

# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION



FROM THE  
FIRST  
SELECTMAN  
870-3100



At our August meeting, the Board of Selectmen authorized the formation of a six-member Charter Revision Commission (CRC). We received thirteen applications of interest. I hope the number of talented and experienced applicants is a sign of interest and participation. Clearly, the promise of this CRC has struck a nerve. And it should. It has become all too clear that our growth cannot be sustained, contained or managed with worn out tools. Over the next twelve months the CRC will meet in public to debate the great issues of our day. It is a tremendous academic exercise in democracy that will have a long-term impact on all of us. I was proud to have served on the last CRC and enjoyed it very much. The unfortunate part was that there was virtually no attendance by the public at our meetings. This statistic must change. Nothing is more important than your participation. There are 14 other openings on 9 Boards/Commissions as listed on page 7. In addition, this year we are also going to rewrite the Plan of Conservation and Development. If you can't commit to be a member of a committee, attend the meetings that you can. Check our website for meeting dates and times. This year, more than any other, the voices that are heard now will echo for a generation.

*Dennis Milanovich*  
First Selectman

## 2005 Wall of Honor Recipient

### Mildred Arens Dimock

The Board of Selectmen has selected Mildred Arens Dimock as the 2005 Wall of Honor Recipient in recognition of over 60 years of exemplary community service.

Mildred has been a member of the Ellington Women's Club since 1938, served as Secretary to the First Selectman for 22 years and has been an active member of the Ellington Historical Society for over 30 years. Space does not allow us to share all of Mildred's contributions. The Wall of Honor Registry is available for review at the Hall Memorial Library.

Mildred was officially recognized and her name unveiled on the Wall of Honor at a public ceremony on September 10 in Arbor Park.

## Election Day November 8, 2005

**Polls will be open from  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

District 1: Ellington High School

District 2: Crystal Lake School

To determine your voting district, visit our website:

[www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov);  
select 'Town Services';  
select 'Registrar of Voters'.

### From the Registrars of Voters...

The **LAST DAY** to register for the municipal election is October 25, 2005. The following voter making sessions have been scheduled:

October 22 10 AM—2PM @ Hall Memorial Library  
October 25 9 AM—8PM @ Town Hall, Registrars' Office

Although the deadline for registration to vote in the November 8, 2005 election is October 25, 2005, persons who attain their eligibility to register after that date may do so. Therefore, if a person becomes 18 years of age, a citizen or a resident of the Town after October 25, 2005, that person may register on or before 12:00 noon on November 7, at the office of the Town Clerk or Registrars of Voters.

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

*Susan Luginbuhl*  
Democratic Registrar

*Wanda DeLand*  
Republican Registrar



Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach  
870-3131

### **FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR**

Thursday, September 29  
10 AM to 11:30 AM  
Ellington Senior Center

Ken Popillo from the Carmon Community Funeral Homes will give an informational program on planning for funerals. Please pre-register for this program by calling Anna L. Turner at 870-3131 by September 26.

### **VETERANS' BENEFITS PRESENTATION**

Thursday, November 3  
2 PM to 3:30 PM  
Ellington Senior Center

A representative from the Connecticut Dept. of Veterans' Affairs will speak on programs and benefits for Veterans. You must pre-register for this program by calling Anna Turner at 870-3131 by November 1.

### **MEDICARE PART D PRESENTATION**

Thursday, October 20  
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Ellington Senior Center

Eric Rodko, Regional Director from the CHOICES Program with the North Central Area Agency on Aging, will speak on this new program. Anyone wanting details on Medicare Part D should attend but seating is limited.

You must pre-register by calling Anna L. Turner at 870-3131 by October 17.

### **MEDICARE PART D COUNSELING**

Tuesday, January 10  
Town Hall

Individual counseling appointments to review your enrollment options with a CHOICES counselor.

***YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR A 20 MINUTE APPOINTMENT*** by calling Anna L. Turner at 870-3131 before January 3, 2006

## **NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY**

Researchers at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut were hired earlier this year by the Ellington Human Services Commission to independently conduct a needs assessment. The evaluation, which is funded by a block grant, will examine the quality, coordination, experiences, expectations, satisfaction, and future needs with respect to housing options and senior services in the Town of Ellington.

To engage initial community participation, a work group convened in May to guide the development of mail surveys for two different groups of residents: Boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, and Older Adults, those 60 years and older. Residents, whose names were randomly selected from the voter registration list, received the first mailing of the survey in July. A second mailing of the survey was sent in August to those who had not yet responded by August 10<sup>th</sup>. Residents responding before August 10<sup>th</sup> were entered into a drawing to win one of four \$50.00 gift certificates for a local grocery store. Winners of the drawing will be notified shortly by mail.

Focus groups, key informant interviews, and a community forum are planned to further engage community participation. Early response rates show 30% of Boomers and 40% of Older Adult surveys have been completed and returned. Preliminary results indicate residents' concerns about rising taxes, transportation, and affordable housing. Findings are intended to be useful to those interested in the needs of Ellington's aging population. Survey information will serve as a consumer "voice" in the ongoing implementation and evaluation of residents' needs. A full report of the study will be issued and a public meeting scheduled once the study is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Doris Crayton, Human Services Director @ 870-3128.

**Better Age Singers:** Minimum of 4 sessions (monthly) Fee: \$4.00 per month

10:30am-11:45am @ the Ellington Senior Center

September 7,14,21,28; October 5,12,19,26; November 2,9,16,30; Feb.22; March 1,8,15,22,29; April5,12,19

## Ellington Volunteer Emergency Services Customer Survey

**Please take a few minutes to complete this customer survey. The information you provide will be used to help us be sure we are providing the services you both want and need, and to help us update our Strategic Plans so we continue to provide you with the best in service.**

The Ellington Volunteer Emergency Services consist of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, the Crystal Lake Fire Department and the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Both Fire Departments are all-volunteer services, with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department serving the portion of town west of the intersection of Hopkins Road and Rt. 140, and the Crystal Lake Fire Department providing services to the rest of town. The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which serves the entire town, also consists primarily of volunteers, but is supplemented by the services of a few paid drivers for several key hours each day.

More information on each service may be found by visiting the town website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov) and clicking on "Emergency Services" on the left of the screen. That will take you to links to each service. If you wish to be contacted by us, please attach a sheet indicating which service(s) you want to contact you, and include your name, address, phone number and email address if you have one.

Please complete and return this survey by October 15, 2005. Surveys may be dropped off at marked collection boxes at each firehouse and the ambulance building, as well as at the Library, Senior Center and the First Selectman's Office at Town Hall. Results of the survey will appear in the town newsletter and on the town website, [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov)

1. In general, do you believe that Ellington's emergency volunteers are providing **YOU** with adequate and professional emergency services?

Yes       No

If your answer is NO, please tell us why on an attached sheet, being as specific as possible.

*In the following, **EVFD** means the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department  
**CLFD** means the Crystal Lake Fire Department  
**EVAC** means the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps*

2. If you have **ever** had the occasion to require Ellington emergency services, please check below which service(s) responded:

EVFD       CLFD       EVAC

If you have used our services please give us a brief description of the reason we were called for assistance (attached additional sheet in necessary) and complete the questions on next page. \_\_\_\_\_

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Based on your call for emergency service, please rate the following using numbers from 1 to 4 in the block for each service you used, where:

1=strongly agree    2=agree    3=disagree    4=strongly agree

3. The response time to my location was acceptable:

EVFD                       CLFD                       EVAC

4. My situation was handled in a satisfactory manner:

EVFD                       CLFD                       EVAC

5. I am satisfied with the overall service provided:

EVFD                       CLFD                       EVAC

Based upon your experience with education materials or experiences provided by members of any of our services, how would you rate the following:

6. The materials and/or experience were of expected high standards:

EVFD                       CLFD                       EVAC

7. The staff was professional, well informed, and effective in their communication:

EVFD                       CLFD                       EVAC

8. I am satisfied with the overall educational experience and/or materials provided by the service:

EVFD                       CLFD                       EVAC

9. How well prepared do you feel our emergency services are to effectively manage a large-scale disaster incident?

Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor     No Opinion

10. In relationship to other city services, how important do you feel the emergency services are?

The Emergency Services are:  
More Important                      Equally Important                      Less Important

<u>Compared to:</u>			
Parks/Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads/Snow Plowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools/Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Volunteer Emergency Services

# Call 911

Ellington Volunteer  
Fire Department  
29 Main Street

Routine calls: 870-3190

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

Crystal Lake  
Fire District  
316 Sandy Beach Road

Routine calls: 870-3174

[www.crystallakefire.com](http://www.crystallakefire.com)

Ellington  
Ambulance  
41 Maple Street

Routine Calls: 870-3170

[www.ellingtonambulance.org](http://www.ellingtonambulance.org)

**Town of Ellington's  
Household Hazardous Waste Day  
Saturday, September 24, 2005  
Town Garage, 21 Main Street  
8 AM—1 PM**



Peter Michaud  
Public Works Director  
870-3140

Household Hazardous Waste Day items include household chemicals and cleaners, garage and workshop chemicals, pool chemicals, paint, paint thinner, fluorescent bulbs and mercury thermometers.

Latex paint, old computers, propane tanks and batteries will be accepted from **Ellington residents only**.

Waste oil, antifreeze, oil filters, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, computer components and car and lawn mower batteries are accepted at the Town Garage year round.

Ellington residents may also participate in the other MDC HazWaste collections:

Sept 24, 2005	Hartford	WPCF 240 Brainard Rd.
Oct 1, 2005	Middletown	Lawrence Middle School
Oct 8, 2005	W. Hartford	DPW, Oakwood Ave Ext
Oct. 15, 2005	Ansonia	PWD North Division Street
Oct 15, 2005	E. Hartford	WPCF, 65 Pitkin St
Oct 17, 2005	Bloomfield	Tikvoh Chadoshoh, 180 Still Rd
Oct 22, 2005	Windsor Lks	DPW, 6 Stanton Rd
Oct 29, 2005	S. Windsor	High School, 162 Nevers Rd
Oct 30, 2005	Rocky Hill	WPCF, 80 Goff Brook Lane

For more information or to view the collection schedule, log onto the Metropolitan District web site, [www.themdc.com](http://www.themdc.com) or call Public Works for a brochure.

**Hoffman Road  
Brush Drop Off Area**

**Hours of Operation**

**September**

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**October, November**

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

CLOSED ON HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

**\*\*\*CLOSED FOR THE SEASON\*\*\*  
DECEMBER 3, 2005**

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

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

**Proof of residency is required.**

**Bagged Leaves Pick Up  
November 14-18, 2005**

The Town of Ellington picks up leaves once a year in November. Beginning in 2005 **PAPER bags must be used for leaf pick up.** Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up. Leaves can also be brought to the Hoffman Rd brush dump.



**Recycling Reminder...**



New recycling bins can be picked up at the Public Works Department Office  
21 Main Street ~ 870-3140  
Monday-Friday ~ 8 AM-3:30 PM.  
There is no charge for replacement bins.

**MAILBOXES** should be checked before winter to make sure they are securely fastened to the posts and that the post is not rotted. Mailboxes should be placed 12 inches behind the curb. A properly installed mailbox should not be affected by the impact of snow.



**BULKY WASTE REMINDER:**

Bulky includes scrap metal, white goods, appliances, aluminum, copper, brass, tools, water tanks, pipes, faucets, tire rims, furniture, carpet, toys, toilets, sinks, tubs, mattresses, box springs, etc. Wood and carpet cannot exceed 4 ft in length. Carpet should be rolled and tied. No more than 2 cubic yards of bulky allowed per week. Please call **Waste Management at 528-7000** to schedule a pick up.

## 2005 REVALUATION PROJECT

The Revaluation project is well under way and on target for completion to meet the State mandated deadline, in our case, the 2005 Grand List. For most taxpayers the work being performed is going unnoticed. It is not necessary for us to inspect every single property as was done for the Revaluation for the 2000 Grand List. We are only obligated to inspect properties that have had permits pulled, which we do as a matter of course anyway, and for properties that have recently sold. For the properties that have sold, questionnaires are sent to the new owners and we ask them to call our office to schedule an appointment for the inspection. Your cooperation is crucial to the success of the project.

The values will be set in the late fall of 2005. You will receive notification of your new assessment (which is 70% of the current market value) and have an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have with a representative of the revaluation company that is assisting us in this effort.

The purpose of a revaluation is to update property values to reflect the current market values. The intent is to insure that all properties are fairly and equitably assessed.

It is no secret that property values have increased a great deal since the last revaluation. We have seen increases in market price in the double digits for each of the last five years. **The common misconception is that a revaluation raises property taxes. The fact is that taxes are based on the amount of money that the Town needs to run, to provide the taxpayers with the level of service that they demand.**

### HOW TAXES ARE DERIVED....

Through the budget process, the Town determines how much revenue is needed to run the Town. The mill rate is established by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the Net Taxable Grand List. ***The figures used in the examples below are for illustrative purposes.***

\$750,000 (money needed)  
\$20,000,000 (Grand List) = .0375 or 37.5 mills

The mill rate is then multiplied by your individual assessment to calculate your tax bill.

Assessment	Mill Rate	Taxes
\$100,000	x .0375	= \$3,750

If the budget, the money needed to run the Town, were to remain the same and the values were to double, your taxes would remain the same despite the increase in assessment.

\$750,000 (money needed)  
\$40,000,000 (Grand List) = .01875 or 18.75 .mills

Assessment	Mill Rate	Taxes
\$200,000	x .01875	= \$3,750

If the budget increased slightly, there would be only a minor increase in taxes even though the assessment doubled.

\$800,000 (money needed)  
\$40,000,000 (Grand List) = .0200 or 20.00 mills

Assessment	Mill Rate	Taxes
\$200,000	x .0200	= \$4,000

We will continue to keep you informed on the progress of the revaluation in this newsletter and on our website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov); select 'Town Services'; select 'Assessor'.

Rhonda McCarty  
Assessor  
870-3109

The Assessor's Office not only carries out the duties as prescribed by State law, we are also advocates for the taxpayers. As such we administer many programs that grant relief in various forms, some of which are listed below:

### VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

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<sup>th</sup>.

### DISABLED OR BLIND EXEMPTIONS

Qualifying persons should file for blind or disability exemptions on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Assessor's office.

### BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Business Personal Property Declaration Forms will be mailed in September. These forms must be completed and returned to the Assessor's office on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to report business personal property by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will result in a 25% penalty.

### FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE

Applications for classification of land as farm, forest or open space must be submitted to the Assessor's office between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Visit the website to review other programs administered by the Assessor's Office.

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

# Vacancies

## Board/Commission Vacancies

Several vacancies exist on the following Boards/Commissions:

- ⇒ Board of Assessment Appeals Alternate (3)
- ⇒ Central Regional Tourism District (1)
- ⇒ Conservation Commission (1)
- ⇒ Cultural Arts (3)
- ⇒ Economic Development Alternate (1)
- ⇒ Insurance Advisory Board (1)
- ⇒ North Central District Health Department Board of Directors (1)
- ⇒ Permanent Building Committee (2)
- ⇒ Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate (1)

If you are interested in serving, please call the First Selectman's Office (870-3100) to request a Statement of Interest Form or download the form from the website; [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov); select 'Government'; select 'Boards & Commissions'; select 'Vacancies'. Meetings are usually held monthly in the evening.

## AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

Thank you all for the feedback on the automated trash collection survey [[Ellington Connection May 2005](#) issue, Page 1]. In January 2004 we began having problems with the trash collection company. It coincided with the transfer of ownership in the company at the end of 2003. We had a meeting to express our concerns. At that meeting the Town asked for alternative pricing for automated systems as a way to SAVE money. After 15 months we received the proposal reported in the May 2005 edition. During that time many residents had brought the idea of automated trash collection to our attention and we told them we were pursuing it. We thought the best way to settle this issue with the public was to publish what we were quoted. The feedback has been universally negative. We asked for input and you supplied it. Ellington's trash collection program will remain unchanged.





# ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2005 FALL PROGRAM FLIER



**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

**General Information:** In the event of snow or bad weather, the Recreation Department will put all program cancellations on television. Tune in to Channels 3,30 and 8 to check if there is a cancellation which will be listed under "Ellington Recreation Department". We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements. Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the 1st week of registration.

**Registration Information:** All Registrations are currently being accepted in the Recreation Office by computer entry. It would be greatly appreciated if registrations could be completed one half hour prior to closing to assist in the administrative and organization process.

- **PAYMENT:** Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid in FULL. We accept checks and cash.
- **NON-RESIDENTS:** Add \$5 per program, per participant.
- **REFUNDS:** Refunds are given only prior to the start of classes or if we cancel the program. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Ellington businesses continue to support the Town of Ellington Recreation programs, as well as promote their respective businesses. Opportunities for sponsorship include sponsoring athletic teams, taking out an advertisement on the outfield fence on the Lisa M. Monti girl's softball field, sponsoring an event or program, sponsoring the "Summer Concert Series" and/or making a donation. Contact Bob Tedford at the Recreation Office if you would like to discuss the possibilities.

**ADA Statement:** The Recreation Department complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability. ADA requires that recreation programs be implemented in the most integrated setting possible, appropriate for each individual. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department regarding any accommodations needed to assist with participating in, and the enjoyment of, any program or event.

**Employment Opportunities:** The Recreation Department employs part-time personnel for various seasonal positions including Waterfront Staff, Day Camp Staff, Referees, Umpires and Instructors who can share their special skills with the community. Pick up an application at the Recreation Office.

**Insurance:** All persons participating in Ellington Parks and Recreation Programs should carry their own personal health insurance. The Town of Ellington is not responsible for personal injuries. Participants in all department-sponsored programs do so at their own risk. Only those enrolled in the program may attend. Sorry, children will not be allowed in the classroom or gymnasium during adult programs, and siblings must remain seated and not disturb youth classes.

### Special Day Trips!

Pre-registration required for all trips.

#### UNCONN MEN'S SOCCER GAME

The Recreation Department will offer a bus trip to UCONN for a men's soccer game on **Sunday, September 25**. This day is designated as Northeast District/Jr. Husky Club Day. The match will begin at 3:00 pm. The opponent is Syracuse University. The cost of a ticket and transportation is \$7.00. Registration and payment must be made ASAP at the Recreation Department.

#### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A ghost story of Christmas  
By Charles Dickens  
Adapted and Directed by Michael Wilson

Tickets are available through the Recreation Office for the **December 10 at 2:00p.m** and **December 13 at 7:30pm** performances of A CHRISTMAS CAROL. The Hartford Stage offers this spellbinding performance for the 8th consecutive year. This timeless tale of Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future will warm the spirit and chill the bone!! The Hartford Stage's A Christmas Carol is appropriate for audiences ages 8 and up. Group /Individual rates are available at the Recreation Department Office, first come first serve. Silver seating: Adults: \$37 and senior citizen/student: \$32. Tickets are available for purchase through Nov. 22. Contact Bob Tedford at 870-3118.

#### NEW YORK'S RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!!!

The Ellington Recreation Department, in conjunction with Fox Tours, will offer a magical trip to New York City Music Hall on **Saturday, November 12 for a 3:30 pm** show. Seats are located in the orchestra/first mezzanine where you will enjoy the pageantry, music & dancing of this truly wonderful Christmas show. After the show, you'll have time to view the sights, including the Rockefeller Center area before departing for the trip home. FEE: \$120.00 Deadline for ordering a ticket is OCT 3, after that date, tickets will be taken on a availability basis only. Bus leaving Ellington @ 12:30pm and return by approximately 9:30pm.

#### TOPS Soccer (the outreach program for Soccer)

The Ellington Recreation Department is seeking Middle School & High School age **volunteers** in September to help provide assistance with a TOPS Soccer Division. TOPS is open to players who are physically challenged as well as other disabilities. Contact Bob Tedford @ 870-3118.



Adult Sports



CLASS	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Men's Volleyball	Thursdays Starting September 28	7:30-9:30 pm	18 + up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
Women's Volleyball	Wednesdays Starting September 28	7:00-9:00 pm (Until 12/7/05) 7:30-9:00pm (12/7/05 On)	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
Co-Ed Volleyball	Tuesdays Starting September 14	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20. Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
Men's Informal Basketball (2 locations)	Monday Evenings September thru June 06	5:30-7:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Resident	Windermere School
		5:30-9:00 pm	Over 30		Middle School
Tennis Lessons	Session #1: September 16,20,23,27	6:00pm-7:00pm	Adult Beginner Ages 15 and up	\$30 per session	Brookside Park Instructor: Conrad McIntire
	Session #2: September 30; October 4,7,11	6:00pm-7:00pm			
Golf Lessons	Adult Co-ed Clinic 4 weeks Dates TBA	6-7pm	18 & up	\$40	TBA
	Women's Clinic 4 weeks Dates TBA	9:30am-10:30am	18 & up		
	Juniors Co-ed Clinic 4 weeks Dates TBA	4-5pm	Ages 11-16		
Adult Competitive Basketball	First Week of November 2005, Thursday Evenings	7:15-9:30 pm	18+ up	Team Fee \$480.00	Middle School
Women's Informal Basketball	Monday Evenings October 3	7:30pm-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Resident \$25 Non-Residents	Center School
Informal Soccer Sunday	Sunday Mornings Ongoing	9:00-11:30 am	18+ up	N/A	Brookside Park
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	Starting October 12 (15 sessions)	7:00pm-9:00pm.	18 & up	\$20.00 Residents \$25.00 Non-Residents	Crystal Lake School
Adult Badminton Instruction Available	Starting in September 21	6:00 - 7:15 pm	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School

**Children & \*Adults Mini-Programs**  
**\* Adult Programs in BOLD**

ACTIVITY	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Fall Lacrosse [Informal Clinics]	Sept. 27, 28, 29	6-7:15pm	Grades 5-8 (co-ed)	\$8	Ellington High School EHS Lacrosse Coaching Staff
<b>Adult Karate</b>	Session 1: Sept. 29; Oct. 6,13,20,27; Nov. 3 Session 2: Nov. 10,17; Dec. 1,8,15,22	6:45pm-7:45pm.	<b>18 &amp; up</b>	\$36 per session	Windermere Gymnasium
<b>Women's Self-Defense</b>	Sept. 28 & Oct 12	6:00pm - 7:15pm	12 + up	\$5 per week	Center School Instructor: Todd Sise
Jukido  All Skill Levels	<u>Session 1:</u> Sept. 8,15,22,26 Oct. 6,13 <u>Session 2:</u> Oct. 20,27, Nov. 3, 10,17; Dec. 5,12	5:30-6:45 pm	6 + up	\$36 per session	Windermere School Gymnasium
<b>CPR/First Aid</b>	Session 1: Oct. 6 & 13 Session 2: Nov. 3 & 17 <b>Attendance required for both sessions.</b>	6:30—9:30 pm (6 hour course)	<b>All Coaches</b>	\$10 per session	Arbor Commons 2 Mary Bartley Inst.
<b>Adult Tap Dance</b>	<u>Session 1:</u> Sept. 19,26; Oct. 3,17,24 <u>Session 2:</u> Nov. 7, 14,21,28, Dec. 5	7:15pm-8:15pm	<b>18 &amp; up</b>	\$36 per session	Windermere Instructor: Tressa Giordano
<b>NYSCA Coaches Clinic</b>	Sept. 29; Oct.13, 27 Nov. 14,	7-9:30pm	<b>18 &amp; up</b>	\$15	Arbor Commons 2 Conference Room Mary Bartley Clinician
Tennis: Teeny-weeny & Youth Beginner	Session #1 Sept. 16,20,23,27 Session #2 Sept. 30; Oct. 4,7,11	10am –11am  5:00-6:00pm	3-5 years  Ages 6-9	\$30 per session	Brookside Park  Inst. Conrad McIntire
<b>Community Holiday Chorale</b>	To be determined by interest	Evening/ Weekends	ALL	N/A	Varies
Creative Movement	Sept. 27; Oct. 7, 14, & 21	11:15am-12noon	3-5 years	\$30	Arbor Commons 1
Funtastiks	Sept. 30, Oct 7, 14, & 21	10:30am- 11:15am	3-5 years	\$30	Arbor Commons 1
<b>Intro to Art</b>	Sept. 28; Oct. 5,12,19	5:30pm-6:30pm	<b>18 &amp; up</b>	\$30	Middle School
Pottery Kreations	Oct: 4,18,25; Nov. 1 Oct. 5,12,19,26 Oct. 6,13,20,27 Oct. 7,14,21,28	3:15pm 3:15pm 2:30pm 3:15pm	All Grade Levels	\$40 Per 4-week session	Windermere school Crystal lake school Middle School Center School

**All parks are open sunrise to sunset.**  
**ANIMALS are not allowed on any town property.**  
**Visitors cannot play golf in Town Parks**

**MUSICAL THEATRE:**



**Boys and girls in Grades 5 through 8**



Tentative Dates: last week of November or the first week of December.  
Tentative days of the week for rehearsal include Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

From the first reading to production day, make friends, build your confidence and have a great time!!! Get involved in this mini-musical. Boys and girls in grades 5-8 are invited to take part in a local production and perform for the community.

**There is a NEED for assistance in set design and costume creation too.**

Fee: ANYONE reading for a part in the musical will be assigned a part fee, to be determined by enrollment.

Contact the Recreation Department to indicate interest no later than MID- SEPTEMBER! Call us now so that you won't forget until it's too late to become involved in this fun program!



**FRIDAY NIGHT  
DOWNHILL  
SKIING  
SNOWBOARDING**



**@ Mount Southington**

Registration begins on OCTOBER 24th. An updated registration packet will be sent through the public schools and also will be posted on the Town of Ellington website.

**Tentative dates: Jan 6, 13, 27, Feb 3, 17.**

Rentals of skis/snowboards/boots are separate from the registration fee. Fees to be determined. Fees are not adjustable or pro-rated.

FREE skiing for chaperones! If you are interested in chaperoning, call the Recreation Department at 870-3118.

A minimum of 30 registrants will be required in order to provide bus transportation.

**INTRO TO BASKETRY:**

**7th Grade to Adult**

Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27

7pm to 9pm

Ellington Middle School

Fee: \$40.00.

Materials included.

**MAKE A HOLIDAY BASKET:**

**7th Grade to Adult**

December 3 ~ 10—Noon

Ellington Middle School

Fee: \$20.00

(includes some materials).

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**SCRAPBOOKING:**

**Ages 8 to 14 years**

Oct 4, 18, & 25, & Nov 1

Arbor Commons

6:30pm to 8:30pm.

FEE \$25.00

**Also ADULT** classes same as above on Oct 5, 12, 19 & 26. These classes are for beginners. This course will assist you in the completion of an entire keepsake album. Bring your photos to class and learn to organize, crop, and decorate your pages. LOTS OF FUN!!! In four evenings!

**BEGINNERS KNITTING:**

**Teens and Adults**

October 5, 12, 19, 26 @ Ellington Middle School

6pm to 7:30pm. Fee \$35.00



**HARVEST FEST**

A Town-wide Harvest (Fall) Fest Family Celebration

**October 22nd at Brookside Park from 10am-12noon**

Pre-registration at the Recreation Department is required no later than October 17th.

Family donation: **\$10 per family.**



No age requirement, just the willingness to have fun!! No special skills required, just the interest in enjoying a hayride, participating in a pumpkin decorating contest and partaking in refreshments, highlighted by hot and cold apple cider and donut holes.

**Coming Soon! Youth Services Halloween Happenings**  
Games, Prizes, Crafts and Trick & Treating for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and younger.  
Pre-school and toddlers welcome ~ Adult must accompany children.



Tentative Date: Oct. 28,  
at Ellington High School  
Watch for our flyer in October!

**Volunteers Needed!!!! For Halloween Happenings to help decorate, run games and pass out candy.**

For information call Youth Services at 870-3130

## Pre-School/Youth Teen Programs

ACTIVITY	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Youth Informal Basketball	Sept. 13,20,27; Oct. 4, 18,25	5:30pm-6:45pm 6:45pm-8:00pm 8:00pm-9:30pm	Girls (grades) 3/4 & 5/6 7/8 & 9/10 11th & 12th	\$10	Middle School
Boys & Girls	Sept. 14,21,28; Oct.5,12,19,26	5:30pm-7:00pm	Boys (grades) 3/4 & 5/6	\$10	Middle School
	Sept. 15,22,29; Oct. 6,13,20,27	6:00pm-7:30pm	7/8 & 9/10		
CPOHEART Child and Babysitting Safety Course	Session 1: Oct. 3 & 5 Session 2: Oct 24 & 26 Session 3: Nov. 14 & 16 Session 4: Dec. 5 & 7 Session 5: Dec. 28 <b>(Transportation is Not provided to the Recreation Dept.)</b>	3:00pm—6:00pm 9am—3pm <b>Bring a snack</b>	11—15 years Boys & Girls	\$45.00 Per session	Arbor Commons 2 For all sessions
Youth TAP/Jazz	Session 1: Sept. 19,26; Oct. 3,17,24 Session 2: Nov. 7,14,21,28;Dec. 5	6:30pm-7:15pm	Ages 6-12 Boys & Girls	\$36.00 per session	Windermere Gymnasium Inst. Tressa Giordano
Munchkins Pre-school Program <b>(potty trained)</b>	Session 1: October 6,13, 20,27 November 3,17 Session 2: March 2,9,16,23,30 April 6 Session 3: May 4,11,18,25	9:30-11:00 am 10 maximum per session	3 to 4 years	\$75.00 \$75.00 \$50.00	Arbor Commons 1 Instructors: Mary Bartley Diane Lasher-Penti
Adult Kick Boxing	Sept. 21,26, 28, Oct 3,5,12,13,17,19,24,26,& 27	7:00pm-8:15pm	14 years & Up	\$50.00	Crystal Lake Instructor: C. Manseau
Youth Friday Night Floor Hockey	Session 1: Sept. 23,30; Oct. 7,14,21,28	6:30pm-7:45pm 7:45pm-9:15pm	7ty & 8th 9th—12th	\$15.00 \$15.00	EHS EHS
*After School Bowling Program (six weeks)	Grades 1-4 <b>Center School &amp; Windermere Schools</b> Oct. 3,17,24;Nov. 7,14,21 Grades 1-4 <b>Crystal Lake School</b> Oct. 5,12,19,26; Nov. 2,9	3:30pm-5:30pm 3:30pm—5:30pm	Grades 1-4 Grades 1-4	\$65.00	Vernon Lanes
<b>*Children Bused from schools to Vernon Lanes Parents Pick-Up at Vernon Lanes. Fee includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, bus transportation and a free pizza party at the end of program.</b>					
Indoor Fall Softball Clinics	Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20	6:00pm - 9:00pm	3/4, 5/6, 7/8	\$5.00	CLS OR EHS To be announced
Folk Dancing & Latin Belly Dancing	Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, & 17	6:15pm - 7:15pm	ADULTS & CHILDREN	\$30.00	EMS
Intro to Fashion & Costume Design	Oct. 20, 27, Nov 3, & 17	7:15pm - 8:15pm	ADULTS & CHILDREN	\$30.00	EMS
<b>Woman's Outdoor Soccer</b>	In conjunction with the Eastern CT Women's Soccer league, a competitive soccer program is held Sunday mornings at Brookside Park	8:30 - 12 noon	25 and older	To be determined by team sponsor	Brookside Park

**Recreational League Basketball Registration**  
**September 26, 2005—November 20, 2005**

**Grades 3-8**

**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.
- **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.
  - 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.

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

**Monday: 8:30 am—6pm**

**Tuesdays—Thursdays: 8:30am—4:00pm**

**Fridays 8:30 am—1:30 pm**



**Recreational League Fees**

- \$60 (1 child)**
- \$100 (2 children)**
- \$135 (3 or more in family)**

**Recreation League Evaluation Clinic Dates:**  
**Saturday, December 3rd, 2005**

**Boys @ Ellington Middle School**  
 3rd & 4th grade 8:30 am— 9:30 am  
 5th & 6th grade 9:45 am—10:45 am  
 7th & 8th grade 10:45 am—12:00 noon

**Girls @ Windermere School**  
 3rd & 4th grade 8:30 am— 9:30 am  
 5th & 6th grade 9:45 am—10:45 am  
 7th & 8th grade 10:45 am—12 noon

**Boys & Girls Instructional Youth Basketball**

**Ages 4 years—2nd Graders (As of 12/31/05)**

**Saturday Mornings @ the Ellington Middle School**

**Registration: September 26th—December 2, 2005**

**Program Dates: December 10, 17, ; January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006 ; February 4, 11, 18**

**2nd graders—8:30a.m.— 9:30am**

**1st graders—9:30a.m.— 10:30am**

**Kindergarten—10:30a.m.—11:30am**

**4 Year olds—11:30a.m.—12:15pm**

**Instructional Fees**

- \$30 1 child**
- \$45 2 children**
- \$62 3 or more children**

**Travel Basketball Information:**

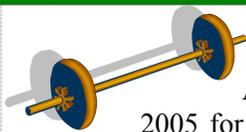
**To be eligible for selection a player MUST attend a minimum of 2 tryouts.**

**Travel team tryout policy:** The Travel Teams will be registered for boys and girls in grades: 5th , 6th , 7th and 8th, **provided enough players are registered to provide recreation division teams.** A player selected to a travel team may choose to play on a recreation team as well, but is **NOT** required to play both. (Parents: If a decision is made to have your child compete on both a recreation and travel team, please keep in mind that the participating player **MUST** complete his/her commitment to the recreation team. Failure to do so may result in removal from the travel team. Consider the weekly practice schedule along with the game schedule before making a final decision, which has a deadline of December 1.

**Travel Team TRYOUTS will be held between the 3rd week of October and the 2nd week of November. An updated schedule will be distributed through the public schools, media outlets, and our website [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov)**

**Travel Team Fee:**

**\$125 includes Board Officials, Timers, Scorers and Custodial Fees. Plus each player must submit a separate check to the Coach in the amount of **\$25** for the uniform. The Coach will return the check once the complete uniform is returned at the end of season.**



## WEIGHT TRAINING FACILITY

**Pre-Registration is required**

A renovated strength and conditioning facility at Ellington High School will be available in October 2005 for use to Ellington residents 14 years and up. The facility features a complete line of new equipment including; A Smith machine, Squat and half squat racks, a calf machine, bicep and triceps machines, lat pull down machines, as well as adjustable benches and an array of dumbbells. The facility will be staffed by a Recreation Supervisor who will conduct orientations and facilitate proper care and use of equipment.

Open use at the Fitness Center during the hours and dates posted will be in effect unless the size of the facility does NOT allow for adequate use by the registrants. If that occurs, the Town of Ellington reserves the right to readjust the scheduled use of the facility and may implement a specific time frame/pre-registration format, on a weekly basis. Further, the Town of Ellington reserves the right to reduce or revamp the Fitness Center's operational hours based on the actual number of registrations and payments received. Revenue collected for the operation of the Center will cover the costs of staffing the facility and contributing toward the upkeep of the equipment.

**First Session Dates:** Oct. 4,6,13,18,20,25,27; November 3,8,9    **Saturday hours starting December 10**

**Time Frame:** 7pm-9pm

**Fees:** Students 14-18 : \$30.00; Adults \$40.00 ~ **Check the website [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov) for details**

### **High School Students Only**

The weight Training Facility will be open to Ellington High students, ages 14-18 on Fridays from 8-9:30pm. Not sure what the lifting craze is all about? We can assist you in developing a workout to help you achieve your strength or toning goals. What are you waiting for?

### **Town of Ellington Fitness Policy**

- **Group Exercise Classes and Weight Training times are subject to cancellation due to Board of Education activities.**
- **Programs will not be held on the following dates due to closure of Ellington Public Schools Sept. 5, Oct.10,11, Nov. 10,11,23,24; Jan. 2,13,16; Fe. 20; March. 24; April 14**
- **All participants must complete registration forms and A Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire. A physicians referral may be required before participation.**
- **Children 14 years and older are welcome with a participating adult.**

### **Group Fitness Classes:**

#### **Pilates~Kripalu Yoga~Fitness Fusion**

- ⇒ Pre-registration is required.
- ⇒ Full Payment is required at time of registration.
- ⇒ Fees may be pro-rated.
- ⇒ No Credits unless documented illness or mitigating circumstances.

#### **Pilates**

Mondays, 6:00pm - 7:15pm @ Center School

Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct 3, 17, 24

Fee: \$35.00

With an emphasis on breath, core conditioning and body awareness, Pilates exercise is a safe and effective way to stretch, strengthen and streamline your body. The perfect complement to cardiovascular exercise. Bring a sticky mat, water bottle, and stability ball.



#### **FITNESS FUSION**

Center School ~ Fee: \$40 per 6-week session

Session 1: Sept. 20,27; Oct.4,18,25, Nov 1.

Session 2: Nov. 8,15,22,29;Dec.6,13

This intelligent workout focuses on a strong, centered, well coordinated trunk so that athletes and exercisers alike can perform activities safely and effectively with more strength, balance and control. The workout combines cardiovascular, strength, endurance, conditioning and resistance training components to improve the way your body looks, moves and feels...faster than you thought possible. Bring a sticky yoga mat, water bottle, stability ball and /or 2 pair of dumbbells (#5 ,#8 or #10 dumbbells).



#### **Kripalu Yoga**

Thursday Evenings, 6:30-8pm

Hall Memorial Library

Instructor: Wayne Morganson

Dates: Sept. 8,15,22,28;Oct. 6,13

Fee: \$40.00 per 6-week session

Weekly/on-going program, participant MUST register in advance for 6 week payment sessions.

**BASKETBALL OFFICIALS:** The Recreation Department is providing a mandatory pre-season basketball official's clinic, a combined classroom and floor mechanics format, to all youth and adults ages 14 and up. The Central Connecticut Board (#6) of approved (IAABO) basketball officials organization will be providing clinicians/rule interpreters for the classes. The classes are slated to be held between the second week of November to the first week of December. Pre-registration by calling the Recreation Office at 870-3118.

**FALL SOCCER 2005**

The Recreation Department's Fall 2005 Soccer Program encompasses children ages 4 through 14. The Instructional program is held on Saturday mornings only. The Recreation Division program (grades 3 through 8) has begun practice. Travel Team selections have been completed and teams in the U-10, U-12 and U-14 age groups will compete versus surrounding towns. Late registrations will be accepted for the Recreation and Instructional programs at the Recreation Office. **Fees: \$22.00 Instructional; \$24.00 Recreation Division**



**Dear Soccer participant, enthusiast, spectator!!!**

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

**Coaches' Needed!** Coaches' educational training dates; Coaching Coordinator Mike Pantuosco, and other experienced coaches will provide training. NO FEE. Pre-registration is mandatory even if you are only available to attend 2 of the 3 clinics. A clinic date will be arranged for the early part of September.

**Seeking New Referees!** We are looking for assistance with recruitment of new officials or individuals interested in becoming an official.

**Fundraising Assistance:** During the recent budget deliberations the proposed budgets for both fertilization and field maintenance supplies were reduced to ZERO DOLLARS for the 2005-06 fiscal year. The budget reduction has created a financial dilemma the Parks and Recreation Commission is attempting to solve either through revenue enhancements or through community support. This may involve organizing a one-time event like a dance, an auction or charring opening day. Setting up and sustaining a "Friends of Recreation Incorporated Fund" is another goal. Maintaining the continued success of this program while experiencing decreased funding will require increased fundraising and volunteerism. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- Coach/Assist.     Field Preparation     Fundraising     Donor     Opening Day Chairperson     Dance
- "Friends of Soccer" Endowment Program     Auction     Clerical     Referee     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Availability?  Days  Evenings  Weekends

**Responses to:** 31 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187, Recreation Dept. Ellington, CT 06029 Email: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

**Questions/Comments:** Fundraisings: Laura Mulka, socermama64@sbcglobal.net; Coaching: Mike Pantuosco, mikep@paquetteelectric.com; Fundraising: Tom Stauffer, tpstauffer@aolcom

**Tri-Town Tennis (OPEN) Tournaments**

The Towns of Ellington, Vernon and Tolland are offering tennis tournaments in many age/grade levels on the following weekend:

**October 1 & 2, 2005 (a rain date to be determined)**



**Eligibility:** Legal resident of any of the three communities.

**Fee:** Singles: \$4 per person    Doubles: \$7 per pair

**Each pair or single required to bring a new can of tennis balls.**

**Single elimination, best 2 out of 3 sets.**

**Locations TBD:** Brookside Park in Ellington, Rockville High School or Henry Park in Vernon, Tolland High School or Crandall's Park in Tolland.

**FALL BASEBALL:**

Registration has begun for Little League Fall Baseball.

Fee: \$25.00

Registration may be completed at the Recreation Department

For more information please visit their website at ellingtonLL@sbcglobal.net or call Bill or Maggie Stabinsky @ 875-6266.



**HOT SHOT BASKETBALL SHOOTING CONTEST**

**NOV. 18 AT THE ELLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Each player will have one-minute to shoot from designated "hotspots" placed on one-half of the court. The contest challenges a players speed, shooting, dribbling and rebounding ability. The top scorer moves on to the next level of the contest within Tolland County, and ultimately qualifies for State level qualification. Age corresponds to the age of the child on or before Dec. 31, 2005.

**Pre-Registration required no later than Nov. 15**



**Boys & Girls**

**Age groups:  
9-10; 11-12; 13-15**

**Fee: \$5 per player**

**Parent/Child portion will be scheduled.**



## Harvest Moon Revue

1940's Variety Show

Saturday, October 15, 2005

7:30 PM

Ellington High School Auditorium

\$8.00 per person

Tickets available at the Senior Center and Hall Memorial Library



Script written by Bill Prenetta, Variety Show Director. Performances by Senior Center staff and volunteers, High School and Middle School students. For more information, contact Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director @ 870-3133.

Senior Center Van transportation will be available the evening of the performance. Call the Senior Center for reservations.



## TOWN OF ELLINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

Sept. 5	Labor Day
Oct. 10	Columbus Day
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 26	Christmas Holiday

Rubbish collection will be delayed 1 day for the Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day holidays.



## Blood Drive

October 15, 2005

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Windermere School, 2 Abbott Road



This Blood Drive is dedicated to 2 students at Windermere School who have had bone marrow transplants

For an appointment,

CALL **1-800-GIVE LIFE** (1-800-448-3543) or

**Windermere School 896-2329**

## 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

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

Go to our website and sign up for **Automail** to get the latest Town info via e-mail. You will receive timely information throughout the year regarding holiday trash delays, road closings, parks and recreation programs, referendums and election polling hours, special events, cancellations, reminders and the Ellington Connection. At any point you may unsubscribe from this service. Your personal information and e-mail address will not be shared or used for political campaigns.

If you would like to place an article in the Ellington Connection, contact Marie Sauvé in the First Selectman's Office @ 870-3100 or email [msauve@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:msauve@ellington-ct.gov)

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