



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Fall 2015

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The **Ellington Historical Society** (EHS) [70 Main Street, PO Box 73, Ellington, CT 06029 – website [ellingtonhistsoc.org](http://ellingtonhistsoc.org)] is looking for a few good men and women volunteer members of all ages to carry on the mission of this society with the following:

- Conducting a program of meetings on subjects of local history or historical interest.
- Providing an educational program in cooperation with local organizations by means of exhibits, publications and talks relating to Ellington.
- Acquiring and maintaining for preservation and research a collection of records, facts and material, real estate or other property, past and present, relating to the history and to the citizens of Ellington.
- Preserving, identifying and marking buildings and sites of historic interest.
- Carrying on in general any and all activities appropriate for a historic society.

EHS is an independent all-volunteer organization that owns its home, the **Nellie McKnight Museum** at 70 Main Street. The museum is open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Thursdays, May through September; goodwill donations welcomed. It's also open for special events and by special appointment through its President, by e-mail to [president@ellingtonhistsoc.org](mailto:president@ellingtonhistsoc.org) or contact via the society's website. The society receives no Town or State funding; it's supported by its members and by donations from benefactors and the general public. Because of low attendance and shortage of volunteers, EHS is now evaluating the future of the museum; unless energetic people join the Society to serve as leaders, committee members, and working helpers, the active

members will face a tough choice on continuing with the museum. *If you can help, now is the time to speak up.*

Nellie McKnight made her contribution when, upon her death, her 1812 Federal style home was left to the Ellington Historical Society to be used as a museum of Ellington history. Born in 1894, Nellie grew up in Ellington, graduated from Mount Holyoke College, and taught school before she returned to Ellington in 1929 to help with her father's grain and farm supply business. She became head librarian at our Hall Memorial Library until her retirement in 1967. Active with the Ellington Congregational Church and Ellington Grange, she maintained her interest in town history, becoming one of the founding members of the Ellington Historical Society. Active members of EHS contribute hundreds of hours per year serving the cause; three of the four current committee chairs have been doing this for more than twelve years.

I want to thank EHS President Tim Fahy and Curator Nancy Long for bringing the precarious existence of the Nellie McKnight Museum to my attention, and for contributing unattributed language for this article.

**RECOGNITION:** It was my privilege on June 15 to recognize volunteers **JOHN W. (Jack) TURNER** as our E911 Municipal Coordinator, and to recognize **EDWARD DUELL** for service on our Water Pollution Control Authority, **each for 30 continuous years to date!** Extraordinary service.

*Maurice Blanchette*

## Republican Primary Wednesday, September 16

## Election Day Tuesday, November 3

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### Join in on the fun!

**Ellington Volunteer Fire Department  
Annual Carnival & Parade!**



Thursday September 10 6 pm - 11 pm

Friday September 11 6 pm - 11 pm

Saturday September 12 4 pm - 11 pm

**Parade September 12 5:15 pm**

website:  
[ellingtonfire.org](http://ellingtonfire.org)

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



**Charter Revision Commission**

Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Chairman

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During our monthly meetings in June and July, the Charter Revision Commission members received valuable input from two people with extensive knowledge of the workings of our Town government: our current First Selectman Maurice Blanchette, and former First Selectman and current Commission member, Michael Stupinski, both of whom spoke persuasively about the need to revise our current system.

Although to our residents the First Selectman is the face and voice of our government, the entity is in fact large, with many departments and agencies, committees and boards working in their separate areas to ensure that all aspects of the government are running effectively. The process is lengthy and cumbersome, especially when getting the pieces of the Town budget to fit together each year. Until recently, the Commission members were unaware of the many challenges that our present system presents, or the potential advantages of having a Chief Executive Officer who was appointed by the Board of Selectmen, able to both oversee the many complex facets of government and also implement long-term projects developed by the Board, among other duties.

Based on the wealth of input that we have received over the last few months, we on the Commission are discussing whether to recommend that a Town Manager or Town Administrator be added to our present system. The advantages of such an addition will be delineated publically as we get further into this process, but in the meantime interested residents can read the minutes of our meetings, available on the Town website, where much of this information is already available. Likewise, our monthly meetings are open to the public, and we welcome participation and input from our fellow residents. We hope that you will consider attending one or more of these meetings. The meeting schedule is posted on the website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov); *click on government; meeting schedules; Charter Revision Commission*. The next scheduled Charter Revision Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington.

**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 1, 2015. Change the batteries when you change your clocks. Remind your friends and family to do the same!

**Economic Development Commission**

Sean Kelly, Chairman

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When you shop local, 68% of your spending goes back to the community. Check out the site that connects local consumers with Ellington businesses!

[ellington-ct.gov/Pages/shopellington.aspx](http://ellington-ct.gov/Pages/shopellington.aspx)

Download the app here



*Shop Ellington courtesy of the  
 Ellington Economic Development Commission and GovQA.*

**Nancy Stillman, Chief****Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps**(860) 870-3170 [information@ellingtonambulance.org](mailto:information@ellingtonambulance.org)

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps is proud to announce their recently elected officers for the 2015 – 2016 term.

The positions are held as follows:

Chief: **Nancy Stillman**  
 Assistant Chief: **Matthew Lontz**  
 Deputy Chief – Training: **Bruce Hoffman**  
 Captain -Secretary: **Dan Hunt**  
 Captain - Treasurer: **Mark O'Donnell**  
 Lieutenant – Maintenance: **Andrew Slicer**  
 Lieutenant – Public Relations: **Allison Jenkins**  
 Lieutenant – Supply Officer: **Alisa Smith**  
 Lieutenant – Scheduler: **Doreen Connor**

We would also like to say a very heartfelt thank you to the officers who served in the past term, including some who held their positions for many years. We would like to thank **Peter Hany Sr., Dan Flanagan, Brandon Bartell and Paige Flanagan** for their time, dedication and support of the organization.

**Scott V. Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools**  
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## Town of Dreams

Former Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan often described the Ellington Public Schools as *Superintendent Heaven*. Over the past several months, I have had the pleasure of meeting many Ellington residents and employees who have delivered a consistent message filled with pride. They communicate that I have come to a special place; a healthy and thriving town where cooperation amongst the local government and school district is the norm and where services are prioritized for *all citizens*.

First class school districts develop a culture that is proactive. In this regard, former Superintendent Cullinan was selfless in announcing his retirement in early winter allowing for the Board of Education to run a well thought out and timely superintendent hiring process. My appointment occurred in April 2015. This early appointment allowed me to spend approximately 45 hours in the school district prior to my official start on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

This summer I have been running to work. Not literally, for I live in Portland with my wife and two sons ages 5 and 9, and have a daily commute of about 35 minutes. Yet, each morning, I wake with great anticipation to engage the Ellington community in its *collective needs*. For me, being an educator isn't work but an avenue to live my life in service to others.

Growing up in Rockville and graduating from Rockville High School in 1991, I have a childhood fondness for the area. My mother and father still reside in Rockville and are pleased their son will be close by. Since my appointment, not a day has gone by in which an old Rockville connection has surfaced here in Ellington. I truly look forward to reestablishing and expanding my roots in the area for many years to come.

My professional experience is, by design, diverse. As a history teacher at RHAM High and Middle Schools (Hebron, Andover and Marlborough) and as principal in Region #13 (Durham and Middlefield), the majority of my experiences have been in small quintessential New England towns very similar to Ellington. I am unable to resist their charm. Yet, as an assistant principal in Vernon and an executive director for the Hartford Public Schools, I was exposed to educational challenges that demanded a high level of understanding of national and state educational reform initiatives.

As I continue my listening tour of everything Ellington, I remain impressed and focused. This school year will see the continuation of the Windermere and Crystal Lake renovation projects. Ellington's Permanent Building Committee, chaired by Peter Welti, has been a great partner with the school district to ensure tax payers' dollars are responsibly spent. Our collective fiscal transparency and responsibility will continue as the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Education work together to ensure the needs of our citizens are met. Last fiscal year, the Ellington Public Schools ranked 164 out of 166 in per pupil spending. In the previous five years Ellington was ranked last; yet, the level of educational opportunities offered to the children has been and will remain high.

Whether it has been breakfast at the Chuck Wagon with Board of Finance Chair Bob Clements or First Selectman Maurice Blanchette or ice cream at Kloter Farms with members of the Permanent Building Committee, I have been welcomed to Ellington with grace and old fashioned hospitality. I look forward to reciprocating.

I recently watched the movie *Field of Dreams* starring Ray Liotta (Shoeless Joe Jackson) and Kevin Costner (Ray Kinsella). In the scene where Shoeless Joe stands on a baseball diamond located in the middle of a cornfield he asks Ray Kinsella, "Is this Heaven?" He responds, "No, this is Iowa." This got me thinking.

As the summer ends and fall begins, not only do I anticipate my New York Yankees playing deep into October (sorry Red Sox fans) but I envision the first weeks of school. With cornfields on the horizon and the smell of fresh cow manure in the air, I see a first grade student being dropped off for school by his loving parent. As he catches the eye of his teacher he flashes a big smile, turns to his mom and says, "I love you. See you after school." He is off.

Witnessing this moment, I turn to Dan Keune, Chairman of the Board of Education, and ask, "Is this Superintendent Heaven?" He replies, "No, Scott, this is Ellington."

I have arrived at the Town of Dreams.

*Dr. Scott V. Nicol*  
 Superintendent of Schools

**Ellington Public Schools**  
**Where Children Come First**

**Registrars of Voters**  
(860) 870-3107

## Election Day Tuesday, November 3

The Municipal Election will be held on November 3, 2015 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
Tuesday, September 29, 2015	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 17, 2015	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27, 2015	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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Republican Registrar  
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## Republican Municipal Primary for the Office of First Selectman

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**  
**Ellington High School Auditorium Vestibule**  
**6:00 am to 8:00 pm**

- Only registered Republicans are eligible to vote in this primary.
- Newly registered Republicans and/or voters who changed their status from Unaffiliated to Republican are eligible to vote.
- September 11, 2015: This is the last day for mail-in registrations to be eligible to vote in the primary.
- September 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon: This is the deadline for in-person registration to be eligible to vote in the primary.
- Absentee ballots for the primary will be available in the Town Clerk's Office on August 25, 2015. See eligibility requirements below.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to vote in the primary, contact the Registrars or the Town Clerk's Office.

**Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk**  
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### Municipal Election Absentee Ballot Information



Anyone needing to vote by Absentee Ballot is reminded that the ballots become available in the Town Clerk's Office:

on **August 25, 2015** for the September 16, 2015 municipal republican primary.

on **October 2, 2015** for the November 3, 2015 municipal election

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.

**Tim Webb, Director Public Works/WPCA Administrator**  
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**Revaluation 2015 Update**

**Bagged Leaf Collection** will occur the week of November 23. 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.

In the last newsletter I explained the requirements of the revaluation. The result of the revaluation is that property values reflect the fair market value as of the assessment date of October 1, 2015. Those values will be set during the middle of November 2015. You will be notified of your new assessment in November 2015 and will have the opportunity to discuss your new assessment with a member of the revaluation staff at that time. The tax bill you receive in July of 2016 will reflect your new assessment. For additional information or if you have any questions please call the Assessor's Office.

**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 7. Special weekday opening is Thursday, October 1 from 9:00 to 2:00 pm. For more information, please call MidNEROC at (860) 684-3163.

**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 the Assessor's Office on or before **November 2**. Failure to report business personal property by the November 2 deadline will result in a 25% penalty.

**For Bulky Waste Pickup-call  
All American Waste at (860) 289-7850.**

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

<b>September (Closed Labor Day Weekend)</b>	
Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
<b>October and November</b> <i>Open Columbus Day Weekend</i> <i>Closed Thanksgiving Holiday, November 26 &amp; 28</i> <b>Closing for the season on December 5, 2015 at 4:00 pm</b>	
Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Farm, Forest and Open Space:** Applications for classification of land as farm, forest or open space must be submitted to the Assessor's Office between September 1 and December 30. 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.

**Information Regarding 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 30.

**Proof of Residency required**

**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.

**Active Members of the Armed Forces:** Any active member of the armed forces may be eligible for an exemption. Contact the Assessor's Office for further information or visit the Assessor's page on the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).

**Tree Trimming in the Town Right-of-Way**

Eversource has plans this fall to do extensive tree trimming and removals in Town. Eversource has hired tree services to clear the electrical lines to reduce the cause of outages. The trees in the Town right-of-way will be posted and Eversource will contact the residents with their plans. If a resident objects to having a tree removed, send a detailed letter describing your objection within ten days of the posting of the tree to the Ellington Tree Warden, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029.

**Disabled or Blind Exemption:** 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 the Assessor's Office prior to October 1 for eligibility requirements.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library (HML)

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email: [hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov)website: [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 10/4/2015

**Check the Library website for holiday closing dates.****Zinio is available at Hall Memorial Library!**

**Digital Magazines are here!** The Library is pleased to offer a great new digital magazine service. Zinio, the world's largest newsstand, offers full color, interactive digital magazines for your enjoyment. Browse from our collection of 50 popular titles with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Enter your Library card number and some basic information to create an account. Then choose *Hall Memorial Library-Connecticut* from the list and you are ready to go. For iPad and Android Users - after checking out a magazine in your browser, you will need to login to the App. This is a little different than logging in with your PC. Because this is a shared collection, our Library name will not appear in the drop down box in the App. Choose "Popular 50 eMagazines Collection" as the library name. Select Country as United States and State as *Maryland*, and then your email/password.

**Online Museum Pass Program:** The new online *Museum Pass Program* is up and running and is very popular. Please be aware that two of the passes that we offer, The Connecticut State Parks and Mystic Aquarium, are not part of this online program. You must borrow and return those actual passes as before. And the Connecticut Science Center still offers their discount coupons which must be picked up at the Library. Check the website for all the passes available, most of which are funded by the *Friends of the Library*.

**Novelist Readers' Advisory Tool:** I love this author, but I've read everything he wrote. Is there another author that writes like this? What is the next book in this series? I'm in the mood for a book that is ... funny, or heartwarming, or suspenseful, or... You know that the Library staff can help you with any of these questions. But now we are offering a new online service that you can use from home. *Novelist* is a readers' advisory service that contains 135,000 fiction titles for all ages, including picture books, young adult titles, as well as books for adult readers, The database has book reviews, series book lists, and author biographies, plus finds other books that read like your favorite books and authors. Even ideas for your book discussion group, all compiled by a team of librarians. Find the perfect book to read next!

**Computer Goodies:** Need to get to your resume stored on a floppy disk? Need to access your government or military account to do some work away from the office? Want to send some pictures from your camera to your mom? We have computer gadgets to help you with all of that in the Library. Just ask at the Reference Desk and we will be pleased to help!

**Handcraft Sessions:** Due to popular demand, the Library will once again be hosting a knitting/handcraft group. But we are changing it up a bit! The traditional group will now meet on the second and fourth Monday, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, beginning September 14. A new group for the 20-30-something crowd will meet on the second and fourth Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, beginning September 10. Come learn a new craft, get some pointers or work on a work-in-progress, and make new friends! Call for more information at (860) 870-3160.

**Photo Scanning Day:** Have you ever wondered how to transfer your old photographs to the computer? Would you like to learn how to share your photos with friends and family via email? Local photographer Fred Bird will be here on Saturday, September 26 to help you learn how to scan your pictures! All you need to do is bring in 4 photographs from your treasure trove at home- Fred will teach you how to use our equipment to make a digital copy that you can save to a USB drive, a DVD, or simply email to yourself or someone else (please bring your own USB drive or DVD if that is your preferred method). In addition to teaching you how to use our scanner, the Library is hoping to add more images to our collection of historic photographs. We would be delighted if you would keep this in mind when choosing your photos to be scanned, as we will ask you to allow the Library to use your images- we are particularly interested in photographs that relate to the Town's history. Fifteen minute appointments will be available throughout the day; you can sign up online or call the Library for assistance in registering. You **must** pre-register to participate!

**We (still) want your old Cake Pans!** Due to the generosity of our wonderful patrons, the Library has received more than 40 different cake pans in many fun shapes and sizes. We would like to increase our offerings, so as you continue to clean out your cabinets, please keep us in mind. We look forward to having the cake pans on display and available for loan by mid-September. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

**Handicapped Parking Reserved Spaces:** The HML parking lot has been repaved and looks great! No more potholes or puddles. Thanks to St. Luke's Church for use of their parking lot during construction. We have taken this opportunity to rearrange the location of the handicapped parking spaces. Please take note of the new locations.

From the Children's Librarian, Pat Grundman  
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Young Adult Advisory Board  
Cheryl Chamberlin, Advisor  
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What a great summer we had in the Children's Department with all of the super heroes surrounding us! Our summer reading theme, "Every Hero Has a Story", inspired a lot of us to read many, many books and to come to many programs. What a lot of fun we had!!

Thanks, again to the *Friends of the Library* for sponsoring all of the programs throughout the summer months. The *Friends of the Library* have also made several donations of new materials for the children. The *Friends of the Library* made it possible to purchase 25 more Playaway Views. These are all-in-one video players which are often made directly from well-known and well-loved children's books. Other Playaway Views are published by National Geographic and contain factual information on topics of interest to children of all ages. In all, there are about 50 titles in this format. Another new product that the *Friends* made available to our Library is Playaway Bookpacks, which contain a pocket-sized Playaway as well as a copy of the book being read. They are considered "read-a-longs". Patrons will need to furnish their own headphones to listen as stories are being read. Some of the bookpacks contain several picture books, all of which are read on the Playaway. There are 17 titles to choose from. Our Early Learning Backpacks have been very popular over the summer. We now have eight different themes to choose from. These backpacks contain materials for parents/caregivers to use as learning tools for preschoolers. We now have "Friendship & Sharing" and "On the Farm Rhyme Time". Come in and investigate all of the new items that your Library has to offer.

THANKS,  
FRIENDS!

**Young Adult Happenings!** What a summer the teens at Hall Memorial Library had this year! From learning how to fold a crane and make a heart shaped bookmark in the origami program, to being made up like zombies by a special effects artist, to sampling chocolate and making Brazilian truffles, the teens who attended these programs learned a lot and had a bunch of fun! We had a different craft out each week for our teens to make and take home, and the prize baskets were a huge hit. Congratulations to the ten teens who went home with a prize basket and thanks to all who participated in making this summer such a smashing success! And of course to the *Friends of the Library* for funding our programs. While we are recovering from a very busy summer, we are already in the planning stages for next summer....stay tuned.

**Teen Read Week is October 18-24** and we will have plenty of activities for teens who come and visit the Library. We're going to invite the origami artist to show us how to fold Frankenstein (What?! That's crazy!) and the special effects artist to teach us how to make up our faces for the best Halloween costumes ever! There will be prizes and crafts all week so make sure you stop in to visit and have some fun!



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

Friday, October 16 10 am - 4:45 pm  
Saturday, October 17 10 am - 4:45 pm  
Sunday, October 18 1 pm - 4:45 pm

Choose from hundreds of books for all ages, DVDs, CDs and puzzles and fill a bag for \$9.00. Donations of gently used items are gratefully accepted at any time. And new members are welcomed too!



**Truck Day!**

**Saturday, September 26 from 10 am to Noon  
Library Parking Lot, 93 Main Street**

Autumn is on its way and along with that comes Truck Day! This annual event is open to all ages. Trucks of all varieties and colors will be featured. Come on out and enjoy! Parking will be available along Main Street and in the large parking lot at St. Luke Church. *Weather permitting.*



**Preschool Story Hours**

3 to 5 year olds	Tuesdays October 6 through December 8	10:15 -11:00 am	Stories, songs and movement activities.
2½ year olds*	Fridays October 9 through November 20	10:15-10:45 am	Stories, songs and a related craft project led by the Children's Librarian.
9 months to 2½ years old*	Mondays October 19 through November 23	10:15-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:30 pm	This program features 15 minutes of reading and movement activities and 45 minutes of play time and socialization.

\*an adult must be present. Please visit the Library website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3160 if you have questions. Online registration for these programs is required and will begin September 28.

**Hall Memorial Library  
Adult Programming - Fall Events**

Dr. Joseph Prichard: <i>Pet Safety- Pets Are Family Too!</i>	Tuesday August 25	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>Seat of Our Pants*</i>	Friday September 11	7:00 pm
Michael Savenelli: <i>Identity Theft and Fraud Workshop</i>	Tuesday September 15	6:30 pm
Mary Brown: <i>The Pilgrims and Their Legacy</i>	Thursday September 24	7:00 pm
Photo Scanning Day	Saturday September 26	all day
Pat Wright: <i>The Dog Listener</i>	Tuesday October 13	6:30 pm
Mary Donohue: <i>Jewish Farmers of Connecticut</i>	Thursday October 22	7:00 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>Survivors Swing Band*</i>	Friday October 23	7:00 pm
M. William Phelps: <i>Inside the Mind of the Female Killer</i>	Tuesday October 27	6:30 pm
Korean Spirit Project: <i>Traditional Korean Wedding and a Meal</i>	Saturday November 7	1:00 pm
Roxann Lovell: <i>Wreath-Making Workshop*</i>	Tuesday November 17	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>We Got Rhythm!*</i>	Friday November 20	7:00 pm
Kim Larkin: <i>Chocolate and Cheese-Holiday Pairings*</i>	Tuesday December 1	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>The Zumbyes*</i>	Friday January 8	7:00 pm

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

**Let's go to the Movies!**



**at Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street  
(All films begin promptly on time)**

Hot Pursuit	September 2 September 3	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Citizenfour	September 9 September 10	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Two Days, One Night	September 16 September 17	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
I'll See You in My Dreams	September 23 September 24	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
The D Train	September 30 October 1	6:30 pm 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.

**Book Cellar 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

**Anna L. Turner, MSW  
Elderly Outreach Social Worker  
(860) 870-3131    [aturner@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:aturner@ellington-ct.gov)**

**Ellington TRIAD's  
10th Anniversary Celebration!**

Please join us to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our participation in the national TRIAD Senior Safety program. Commissioner Ritter from the State of CT Department on Aging will be joining us to recognize this milestone. The State of CT Department of Social Services (DSS) Mobile office will be parked outside offering Medicare Part D counseling by appointment and the North Central Area Agency on Aging will be giving a presentation at 1:30 pm on Medicare 2016. Call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 to schedule a Medicare Part D counseling appointment in the DSS Mobile office.

**Thursday  
October 29  
11:30 a.m.**  
  
Ellington Senior Center  
40 Maple Street  
  
Free lunch & dessert served.  
  
RSVP for lunch by calling  
860-870-3133

**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. This program is sponsored by The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Ellington's Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture and the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program.

**Saturday  
September 26**  
  
10 am to 2 pm  
  
33 Arbor Way  
(off Main Street)

If you have questions, please call the Resident State Troopers' Office at (860) 875-1522.



**Winter Heating Assistance Applications:** The Town of Ellington Human Services Department is now taking applications for the Access Energy Assistance program to help defray the cost of winter heating. There are income and asset guidelines to be eligible for this program. Please call (860) 870-3128 to set up an appointment, learn the income and asset limits, and how to be prepared with all required documents.

Senior residents call (860) 870-3131 to set up an office or home visit appointment to complete your application.

**Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director**

(860) 870-3133

email: [egraziani@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:egraziani@ellington-ct.gov)

website: [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov)

40 Maple Street, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029

Have you seen all that is going on at the Ellington Senior Center? Be sure to check your Journal Inquirer insert monthly (both subscribers and non-subscribers) for the Ellington Senior Center’s newsletter the “*Maple Street Monthly*.” Stop in or visit us online at [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov) for a complete list of daily/weekly programs, trips, additional special events, the Maple Street Kitchen menu, the *Maple Street Monthly* and more!

Programs	Date/Time	Description	Fee
<b>NEW!! Caregiver Support Group</b>	Thursdays September 3, October 1, November 5 2:00-3:30 pm	Beginning this September, Sandie Pino, MSW of the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT will conduct a monthly support group for caregivers. All are welcome.	Free
<b>AARP Smart Driver Program (2 dates offered)</b>	Thursday, September 17 9:00 am-1:00 pm Thursday, November 12 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Cash or check made payable to AARP is due at class. Remember to bring your AARP card. Pre-registration is required, as classes fill quickly.	AARP Member: \$15 Non-Member: \$20
<b>End of Summer Celebration with Sue Gallagher &amp; Mike Rau</b>	Monday September 21 5:00 pm-7:00 pm	Sue and Mike are a charismatic acoustic duo performing upbeat music including rock classics and oldies from artists such as the Allman Brothers, America, Eagles, Johnny Cash and many more. Live entertainment, pizza & beverage are included in the admission price.	\$8 in Advance \$10 at the Door
<b>Health &amp; Wellness Fair 2015</b>	Monday October 5 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	This is a one-stop venue to meet with dozens of local agencies, health care professionals and vendors to learn about services available in the local community, as well as throughout CT. Hands on demonstrations, mini-seminars, free samples, door prizes and handouts will be available.	Free
<b>Oktoberfest</b>	Monday October 26 4:00-6:00 pm	Join us for some fun Oom-pah music, dancing and a taste of Germany, including bratwurst, red cabbage, potato salad and black forest cake!	\$12 per person in advance by October 19
<b>Annual Holiday Bazaar</b>	Saturday November 7 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Get your holiday shopping done early with hand-made items made by members of the So & Sew Crafters, plus attic treasures, cook books, jewelry and decorative paintings. Door prizes and lunch also available.	No Admission Fee
<b>Musical Insight’s Veteran’s Program</b>	Monday November 9 2:00-3:30 pm	Musical Insights conducts a traditional program to salute and honor the men and women who have served our country. Refreshments included.	Free
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	Thursday November 19 12:30 pm	Join us for a traditional New England feast with music by Veronica & Ellen to follow. Included: hand-carved turkey, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert and beverage.	\$12 per person in advance by November 10

**Trip Information**

The Senior Center offers a variety of day trips, overnight trips and cruises. Information can be found at the Senior Center and on the website at [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov). If you see a trip you are interested in, please be sure to sign up on one of the two sign-up dates, or as soon as possible, as some trips fill up quickly!

**Maple Street Kitchen**

“Home cooked” lunches are generally served on Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon.



Monthly menus can be found at the Senior Center and on the website at [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov).

## Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director

(860) 870-3130

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

<b>Parent Workshops</b>	<b>Back 2 School Survival Tips</b>	From getting on the bus on time to balancing homework and extra-curricular activities, getting back into the swing of school can be stressful. Come learn ways to make life easier.	Tuesday September 15	Parent Workshops are held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Location: Youth Services 31 Arbor Way  No Fee  Child care is available.
	<b>Stop the Bickering, Spread the Love</b>	Come and discuss why siblings argue and how we as parents can promote and encourage stronger, more peaceful relationships between siblings	Tuesday November 10		
	<b>Parents Supporting Parents with children with ADD/ADHD</b>	This peer lead group's goal will be to help provide support, networking, and resources to one another. Special presenters may be invited to speak on topics chosen by the parents participating in the group.	Tuesdays September 22; October 6, November 3, and December 22		

Program	Dates	Day/Time	Age/Grade	Fee	Location
<b>Theater Works</b>	September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 10, 17, 24	Tuesdays 2:45 to 3:45 pm	Boys and Girls 5th and 6th grade	\$25	Windermere School 2 Abbott Rd
	Youth Services has partnered with Bill Prenetta and Ellington High School theater students to create an 8 week course that will focus on accepting each other and learn how to show compassion, acceptance and kindness verses negativity. Theater games and skits will provide students with a platform to express themselves, and bond and gain respect for each other. Snack provided.				
<b>Zentangle for Youth</b>	September 29; October 27; November 24; December 15	Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:45 pm	Boys and Girls 8 years old and up	\$20 for 4 classes \$6 drop in	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
<b>Zentangle for Adults</b>	December 1	Tuesday 6:00 - 7:15 pm	Adults	\$6	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is a fascinating new art form that is fun and relaxing which increases focus and creativity. No experience necessary, come and doodle, create and de-stress. Supplies and snack provided.				
<b>Inside &amp; Out Infant/Toddler Parent &amp; Child Group</b>	September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22	Thursdays 9:45-11:00 am	Boys and Girls Infants/Toddlers	\$18	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Are you looking for a parent networking group that provides you with bonding time with your child, helpful parenting information and opportunities to meet other parents? Come and join us for a time to play, create, talk, and discover ways to help our infants and toddlers grow stronger inside & out!				
<b>Inside &amp; Out Pre-school Parent &amp; Child Group</b>	September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15 and 22	Thursdays, 1:00-2:15 pm	Boys and Girls 4th grade	\$18	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Come and enjoy afternoons with fellow parents and preschoolers and have an opportunity to meet and network with parents from our community. We will offer fun and exciting hands on activities that will help your preschooler develop emotional and social awareness and effective ways to communicate.				



**The cows are coming, join the Moovement!** Watch for Ellington Youth Services and DPYC's newest campaign, *Decide to be Kind*. Visit us at the school open houses/curriculum nights as well as the Ellington Farmers Market on September 12<sup>th</sup> to get your *Join the Moovement* lawn sign. Visit the website at [DecideToBeKind.com](http://DecideToBeKind.com) to get more details.

**Robert Tedford, Director of Recreation**

(860) 870-3118

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

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

**Office Hours:**

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

Phone: (860) 870-3118

Fax: (860) 870-3198

Email: [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov)

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

[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 on-line registration 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  
2015 Memorial Travel Basketball Tournament**

The 2015 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 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 try 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

Check the 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.*

Location: Ellington Middle School  
46 Middle Butcher Road

**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

*(December 28 - snow date if needed)*



To place an advertisement in the program brochure, please contact Bob Tedford at (860) 870-3118 no later than December 19, 2015. All proceeds will benefit Ellington Recreation Programming. Concessions will be available.

PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Men's Volleyball</b>	2015.MVB	Thursdays Starting October 15	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
<b>Women's Volleyball</b>	2015.WVB	Wednesdays Starting October 14	7:00-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
<b>Co-Ed Volleyball</b>	2015.CVB	Wednesdays Starting September 9	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
<b>Men's Informal Basketball</b>	2015.MIB5	Monday Evenings Starting September 14	5:30-7:30 pm	Over 30	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Resident	Windermere School
	2015.MIB7		7:30-9:00 pm	Under 30		
<b>Adult Tennis Lessons</b> Inst. Rich Willis	Tennis. AI15	Wednesdays Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30	7:00-8:00 pm	Beginner Intermediate 15+ up	\$35	Schwartz Park (Maple St)
<b>Cardio Adult Tennis</b> Instr. Rich Willis	CARDIO.15	Wednesdays Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30	6:00-7:00 pm	All Levels	\$35	Schwartz Park (Maple St)
<b>Adult Competitive Basketball</b>	2015.ACB	Thursday Evenings League Play Begins November 5	7:15-9:30 pm	18+ up	Team Fee TBD	Windermere School or Middle School
<b>Women's Informal Basketball</b>	2015.WIBFII	Wednesday Evenings September 2	6:30-7:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Resident \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
<b>Informal Soccer Sunday</b>	2015.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>	2015.AIS15	Wednesdays Starting December 2	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Crystal Lake School
<b>Adult Badminton Instruction</b>	0115.BDMI5	Wednesdays September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
<b>Learn to Play Hockey Program</b>	Call (860) 490-5796 to sign up	8 week sessions beginning Sept. 12 thru March	10:20-11:20 am	4-12	\$165	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 Mark McGrath via email at [growthegame@echostars.com](mailto:growthegame@echostars.com).

<b>School Vacation Camp</b> 	December 28, 29, 30 CODE: DEC.CAMP2015	<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 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2016 CODE: APR.CAMP2016	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.F15	Session 1: Thursdays Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8	7:00-8:00 pm	14 years old and up	\$42 per session	375 Hartford Turnpike. RT 30 Vernon
	KARATE.FS5	Session 2: Thursdays Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19				
<b>Women's Self-Defense</b>  <i>Inst. Paul Ward</i>	0503.WSDF15	Thursday, October 8 	7:00-9:00 pm	12 years old and up	No Fee	Center School
<b>Jukido All Skill Levels</b>  <i>Inst. Paul Ward</i>	0504.JUKF151	Session 1: Thursdays Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8	5:30-6:30 pm	6 years old and up	\$42 per session \$6/class	375 Hartford Turnpike. RT 30 Vernon
	0504.JUKF215	Session 2: Thursdays Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19				
<b>Informal Co-ed Basketball</b>	ICED.BB2F15	Wednesdays Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14	5:15-6:30 pm	Grades 4-6	\$10	Windermere School
<b>Youth Volleyball</b>  <i>Instructors: Kristen Wasielewski Julia Connor</i>	YUTH.VBAL15	Wednesday Evenings Sept. 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21 Make up date October 28   Basic fundamentals of the game: forearm, passing, setting, hitting, serving and the rules & concepts of volleyball.	6:00-7:15 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.F015	Saturdays Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10   email: <a href="mailto:jwadsworth50@comcast.net">jwadsworth50@comcast.net</a>	11 am-12 pm	Women	\$65	Ellington Golf Center 125 West Road
	GOLFA.FO15		12 pm-1 pm	Adults		
	GOLFJ.FO15		2 pm-3 pm	Jr. 6-9		
	GOLFR.F015		3 pm-4 pm	Jr. 10-13		
<b>Co-Ed Floor Hockey</b>	FLOR.HOCK15	Fridays Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9	5:30-7:00 pm	Grades 7-8	\$10	Windermere School

**Relish the Moment! Play Pickleball!!**

We are taking a survey to determine if there is an interest in forming both day and evening (informal) programs for a new and upcoming game called "Pickleball!" Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Players use oversized ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball that moves slower than a tennis ball. The game is played on a badminton-size court that is divided by a 34-inch high net and the size of the court makes playing the game easier for baby-boomers and active seniors. Pickleball can be played as a singles or doubles game. To register and/or show interest, please email your phone and mailing address to [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3118.



**Town of Ellington Recreation Department/Friends of Ellington Tennis  
2015 Tennis Tournament ~ 4th Annual Charles Huggins Invitational**

**September 12 and 13** (Rain Dates: September 19 and 20)  
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 7 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.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Tiny Tot Tennis</b>	TINY.TTTF15	Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3	9:00-9:30 am	Ages 4-5	\$35	Schwartz Park
<b>Pee Wee Tennis</b>	PEE.PWEF15	Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3	9:30-10:15 am	Ages 6-8	\$35	Schwartz Park
<b>Youth Tennis</b>	YOTH.TNF15	Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3	10:15-11:15 am	Ages 9-13	\$35	Schwartz Park

**Day Trips 2015:** 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. Limited number of tickets per town per trip; register early! Fees include transportation and entry for game or show.

Trip	Code	Dates	Depart	Return	Registration Deadline	Fee
<b>Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show</b> New York, NY	RCMH.1114	November 14	9:00 am	10:00 pm	November 1	\$100
<b>Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade</b> New York, NY	MTDP.1126	November 26	5:30 am	1:00 pm	November 14	\$50
<b>A Day in New York City</b>	ADNYC.1205	December 5	7:00 am	10:30 pm	November 20	\$45

### Ellington Family Fall Festival

Hosted by: Recreation Department and Rise Above

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 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 3, 10, 17

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>	2015.CENK4F 2015.WINK4F	Mondays October 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 (Make-up: Nov. 30)	4:00-6:00 pm	Gr. K-4	\$65	Spare Time RT 83 Vernon
	2015.WIN56F 2015. 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.TH15 8 weeks	Thursdays September 3, 10, 17, 24 October 1, 8, 15, 22 (Make up October 29)	10:15-11:00 am Max. enroll (10)	Ages 1 to 3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Res.	Hall Memorial Library
	MNM.WDF15 8 weeks	Wednesdays September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October 7, 14, 21 (Make-up: October 28 )	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 <i>Adult participation is required</i>	MNM.MINIW 4 weeks	Wednesdays November 4, 11, 18, 25 (Make-up date: December 2)	10:15-11:00 am	Ages 1 to 3 Max. enrollment 10	\$40 Resident \$45 Non-Res.	Hall Memorial Library
 <b>Little Hands Art</b> Instructor: J. Maznicki <i>Adult participation is required</i>	LITT.HNDF15 8 weeks	Tuesdays Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Make-up date November 10)	9:15-10:00 am	Ages 1 - 3 Max. enrollment 8	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Res.	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
	LITT.HNDT 4 weeks	Tuesdays November 17, 24 Dec. 1, 8 (Make-up date Dec. 15)	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>Archery</b> Instructor: William Hall	ARCH.FL15 Beginner Class	Thursday Evenings Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15	6:15 -7:15 pm	Ages 8-17	\$45	Kids-First Archery Route 32
Instructor will provide all equipment. Route 32 Willington intersection of Route 32/Route 74.						

**Anyone interested in these prospective new programs? If so, email [rteford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rteford@ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3118.**

**Special Needs Social Club:** This proposed new social activity program, if interest warrants, will be designed for those ages 10+ with developmental/cognitive disabilities. Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities and field trips while meeting new friends in this informal, drop-in program. An adult guardian must accompany each participant, unless waived by the activity leader. For more information, contact Bob Tedford at (860) 870-3118 or email [rteford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rteford@ellington-ct.gov).

**Beginner Social Ballroom Dancing:** Are you interested in taking part in a beginner ballroom dance program? The dates and times are to be determined based on interest. If you would like to be included on the contact list for this program, email [rteford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rteford@ellington-ct.gov).



**FALL SOCCER 2015**

**The Recreation Department's  
Fall 2015 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 on  
August 28, 2015**  
**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 Program</b> Coordinator: Dan Dryburgh	Track.Fall15	Saturdays September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7  Wednesdays September 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28	9:00-10:30 am  5:30-7:00 pm	Grades 3-8	\$10	Ellington High School Track

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.  <b>Projected Dates: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17</b>  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>
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<p><i>Ellington Parks &amp; Recreation, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and the Ellington Athletic Booster Club</i> present the</p> <p><b>3rd Annual Ellington Family Road Races</b></p> <p><b>October 31</b> (Rain date: November 8) 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Brookside Park, Route 140 in Ellington, CT</p> <p>All times for the 5K and 3K will be monitored and recorded by Platt Systems Registration Through Activenet On-line System</p>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<p><b>5K Description</b> </p> <p>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.</p>
	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 2015 Ellington Fall Festival Race Shirt.		

Program	Dates	Times	Ages	Fee	Location
 <p>Instructors: Joanne Britton &amp; Tressa Giordano</p>	Tuesdays and Thursdays October 13, 2015 through August 25, 2016  Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No classes on vacation days or school cancellation days.	7:30-8:30 pm	Adults (14+)	\$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes Available at location site or \$8 Walk-In Fee	Senior Center 40 Maple Street
	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://tressa.zumba.com">tressa.zumba.com</a>				
<b>Zumbakids®</b>	Tuesdays (Min. 6; Max 12) October 13, November 17, December 8 Code: ZUMBA.KDS14	6:40-7:15 pm	6-11 years	\$15 for all 3 classes or \$5 walk in fee per class	Center School
Instructor: Tressa Giordano <a href="http://Tressa.zumba.com">Tressa.zumba.com</a>	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.				
<b>Ginny’s Fitness for Longevity</b> (Enrollment always open)	Wednesdays Beginning September 16, 2015 Monday classes resume January 4, 2016	6:00-7:00 pm	14 years to adult	\$40 prepaid punch card/8 Classes or \$7.00 drop-in rate	Center School Gym
Are you looking for a supportive exercise group and an instructor who cares about your results? Look no further than Ginny Hogan’s Fitness For Longevity. Join a group of motivated women for workouts that are fun, varied, appropriately challenging, and effective. Workouts includes strength training, cardio, balance, and stretching and are custom designed for all levels.					
<b>Ginny’s Fitness for Longevity Men’s Edition</b> (Enrollment always open)	Wednesdays Beginning September 16, 2015 Monday classes resume January 4, 2016	7:15-8:00 pm	Men all ages	\$40 prepaid punch card/8 Classes or \$7.00 drop-in rate	Center School Gym
Here is your all-business workout opportunity that is cost-effective, productive, challenging, and enjoyable. Men of all ages and abilities are welcome. Workouts hit the entire body via strength training, cardio, plyometrics, balance, and stretching. Variety will keep your body guessing and produce results. Instructor has over five years’ experience in personal training and group exercise.					
<b>Ginny’s Younger Next Year</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays (twice a week) Beginning September 14	11:00 am-12:30 pm	50 years and up	\$192 prepaid; \$10 per class	Hall Memorial Library
Delay aging and become functionally younger. Enjoy daily life with newfound vitality and pleasure. Be stronger, reduce joint pain, and improve balance. In 12 weeks you will feel younger and have the knowledge and tools to continue this lifestyle. I will guide you safely in matters of diet and exercise, while connecting with others. Program is sequential. Consistency is recommended.					
 <p>Instructor: Ginny Hogan            email: <a href="mailto:fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com">fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com</a> or call 860-463-3238.            Programs are open to residents and non-residents. All you need is an exercise mat, water bottle, foam roller and sense of fun. Classes will follow the Ellington Public Schools calendar. No classes when school is closed.</p>					

# Recreation League Basketball For Grades 3-8

Registration: October 1 through noon on December 4, 2015

Recreational League Fees: \$70/1 child; \$110/2 children; \$145/3 or more in family

All Youth Basketball Registration will be taken during regular office hours.

## 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 3, 2015**.
  - 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 5, 2015

Boys Middle School	ID Code	Time	Girls Windermere School	ID Code	Time
3rd & 4th grade	1104.WT15	8:30 am- 9:45 am	3rd & 4th grade	1107.WT15	8:30 am- 9:30 am
5th & 6th grade	1105.WT15	10:00 am-11:15 am	5th & 6th grade	1108.WT15	9:45 am-10:45 am
7th & 8th grade	1106.WT15	11:30 am-12:45 pm	7th & 8th grade	1109.WT15	11:00 am-12 noon

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

### Saturday Mornings at the Ellington Middle School

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

Registration: October 1 - December 4, 2015

Program Dates: December 12, 19, 2015; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 2016

Fees: \$35/1 child; \$50/2 children; \$62/3 or more children

Boys & Girls at Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time
2nd graders (as of 12/31/15)	BBALL.second15	8:30 am - 9:30 am
1st graders (as of 12/31/15)	BBALL.first15	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Kindergarten (as of 12/31/15)	BBALL.kind15	10:30 am - 11:30 am
4 year olds (as of 12/31/15)	BBALL.4years15	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 visit our website at [parkrec@ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec@ellington-ct.gov) for further instructions or email [rtdford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtdford@ellington-ct.gov).



**Travel and Recreation**

**Basketball Information**

Boys & Girls

Grades 5 to 8

Tryouts will be held between

October 20 - November 5

**\*Fee \$70 Rec Team registration**

**Plus \$115 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, 2015*.

\*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 \$70. If a child is selected to a Travel Team, the additional fee of \$115 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).

**Letters to Santa**



Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Ellington Post Office in Santa's Mail Box starting November 30. 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.

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

**Instructor: Kristen Wasielewski**

**Attention Coaches/Officials/Instructors**

September 3	5 pm - 10 pm
October 20	5 pm - 10 pm
November 7	9 am - 2 pm
November 17	5 pm - 10 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 you are coaching. Kristen will confirm your registration. Only 6 participants per class, so register early via email at [ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto:ellington.safety@yahoo.com).

**Required Pre-Season Coaches Clinic**

Date to be determined  
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)



Save the Date for the  
12th Annual Winterfest Celebration  
Tree-lighting and Torchlight Parade

Saturday, December 5, 2015  
3:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

This is a Town-wide holiday event to foster community involvement and spirit! Come enjoy the festivities!

The schedule of events will be posted on the Town's website at  
[www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).

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



**Summer Market**

every Saturday through October 17  
9:00 am-12:00 pm  
Arbor Park (off Main Street)

**Winter Market begins November 7**  
(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)

Be electronically "*in the know*"!

Get the latest Town news and information!



▪ **Emergency and Community Alerts:**

Town officials will be able to notify you directly of emergencies, with requirements or recommendations for residents and property owners; this can be used for Town-wide or localized emergencies.

- **Automail List:** You will receive Ellington's most current Town-related news and information delivered conveniently to your email address.

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 or send an email to [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov) and we will add you to the list(s).

Remember to update your email address if it changes.

**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 7*
Columbus Day	October 12
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26 & 27*

*\*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)

The Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee invites all to join in honoring fallen service members at the  
**Wreaths Across America Ceremony**  
Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12:00 Noon  
Ellington Center Cemetery, 95 Maple Street

If you would like to participate or sponsor a wreath, call Wilson Flynn at (860) 896-9053 or email him at [wdfpf45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wdfpf45@sbcglobal.net).



There are more than 450 veterans buried at Ellington Center Cemetery, and the Committee is asking individuals and local organizations to help honor these veterans; each \$15 donation places a wreath. If you wish to honor a fallen service member by purchasing a \$15 wreath, contact Wreaths Across America at (877) 385-9504 or visit the website at [WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org); use the sponsor ID. MEHQMOI and location ID. CTECCE. Your donated wreath(s) will be presented during the ceremony.

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