



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Fall 2014

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Separately, the Board of Selectmen will be recognizing two outstanding Ellington women on September 6.

At its meeting on July 21, the Board of Selectmen declared **Rachel Lee Wheeler-Rossow** (1939-2013) to be the 2014 inductee onto the Ellington Wall of Honor. During her years in Ellington (1970-2013), at various times she served on many different Town agencies, including the Boards of Finance, Education and Selectmen. But it was her family life that brought widely admiring recognition, to her and to the Town for nurturing what she sowed.

A registered nurse, she arrived in Ellington with three healthy biological children. Over the course of her life in Ellington, she adopted over twenty more and cared for at least twenty beyond that, children and young adults who were severely and often multiply challenged. She raised them as her own, to self-reliant adulthood or too frequently until life gave out. She recruited help from all who wanted to make a difference, and established the Alpha and Omega House on Leila Lane that continues the work after her. Also, she championed special education and the establishment of rights for the handicapped, here and everywhere. She gave her life to the children and the causes that helped them.

Rachel garnered significant recognition from many local, state and national groups, for her work and for her life. In 1983 she was recognized by President Ronald Reagan at a White House reception. The two were not politically on the same page, he a committed Republican and she a

committed Democrat (she once served as the Chair of the Ellington Democratic Town Committee), but they each recognized people of strong character. I look forward to hosting a short induction ceremony in Arbor Park on September 6 at 4:00 pm, which the public is very much encouraged to attend.

Also on July 21, the Board of Selectmen declared September 6, 2014 to be **Mildred Arens Dimock Day** (September 6, 1914 – still going) in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of this 2005 Wall of Honor inductee. First Selectman Dennis Milanovich hosted her induction ceremony.

This is the first Wall of Honor inductee to reach this extraordinary milestone. Her family will be privately celebrating the occasion; family and friends will want to congratulate her. Other well wishers may want to send her a simple birthday card, addressed as follows:

Mildred Dimock, c/o Richard Dimock  
115 Tripp Road, Ellington, CT 06029

**Town Hall:** The Town has received notice of a State grant in the amount of \$500K towards an expansion of Town Hall to increase vault space, provide privacy for client services, and add space for servicing a growing population. The oldest part of Town Hall was constructed in 1915. We are in the early phase of planning to address the needs; information will follow before approvals are required.

*Maurice Blanchette*

## **Rachel Lee Wheeler-Rossow** named 2014 Wall of Honor Recipient

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that they have selected Rachel Lee Wheeler-Rossow as the 2014 Ellington Wall of Honor recipient.

A formal induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the site of the wall located in Arbor Park [off of Main Street]. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

# Election Day is November 4



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Registrars of Voters (860) 870-3107

## Election Day Tuesday, November 4

The State Election will be held on November 4, 2014 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. **District #2 Electors who normally vote at Crystal Lake School will vote at Ellington High School** due to ongoing construction. School will be closed that day, allowing voting to take place in the gymnasium.

### Poll Location

**District 1 and District 2  
Ellington High School  
37 Maple Street**



### Voter Registration Sessions at the Registrars' Office - Town Hall

Date	Time
September 30	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
October 18	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
October 28	9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Please check the newspaper for any changes or additional registration sessions. You can also register to vote during regular office hours or by mail. Visit the Town's website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov); select 'Town Services'; select 'Voting' for more information.

### Election Day Registration

Residents may register and vote on Election Day at the Registrar of Voters Office as long as you have not previously voted in that same election and have the proper ID (Social Security card, license or birth certificate and/or proof of residency) to satisfy the Registrar of Voters requirements. If you have any questions, please contact us during normal posted business hours or check the Town website for additional information at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).

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### State Election - November 4, 2014 Absentee Ballot Information



Anyone needing to vote by Absentee Ballot is reminded that the ballots become available in the Town Clerk's Office on **October 3, 2014**.

To be eligible for an absentee ballot you must qualify with one of the following conditions:

- ♦ you are a member of the Armed Services and out of town on Election Day
- ♦ you are an eligible elector who will be out of town between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day
- ♦ you have an illness which prevents you from going to the polls
- ♦ your religious beliefs prevent you from going to the polls; or
- ♦ you have duties as an election official on Election Day.

Applications are required for all reasons above. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 870-3105 with questions or for more information.

### Dog License Reminder



If you have not yet renewed your dog(s) license, there is a \$1.00 per month penalty added to the fees listed below:

#### Dog License Fee Amounts if paid in June

Spayed/Neutered Dogs	\$ 8
Unaltered Dogs	\$19

Fees increase by \$1.00 per month

By Connecticut State law, all dogs must be registered at the age of 6 months or within 30 days of acquiring your pet. Proof of rabies and spay/neutering certificates must be presented.

Please call the Town Clerk's office at (860) 870-3105 with questions or for more information.

### State of Connecticut Election and Voting Information

*Secretary of the State: Denise W. Merrill*  
Office of the Secretary of the State  
30 Trinity Street Hartford, CT 06106  
Telephone: (860) 509-6200  
Visit the website at [sots.ct.gov](http://sots.ct.gov)

(860) 896-2300

Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools  
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In 1997 the Connecticut General Assembly enacted P.A. 97-259 which established a competitive grant program to provide spaces in NAEYC accredited approved programs for eligible children in priority school districts and competitive grant municipalities. In February 2010 an organizational meeting was held which led to the formation of the Ellington School Readiness Council. On behalf of the council, Dr. Erin McGurk, Director of Educational Services for the Ellington Public Schools submitted a competitive grant that was approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education. A successful grant application has been submitted in each successive year.

Among the initial benefits which an active and informed School Readiness Council could bring to a community would be to assist families in the variety of needs they encounter as they prepare their children to be fully ready for what the Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet called “the grand adventure of schooling.” A School Readiness Council could establish an essential community partnership that continually assesses the needs of our young families and identifies and advocates resources beneficial to the future success of all children.

One of the quality components of school readiness programs as part of a continuum of services is “A plan for collaboration with other community programs and services, including public libraries.” Sue Phillips and Pat Grundman of Hall Memorial Library are active members of the Ellington School Readiness Council. Library staff in collaboration with staff from the Ellington Public Schools has offered quality parenting education and outreach as evidenced by multiple presentations of the excellent “*Raising Readers*” program. Since the council’s founding in 2010, staff of the Ellington Public Schools has offered professional development for interested early childhood providers.

This year, the members of Ellington’s School Readiness Council expanded their efforts towards parenting education and outreach as they embraced the concept of creating a video that would provide a valuable resource to assist families and early childhood educators as they prepare children for kindergarten. Under the superb leadership of Sandy Suib-Dutcher, council member, Preschool Coordinator and teacher for the Ellington Public Schools, this creative and valuable resource came to life. As the co-chairs of the School Readiness Council, First Selectman Maurice Blanchette and I are deeply indebted to the work done by so many people to provide such a valuable resource to the entire Ellington community.

The video entitled “Kindergarten Readiness” is distributed to parents when they register their children for kindergarten. Copies have also been distributed to various preschool programs throughout Ellington. Most importantly, this video can be accessed through the website of the Ellington Public Schools at [ellingtonschools.org](http://ellingtonschools.org). When you arrive at the website click on “Links” and then access the School Readiness Council.

The video can be viewed in its entirety or can be viewed one chapter at a time. The Kindergarten Readiness video contains the following chapters: *Introduction, Self Help and Independence, Behavior and Social Skills, Speech and Language, Early Literacy, Language Arts, Writing Process, Mathematics & Early Numeracy*, and finally *Concerns*. Each chapter is well written, quite comprehensive and contains many practical suggestions for implementation and practice with children. The chapter format allows for easy reviewing of important concepts.

The end of the video contains a list of Children’s Books about kindergarten. Among the resources listed are: *Look Out, Kindergarten, Here I Come* by Nancy Carlson; *Kindergarten Rocks* by Katie Davis; *Mrs. Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate; and *The Night Before Kindergarten* by Natasha Wing. The video also contains a list of references. As previously stated, the video is well written and quite comprehensive. The information presented is based upon research and experience. The documentation for the research is thus provided.

Who are the people who made this gift available to us? The organization and the energy to fuel the project came from **Sandy Suib-Dutcher**, Ellington Preschool Coordinator and teacher. Staff members filled various roles in this production. Some performed the technical work “behind the camera.” Others created and delivered the narration, while still others were brave enough to model effective practices on camera. Each and every role was vital to the success of the project. A very loud “Thank You” and “Well Done” are sent to: kindergarten teachers **Katie D’Addona** and **Ronni Rucki**; speech & language pathologists **Laura Barnhart** and **Jen Ryan**; language arts consultant **Deb Hillemeir**; school psychologist **Valerie Baigert**; K-8 Language Arts Coordinator **Robin Kline**; K-8 Mathematics Specialist **Leslie Mancuso**; Director of Educational Services **Erin McGurk**; technology education teacher **Justin Waive**; Ellington Public School alumnus **Blaize Levitan**; and Ellington High School student **Courtney Binkowski** (Class of 2014). I would certainly be negligent if I did not thank the many volunteers who participated in this project. Finally, kudos to the students! You are what make every day a blessing.

I honestly believe that the most important job in the world is that of being a parent. In my very biased opinion, I state that the second most important job is that of being an educator. The work cited above, completed by the members of the Ellington School Readiness Council and the staff of the Ellington Public Schools is an excellent example of how that work can have a most positive impact on the lives of our students who are our future.

*Stephen C. Cullinan*

Ellington Public Schools  
 Where Children Come First

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### Drop off Recycling Center!

The hours of operation for the Drop Off Recycling Center located at the Public Works Complex, 21 Main Street, are

**Monday through Friday from  
6:30 am to 3:30 pm ONLY!**

Residents may drop off accepted material\*

*It is no longer acceptable to drop off materials when the Drop Off Recycling Center is closed.*

Proof of residency is required

The Center will also be open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, April through November 1, from 9 am to 12 noon. The Drop Off Recycling Center will be closed on holidays. The Center will open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in January to allow residents to dispose of any material generated over the holidays.

\*Accepted materials include: electronics, waste oil, propane tanks, antifreeze, and fluorescent bulbs. No paint will be accepted at the Ellington Town Garage. Please bring left-over paint to the MidNEROC facility (See below).

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Residents are reminded that household hazardous waste, including paint, needs to be brought to the household hazardous waste collection center, MidNEROC, located on Hancock Road in Willington. This site is opened the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month, Mid-April through November 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please call MidNEROC at (860) 684-3163.

### Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area - Hours of Operation

#### September

*Closed Labor Day Weekend*

Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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#### October and November

*Open Columbus Day Weekend*

*Closed Veterans Day, November 11 and  
Thanksgiving Holiday, November 27 & 29*

Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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#### Proof of Residency required

**Closing for the season on December 6 at 4 pm**

**Items accepted:** leaves, brush, firewood and tree trunks.

**Items not accepted:** Construction materials, grass clippings and tree stumps. Harvest New England (860) 871-7442 on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps.

### Understanding Storm Water



Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Storm drains connect to water bodies. Polluted storm water runoff can have adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts—washed into water bodies and choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous waste like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted storm water often affects drinking water sources.

### Storm Water Pollution Solutions

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and gutters.
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste using a mulching mower blade. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into the storm drains.
- Do not dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil. Bring it to the Town Garage waste oil drop-off shed.
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly. A well-functioning septic tank should be pumped every other year.

### Reminders from the Department of Public Works

**Bagged Leaf Collection** will occur the week of November 24. 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.



**Secure your mailbox:** Residents are asked to make sure their mailboxes are secured and sturdy before the winter snow season begins. Mailboxes that are damaged by the snow load will not be repaired by the Town.



**Winter Sand is Available:** Sand is available to residents throughout the winter months. The pile is located at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street, on the Firehouse side.



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Town Planner  
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### The Ellington Economic Development Commission Announces an Electronic Business Directory and Interactive Shopping Tool

“Shop Ellington”

A BUY-LOCAL, SHOP-LOCAL INITIATIVE



Residents can access the site online at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov) and choose “Shop Ellington” under **Quick Links**

or

Use your mobile device to scan the code below:



Cindy Roman, Assessor  
(860) 870-3109 [Assessor@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:Assessor@ellington-ct.gov)

**Assessor’s Maps:** Ellington’s Assessor’s maps are now available on line at [mapgeo.com/ellingtonct](http://mapgeo.com/ellingtonct).

**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 3. Failure to report business personal property by the November 3 deadline will result in a 25% penalty.

**Farm, Forest & Open Space:** Applications for classification of land as farm, forest or open space must be submitted to our office between September 1 and October 31. 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.



### Tax 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 filed in the Town Clerk’s Office by September 30.
- **Active Member of the Armed Forces:** Any active member of the armed forces may be eligible for an exemption. Contact us for further information or visit the Assessor’s page on the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).
- **Disabled or Blind Exemptions:** Qualifying persons should file for blind or Social Security disability exemptions on or before October 1.
- **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 us prior to October 1 for eligibility requirements.

**We want you to be “in the know”!**

**Get the latest Town news and information!**

Visit the Town’s website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov)  
On the Homepage, enter your email address to be included in either or both of our information tools:

- **Automail List (for Town news and updates)**
- **Emergency and Community Alerts**

Add your email address to your preferred options. You will receive Ellington’s most up-to-date Town-related news and information delivered conveniently to your email address. Remember to update your email address if it changes.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library (HML)

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hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov

[library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov)**Fall/Winter Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday 10 am-8 pm  
 Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm  
 Sunday 1 pm-5 pm beginning 10/5/2014

Check the Library website for holiday closing dates.

**PASSPORT TO CONNECTICUT LIBRARIES**

**Calling all Library Lovers!** We know you are out there...those adventurous people who love visiting the wide variety of beautiful libraries in Connecticut. Based on the Wine Trail Passport Program, the Connecticut Library Association has instituted a Library Passport program for the month of September. Visit any participating library to have your passport stamped and receive a gift. Of course, Hall Memorial is participating! Check out the Facebook page ([passporttoctlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/passporttoctlibraries)) for a list of participating libraries and to share your adventures! Visit at least five libraries and present your valid library card. And remember, you can always borrow from and return items to your library or any other CT public library. Participate in one of two age groups: Adult (18 and up) or Child (under 18). Each age group will have two Visa gift card winners -- one random drawing and one for the "Top Traveler" who visited the most libraries. Turn in your finished Passport to any participating library by Saturday, October 4, 2014. Drawing will be held at the New Milford Public Library on Monday, November 3. Winners need not be present.

**Monthly Coffeehouse to Return!** Live music returns to the library on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 pm with Justin and Jake Chandler. Justin has been playing country music both solo and with his band all over the U.S. for years; he'll perform here with his son Jake on harmonies. The music is free, refreshments will be available for purchase, and we know you'll enjoy our new, more intimate setting for the shows. The next concert will be on Friday, November 7; watch our website for details.



**Oral History Grant:** We have received a \$5000 grant from the Institute of Library and Museum Services to implement a town-wide Oral History Project. The library will partner with the Ellington Historical Society, Senior Center and Farmer's Market. The grant will pay for training of interviewers and any equipment and services needed. We hope to interview people who have information pertaining to Ellington's founding and/or history, and also hold a photo-scanning day. Please contact Francie at the library if you would like to participate, and look for more information in the library and on our website in the coming months.

**Library Card Sign-Up Month** September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! What better time to have all members of your family get their own library cards! Any resident of Ellington who is five years of age or older may have their own card. Children will need mom or dad's permission, of course. It only takes a few minutes and it's free! Stop by the main circulation desk at the HML, 93 Main Street, to inquire.

**Library Book Discussion Group** The monthly book discussion group will continue to meet on the third Wednesday at 7:00pm. It is always a fun evening full of lively discussion, yummy refreshments and comradery. Everyone is welcome!

**Borrow Digital Copies of Video, Music and Audiobooks with your Library Card, Enjoy on your PC, Tablet or Phone.** "hoopla" is an innovative new service offered by Hall Memorial Library that brings you digital access to thousands of movies, television, music, and audiobook titles. There are no costs or hassles. All you need is your Ellington library card and a web browser, phone, or tablet. From Hollywood blockbusters to best-selling authors and artists, you're sure to find something you'll enjoy. But it's not just the latest titles – there is also an extensive catalog of educational materials, children's titles, foreign films, and other hard-to-find content not offered anywhere else. The "hoopla" web site and mobile apps are easy to use. Start streaming immediately, or download a title to your phone or tablet for offline viewing later. It is automatically returned at the end of the lending period, so there are never any late fees. Coming to HML in November 2014!

**More eBooks!** For our eBook users, we are pleased to offer access to OneClickdigital, an online service that allows patrons to check out eAudiobooks and eBooks, including best-sellers, Recorded Books exclusives, classics, selections for children and young adults, and much more. OneClickdigital is compatible with all popular listening devices, and mobile apps are available for the iPhone®, Android™, and Kindle Fire. OneClickdigital features an easy-to-use interface with streamlined navigation, fast downloads, and automatic software updates. This collection is offered in addition to the OverDrive collection, and contains different titles. Find both collections on the "Resources and Community Links" tab of the Library website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov).

**Movies (All films begin promptly on time)**

Belle	September 3	6:30 pm
	September 4	1:00 pm
The Normal Heart	September 9	6:30 pm
	September 11	1:00 pm
Lone Survivor	September 17	6:30 pm
	September 18	1:00 pm
Kinshasa Symphony	September 24	6:30 pm
	September 25	1:00 pm
Cesar Chavez	September 30	6:30 pm
	October 2	1:00 pm

Check on the library's website [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call us at 860-870-3160 for future movie announcements.

**Annual Community  
Not-Just-For-Trees Festival**



The Library will again be hosting the Annual Community Not-Just-Trees Festival during the 2014 holiday season. Previous festivals have featured trees, wreaths and centerpieces of all kinds and sizes decorated by individuals, organizations and businesses. During the festival, the Library is transformed into a magical forest of trees reflecting the creativity of our community and adding a touch of fun to the holiday season. Everyone is invited to participate. Your imagination is your only limit! Applications are available at the Library or on the website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov), and must be returned by November 22. Call (860) 870-3160 for more information.

**Young Adult Advisory Board**

Cheryl Chamberlin, Advisor

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**Young Adult Happenings!**



Wow! Thank you to all the teens that participated in our summer reading program – over forty teens read all summer long for a chance to win some pretty fabulous gift baskets! Besides the allure of the prizes, we had teens in the library making bleached t-shirts using popular iconographics from *Harry Potter*, *The Hunger Games*, and *Dr. Who*. They learned how to make marble magnets, and they designed colorful, sparkly beaded clay pens with the help of a talented artist, Laurie Lynn. They finished off the summer with a movie, prizes, lots of smiles, and happy teens.

- ♦ **Scribblers** creative writing group resumes September 12 at 3:00 pm. This group is open to any teen in grades 7-12 who likes to write and have fun! Refreshments are always served so come hungry! The group meets on the second Friday of each month at 3:00 pm.
- ♦ The **Young Adult Advisory Board** resumes meeting in October. There are a few spots open on the board. If you are a teen in grades 7-12, love to read and talk about books, and want to contribute to your community, please pick up an application in the young adult area at the Library. Applications accepted through Friday, September 19. The first board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7 at 3:00 pm.
- ♦ **Teen Read Week** is October 12-18. To celebrate, there will be contests, prizes, crafts, and candy giveaways! Make sure you stop in to see what's happening each day. This is open to students in grades 7-12.

**Adult Programming - Fall Events**

<i>The Novel Cure: From Abandonment to Zestlessness: 751 Books to Cure What Ails You</i> with Susan Elderkin	Wednesday, September 10	6:30 pm
<i>Preserving Americana, One Outhouse at a Time</i> with George Papp, Sr.	Thursday, September 25	7:00 pm
<i>DNA and Genealogy</i> with Jennifer Zinck	Wednesday, October 1	6:30 pm
<i>Jordan Freeman: the Fight to Set a People Free</i> with Kevin Johnson	Thursday, October 23	7:00 pm
<i>Things Do Go Bump in the Night</i> with Smoking Gun Research Agency	Wednesday, October 29	6:30 pm
<i>Cigar Box Purse Workshop</i> with Vanessa Fasanella*	Wednesday, November 12	6:30 pm
<i>Clay Candle Globe Workshop</i> with Laurie Lynne*	Tuesday, December 9	6:00 pm

**\*Program has limited seating, so register early!**

**VICTORIAN TEA!  
Saturday, September 20  
Noon to 2:00 pm**

Hall Memorial Library will be holding its first Victorian Tea sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We'll be serving a selection of tea sandwiches and cakes, as well as a variety of hot teas and cold drinks. In-person registration will begin on Monday, August 25, at a cost of \$13 each for the general public; \$10 each for members of the Friends of the Library (hint, this may be a good time for you to join the group!). Space is limited for this event, so payment must be made at time of registration. All proceeds will be used to fund items or programs that are not covered by the regular Library budget.



Dress to the nines or come as you are- either way this promises to be a fun and tasty afternoon, with an unexpected surprise or two!

**The Friends of the Hall Memorial Library  
Fall Bag O' Books Sale**



Friday, October 17	10 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday, October 18	10 am - 4:45 pm
Sunday, October 19	1 pm - 4:45 pm

Fill a large shopping bag with whatever fits for \$9! Hundreds of books for all ages will be available and donations are gladly accepted any time.

**Book Celler Hours**

Monday: 6:30 - 8:00 pm	Thursday: 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Saturday: 10:00 - 12:00 pm	Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**From the Children’s Librarian, Pat Grundman**  
 (860) 870- 3160 [pgrundman@biblio.org](mailto:pgrundman@biblio.org)

**Anna L. Turner, MSW**  
**Elderly Outreach Social Worker**  
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**Early Learning Backpacks are here!** The Children’s Department has something new for parents of preschoolers. Made possible by Andrew Eder, philanthropist and literacy advocate, Hall Memorial Library received a grant to purchase six Early Learning Backpacks. These backpacks will be checked out for three week periods to be used by parents. Each backpack uses a thematic approach to incorporate learning across the content areas. Activity guides provide easy to follow instructions, along with growth tips, home connections, and a variety of ideas to stimulate conversation and support children’s learning beyond the backpack. The following backpacks are available:

- ♦ “Seasons of the Year”, “The Life Cycle of the Butterfly”, and “Backyard Discovery” have a science theme.
- ♦ “Snake Length” and “Color Patterns” have a math theme
- ♦ “Healthy Me A, B, C “ has a Language Arts theme.

Early Learning Backpacks are a wonderful tool to promote school readiness. We hope parents of our young children will enjoy using them.

**Truck Day!**  
**Saturday, October 4 from 10 am to Noon**  
 Real trucks of all different kinds fill our parking lot so that children of all ages can climb, toot horns and be a truck driver for the day!  
 Come early and enjoy!



Come to the  
**Christmas Ornament Workshop**  
**Saturday, December 6 from 10:00-Noon**  
 Call the Library for details! See you there!



**Allen’s Angels Therapy Dogs**

One of our most popular programs, this past summer, was “Read to the Dogs”. It seems the children of Ellington just can’t get enough of these four-legged friends. The good news is Allen’s Angels Therapy Dogs will continue to come to the Library throughout the year. Children ages 5 to 12 years old may come to the Library to practice their reading skills and just enjoy the company of these delightful dogs. Each child gets about ten minutes to read a familiar story or chapter of a favorite book to one of these “angels”.

The following dates have been scheduled: October 11 and 25; November 8 and 22; and December 13 from 10:30 am -11:30 am. Registration is ongoing.



**Upcoming 2014 TRIAD Programs**

**Flu Shot Clinic** by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT. **Pre-registration is required.** Call the Senior Center at (860) 870-3133 to schedule your appointment. *Payment: Please bring your Medicare Card (Part B); or health insurance card from Anthem, Connecticare or Aetna (not accepting United Healthcare or Cigna). Information regarding paying cash is available by calling Anna Turner.*

October 22  
 1:00-2:30 pm  
 at Senior Center

**Medicare Updates:** A presentation by the North Central Area Agency on Aging/CHOICES program will provide details on Medicare in 2015. Please call (860) 870-3133 to register or sign up at the Senior Center by October 2.

October 7  
 10:00 am  
 at Senior Center

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:** Bring your unwanted prescription medication for safe disposal to the Ellington Resident State Troopers’ Office . No needles or syringes. If you have questions, please call the Resident State Troopers’ Office at (860) 875-1522.

September 27  
 10 am  
 to 2 pm at  
 33 Arbor Way (off Main Street)

**Parkinson’s Disease Support Group**  
**September 19 at 10:00 am at the Senior Center**

Speaker Brett Sicklick from Prime Wellness will provide information on medical cannabis use for persons with Parkinson’s Disease.

Limited seating is available so please  
 RSVP before September 17.

Call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 to RSVP  
 or for more information.

**Sergeant Patrick Sweeney, Supervisor**  
**Ellington Resident State Troopers’ Office**  
 (860) 875-1522 [psweeney@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:psweeney@ellington-ct.gov)

The Ellington Resident State Troopers Office now has many forms available to residents on the Police section of the Town website. Please visit [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov); select “Town Services”; select “Police - Resident State Troopers”; scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will find many commonly used forms as well as informational guides. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

(860) 870-3133

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director

[egrkaziani@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:egrkaziani@ellington-ct.gov)New website: [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov)

Welcome back to all of the programs on hiatus for the summer! Stop on in to our Information Center to see all the schedules of the programs resuming in September, including Musical Insights, Ballroom/Polka Dancing, Ellington Singers and Yoga, just to name a few! We also have many new programs and special events planned this fall, including classes in ceramics, cooking and billiards, as well as educational seminars from VNHSC, hearing screenings and many holiday parties! Great strides were made this summer, including a new newsletter format ("Maple Street Monthly"), a new website ([seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov)), and changes with our transportation department policies and procedures. By early fall the kitchen will be up and running. We hope you will join us!

Program	Date/Time	Description
<b>Ellington Men's Club Presents: Medicare Made Clear</b>	Wednesday, Sept. 3 9:00 am-10:00 am	Learn about Medicare, Medicare Supplements & Medicare Advantage. Members of the general public are welcome to attend.
<b>Potpourri Making with Ann Harford</b>	Thursday, Sept. 11 10:00 am-11:00 am	Bring your dried up herbs and flowers to share with the group and combine them to make something beautiful! Nothing to share? That's ok, come anyways! FREE
<b>Informational Seminar: Alaska Land &amp; Cruise 2015</b>	Friday, Sept. 12 9:30 am-10:30 am	Join us on for an Informational Seminar on this amazing trip, planned for June 7-19, 2015.
<b>AARP Smart Driver Program</b>	Wednesday, Sept. 17 12:00 pm-4:00 pm	AARP members: \$15; Non-Members: \$20: Cash or check made payable to AARP is due at class. Pre-registration is required.
<b>"Cooking Matters" 6 Week Series, Presented in conjunction with UCONN Center</b>	September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28 Time: TBA	In this free, hands-on cooking class you will be taught how to eat healthy on a budget. Participants receive a bag of groceries weekly to replicate the recipe at home. Pre-registration required.
<b>Program Showcase</b>	Saturday, October 4 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Are you looking for something new to try? Explore the many programs we have here at the center. Meet & Greet with instructors and Volunteer Program Leaders. All Welcome!
<b>8 Ball Pool Tournament</b>	November 6, 13, 20, December 4 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Come play for bragging rights as the best pool player in Ellington! Organized by Will Maynard. See details at the center!

Trip	Date	Sign-Up by	Cost	Includes
<b>The Lettermen at Garde Arts Center &amp; Mohegan Sun Casino</b>	Wednesday, November 12	October 12	TBA	All American & Clean Cut was the signature of The Lettermen. The 3pm show is at the Garde Arts Center in New London with time at Mohegan Sun Casino.
<b>"It's a Wonderful Life!" Stageloft Theatre/Salem Cross Inn</b>	Sunday, December 7	November 7	\$76 per person	Deluxe motorcoach and gratuity to the classic show and lunch at Salem Cross Inn. Choice of Chicken Pot Pie or Baked Boston Scrod. All ages welcome!
<b>Get Away From the Cold: Caribbean Cruise</b>	January 12-21, 2015 	October 15	Starting at \$929 plus tax	Sail to the sunny Caribbean aboard the Norwegian Gem – no flying! Itinerary: New York, San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Tortola, New York.

(860) 870-3130

Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director

[youthservices@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:youthservices@ellington-ct.gov)[youth.ellington-ct.gov](http://youth.ellington-ct.gov)

Program	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
<b>Think Good. Feel Good. Be Good:</b>	Tuesdays October 7, 14, 21, 28 November 4, 18, 25	5:30-7:00 pm	boys and girls ----- 3rd and 4th grade ----- 5th and 6th grade	\$25	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	An eight week program that teaches effective healthy ways to help manage anxiety. Children will be separated into groups by age.				
	There will be a free <b>Parent Informational Session</b> on September 30 , 2014 from 6 pm to 8 pm at 31 Arbor Way for parents of children of any age who have or may have anxiety. Please call to sign up for this session.				
<b>The Journey Adventure Program</b>	September 30, October 2 October 4*, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28	after school to 4:30 pm	boys and girls ----- 6th grade	\$30	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Life itself is a "journey" and can be a great "adventure." It's what we make of it and what "tools" we have to get through it! Journey helps kids learn more about themselves, increase self-motivation and teaches how to get through some of life's challenges. <b>*October 4, 2014 - Saturday - Outdoor Adventure day at High Ropes Course</b>				
<b>Girl Power Camp</b>	Wednesdays October 1, 8, 15	6:00-7:30 pm	girls ----- 5th and 6th grade	\$20	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	A program designed to help 5th and 6th grade girls build self-confidence and help in expressing themselves. The girls will participate in crafts, games and discussions.				
 <b>Bucket Fillers</b>	Wednesdays November 5, 12, 19	5:30-6:30 pm	boys and girls ----- 1st and 2nd grade	\$20	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	A three week program designed to help youth express their feelings and kindness toward others.				
<b>Querks</b>	Wednesdays October 22, 29, November 5	9:30-10:30 am ----- 1:30-2:30 pm	boys and girls ----- Kindergarten	\$20	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	A program designed to help youth learn how to make new friends and build listening skills. There is a morning session and an afternoon session.				
<b>JournalMEArt</b>	Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20	6:00-7:00 pm	boys and girls ----- 4th grade	\$25	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Come join our expressive art program - have fun with originality, inspiration and creativity. Create an original collection of you!				
<b>Family Fun Nights</b>	To be held monthly in September, October, November, February, March and April	6:00-7:30 pm	families ----- 8 years old and younger (siblings welcome!)	\$15 Includes dinner	12 Main Street At Arts from the Heart
	Presented by Youth Services & Arts from the Heart. The First Family Fun Night is September 26.				

To continue the success of the community theatre program, watch for details on the following 8 week sessions starting in late September.



**Theatre Improv** for 9 to 12 year olds

**Play Shop** for 5 to 8 year olds

For more information on Family Fun Night and the Community Theatre Programs, please visit the following website at [artsfromtheheart.net](http://artsfromtheheart.net)

Robert Tedford, Director of Recreation

(860) 870-3118

[rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov)[parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)**Address:**

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

Email: [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto: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[parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)**Program 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 :** [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)
- Click Blue Button on right Register Online
- Select "Click here" for Active-net Online Registration!
- Select "Sign in" if you have an account or select "Create an Account" to set one up

It is imperative that an adult household member set up the family account. 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 set up your account, a password, and dates of birth for all family members. (Remember to add family members to your account).

If you don't have access to a computer, we can assist in setting up your account at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. **In-office online 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.** We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes that do not meet minimum requirements. Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the first week of registration. If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation.



In the event of inclement weather, the Parks and Recreation Department will list program cancellations on television.

Tune in to Channels 3, 30 and 8 to check if there is a cancellation. Cancellations will be listed under "Ellington Recreation Department".

**ADA:** The Town of Ellington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. If you or a family member need special assistance, please make us aware of your needs at the time of registration.

**Scholarship Programs:** If a need arises, please make a confidential inquiry to Bob Tedford, Recreation Director at [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov).

**The Hunter K. Giroux  
2014 Memorial Travel Basketball Tournament**

The 2014 Holiday Travel Basketball Tournament is named for the late Hunter K. Giroux, a former coach on the recreational and travel level, as well as an invaluable member of the Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission. Naming the tournament after Hunter is a fitting tribute to his contributions over the past 20 years to the Town's athletic programs. Hunter's energy and zeal for competition, and his caring and supportive approach to every athlete regardless of ability were genuine trademarks. Please make an attempt to catch a game. The level of play in the 8th grade division is worth the price of admission!

The Tournament Awards will include:

- *Hunter K. Giroux Team Sportsmanship Award*
- *Hunter K. Giroux All-Tournament Team*
- *Hunter K. Giroux All Defensive Team Award*

Please check the Town's website in early November for an updated schedule at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

**8th Grade Boys  
Basketball Tournament**  
Teams from throughout the region are expected to participate

**December 26 and 27:  
December 28 (snow date)**  
at Ellington Middle School

**Schedule:**

**December 26** 6:00 pm  
(First Round Games - Ellington playing at 7:30 pm)

**December 27** 4:00 pm Consolation Game  
6:00 pm Championship Game

To place an advertisement in the program brochure, please contact Bob Tedford at (860) 870-3118 no later than December 19, 2014. All proceeds will benefit Ellington Recreation Programming.

Concessions will be available.



PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Men's Volleyball</b>	2014.MVB	Thursdays Starting October 16	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
<b>Women's Volleyball</b>	2014.WVB	Wednesdays Starting October 15	7:00-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
<b>Co-Ed Volleyball</b>	2014.CVB	Wednesdays Starting Sept. 10	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
<b>Men's Informal Basketball</b>	2014.MIB5 2014.MIB7	Monday Evenings Starting Sept. 8	5:30-7:30 pm 7:30-9:00 pm	Over 30 Under 30	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Resident	Windermere School
<b>Adult Tennis Lessons</b> Inst. Rich Willis	Tennis. AI14	Wednesdays Sept. 10, 17, 24 Oct. 1	7:00-8:00 pm	Beginner Intermediate 15+ up	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park (Maple St)
<b>Cardio Adult Tennis</b> Inst. Rich Willis	CARDIO.14	Wednesdays Sept. 10, 17, 24 Oct. 1	6:00-7:00 pm	All Levels	\$35	Schwartz Park (Maple St)
<b>Adult Competitive Basketball</b>	2014.ACB	League Play Begins 1st week of Nov. Thursday Evenings	7:15-9:30 pm	18+ up	Team Fee TBD	Windermere School
<b>Women's Informal Basketball</b>	2014.WIBFII	Wednesday Evenings September 3	5:30-7:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Resident \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
<b>Informal Soccer Sunday</b>	2014.ISS	Sunday Mornings to end of November.	9:00-11:30 am	18+ up	N/A	Brookside Park
<b>Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed</b>	2014.AISI4	Wednesdays Starting Dec. 3	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Crystal Lake School
<b>Adult Badminton Instruction</b>	0114.BDMI4	Wednesdays Sept 24 Oct. 1, 8, 15	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
<b>Learn to Play Hockey Program</b>	Call (860) 870-8523 to sign up	8 week sessions beginning Sept. 6 thru March	10:20-11:20 am	4-12	\$165.00	Bolton Ice Palace

No skating experience is required. The goal is to teach participants to skate and play hockey with emphasis on fun and self-discipline. Contact Mike or Donna Rooney at (860) 870-8523, email [ECHOLTPH@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ECHOLTPH@sbcglobal.net). or visit [echostars.com](http://echostars.com).

	December 29, 30, 31, 2014 CODE: DEC.CAMP2014	<b>Full Day:</b> 8:30 am - 3:00 pm <b>Before Care:</b> 7:30 am - 8:30 am <b>After Care:</b> 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Grades K-8	Middle School
	April 13 through 17, 2015 CODE: APR.CAMP2015			
An updated schedule and fee structure will be made available starting in early October on the Parks and Recreation website at <a href="http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov">parkrec.ellington-ct.gov</a> .				

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Kokondo Karate</b>  <i>Inst. Paul Ward</i>	KARATE.F14	Session 1: Thursdays Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16	7:00-8:00 pm	14+ up	\$42 per session	375 Hartford Tpke. RT 30, Vernon
	KARATE.FS4	Session 2: Thursdays Oct. 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4				
<b>Women's Self-Defense</b>  <i>Inst. Paul Ward</i>	0503.CHILD14 0503.WSDF14	Mondays October 6 & 27	6:00-7:30 pm 7:00-8:30 pm	12+ up	No Fee	Center School
<b>Jukido All Skill Levels</b>  <i>Inst. Paul Ward</i>	0504.JUKF141	Session 1: Thursdays Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16	5:30-6:30 pm	6+ up	\$42 per session \$6/class	375 Hartford Tpke. RT 30, Vernon
	0504.JUKF214	Session 2: Thursdays Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 12				
<b>Youth Informal Volleyball</b>  <i>Inst. Kristen Wasielewski</i>	YIVB.401F14	Mondays Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27 Make up Nov. 3	6:00-7:15 pm	Grades 7-8	\$15	Middle School
<b>Informal Co-ed Basketball</b>	ICED.BB2F14	Fridays Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17	7:15-8:45 pm	Grades 5-8	\$10	Windermere School
<b>Girls Volleyball</b>  <i>Instructors: Cheri Murphy/ Janelle Sawka</i>	GIRL.VBAL14	Mondays Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3  Basic fundamentals of the game: forearm, passing, setting, hitting, serving and the rules & concepts of volleyball.	7:30-8:30 pm  Come have fun learning a new sport with your friends!	Grades 4-6	\$15	Middle School
<b>Golf Lessons</b>  <i>Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth</i>	GOLFW.F014	Saturdays Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11  Instructor Contact: <a href="mailto:jwadsworth50@comcast.net">jwadsworth50@comcast.net</a>	11 am-12 pm	Women	\$65	Ellington Golf Center
	GOLFA.FO14		12-1 pm	Adults		
	GOLFJ.FO14		2 pm-3 pm	Jr. 6-9		
	GOLFR.F014		3 pm-4 pm	Jr. 10-13		
<b>Co-Ed Floor Hockey</b>	FLOR.HOCK14	Fridays Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 2, 9, 16	5:30-7:00 pm	Grades 7-8	\$10	Windermere School



<b>Babysitter Course</b>  	BABE.SITNFO	October 21, 23	3:30-5:30 pm	10 to 15	\$45 Min. 8	Windermere School
	BABE.SITNFD	January 20, 22				
<p><b>New 4-hour program:</b> This 4-hour course is for youth ages 10 to 15 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. Please visit our website for a complete description at <a href="http://parkrec@ellington-ct.gov">parkrec@ellington-ct.gov</a>. Bring a snack each day.</p>						

**Town of Ellington Recreation Department/Friends of Ellington Tennis  
2014 Tennis Tournament ~ 3rd Annual Charles Huggins Invitational**

**September 13 and 14 (Rain Date: September 20 and 21)  
at Schwartz Athletic Complex located on Maple Street, east of Ellington High School**

- Competition is open to Ellington residents and non-residents
- Each draw is limited to a maximum of 32 players (first come/first served)
- 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.
- **Entry deadline is September 5 at 12 noon**

**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 5 at 6:00 pm.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Tennis	TINY.TTTF14	Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4	9:00-9:30 am	Ages 4-5	\$35	Schwartz Park
Pee Wee Tennis	PEE.PWEF14	Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4	9:30-10:15 am	Ages 6-8	\$35	Schwartz Park
Youth Tennis	YOTH.TNF14	Saturdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4	10:15-11:15 am	Ages 9-13	\$35	Schwartz Park

**Day Trips 2014:** These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. 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! Fees include transportation and entry for game or show.

Trip	Code	Dates	Depart	Return	Location	Fee
Bourne Scallop Festival	SCALLOP.FEST	Sept. 20	8:00 am	9:30 pm	East Falmouth, MA	\$90
Baldwin Vineyards	BALD.WIN	October 18	10:00 am	8:00 pm	Pine Bush, NY	\$55
UConn vs. Army Football Picnic/Cookout before and after	UCONN.AR	November 8	9:00 am	10:00 pm	NYC Game Time 1:00 pm	\$140
Radio City Christmas Show	RADIO.CTM	November 15	9:00 am	10:00 pm	NYC Show time 4:00 pm	\$98
New York City for the Day	NYC.TRIP14	December 6	7:00 am	10:30 pm	New York City	\$50

**Ellington Family Fall Festival**

Hosted by: Recreation Department and Rise Above

**Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Brookside Park Pavilion  
12 noon - 2:00 pm**

Come celebrate Autumn with this line up of exciting events:  
Decorate a Pumpkin, Art/Craft Activity, Face Painting, Sack Races,  
Tractor Drawn Hay Rides

Family Fee: \$10      Walk-in Fee: \$ 5 per person  
Pre-registration required online or at the Recreation Office



**Fall Informal Youth Lacrosse Program**

Boys and girls grades 3 through 8  
Fee: \$5.00 per person  
October 5, 12, 19 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Schwartz Park [adjacent to Ellington High School]

This program will include three 90-minute clinics focusing on age appropriate scrimmaging, offensive and defensive skill sets along with cradling and ball handling techniques.



ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGE/ GRADE	FEE	LOCATION
<b>After School Bowling Program</b>	0516.CENK4F 0516.WINK4F	Mondays Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 (Make-up: Dec. 1)	4:00-6:00 pm	Gr. K-4	 \$65	Spare Time RT 83 Vernon
	0516.WIN56F 0516. CLSK4F	<b>Parents pick up students at Spare Time in Vernon</b>	3:00-5:30 pm	Gr. 5-6		
 <b>Music &amp; Movement for Tots</b>  <i>Adult participation is required</i>	MNM.THURS 8 weeks	Thursdays Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 (Make up: Oct 30.)	10:15-11:00 am Max. enroll (10)	Ages 1 to 3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Res.	Hall Memorial Library
	MNM.WDF13 8 weeks	Wednesdays Session FW13 Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 (Make-up: Oct. 29 )	10:15-11:00 am Max. enroll (10)	Ages 1 to 3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Res.	Hall Memorial Library
A wonderful group experience! 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.						
<b>Mini Music &amp; Movement</b> Instructor J. Maznicki	MNM.MIMIT 4 weeks	Thursdays November 6, 13, 20, December 11 Make up date: December 18 Maximum enrollment (10)	10:15-11:00 am	Ages 1 to 3 Max. enrollment 10	\$40 Resident	Hall Memorial Library
	MNM.MINIW 4 weeks	Wednesdays November 5, 12, 19, 26 Make-up date: December 10	10:15-11:00 am		\$45 Non-Res.	
 <b>Little Hands Art</b>  Instructor: J. Maznicki	LITT.HNDF3 8 weeks	Tuesdays Session 1: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Make-up date November 17)	9:15-10:00 am	Ages 1 - 3 Max. enrollment 8	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Res.	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
	LITT.HNDM 4 weeks	Tuesdays Mini Session 1: November 18, 25 Dec. 2, 9 (Make-up date Dec. 17)	9:15-10:00 am	Ages 1 - 3 Max. enrollment 8	\$32 Resident \$35 Non-Res.	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
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. <b>Adult participation required.</b>						
<b>Archery</b> Instructor: William Hall	ARCH.FL14 Beginner Class	Saturdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11 Rain Dates: Oct. 18, 25	1:00-2:00 pm	Ages 8-17	\$45	Brookside Park
Instructor will provide all equipment. Minimum of 6 participants necessary to run the class; maximum of 10.						

**Fall Foliage Canoe/Kayak Trip ~ Quinebaug River Water Trail**

**October 4, 2014 (rain date: October 11) ~ Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm ~ Fee \$3 per person**

Paddle down a National Water Trail as you enjoy nature up close and the vibrant colors of autumn. No previous paddling experience is required as this river does not have a current. Are you a new or experienced paddler? Either way, this trip down the East Brimfield Lake Boat ramp (in Massachusetts) and back (3.9 miles each way) from the Holland Pond launch is open to youth and adults, with anyone under the age of 18 required to have an adult present. Meeting point: Tolland commuter lot off Exit 68. Deadline to register: October 2, 2014. Kayak rentals available at Eastern Mountain Sports.



**FALL SOCCER 2014**

The Recreation Department's  
**FALL 2014 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 29, 2014**  
**Late registrations will be**  
**accepted only if openings exist.**

**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 toward the Recreation Division and Travel Team Soccer needs, specifically for replacing equipment and upgrading uniforms.

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

Ellington Athletics Purple Wrist Band	\$1	Ellington Soccer Ball Magnet	\$1	Ellington Soccer Coffee Mug	\$1
Ellington Soccer Fleece Ear Band	\$9	Umbrella (purple and white)	\$15	Ellington Soccer Water bottle	\$1

Program	Code	Dates	Times	Grade/ Ages	Fee	Location
<b>Fall Cross Country</b> Program Coordinator: Dan Dryburgh	Track.Fall14	Saturdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1, 8	9:00-10:30 am	Ages 5-7	\$10	Ellington High School Track
		Tuesdays Sept. 9, 16, 23; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28	5:30-7:00 pm	Grades 3-8		

The 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 at (860) 870-3118. A participant/parent clinic will be held to provide updated insight on the following: stretching, core drills and nutrition updates.

<b>Ellington Recreation Hiking Club</b>	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.
	<p align="center"><b>Projected Dates: September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18</b></p> 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 and <b>wear proper footwear!</b>

*Ellington Parks & Recreation,*  
*Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and*  
*the Ellington Athletic Booster Club*  
 present the  
**3rd Annual Ellington Family Road Races**  
**November 1 (Rain date: Nov. 2nd)**  
 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
 @ Brookside Park, Route 140 in Ellington, CT  
  
 All times for the 5K and 3K will be monitored and recorded by Platt Systems  
 Registration Through Activenet On-line System

Race	Fees
5K Course	\$20 (18+) \$15 (Under 18)
3K Youth Run	\$10
5K Team of 4	\$75
Kid's Fun Run	Free
The first 100 people to register will receive a 2014 Ellington Fall Festival Race Shirt.	

**5K Description** 

Start on Route 140 in front of home at #77; Head west on Route 140 to a right turn on Muddy Brook Road; Turn right on Jobs Hill Road; Turn right onto Route 140; Turn right into Brookside Park; Bear right to Finish Line near Flag Pole.

Program	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
 <p>Instructors: Joanne Britton &amp; Tressa Giordano</p>	Tuesdays and Thursdays Sept. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, Oct. 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 ( <i>Classes at Senior Center</i> )			\$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes Available at location site or \$8 Walk-In Fee	Senior Center 40 Maple Street
	Tuesdays and Thursdays October 30 through June 4 ( <i>classes move to the Middle School</i> ) Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No Classes on vacation days or school cancellation days.	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Adults (14 +)		Middle School Gym
Perfect for everybody and every body! Each class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the “work” out of workout, by mixing low intensity and high intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness-cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Instructors contact: <a href="http://joannebritton.zumba.com">joannebritton.zumba.com</a> and <a href="http://tressag.zumba.com">tressag.zumba.com</a>					
<p><b>GINNY'S FITNESS FOR LONGEVITY</b></p> <p>Instructor: Ginny Hogan, Certified Personal Trainer</p>	Session C: Mondays & Wednesdays Beginning September 22 Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No Classes on vacation days or school cancellation days.	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	14 years to adult	<b>\$40 for a Pre-Paid            Punch Card/8            classes</b> \$5 per class pre-payment or <b>\$7 walk-in fee</b> Payment is due at time of registration	Outdoors at High School in early fall then Center School
	Are you looking for a supportive exercise group and an instructor who cares about your results? Join us for full-body workouts that are fun, varied, appropriately challenging, and effective. All levels are welcome. Bring an exercise mat, water bottle, and a foam roller. Residents and no-residents are welcome. Instructor contact: <a href="mailto:fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com">fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com</a> .				
<p><b>Zumbakids®</b></p> <p>Instructor: Tressa Giordano <a href="http://Tressag.zumba.com">Tressag.zumba.com</a></p>	Tuesdays November 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16 <b>Code: ZUMBA.KDS14</b>	6:45 pm - 7:15 pm	6-11 years	\$35 per session	Middle School
	Zumbakids® classes are high-energy fitness-parties that offer real results, packed with specially choreographed routines and the latest music. Helps develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness into children's lives by making fitness fun. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity coordination and cultural awareness while offering a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere for kids.				

## Check out the Mini Programs!

Program	Code	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
Make your Own Jewelry	MYO.JEWL	October 24	6:00-7:30 pm	8 to 12	\$20	Arbor Commons
Guided Paint Canvas	GUID.POC	Oct. 6 & Nov. 14	5:00-7:00 pm	8 to 12	\$25	Arbor Commons
		Oct. 10 & Nov 7	6:30-8:30 pm	16 to Adult	\$30	Arbor Commons
Nail Care @ Nail Spa	JAM.NAILS	September 21	2:00-5:00 pm	8 to 13	\$20	175 West Road
LEGO Build Night	LEGO.NGHT	October 17	6:00-7:30 pm	8 to 12	\$20	Arbor Commons
Book & Boogie	BOOK.BOOGIE	October 3	1:15-1:45 pm	3 to 5	\$ 5	Arbor Commons

# Recreation League Basketball For Grades 3-8

Registration: October 1– December 3, 2014

Recreational League Fees: \$65/1 child; \$105/2 children; \$140/3 or more in family

All Youth Basketball Registration will be taken during regular office hours listed on page 11

## 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, 2013**.
  - 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 6, 2014

Boys Middle School	ID Code	Time	Girls Windermere School	ID Code	Time
3rd & 4th grade	1104.WT14	8:30 am- 9:45 am	3rd & 4th grade	1107.WT14	8:30 am- 9:30 am
5th & 6th grade	1105.WT14	10:00 am-11:15 am	5th & 6th grade	1108.WT14	9:45 am-10:45 am
7th & 8th grade	1106.WT14	11:15 am-12:30 pm	7th & 8th grade	1109.WT14	10:45 am-11:45 am

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

### 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, 2014

Program Dates: December 13, 20, 2014; January 3, 10, 17, 24; February 7, 14, 2015

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

Boys & Girls at Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time
2nd graders (as of 12/31/14)	BBALL.second14	8:30 am - 9:30 am
1st graders (as of 12/31/14)	BBALL.first14	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Kindergarten (as of 12/31/14)	BBALL.kind14	10:30 am - 11:30 am
4 year olds (as of 12/31/14)	BBALL.4years14	11:30 am - 12:15 pm

**BASKETBALL OFFICIALS:** The Recreation Department is holding 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 dates are to be held in the fall and will be posted on our website at [parkrec@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:parkrec@ellington-ct.gov). Pre-register by calling the Recreation Office at (860) 870-3118.

## ImPACT:

The Parks & Recreation Department offers the ImPACT (**I**mmEDIATE **P**ost-concussion **A**ssessment and **C**ognitive **T**esting) system to age appropriate athletes that are registered in a program sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department, Ellington Little League, Softball and Baseball programs along with the Ellington Football League. The process includes:

- ♦ **Computerized Concussion Evaluation System**
- ♦ **Test Process and Eligibility**

ImPACT is an invaluable tool in making a safe "return to play" decision, but this only works if the baseline test is taken prior to a concussion. It is highly recommended that parent-guardians and adult participants consider taking advantage of this worthwhile program.

Please see the Town's website for further instructions or email [redford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:redford@ellington-ct.gov).



**Travel and Recreation**

**Basketball**

**Information**



Boys & Girls

Grades 5 to 8



Tryouts will be held between

October 20 - November 5

**\*Fee \$65 Rec Team registration**

**Plus \$105 upon selection to Travel Team**

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: 5, 6, 7 and 8 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 3, 2014*.

\*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.

Rec Team registration fee is \$65. If a child is selected to a Travel Team, the additional fee of \$105 will be collected after notification from the Coach, prior to the first practice.

An updated schedule will be distributed through the public schools, media outlets and the Recreation Department website at [parkrec@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:parkrec@ellington-ct.gov).

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

**Instructor: Allison Breen**

**Attention Coaches/Officials/Instructors**

**October 27 5 pm - 10 pm**  
**November 15 9 am - 2 pm**

All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way. When you register, please leave your full name, phone number and the name of the sport are coaching. Allison will confirm your registration. Only 6 participants per class, so register early!

**Register via email at [ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto:ellington.safety@yahoo.com)**

**Required Pre-Season Coaches Clinic**

August 25  
31 Arbor Way  
7pm-9pm



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 very important aspects of coaching today's youth. Please visit our website for more details about the topics that will be covered at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov). 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.** Head Coaches, as well as assistant coaches, are expected to pre-register by emailing:

Bob Tedford: [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) or  
Mary Bartley: [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov)

**Ellington's Own Ultimate Frisbee is on!**

Mondays and Fridays  
5:30 pm to dark

No fee

No residency requirement



Come join one of America's fastest growing sports! This is a field sport similar to soccer except played with a Frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee is a great way to get in shape and have some fun. Open to residents of all surrounding towns. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office.

High School Age to Adult
Windermere School 2 Abbott Road

For more information visit:  
[groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ellingtonultimate/info](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ellingtonultimate/info)  
or  
Contact: Karl at [ksneubec@gmail.com](mailto:ksneubec@gmail.com)

**Letters to Santa**



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 that your name and return address appear on the envelope.

## Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Annual Carnival & Parade!

### Don't miss the fun!



Thursday	September 4	6 pm - 11 pm
Friday	September 5	6 pm - 11 pm
Saturday	September 6	4 pm - 11 pm

**Parade Saturday, September 6 5:15 pm**

The parade begins at the intersection of Jobs Hill Road and Route 140 and proceeds west to Brookside Park.



**Al Lawrence, Fire Marshal**  
(860) 870-3126 [firemarshal@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:firemarshal@ellington-ct.gov)

### A reminder to all residents: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives!

Check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly. Daylight Savings Time ends November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Change the batteries when you change your clocks. Remind your friends and family to do the same!



### Alert to Parents: "The Fire Challenge"

Parents should be aware of a disturbing new trend which has manifested itself online on social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube, called "The Fire Challenge." The Fire Challenge involves teenagers pouring an ignitable liquid, often rubbing alcohol, on their bare skin and igniting it while another teenager takes photos or video of the event. The photos and video are subsequently uploaded to the various social media sites for the world's online community to watch and share. The imbecilic act is supposed to elicit laughter as onlookers and internet viewers watch the reaction from the person who is on fire.

Accurate statistics are not available as to the number of individuals injured or killed as a result of performing this stunt but at least one death of a 15 year-old boy in Buffalo, NY, has been confirmed and many documented serious injuries have occurred. Several news stories regarding the practice have reported that when young survivors are interviewed, most say that they didn't give much thought to the possibility of being injured or killed and they didn't realize the fire would be so intense. Since many of these reported incidents involve the ignitable liquid being poured on the chest, emergency responders must be particularly aware of the potential for serious respiratory burns when treating victims, in addition to the obvious external burns. In accordance with American Burn Association recommended guidelines, all victims meeting specific criteria are transported to a certified burn center for evaluation and treatment.



**Summer Market**  
every Saturday through October 18  
9:00 am-12:00 pm  
Arbor Park (off Main Street)



**Winter Market**  
*begins in November*  
*(check the website for details)*

Contact: Dianne Trueb (860) 872-0121  
Email: [ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com)  
Visit our website at [ellingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://ellingtonfarmersmarket.com)  
We're blogging at  
[ellingtonfarmersmarket.wordpress.com](http://ellingtonfarmersmarket.wordpress.com)

### 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

### Holiday Schedule

The Town Offices will be closed  
on the following dates:

Labor Day	September 1*
Columbus Day	October 13
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 27 & 28*
Christmas Holiday	December 25 and 26*
New Year's Day	January 1*

*\*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for these holidays.*

Check the Library website for Library closing dates at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov)

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