per session \$6.00 per class	Windermere School Gym	
Kripalu Yoga Instructor: Jack Fila	KRIP.YGAF1	Session: F1 Sept. 22,29; Oct. 6,13,20,27; Nov. 3,10,17 Dec. 1	6:30-7:45pm	18 & up	\$80 \$10 walk-in Pre- payment and registration required	Hall Memorial Library 93 Main Street Ellington	
Community Holiday Chorale	0510.401	To be determined by interest. Registration due by Oct. 30	Evening/ Weekends	ALL	N/A	Varies	
Youth Informal Volleyball	YIVB.401	Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12,19	7-8:15pm	Grades 5-6 7-8	\$15	Windermere School	
Informal Co-ed Basketball	ICED.BB2	Sept. 23,30; Oct. 7,14,21,28	7:15-8:45pm	Grades 5-8	\$10	Windermere School	
Girls Volleyball Instructors: Cheri Murphy & Janelle Sawka	GIRLS.VBAL	Sept. 19,26;Oct. 3,17,24; Nov. 7,14,21 We will cover the basic fundamentals of the game: forearm, passing, setting, hitting, serving and the rules & concepts of volleyball	7-8 pm Come have fun learning a new sport with your friends!	Grades 2-4	\$15	Middle School	
Women's Golf Lessons	GOLFW.F011 GOLFA.FO11 GOLFJ.FO11 GOLFR.F011	All Saturdays Oct. 1,8,15,22 Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth <u>jwadsworth50@comcast.net</u>	11:00-12noon 12-1pm 2pm-3pm 3pm-4pm	Adults Adults Jr 6-9 Jr 10-13	\$65	Ellington Golf Center	
Co-Ed Floor Hockey	FLOR.HOCK	Oct. 7,21; Nov. 4,18	5:30-7pm	Grades 5-8	\$10	Windermere School	

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Tiny Tot Tennis Inst. Charles Huggins	TINY.TTT	Fall Session 2011 Sept. 12,19,26; Oct. 3	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 3-5	\$35	Brookside Park
Pee Wee Tennis Inst. Charles Huggins	PEE.PWE	Fall Session 2011 Sept. 13,20,27; Oct. 4	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 6-8	\$35	Brookside Park
Youth Tennis Inst. Charles Huggins	YOTH.TN	Fall Session 2011 Sept. 13,20,27; Oct. 4	6:30-7:30pm	9-13 years	\$35	Brookside Park
Advanced Tennis Lessons	No Code Inst. Charles Huggins	Saturdays Sept. 10,17,24; Oct. 1, 8	Level 1 9:00-10:00am Level 3 10:00-11:00am Level 4 11:00-12 noon		\$40	Brookside Park
Tie Dye Night	TIE.DYEN	Thursday, September 29 th	6:00-7:00 7:15-8:15	Grades 5 & 6 7&8	\$7	TBA
Cook-less Cooking Night	COOK.LESS	Tuesday, October 11 th	6:00-7:00 7:15-8:15	Grades 5 & 6 7&8	\$7	TBA
Dinner and a Show	DINN.SHOW	Wednesday, October 19 th	6:00-8:30	Grades 5 & 6 7&8	\$7	Hall Memorial Library
Crafty Critters	CRAFT.CRITT	Tuesday, October 25 th	6:00-7:00 7:15-8:15	Grades 5 & 6 7&8	\$7	TBA
Game Night	GAME.NITE	Thursday, November 3 rd	6:00-7:00 7:15-8:15	Grades 5 & 6 7&8	\$7	TBA
Multi-Sports	MULT.SPOR	Sept. 23,30; Oct. 7, 14,21	6:00-7:00 7:15-8:15	Grades 5 & 6 7&8	\$15	Crystal Lake School
Babysitter Safety Course	BABE.SITT15	Session G: Oct. 18 & 20	2:30pm-3:30pm	11 to 15 year olds	\$45	EMS Cafeteria
	BABE.SITT16	Session H: Dec. 13 & 15	3:30pm-6:30pm			Windermere School Cafeteria

CPROHEART LLC BABYSITTER SAFETY COURSE Babysitter Safety teaches the skills necessary to care for children of all ages in a variety of settings. The course is intended for 11 to 15 year olds. It covers; diapering, feeding, burping, soothing techniques for an infant, toddler considerations, behavior issues and skills for good behaviors, house safety, fire extinguishers and phone safety. It covers injury prevention, first aid, and choking, and basic CPR techniques. The course covers how to call 911, what to do while waiting in an emergency. The course is six hours, it can be done in two, three-hour sessions and includes a workbook and certification upon completion. It is fun and very interactive with a lot of hands on practice in diapering, bandaging, and role playing. Bring a snack & water bottle wear comfortable clothing, no cell phones on during class, no computer games or iPods

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After School Bowling Program	0516.CENK4 0516.WINK6 0516. CLSK4	Oct. 6,13,20,27; Nov. 3,10 (Make-up date 11/17) Thursdays	4:00-6:00pm	Grades K-4	\$65	Spare Time (Vernon Lanes)
		Parents pick up students at Spare Time in Vernon	3:00-5:30pm	Grades 5-6		
Music & Movement for Tots Tuesdays	MNM.TUEF	Session G: Sept. 20,27; Oct. 4,18,25; Nov. 1, 15, 22 (make up date 12/6) Maximum enrollment =10 Adult participation required	9:20-10:05am	Ages 1 to 3 years	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident	TBA
Music & Movement for Tots Thursdays	MNM.WEDS	Session F: Sept .21,28; Oct. 5,12,19,26; Nov. 2,9 (makeup date 11/16) Maximum enrollment =10 Adult participation required	10:15-11am	Ages 1 to 3 years	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident	Hall Memorial Library
A wonderful group experience for children ages 1-3 years . Come sing, dance, play and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments. Instructor Jill Maznicki will lead the class in finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities.						
Little Hands Art	LITT.HAND3	Session 3: Sept. 22,29; Oct. 6,13,20,27 ; Nov. 3,10 (makeup 11/17)	10:15-11am	Ages 2 & 3 years	\$65 / \$70 Non-Resident	Hall Memorial Library
		Come join us to release that creative energy, we will explore colors, texture and fun painting techniques, sponges, brushes, fingers and so much more!! Enjoy a messy age appropriate art project with that special little person in your life. Maximum enrollment: 10 Adult participation required				
Outdoor Pee Wee Cheer	OPWS.TUE2	Sept. 20,27; Oct.4,18,25; Nov. 1,15 (Makeup 11/22) Tuesdays	1:00-1:45pm	Ages 3-5 years	\$35 Plus \$5 shirt fee	Brookside Park
		This program will allow for exercise (energy release!!). Fun, friends and fitness. Parent participation is welcome but not required. Max. enrollment: 12 Instructor: Jill Maznicki.				
Outdoor Pee Wee Sports	OPWE.SPTS	Sept. 19,26; Oct. 3, 17 (Make-up date Oct. 24)	10-10:45am or 1-1:45pm	Ages 3&4	\$35	Brookside Park
		Small Group size with a focus on balance, agility and cooperative play. We will learn the basics of basketball, T-ball, Tennis and soccer. Some Parent Participation Required. Maximum enrollment:10				
Munchie Math	MUNC.MATH	Tuesdays: Sept. 20,27; Oct. 4,18,25; Nov. 1,15 ,22 (makeup date 12/6)	10:20-11am	Ages 3-5 Years	\$65	TBA
		Join us for this snacking math class. We will explore basic math concepts such as sorting, estimating, comparisons of quantities and patterning using tasty finger foods. There will be opportunities for children to use safe tools to measure and divide items into portions. Instructor: Jill Maznicki				
Pokémon Club	POKE.CLUB	Fridays: Sept. 23, 30; Oct. 6,13,20,27; Nov.3,10	3:45-4:45pm	Grades 1-4	\$35	Center School
		Gotta catchem all! Come join Pokémon Club! This club is perfect for the long-time collector or newly interested. It is a fun way to strengthen reading & math skills using the Pokémon cards to challenge opponents to a battle or sound out those crazy Pokémon names. Please bring at least 10 cards to each class; NO TRADING OF CARDS WILL BE ALLOWED DURING CLUB TIME. Instructor: Jill Maznicki				

SANTA LETTERS:

Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Post Office in Santa's Mail Box starting **NOVEMBER 29**.

DECEMBER 13 is the last day to drop off letters in order for Santa to provide a timely response.

Please make sure your letter is addressed to Santa and you put your name and return address on the envelope.

FALL LACROSSE

Registration has closed for the Fall Season as of September 2nd. Late registrations will be accepted "ONLY" if openings exist.

Eastern Connecticut Hockey Association

Learn to Play Hockey Program
@ Bolton Ice Palace

Saturdays 10:20 – 11:20 AM

8 week Sessions begin September 10, 2011(open enrollment throughout the season with prorated fees) This program is for children **ages 4-12** (older youngsters are accepted into the program with staff approval). No previous skating experience is required. The primary goal is to teach the participants to skate and play hockey. The key ingredient to ECHO's Learn to Play is the element of having fun. When youngsters are having fun on and off the ice, their love of the game is strengthened. The Learn to Play Hockey (LTPH) program runs in four 8 week sessions from early September through early April. All skaters are able to join the Learn to Play Hockey group at any time during the season and their costs will be prorated.

For more information regarding LTPH or our new In-House program, please contact Mike or Donna Rooney at 860-870-8523. Or visit the website at:

<http://www.ehostars.com>

Registrations is directly through the Hockey Association.

Ellington's "OWN" Ultimate Frisbee

Ellington Ultimate is ON! The Recreation Department third-year program will continue in the form of Ultimate Frisbee. Come join one of America's fastest growing sports! This is a field sport similar to soccer except played with a Frisbee. Ultimate is a great way to get in shape and have some fun. Open to residents of all surrounding towns.

Adult Program: High School on-going.

Grand Masters (50 and above) Program is held at Windermere, Mondays and Fridays from 5:30pm-dark no fee

Pre-registration is REQUIRED at Recreation Office

For more information visit:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ellingtonultimate> or

Contact: Karl at ksneubec@firehousemail.com

Welcome to Nordic Walking

Saturdays: September 24; October 1, 8

12:30pm-1:30pm

Brookside Park \$25.00

PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED ~ CODE: NORD.WALK

Nordic Walking is a time efficient, low stress, total body workout. Today over a half million people in Europe have joined this walking for fitness movement. Nordic Walking can be done basically anywhere outdoors and indoors providing that there is ample space. Anyone that can walk will enjoy this activity.

All you need to begin is a set of well-designed and properly adjusted Nordic Walking Poles and some training in the techniques of Nordic Walking from a Certified Nordic Walking Instructor.

Benefits to Nordic Walking: brings you outdoors, works your entire body, improves posture, adds stability etc.

For further information, contact:

Jack Fila, Certified Nordic Walking Instructor at 860-202-2403 or e-mail: nordicwalkerjack@cox.net.



Session 1: Oct. 4, 18, 25; Nov. 1

Ages 6 ~ 11 years

\$35.00 per session

6:45-7:15pm @ Ellington Middle School

Code: ZUMBA.KIDS

Your kids are going to love this class! The perfect combination of age appropriate fitness & fun! The class combines high energy, motivating music with easy to follow kid friendly moves. Zumba® creates a party-like atmosphere that is so much fun kids won't even know it's fitness. In no time they'll be shakin', movin', rockin' and slamin' to Latin and international beats like reggae ton, hip-hop, salsa, calypso, cumbia, meringue, samba and more. Be ready to exercise and party. Come in comfortable clothing and sneakers. Bring a water bottle.

FALL SOCCER 2011 The Recreation Department's FALL 2011 Soccer Program encompasses children ages 3 through grade 8. The Instructional Program is held on Saturday mornings only. The Recreation Division Program includes grades 3-8. All Travel Team selections have been completed and teams in the U-10, U-12 and U-14 age groups will compete versus surrounding towns.

Registration closed August 26th, 2011 Late Registrations will be accepted "ONLY" if openings exist.
Fees: \$22.00 Instructional / \$24.00 Recreational Division.

Dear Soccer participant, enthusiast, spectator!!!

Each year brings larger program enrollments and the need to ensure that staffing, equipment and maintenance are appropriate. In order to maintain existing services and to continue fostering successful youth programs we are asking for active volunteer participation from parents, teenagers and the community.

Coaches' Needed! Coaches are needed at all levels, and a coaches' clinic will be provided along with CPR/FIRSTAID/AED training, which can be registered for by e-mailing Ellington.safety@yahoo.com.

USSF Certified Officials are needed: Contact rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

Fundraising: The Recreation Department welcomes community support. The ability to keep the entire soccer program cost effective and at the same time provide appropriate equipment, uniforms and field equipment, is based on receiving support from members of the community. The Recreation Department has an updated inventory of soccer items that are available for sale: coffee/tea mugs, water bottles, fleece blankets, wrist bands, umbrellas, fleece hat, fleece ear bands, and soccer magnets.

CLEAT Board: the Recreation Department has received TWO Large containers that hold an abundance of "used" soccer cleats. If you know of someone in need (especially the smaller age groups) please contact the Recreation Office @ 860-870-3118, plus we will have a SOCCER box on site during soccer on Saturdays where parents may review and take cleats if needed.

Ellington Soccer Fund Raising

Please consider purchasing any of the listed items in order to support the Town of Ellington Soccer Program. 100% of the profits will go towards the Recreation Division and Travel Team Soccer needs, specifically for replacing equipment and upgrading uniforms. Please designate a parent from each team to assist in organizing and placing orders. We are also looking for parent volunteers to sell below items for a two-hour time block during the soccer games and practices. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Bob Tedford at the Recreation Department at 860-870-3118.

The following items are available at fund raising tables, at the Recreation Department Office, or through order:

Ellington Athletics purple wrist band	\$2	Ellington Soccer ball magnet	\$3	Ellington Soccer Coffee Mug	\$4
Ellington Soccer Fleece Ear Band	\$9	Umbrella (purple and white)	\$20	Ellington Soccer Water bottle	\$4
Ellington Soccer Kelme sling bag (Black)	\$16	Ellington Soccer Fleece Hat	\$10	Ellington Soccer Grey Fleece Blanket (Purple)	\$20

YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHING CLINICS

Clinician: Stan Ogrodnik

Based on last year's popular reception, former Trinity College men's varsity basketball coach Stan Ogrodnik will provide Recreation Department Youth Basketball coaches, both experienced and new, with pre-season clinics in order to prepare for the 2011-2012 season. Pre-registration is required by contacting the recreation office 870-3118.

Experienced Coaches: Clinic dates to be determined.

New Coaches: Clinic dates to be determined—timeframe: 6:30-9pm; coaches may attend one or both clinics.

Recreational League Basketball for Grades 3-8

Registration: October 3-December 1, 2011

Recreational League Fees: \$60-1 child; \$100-2 children; \$135-3 or more in family

Recreation League Team Selection Policy:

- Games played on Saturdays and/or Weeknights; times and locations pending final enrollment.
- Team Selection: All players will be reselected each athletic season for the Recreation Division League.
- Team Placement Requests: All requests to have a player either removed or placed on a certain team MUST be made in WRITING at least 2 days prior to the actual league draft of December 4, 2011
 - A Parent/Guardian may request that their child be placed on a certain team, but only due to extreme hardship, such as: transportation, personal issues. Requests are not guaranteed.
 - A written request is required if a parent/guardian wishes to have their child move up one division. Placement is based on: safety, skill level and available roster space.

Recreation League Evaluation Clinic Dates Saturday, December 3, 2011

Boys @ Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time	Girls @ Windermere School	ID Code	Time
3rd & 4th grade	1104.101	8:30 am- 9:45 am	3rd & 4th grade	1107.101	8:30 am- 9:30 am
5th & 6th grade	1105.101	10:00 am-11:15 am	5th & 6th grade	1108.101	9:45 am-10:45 am
7th & 8th grade	1106.101	11:15 am-12:30 pm	7th & 8th grade	1109.101	10:45 am-11:45 am

Boys & Girls Instructional Youth Basketball: Ages 4 years-2nd Graders

Saturday Mornings @ the Ellington Middle School

Parent Volunteers are needed in order to provide a better Coach to Player ratio.

Registration: October 3 — December 1, 2011

Program Dates: December 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11

Fees: \$30/1 child; \$45/2 children; \$62/3 or more children

Boys & Girls @ Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time
2nd graders (as of 12/31/11)	1110.1012nd	8:30am- 9:30 am
1st graders	1111.1011stg	9:30am-10:30 am
Kindergarten	1112.101kind	10:30am-11:30 am
4 Year olds	1113.1014years	11:30a.m.-12:15pm

All Youth Basketball Registration will be taken during **Regular Office Hours:**
Monday: 8:30 am-6pm; Tuesdays-Thursdays: 8:30am-4:00pm; Fridays 8:30 am-1:30 pm

BASKETBALL OFFICIALS: The Recreation Department is providing a mandatory pre-season basketball official's clinic, a combined classroom and floor mechanics format, to all youth and adults ages 14 and up. The classes are slated to be held between the last week of October to the first week of December.

Pre-registration by calling the Recreation Office at 860-870-3118.

Travel Basketball Information

To be eligible for selection a player MUST attend a minimum of 2 tryouts.

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

(Parents: If a decision is made to have your child compete on both a recreation and travel team, please keep in mind that the participating player MUST complete his/her commitment to the recreation team. Failure to do so may result in removal from the travel team. Consider the weekly practice schedule along with the game schedule before making a final decision, which has a **deadline of December 1, 2011**

Travel Team TRYOUTS will be held between October 24 to November 12, 2011. An updated schedule will be distributed through the public schools, media outlets, and our website www.ellington-ct.gov.

Boys Travel ID Code

5-6th Grade 1114.101

7th Grade 1115.101

8th Grade 1116.101

Girls Travel ID Code

5-6th Grade 1117.101

7-8th Grade 1118.101

Travel Team Fee:

\$145 includes Board Officials, Timers, Scorers and Custodial Fees. Plus each player must submit a separate check to the Coach in the amount of \$25 for the uniform. The Coach will return the check once the complete uniform is returned at the end of season. Travel Additional Fee due at time of selection for Team is \$85

Pre-Season Informational Coaches Clinic

Dates: September and October (dates to be determined)
(a coach must attend just one of the scheduled dates)

Location: TBD

Time Frame: 6:30pm-9:00pm

The Recreation Department, in an attempt to provide support services to ALL Town of Ellington Coaches, has designed a pre-season coaches clinic that will discuss the following VERY important aspects of "Coaching" today's youth:

- Moral/legal/obligations of a coach
- Emergency procedures and concussion information
- Parent/Coach communication and expectations
- Coaching Guidelines: practice planning, teaching drills/skills, coaching 101
- Mandatory requirement: registering/completing an approved AED/CPR/FIRST AID class offered by the department
- Equipment Inventory
- Playing time philosophy and Town of Ellington/Parks and Recreation Commission Policies
- Question/Answer session

Guest Speakers from both the college and high school sector will be involved in the presentations. The seminar is required attendance for ALL Ellington Recreation Department Coaches, regardless of the sport that an individual has or wishes to coach in. Head Coaches as well as assistant coaches are expected to pre-register by emailing:

Bob Tedford: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov or

Mary Bartley: mbartley@ellington-ct.gov

Vacation Week Camp Programs

December 27, 28, 29, 2011

CODE: DEC.CAMP

April 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2012

CODE: APR.CAMP

Grades K-7

8:30am- 3:00pm


Before Care: 7:30-8:30am

After Care: 3:00-5:00pm

@ Ellington Middle School

An updated schedule and fee structure will be made available on the town website, starting in early October:



Program	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
 www.zumba.com	Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 1-June 7, 2012. Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No Classes on vacation days or school cancellation days.	7:30pm to 8:30 pm	Adults (14 +)	\$40.00 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card worth 8 classes Available at Rec Office or On-site or \$8.00 Walk -In Fee at the Door	Ellington Middle School Gym
	The Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose. Bring a water bottle and towel. Instructors: Joanne Britton & Tressa Giordano				
TOTAL BODY BLAST Instructor: Ginny Hogan, Certified Personal Trainer	Session C: Mondays & Wednesdays Sept. 19,21,26,28 Oct. 3,5,12,17,19,24,26 Nov. 2,7,9,14,16,21,28,30 Dec. 5,7,12,14,19,21 You will have the options of registering for all Monday & Wednesday classes Or just Monday class Or just Wednesday class	6:00pm to 7:15pm	14 & up	\$5 per class pre-payment or \$7 walk-in fee All payment is due at time of registration	Center School or Hall Memorial Library
	Join us for a moderate to intense circuit workout that targets all the major muscle groups and includes cardio. Workouts vary each session and use such equipment as resistance bands, hand weights, medicine balls, jump ropes, kettle bells, stability balls etc. Modifications will be made to suit all abilities. All ages welcome. Early fall classes might meet outdoors: check e-mail for updates. Bring an exercise mat, big ball and hand-weights, if you have them.				

**Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
First Aid CPR Training**

The Recreation Department has a certified CPR/AED/First Aid instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled (see below) that will allow all Ellington coaches, athletic officials, program instructors, and staff to register free of charge. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way.

- Thursday, October 13th 5:30 pm-10:00pm
- Saturday, October 15th 9:00am-2:00pm
- Monday, November 7th 5:30pm-10:00pm
- Saturday, November 19th 9:00am-2:00pm
- Tuesday, December 6th 5:30pm-10:00pm

Please understand that **each coach is required to complete this training**. We can only allow 6 coaches per class, so early registration is important. Thank you in advance.

Register by email: Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

WHEN YOU REGISTER PLEASE LEAVE FULL NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND SPORT YOU ARE COACHING. Allison will contact you as to which class you will be scheduled for. **Instructor: Allison Breen**

**Ellington Recreation
Hiking Club**

The goal is to schedule weekly hikes on Tuesday mornings 9am
Meet Arbor Park

The following schedule in place:

- September 6 S. Windsor Wildlife Sanctuary
- September 13 Scantic River Linear Park
- September 20 Shelter Falls St. Park Mansfield
- September 27 Vernon Rails to Trails
- October 4 Valley Falls to Bolton
- October 11 Shenipsit Lake Ellington
- October 18 Moss Sanctuary Mansfield
- October 25 Shenipsit Trail Vernon

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

Eligibility: Adults 18 years of age and over

Bring: water, snack, sunscreen, bug spray

Wear proper footwear

ELLINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**Open House and Pot Luck Supper
October 5, 2011 @ 6:30 PM**

Ellington Senior Center, 16 Church Street, Ellington, CT

Members enrich their lives by putting their talents, time and experience to work on causes that benefit families and the Ellington community. And they have a lot of fun doing it! All women over the age of 18 are eligible for membership upon payment of dues. Residence in Ellington is not necessary. New members are accepted monthly.

To learn more about the Ellington Women's Club, or, if you are interested in joining, please contact:

Membership Chairperson Rita Carbone-Lawson at 860-872-0425

E-mail: ellingtonwomensclub@yahoo.com or

Visit: www.ellingtonwomensclub.giving.officelive.com

Winterfest 2011

Tree-Lighting Ceremony & Torchlight Parade

Saturday, December 3, 2011 between 4-7PM

**Church Street Gazebo and
Town Green bordering Main Street & RT 140**

The schedule of events will be posted on the Town's website at www.ellington-ct.gov; select 'Our Town'; select 'Winterfest'

Also, the Ellington Congregational Church invites you to participate in a Gingerbread House Baking contest. Entries will be available for viewing at the church on Saturday, December 3. The contest is open to everyone and there will be prizes. The official rules, entry form and contact information are available on the website.

If you would like to contribute or participate in Winterfest 2011, please contact Ellen Karadimas, Chairman, 860-875-3885 or write to P O Box 282, Ellington, CT 06029. Thank you.

Farmers' Market

Arbor Park (Main Street)

Every Saturday through October 22

9AM-12:30PM ~ Rain or Shine

www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com

Ron Bahler—860-871-6266

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Offices and the Library will be closed on the following dates:

September 5 Labor Day*

October 10 Columbus Day

November 11 Veterans' Day

November 24 Thanksgiving Day*

November 25 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 26 Christmas Holiday**

*Trash collection will be delayed one day for the **Labor Day** and **Thanksgiving Day** holidays. When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there will be **no** delay in the collection schedule.

**The Library will be closed on December 25, 2011 and January 1, 2012.

Town Hall Hours

Monday

8:30 am—6:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am—1:30 pm



REMINDER...

Check the batteries in your
**SMOKE & CARBON
MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

And remind others to do the same!

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