



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Fall 2012

**Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman
860-870-3100**

What's Happening in Town Government?

In response to citizen requests and referral by the Board of Selectmen (BOS), the Town Ordinances [municipal regulations] Committee recently sent requests to the Town Attorney to prepare drafts of two proposed ordinances for consideration by the Committee. The first is to exempt, upon yearly submission of qualifying application by the owner, each building used exclusively in farming from local property tax on the first \$100,000 of valuation, as permitted by State Statute. The Town Assessor estimated that it could lower tax receipts by roughly \$90,000 on a base of approximately \$35 million levied per year. The second proposed ordinance would ban smoking in identified areas of Town property to limit exposure to second hand smoke imposed by smokers on participants and spectators at events controlled by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Of course, **littering of all kinds (including the remains of smoking materials)** is always banned in such areas, in accordance with Ordinance 116-5 of the Code of the Town of Ellington.

Because they affect individual freedoms, Ordinances must be carefully considered and crafted. The first type of ordinance listed above provides a monetary benefit favoring a class of taxpayer at the expense of the others, usually when it can be shown that the many will benefit from that preferential treatment. The second type of ordinance restricts a freedom of one group (smokers) for the benefit (health?) of the many. The process for developing a proposed ordinance into an Ordinance is long and serious, to allow citizens on all sides of the issues to make their voices heard at different stages of that process. Ultimately, the Town Ordinances Committee may recommend language for such ordinances, or may recommend no action, to the BOS. If and when the BOS approves proposed ordinances, they are sent to public hearing and eventually to Town Meeting for voter approval.

Because of publication deadline, I conclude this article on August 26, after the BOS meeting on August 20 that started the review of the Permanent Building Committee's recommendation to approve an architect for the \$21+ million Crystal Lake School-Windermere School projects, but before August 28 when that meeting continues. The matter has become contentious over cost, and outside parties have unjustly fanned the flames; the Committee recommends an architect substantially more expensive than the lowest qualified bidder, but who may have better control of the total project cost. This is pitting volunteers against other volunteers, who all believe that they have the Town's best interest at heart; it appears that both groups are well-meaning but strong in their opinion. The issue must be resolved amicably enough to permit these projects to reach the required goals, to provide educational facilities for our students before growing enrollments force us to unpleasant alternatives, and to provide those facilities within the budget approved by the voters of Ellington. Another interesting day.

Maurice Blanchette

Per Town Ordinance Re: Parks & Recreation Areas

- No person shall have in his/her possession, or consume, any alcoholic beverage in Town Parks & Recreation Areas.
- Pets, including but not limited to dogs and horses, are not allowed in Town Parks and Recreation Areas, where designated.

Changes to the Parks & Recreation Areas Ordinance currently under consideration:
No Smoking in Town Parks & Recreation Areas, where designated.

Check our website, www.ellington-ct.gov, for Public Hearing and Town Meeting dates.

Election Day November 6

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.

REMINDER...

Check the batteries in your

**SMOKE & CARBON
MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

And remind others to do the same!

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
860-870-3160 ~ www.library.ellington-ct.gov

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	10AM-8PM
Friday-Saturday	10AM-5PM
Sunday	1PM-5PM*

* Beginning October 14

See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.

You've Got Mail!

In the interest of efficiency and cost-savings, the library encourages patrons to sign up to receive "hold" and "over due" notifications by email. If you wish to take advantage of this great service, stop in, call 860-870-3160 or email to hall-ill@biblio.org. Once registered, we will send you a test email to which you must respond in order to activate the service.

New Materials at Hall Memorial Library

To view a weekly list of new items at HML, visit the library webpage at www.library.ellington-ct.gov and click on "How Do I..." and then WOWbrary. You may also sign up to receive this list via email.

Library Services & Technology Act Grant

The library has received a grant of \$27,154 from the Institute of Museum and Library Service for a new initiative entitled Hall Happenings 55+, under the category of Services to Older Adults. We have pinpointed several areas of interest to this age group, including Local History, Genealogy, Health and Wellness, Sustainable Living, Travel, and Technology, as well as a strong desire for entertainment options close to home. With these grant funds we will be able to greatly expand our program offerings, bringing in speakers and presentations that focus on the topics mentioned above.

One of the most exciting components will be a monthly coffee house series featuring live musical performances of all genres, taking place on the fourth Friday of every month. We are also very pleased that, through an arrangement with the Ellington Department of Human Services, we will be able to offer free transportation to evening programs for any interested residents. Details on signing up for this great new service will be available at the library in early September.

All of our programs are free but do require pre-registration online at www.library.ellington-ct.gov. Many of our events have limited space, so please be sure to sign up early, and watch the website for announcements of new programs, movies and performers.

Color Photocopier

The library now has a color photocopier available to the public located in the Reference Room. Color copies are \$.25 per print; black and white copies remain \$.10 per print.

Online Resources Available at the Library:

ConsumerReports.org

Consumer Reports' award-winning website—the online version of the ever-popular product review publication, contains information that enables consumers to make better purchasing decisions on the products they are shopping for.

The *Cars Best Deals Plus™* section provides detailed information to aid in negotiating the best deal possible on a vehicle. Users can feel secure in knowing that the information provided is trustworthy, reliable and unbiased — unlike information found independently on the Web or supplied by dealers.

ChiltonLibrary.com

Chilton auto repair manuals have been helping people maintain cars and trucks for more than 80 years. Now this information is available online. ChiltonLibrary.com provides exclusive photographs, diagnostics designed by instructors, step-by-step repair procedures, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams, recalls and Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs) for automobiles and light trucks in one easy-to-use web site.

Price It!: Antiques and Collectibles

Price It! Antiques & Collectibles is the most comprehensive antique and collectible pricing tool in the world. This simple-to-use online resource is a "value maximizer" that delivers more than 41 million actual prices paid for treasures that you collect, buy and trade. With more than 60 million images, 127 searchable categories and intuitive search functionality, *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* is the ultimate identification, research and pricing tool for collectors, dealers, appraisers and anyone in between.

These databases are accessible both in the library and remotely from the library website. You will need your library card to login.



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

What a wonderful summer we had at the library! We had bats and owls and ocean animals, a planetarium, a magic show and lots of fun all provided by the generous donation of the Friends of the Hall Memorial Library. Thank you to them for all of their hard work in raising funds for the library and the children of Ellington.

Hundreds of books were also read by the children of Ellington this summer. Good Work! For those children in fourth, fifth, or sixth grades who have not yet read the Nutmeg Books for 2013, the library has multiple copies of each of the ten titles. There is still plenty of time to read these books before the vote takes place next January for the Nutmeg Book of 2013.

Fall is just around the corner which means that it will soon be time for Preschool Story Hours and our Babies & Books Program. Look for Truck Day on Saturday, September 29, and Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs will continue to come to our library every other Saturday so that school children, K through 6th grade, can practice their reading skills by reading a story or a chapter of a book, to a very enthusiastic listener. Check at the Children's Circulation Desk or the website for the exact times and days.

YA Stuff

The Young Adult (YA) Advisory council is gearing up for the school year! They will be providing the refreshments for the coffee house programs, as well as doing their community service hours and sharing great books.

MOVIES	1:00 PM Showing	6:30 PM Showing
Salmon Fishing In The Yemen (rated PG-13)	Sept. 7	Sept. 12
Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (rated PG-13)	Sept. 21	Sept. 26
Film: To Be Determined	Oct. 5	Oct. 10
Film: To Be Determined	Oct. 19	Oct. 24
Titanic (rated PG-13)	Nov. 2	Nov. 7
Film: To Be Determined	Nov. 16	N/A

Please watch the events board at the library or the website: www.library.ellington-ct.gov for movie announcements

FALL EVENTS 2012

Event	Date	Time
ZUMBA® Gold Fitness with Debi	Sept. 11	6:30-7:30 pm
Let's Talk @ Samplers with Susan J. Jerome	Sept. 18	6:30-8:00 pm
How to Pay for College with Craig Breitsprecher	Sept. 19	6:30-7:30 pm
Hartford's Old Burying Grounds with Ruth Shapleigh Brown	Sept. 27	7:00-8:00 pm
*Coffee House Featuring Singer/Songwriter Lara Herscovitch	Sept. 28	7:00-8:30 pm
"It's Not About The Hike" with Nancy Sporborg & Pat Piper	Oct. 2	6:30-8:00 pm
Genealogy Research with Beth Mariotti	Oct. 9, 16, 23	6:30-7:30 pm
From Hula Hoops to High Fashion: G. Fox in the 1950s with Elizabeth Abbe	Oct. 25	7:00-8:00 pm
*Coffee House: Performer to be announced	Oct. 26	7:00-8:30 pm
Holiday Cake Decorating w/ the Big Y Bakery Staff	Nov. 6	6:30-8:30 pm
Titanic, 100 Years Later with Jason Scappaticci	Nov. 13	6:30-8:00 pm
*Coffee House: Performer to be announced	Nov. 23	7:00-8:30 pm
Chocolate Wars with Maria Brandriff	Nov. 27	7:00-8:30 pm
*Light refreshments will be available for purchase at coffee house performances.		
<i>These events are made possible by a grant from The Institute of Museum and Library Services. Details and registration available on the library website, www.library.ellington-ct.gov.</i>		

REMEMBER THAT YOU NEED TO PRESENT YOUR LIBRARY CARD EVERY TIME YOU BORROW LIBRARY MATERIALS!

See Page 20 for info regarding the Friends of the Library

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

From the Desk of the Superintendent...

“School is Open. Drive Safely!” Seeing signs and/or hearing advertisements such as this are quite common starting in late August. The Resident State Trooper’s office rotates the placement of a temporary speed indicator light in front of each school during the week before the opening of school. They are great reminders for all motorists and are certainly appreciated.

As school opens, in addition to the cautions for safety, I again begin to focus upon the necessary components for student success. We all know that quality curriculum, instruction and assessment are the foundation of an excellent educational system. However, we also all know that much more is needed to guarantee the success of all students. As professional educators we are always looking for new insights regarding the learning process and keys for success.

In addition to our students, our administrative team had its summer reading assignments. This year’s selections were:

- *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck,
- *Great By Choice* by Jim Collins,
- *Pathways to the Common Core* by Lucy Calkins, Mary Ehrenworth and Christopher Lehman; and
- *Professional Capital: Transforming Teaching in Every School* by Andy Hargreaves and Michael Fullan.

Although I am a fan of Michael Fullan I did find this recent work to be a hard read. (I was glad when it was done.)

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck provides an interesting dichotomy of how we look at ourselves, others, the world and how our “mindset” impacts how we learn or possibly how we fail to accept the opportunities to learn. According to the author those of the “fixed” mindset have come to believe that they are smart or talented and success is defined as the need to prove to others that you are smart and talented. She cites the catastrophic failure of some corporate CEOs who were driven by their need to prove themselves to be the “smartest person in the room” rather than to have their enterprise be successful. Her research shows that, for some students with a “fixed” mindset, this can lead to the perception that difficult work may lead to public failure. As a result, these students are reluctant to accept new challenges.

Those of the “growth” mindset, however, believe that intellectual and other skills can be increased through effort. The author states that research shows that a “fixed” or “growth” mindset can be influenced by how and what we praise. Do we praise the student’s intelligence or do we commend them for their effort? Do we attribute success to talent or to perseverance? Do we praise the outcome or praise students for success in learning, improving and doing their best? Humans have more capacity for brain development and lifelong learning than previously thought and we can get smarter.

I certainly enjoyed Jim Collins’ previous work *Good To Great* and I have at times quoted some of his research. While this latest work may not offer as many insights as the previous, it certainly does reinforce important concepts. His original concepts of Personal Humility and Professional Will as necessary for success, are now reinforced by the 20 Mile March, as presented in *Great By Choice*. This latest work is based upon research of successful corporations in uncertain and even chaotic times, possibly much like the times our students might experience in the future. According to Collins, success in uncertain times is achieved through clear, measureable objectives, great consistency and self-restraint. Collins sees success as “not determined by your conditions but largely by your own actions.” Someone with the “growth” mindset can relate to that.

Unlike the previous two works cited, *Pathways to the Common Core* by Lucy Calkins, Mary Ehrenworth and Christopher Lehman is certainly written for educators. As schools across the country make the transition to the Common Core State Standards, there may be many aches and pains, the gnashing and the gnawing of teeth and a whole lot of complaining. However, I also believe it will result in more rigorous curriculum, more authentic and demanding assessments along with revisions in instructional methodology. The “pathways” in literacy instruction, as laid out by the authors, is exciting, specific, engaging and doable. It was reassuring to note the significant similarities between what is current practice in Ellington, with what is recommended to assist students in meeting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). What might be of importance in this work for students and parents? The CCSS place equal emphasis upon reading and writing. The CCSS emphasizes proficiency, complexity and independence in both reading and writing. Start with eyes on text. Students need to have lots of time to read high interest texts at their instructional level. Next, students need to be stretched to move up levels in text complexity. Most importantly, every student needs to have access to higher level work.

As stated previously, I found *Professional Capital* a hard read, although that opinion is not shared by many of my colleagues. It is also a work that is applicable more to educators than the general public. It does reinforce a number of the practices of the Ellington schools, including providing common work time for teachers. It accentuates team building, team performance and team spirit which results in collective responsibility.

Not all summer reading was professionally related. John Grisham's *Calico Joe* was a quick but engaging read. It could be that I like baseball, or the success of the newcomer, but I did enjoy my time engaged with this book. The exhilaration of Joe's rookie success, coupled with his demise after his injury, certainly allows you to experience a range of emotions. As the reader longs to know what type of career Joe could have had, you may find yourself revisiting the "could haves" and "should haves" of your own life. *One Summer* by David Baldacci was also an emotional roller coaster. Although I enjoyed the book, the actual story is secondary to the author's skill at engaging the reader in reflection and contemplation of life, death, love, family, marriage, and parental responsibility. This introspection can lead to thoughts and insights that remain long after you return the book to the shelf. As a former social studies teacher, summer reading must provide me with some historical or political sustenance. *Jamestown Experiment* by Tony Williams presents a stark and sometimes brutal accounting of the significant people and events that lead to the founding of Jamestown, Virginia at the dawn of the seventeenth century. It was interesting to note that the actions of some of these now historical figures appear to resemble some of the characteristics of Dr. Dweck's mindsets.

I do not remember how I learned to read. I am sure that my parents and my teachers played significant roles. As a result of their efforts, this summer I was able to improve my knowledge relative to the Common Core State Standards; gain a new perspective on how learners approach difficult tasks; learn some of the characteristics for successful organizations in chaotic times; visit Jamestown, Virginia circa 1600; and reflect and contemplate on some of the most important issues in one's life. It was a great summer.

As schools re-open, parents and teachers will continue to have the opportunity to assist all of our students in the wonderful process of learning. We can all expect uncertain times in the future, but we can prepare ourselves to engage that future in a most meaningful and positive way. School is Open. Drive Safely – and keep reading! Dr. Seuss knew what he was talking about, "*Oh, the Places You'll Go!*"

Stephen C. Cullinan

Ellington Public Schools
Where Children Come First

Diane Lasher-Penti
Youth Services Director
860-870-3130

Parenting Workshop Series

What is a tween? Tweens range in age from 8-14, or roughly 4th-8th grade. They're "in between" childhood and adolescence. Parenting them can be a challenge. Join us for this interactive parenting workshop to learn more on how to get you and your child through this stage. Child care will be provided free of charge. If interested in child care, please contact Diane Lasher-Penti at 860-870-3130.

Thursday, September 20

Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D

Setting Limits and Discipline

Dr. Wolf is a practicing psychologist in Springfield, MA and is the author of five books on parenting.

Wednesday, October 24

Ruth Ettenberg Freeman

Parenting Styles

Ruth is a licensed clinical social worker and is co-founder of the CT Parenting Education Network and is a teacher of Yale's "Parent Effectiveness Training".

Tuesday, January 15

Lisa Tregoning

Friendship, Bullying and Cliques

Lisa is the Program Manager of Safe Schools and Communities with The Governor's Prevention Partnership.

All presentations are free and will be held at:

Hall Memorial Library
Upstairs (Stage) Room
93 Main Street

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For more information, please contact Diane Lasher-Penti at Ellington Youth Services at 860-870-3130 or email her at dpenti@ellington-ct.gov.

Sponsored by Ellington Youth Services and
The Parent Connection

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

Senior Flu Shot Clinic

**September 20 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Ellington Senior Center
16 Church Street**

**Flu shots given by appointment;
Call 860-870-3133 to set up your appointment.**

Shots given by Visiting Nurse & Health Care Services, Inc. Seniors need to bring their Medicare card, or Anthem, ConnectiCare or Aetna health insurance card, or pay \$35.00 cash for the flu shot.

“Shred It” Day!

**September 20
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Ellington Town Hall Parking Lot
55 Main Street**

Bring your old papers for shredding at this FREE event for Ellington residents (no businesses). Please remove paper clips and staples.

Any questions, call 860-870-3131.

**How to Probate Your Estate
with Probate Judge O. James Purnell**

**October 4 at 1:00 pm
Ellington Senior Center
16 Church Street**

Join us to learn about the procedure to probate an estate and who is responsible for unpaid bills of the estate. Light refreshments served.

Please call to reserve your place for this program—call 860-870-3131 by October 3.

Emergency Prep Kit

Are you prepared in case of a weather emergency this Fall and Winter? To help yourself be prepared you should obtain a copy of the “CT Guide to Emergency Preparedness”.

Call 1-800-509-7270 to get a copy of this helpful informational booklet or visit the CT Department of Public Health website at www.ct.gov/dph (booklet link is under ‘Featured Links’).

**Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director
860-870-3133**

I would like to welcome our new Program Coordinator, Samantha Baer, who will be working part-time at the Senior Center. Sam will plan and organize, implement and facilitate programs and activities. Please come by and introduce yourself to Sam. I encourage you to check out her programs in our monthly newsletter, under the Program Coordinator’s column.

New Senior Center Update

The Senior Center building is moving along in the right direction. All of our targeted dates are being met; such as the bid for construction and date for groundbreaking. Once again, please remember to review our Senior Center Town Crier newsletter for the specific dates in the next few months. You can also visit us on our website at:

www.ellington-ct.gov

The Senior Center Steering Committee members have been working earnestly to promote fundraising opportunities through the “Supporting Senior Life” campaign. Residents should have obtained the informational brochure in the mail that shows a diagram of the inside of the building, the “Tree of Life” and ways individuals, business, and foundations may contribute to the new Senior Center building that is a reflection upon our community.

Informational meetings, pertaining to the new Senior Center, will be held:

Thursday, September 27 @ 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and
Thursday, October 4 @ 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

These meetings will take place at the Ellington Senior Center, 16 Church Street, Ellington, CT.

Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday November 3
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Senior Center, 16 Church Street**

The holidays are near and I would like to remind everyone to come to our annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on November 3. Many working hands have been busy making handcrafted items to sell. In addition, our fudge bar will be open and homemade bake goods available for purchase.

Timothy Webb, Public Works Director
860-870-3140

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, October 27, 2012

8:00 AM -1:00 PM

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 Holiday Weekends: October 6, November 10 & 24

Closed for season December 1 @ 4 PM

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.

Mailboxes

Please check your mailboxes and poles before the cold weather returns. Replace rotted poles and loose boxes to make sure they can withstand the weight of the snow.

Mailboxes should be positioned about 41" to 45" off the ground and back about 6" to 8" from the curb. A properly installed mailbox should not be affected by the impact of snow.

The Town only replaces mailboxes that are struck by the plow, not those knocked off by the weight of the snow.

Also, be sure to replace missing or faded house numbers.

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 26

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 the 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.

Our lockbox remittance address for **current bills due** is:
TOWN OF ELLINGTON
PO BOX 416316
BOSTON, MA 02241-6316

Our lockbox service is designed to increase payment and posting accuracy and improves cash flow by reducing processing time between delivery of mail and depositing of payments. As a reminder, the lockbox service 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

ONLINE PAYMENTS

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 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Real Estate 1st installment; ▪ Personal Property 1st installment; ▪ Motor vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER 1	Sewer Usage Fee*
NOVEMBER 1	Refuse Fee
JANUARY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Real Estate 2nd installment; ▪ Personal Property 2nd installment; ▪ Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax, <i>only if applicable</i>
APRIL 1	Sewer Usage Fee*
JUNE 1	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee*
* All Sewer Usage/Assessment payments must be mailed to PO Box 158, Ellington, CT.	

**Cindy Roman, 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 2012 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 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 registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. *Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home.** 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.

Hosted by the Ellington Recreation Department and Rise Above

Ellington Family Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Brookside Park Pavilion

12 noon– 2 pm

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!!

*Ellington Parks & Recreation, Ellington Vol. Fire Department and
the Ellington Athletic Booster Club present the*

First Annual Ellington Family Fall Festival/5K Road Race

October 27, 2012

(Rain date Oct. 28)

9:00 am – 11:00 am @ Brookside Park, Route 140 in Ellington, CT

Registration Through the Activenet On-line System

5K Course, 3K Youth Run, Kid's Fun Run and 5K Team of 4
The first 250 people registered will be provided with a
2012 Ellington Fall Festival Race Shirt.

All times for the 5K and 3K will be monitored and recorded
by Platt Systems

Fees: 5K: \$25 / 3K: \$10 / 5K Team of 4: \$80

Kid's Fun Run FREE

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION	
Men's Volleyball	0101.MVB	Thursdays Starting Oct 25	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 17	7:00-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School	
Co-Ed Volleyball	0103.CVB	Wednesdays Starting Sept. 12	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School	
Men's Informal Basketball	0104.MIB5 0104.MIB7	Monday Evenings Starting Sept. 10	5:30-7:30 pm 7:30-9:00 pm	Over 30 Under 30	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Resident	Windermere School	
Adult Tennis Lessons Inst. Rich Willis	Tennis. AI	Thursdays Sept 20, 27 Oct. 4, 11	6:00-7:00 pm	Beginner Intermediate 15 + up	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park (Maple St)	
Cardio Adult Tennis Inst. Rich Willis	CARDIO.1	Thursdays Sept 20, 27 Oct. 4, 11	7:00-8:00 pm	All Levels	\$35	Schwartz Park (Maple St)	
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.WIBFII	Tuesday Evenings Oct. 23	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.AISII	Wednesdays Starting Dec. 5th	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School	
Adult Badminton Instruction Available	0113.BDMII	Wednesdays Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 17	6:00-7:15 pm	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Crystal Lake School	
Eastern Connecticut Women's Soccer Club	0115.401	Sundays Sept.9-Nov.11	9:00-10:30 am	23 & up	Sponsors Fees	Brookside Park	

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Adult Karate Instructor: Paul Ward	KARATE.F12	Fall Session 1 Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	6:45-7:45 pm	18 & up	\$72 Per session	Windermere School Gym	
	KARATE.FS2	Fall Session 2 Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 13, 20					
Women's Self-Defense	0503.WSDF12	October 4 & 18 Inst.: Paul Ward	7:00-8:30 pm	12 + up	N/A	Windermere School	
Jukido All Skill Levels Instructor: Paul Ward	0504.JUKF121	Fall Session 1 Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	5:30-6:45 pm	6 + up	\$72 per session \$6/class	Windermere School Gym	
	0504.JUKF22	Fall Session 2 Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 13, 20					
Community Holiday Chorale	0510.401F12	To be determined by interest. Registration due by Oct. 30	Evening/ Weekends	ALL	N/A	Varies	
Youth Informal Volleyball	YIVB.401F12	Mondays Sept 17, 24; Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29	7:00-8:15 pm	Grades 5-8	\$15	Windermere School	
Informal Co-ed Basketball	ICED.BB2F	Fridays Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19	7:15-8:45 pm	Grades 5-8	\$10	Windermere School	
Girls Volleyball Instructors: Cheri Murphy & Janelle Sawka	GIRLS.VBAL	Sept 10, 17, 24; Oct 1, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5 We will cover the basic fundamentals of the game: forearm, passing, setting, hitting, serving and the rules & concepts of volleyball	7:00-8:00 pm Come have fun learning a new sport with your friends!	Grades 2-4	\$15	Middle School	
Golf Lessons	GOLFW.F012	All Saturdays Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13	11:00-12 noon	Adults	\$65	Ellington Golf Center	
	GOLFA.FO12		12-1 pm	Adults			
	GOLFJ.FO12	Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth jwadsworth50@comcast.net	2pm-3 pm	Jr. 6-9			
	GOLFR.F012	3pm-4 pm	Jr. 10-13				
Co-Ed Floor Hockey	FLOOR.HOCK	Fridays Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19	5:30-700 pm	Grades 5-8	\$10	Windermere School	
Learn to Play Hockey (LTPH) Program Eastern Connecticut Hockey Association	Saturdays; 8 week Sessions For more information regarding LTPH or the new In-House Program, please contact Mike or Donna Rooney at 860-870-8523; Or visit http://www.echostars.com		10:20 am– 11:20 am	4-12 + older with staff approval	TBD	Bolton Ice Palace	
South Windsor Hockey Association: Learn to skate/In-house program, 2 sessions offered. Participants must attend 1 of 2 sizing/equipment issue nights. Registration completed online www.SWHockey.com or for more information contact BobFeher@yahoo.com .							

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Tiny Tot Tennis	TINY.TTTF12	Fall Session 2012 Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10	5:30-6:15 pm	Ages 3-5	\$35	Schwartz Park
Pee Wee Tennis	PEE.PWEF12	Fall Session 2012 Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10	6:15-7:00 pm	Ages 6-8	\$35	Schwartz Park
Youth Tennis	YOTH.TNF12	Fall Session 2012 Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10	7:00-8:00 pm	9-13 years	\$35	Schwartz Park
Advanced Tennis Lessons	ADVT.TENNF	Saturdays Sept 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13	Level 1 9:00-10:00 am Level 3 10:00-11:00 am Level 4 11:00-12 noon		\$40	Schwartz Park
Delicious Desserts & Drinks	DESS.DRINK	September 20 Feast your eyes on deliciously disgusting worm-filled desserts!	6:00-7:00 pm	Grades 5 & 6 7 & 8	\$7	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Tie Dye Night	TIE.DYENGT	October 4 Join us for colorful fun decorating your own drawstring bag.	6:00-7:00 pm	Grades 5 & 6 7 & 8	\$7	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Peaceful Pillows	PEACE.PILLO	November 1 A night of rest & relaxation as you decorate your own pillowcase.	6:00-7:00 pm	Grades 5 & 6 7 & 8	\$7	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Movie Madness	MOVE.MADN	November 15 Join us for a night of movies & movie trivia!	6:00-8:30 pm	Grades 5 & 6 7 & 8	\$7	Hall Memorial Library
Minute To Win It	MINT.WINIT	October 18 Test your skills in a night of outrageous games. Raffle & Prizes!	6:00-7:30pm	Grades 5 & 6 7 & 8	\$7	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Multi-Sports	MULT.SPOR	9/27; 10/11; 10/25; 11/8 Join us for friendly competitive indoor sports.	6:00-7:30 pm	Grades 5 & 6 7 & 8	\$15	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Drawing and Painting Instructor: Hannah Riley	DRWT.PAINT DRTH.PAINT	Session 1: Sept. 25-Oct. 16 Tuesdays Session 2: Oct. 18 -Nov. 20 Thursdays	5:30-6:45 pm Min class: 6 Max class: 10	K-2 Grades 3 to 5	\$35	TBA

**Town of Ellington Recreation Department/
Friends of Ellington Tennis
2012 Tennis Tournament**

September 29 and 30

**@ new Schwartz Athletic Complex located on
Maple Street, East of Ellington High School
October 6 & 7 (Rain Date)**

- Competition is open to Ellington residents and non-residents
- Each draw is limited to a maximum of 32 players (first come/first serve)
- Play will consist of best 2 of 3 sets with traditional scoring and 7 point tiebreakers in each set.
- Players with a USTA rating of 5.0 or greater will be excluded from the main draws but may compete in one "champions" draw.

- Each entrant must pay an entry fee of \$15 per draw (a single player pays \$15, a doubles team pays \$15) payable to the Town of Ellington.
- All registrations will be done through the Recreation Department Online Activenet registration system.
- Draws Available:
Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles Champion's Singles
- Draws will be posted at the courts by Friday, September 28th, 6:00pm.
- **Entry deadline is September 27 @ 12noon**

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After School Bowling Program	0516.CENK4	Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8	4:00-6:00 pm	Grades K-4	\$65	Spare Time (Vernon Lanes)
	0516.WINK4 0516.WIN56 0516. CLSK4	(Make-up date 11/15) Thursdays Parents pick up students at Spare Time in Vernon	3:00-5:30 pm	Grades 5-6		
Music & Movement for Tots	MNM.TUF12 8 weeks	Session FT12: Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 13 (make up date 11/20) Tuesdays Maximum enrollment =8 Adult participation required	9:20-10:05 am	Ages 1 to 3 years	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Music & Movement for Tots	MNM.WDF12 8 weeks	Session FW12: Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31 Nov 7, 14 (makeup date 11/21) Wednesdays Maximum enrollment =10 Adult participation required	10:15-11:00 am	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.						
Mini Music & Movement	MNM.MIMIT 5 weeks	Session: MINT Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18 Jan.8 (make-up 1/15/2013) Maximum enrollment = 8	9:20-10:05 am	Ages 1 to 3 years	\$40 Resident	Old Crystal lake school house Hall Memorial Library
	MNM.MINIW 5 weeks	Session: MINW Nov. 28; Dec 5, 12, 19; Jan. 2 (make-up 1/9/2013) Maximum enrollment = 8	10:15-11:00 am		\$45 Non-Resident	
Outdoor Pee Wee Cheer	OPWC.F12 8 weeks	Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov. 2, 9 (Makeup 11/16) Fridays	10:00-10:45 am	Ages 4-6 years	\$60 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. Maximum enrollment: 12 Instructor: Jill Maznicki.						
Outdoor Pee Wee Sports	OPWE.SPF12 8 weeks	Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12 (Make-up date 11/19) Mondays	10:00-10:45 am	Ages 3&4	\$70	Brookside Park
Small Group size with a focus on balance, agility and cooperative play. We will learn the basics of basketball, T-ball, lacrosse and soccer. Some Parent Participation Required. Maximum enrollment:10						
Little Hands Art	LITT.HNDF2	Session F2: Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8 (makeup 11/15) Thursdays	10:15-11:00 am	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 with 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						
Pokémon Club	POKE.CLUBF	Fridays: Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov.2, 9 (make-up 11/16)	3:30-4:30 pm	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						



Program	Code	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
Fall Cross Country Program Coordinator: Dan Dryburgh	Track. Fall	Saturdays: Sept 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10, 17 Tuesday Evenings: Sept 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	9:00-10:30 am 5:30-7:00 pm	Ages 5-7 & Grades 3-8	\$10	EHS Track

Fall Cross-Country program is designed as a “training program” for the upcoming Ellington and Manchester Road Races, but with an emphasis on fun and exercise!! New and returning coaches are welcome to participate. Please contact Bob Tedford @ 860-870-3118. A participant/parent clinic will be held to provide updated insight on the following: stretching, plyometrics, core drills and nutrition updates.

Ellington Recreation Hiking Club	This group takes a HIKE every Tuesday, a new site each week, and site notification is made the Monday prior (via email). Meet at Arbor Park Tuesday mornings at 9 am. Projected Dates: September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20 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
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Day Trips 2012

NEW! These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington and Windham. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. *The pick-up/drop-off locations for people registering in Mansfield and Windham will be the commuter lot behind the East Brook Mall on Frontage Road in Mansfield. The pick up location for all others registering will be the commuter lot off I-84 Exit 68. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. Maximum 11 tickets per town per trip register early!*

Trip	Code	Dates	Time	Location	Fee	Notes
Big E Connecticut Day	BIGE.CONN	September 19	Depart: 9:00 am Return: 7:00 pm	W. Springfield, MA	\$40	Check website for updates
Haunted Happenings	HAUT. HAPP	October 20	Depart: 8:00 am Return: 8:00 pm	Salem, MA	\$40	
Radio City Christmas Show	RADIO.CT	November 10	Depart: 10:00 am Return: 11:30 pm	NYC Show time 7pm	\$102	Section 500 Rows M-U
New York City for the Day	NYC.TRIP12	December 1	Depart: 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	New York City	\$45	Check Website

SANTA LETTERS:



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

DECEMBER 12 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.

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.

Mondays and Fridays from 5:30pm-dark

Adult Program: High School on-going.

Grand Masters: (50 and above) Program is held at Windermere School

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

No Fee

**FALL
SOCCER
2012**

**The Recreation Department's
FALL 2012 Soccer Program
Ages 3 through grade 8**

**Fees:
\$32 Instructional
\$30 Recreational Division**

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 26, 2012**

**Late Registrations will be
accepted "ONLY"
if openings exist.**

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/FIRST AID/AED training, which can be registered for by e-mailing Ellington.safety@yahoo.com.

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

Cleat Box: 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.

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

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Horseback Riding	YOUTH. HORSE	Mondays: 9/24; 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Maximum Enrollment: 10	5:30-7 pm	7-14	\$300	DeCarli Farm 189 Sadds Mill Road (RT 140)
	ADULT. HORSE	Fridays: 9/28; 10/5, 12, 19, 26; 11/2 Maximum Enrollment: 5 Cannot support anyone over 200 lbs.	6-7 pm	15 & up		
Requirements: hard soled shoes, ideally a paddock boot; helmets available.						
Intro to Clay	TEEN.CLAY	9/26; 10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31	6-7 pm	Teens	\$77 Incl. Materials	TBD
	ADULT.CLAY		7-8 pm	Adults		
Students will learn to work stoneware clay and make a variety of hand-built decorative and functional items. Learn the process to hand build, throw, glaze and kiln and fire stoneware items such as small sculptures, vases, mugs and small plates. Demonstration and work on the wheel to learn the basic of throwing pottery. Students can keep work at the conclusion of the class.						

Recreational League Basketball for Grades 3-8



Registration: October 1—November 29, 2012

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 **November 29, 2012**
 - 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 Date is Saturday, December 1, 2012

Boys @ Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time	Girls @ Windermere School	ID Code	Time
3rd & 4th grade	1104.WT12	8:30 am- 9:45 am	3rd & 4th grade	1107.WT12	8:30 am- 9:30 am
5th & 6th grade	1105.WT12	10:00 am-11:15 am	5th & 6th grade	1108.WT12	9:45 am-10:45 am
7th & 8th grade	1106.WT12	11:15 am-12:30 pm	7th & 8th grade	1109.WT12	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 1 - December 3, 2012

Program Dates: December 8, 15, 2012; January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 2013

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

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

All Youth Basketball Registration will be taken during **Regular Office Hours:**

Monday: 8:30 am-6pm; Tuesdays-Thursdays: 8:30 am-4:00 pm; 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-register 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.

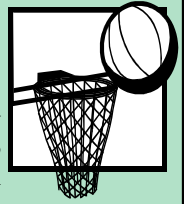
Parents: If a decision is made to have your child compete on both a recreation and travel team, please keep in mind that the participating player MUST complete his/her commitment to the recreation team. Failure to do so may result in removal from the travel team. Consider the weekly practice schedule along with the game schedule before making a final decision, which has a deadline of November 29, 2012

Travel Team TRYOUTS will be held between October 24 to November 14, 2012. An updated schedule will be distributed through the public schools, media outlets and our website www.ellington-ct.gov.

Travel Team Fee:

\$150

Fee includes Board Officials, Timers, Scorers and Custodial Services.



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.

When you make a Travel Team, the additional fee will be collected after notification from the Coach, prior to the first practice.

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: 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

The Recreation Department, in an attempt to provide support services to ALL Town of Ellington Coaches, has designed a pre-season coaches clinic that will discuss the 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

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

First Aid

CPR Training for

Coaches/Officials/Instructors

Instructor: Allison Breen

October 3: 5:30-10:00 pm

November 7: 5:30-10:00 pm

December 6: 5:30-10:00 pm


The Recreation Department has a certified CPR/AED/First Aid instructor on staff. Ellington coaches, athletic officials, program instructors, and staff register free of charge. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way.

When you register, please leave your FULL NAME, PHONE NUMBER and SPORT you are coaching. Allison will confirm your registration.

Register online at

Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

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.

Program	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
<p>Zumba®</p> <p>Instructors: Joanne Britton & Tressa Giordano</p> <p>www.zumba.com</p>	<p>Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 11-June 6, 2013.</p> <p>Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No Classes on vacation days or school cancellation days.</p>	<p>7:30 pm to 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Adults (14 +)</p>	<p>\$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes Available at location site or \$8 Walk-In Fee At the Door</p>	<p>Middle School Gym</p>
<p>The Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose. Bring a water bottle and towel.</p>					
<p>TOTAL BODY BLAST</p> <p>Instructor: Ginny Hogan, Certified Personal Trainer</p>	<p>Session C: Mondays & Wednesdays September 17 through June 6, 2013.</p> <p>Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No Classes on vacation days or school cancellation days.</p>	<p>6:00 pm to 7:00 pm</p>	<p>14 & up</p>	<p>\$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes \$5 per class pre-payment or \$7 walk-in fee</p> <p>All payment is due at time of registration</p>	<p>Center School or Library (check website)</p>
<p>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, TRX, etc. Modifications will be made to suit all abilities. Adults (14 and older) are 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.</p>					
<p>ZumbAtomic®</p> <p>Instructor: Tressa Giordano</p>	<p>Session 1: Sept 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 Code: ZUMBA.KDS12</p>	<p>6:45- 7:15 pm</p>	<p>6-11 years</p>	<p>\$35 per session</p>	<p>Middle School</p>
<p>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.</p>					
<p>Babysitter Safety Course</p>	<p>BABE.SITNF1: Oct. 9 & 11 BABE.SITNF2: Dec. 11 & 13</p>	<p>3:30- 5:30 pm</p>	<p>10 to 13 years</p>	<p>\$45</p>	<p>Windermere School Cafeteria</p>
<p>New 4 hour program: This course is for youth ages 10 to 13 years. This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Basic first aid and obstructed airway management for a conscious choking adult/child and infant. Other topics hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, personal safety, interview skills and many more. Bring a snack each day. Minimum 8 for course to run.</p>					
<p>School Vacation Week</p> <p>Camp Programs</p>	<p>December 26, 27, 28, 2012 CODE: DEC.CAMP2012</p> <p>April 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 2013 CODE: APR.CAMP2013</p>	<p>8:30 am - 3:00 pm ~ Full Day 7:30 am - 8:30 am ~ Before Care 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm ~ After Care</p>		<p>Grades K-8</p>	<p>Middle School</p>
<p>An updated schedule and fee structure will be made available on the town website, starting in early October: www.ellington-ct.gov.</p>					
					

Friends of the Hall Memorial Library

The goal of the "Friends " is to work with the Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors and staff to enhance library services to the Town, address special needs and enrich the entire community. Activities include the book sales and Book Cellar, the annual holiday cookie sale, maintenance of the front gardens and armillary, and various other projects. New members are always welcomed! Why not join, have some fun, and gain some real satisfaction knowing that you are involved? Membership forms available at the library or online at www.library.ellington-ct.gov.

Book Cellar Hours:

Monday 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
 Thursday 2:30 PM—4:30 PM
 Saturday 10:00 PM—12 Noon
 Sundays* 2:00 PM—4:00 PM
 *starting October 14

Fall Book Sale

November 2 & 3

\$8 per Bag!

Farmers' Market

Arbor Park (Main Street)

Every Saturday through October 20
9:00 AM-12:30 PM ~ 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:

October 8 Columbus Day
November 12 Veterans' Day
November 22 Thanksgiving Day*
November 23 Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25 Christmas Holiday*
January 1 New Year's Day*

*Trash collection will be delayed one day for the **Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day** holidays.

*Check the **Library** website, www.library.ellington-ct.gov for additional closing dates.

Winterfest 2012

Tree-Lighting Ceremony & Torchlight Parade

Saturday, December 1, 2012 between 4:00-7:00 PM

**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 November 30-December 1. 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 2012, please contact Ellen Karadimas, Chairman, 860-875-3885 or write to P O Box 282, Ellington, CT 06029. Thank you.

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

Board/Commission Vacancies: Please check our website, www.ellington-ct.gov, to view vacancies on various boards/commissions. Please call the First Selectman's Office at 860-870-3100 for a Statement of Interest form or download one from our website.

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