

THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION



**FROM THE
FIRST
SELECTMAN
870-3100**



Greetings,

The Town's potential move to an automated trash pick-up method has generated much discussion. Allow me to clarify the situation.

The Town first considered this change in 2005. The estimated cost to residents was published in the May 2005 newsletter. Since Ellington would be one of the first customers using the new system, that estimate included startup costs. Residents were asked for input and if there was enough interest, the system could be in place by November 2005.

In the September 2005 edition of the newsletter it was reported that the feedback had been negative and that the trash collection program would remain unchanged. There was no vote, nor was a count maintained of those who had provided input. Being on the leading edge of incorporating the change would have resulted in additional cost at that time, so it was not worth doing.

The Board of Selectmen voted to go out to bid for the collection of solid waste and recyclables before the expiration date of the current agreement which is June 30, 2008; therefore, we are again looking at automated collection as a possible **cost reduction** method. The "up-front" costs would be minimal since the system is already in place elsewhere. Would this approach now save the residents money? We won't have that answer until the proposals are received and reviewed. Will some residents be against it even if it saves money? I'm sure some will oppose it for reasons other than cost but, ultimately, the decision will rest as it always has, on what's best for the common good of the Town.

If we do switch to automated pickup, here are some things you should know:

- Bulky waste will continue to be picked up as before and included in the User Fee. There will not be a separate charge for this service.
- One cart will be provided to each household, funded by the Town. Additional carts will be available for purchase by the resident. (Cost not yet determined)

Things you should know about our current trash disposal program are:

- The annual User Fee that residents pay in November covers the cost of residential trash pickup, including bulky waste.
- The cost of the "tipping" fee charged by CRRRA to dispose of trash and bulky waste is included in everyone's annual property tax bill.

Michael P. Stupinski
First Selectman

The Ellington Connection Survey Results

Thank you to all who responded to our survey in the last edition of The Ellington Connection in which we asked for your input regarding your preference in receiving the Ellington Connection. The survey yielded the following responses:

Preference	# of Residents
Paper Copy	39
Electronic Copy	31
Both Paper & Electronic Copy	4

We mailed 6,300 copies of The Ellington Connection Winter 2008 edition and as you can see, just over 1% of the recipients responded.

Many senior citizens expressed concern that they did not have a computer...some did offer suggestions to have paper copies available at Town buildings...but most preferred a mailed copy.

At this point, with the results so close from such a small survey sampling, there is not a clear indication for change. We will continue to produce and distribute paper copies of The Ellington Connection. It will also be posted on our website and distributed electronically to those residents who have signed up for our Automail distribution.

We encourage all residents to register their email addresses on the Town's website to receive timely information throughout the year regarding holiday trash delays, road closings, referendums hours, etc. and the Ellington Connection. Currently we have 876 participants in our Automail database. We do not share your email address nor will it be used for political campaigns. And you can opt-out at anytime.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 27—May 3

Thank You!...

to all of Ellington's many volunteers. Your gift of time makes Ellington a better place!

Check the website for Board/Commission Vacancies

www.ellington-ct.gov

Select "Government" tab
Select "Boards & Commissions"

Anna Turner
Elderly Outreach Caseworker
870-3131

Helping Senior Citizens
Avoid Tax Code

Thursday, March 20 at 2:30 pm
Ellington Senior Center

Guest Speaker:
Mark P. Garvey of Prudential Services.

Many seniors are currently paying taxes on their Social Security and may be paying more than necessary. Mr. Garvey explains how this is possible and how it could be avoided.

Call 870-3131 to RSVP for program.

Social Security & You

Thursday April 3 at 2:30pm
Ellington Senior Center

A representative from the East Hartford Social Security office will give general information on all Social Security benefit programs and also on how to apply for Survivor Benefits.

Call 870-3131 to RSVP for program.

ANNUAL TRIAD
SENIOR SAFETY DAY

Thursday, May 29

9 am to 12 noon

Ellington Senior Center

The Ellington TRIAD program will host its **3rd Annual Senior Safety Program** on May 29th. This year's program will focus on:

"Creating your own
Civil Preparedness Response Plan".

Representatives from Federal, State & local agencies will speak on being prepared for an emergency community situation.

You must pre-register by calling 870-3133 as there is limited seating for this event.

Refreshments will be served.

Robert Phillips, Town Planner
870-3120

Plan of Conservation & Development

The Ellington Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING to present the proposed *Ellington Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)* at a

Special Meeting of the PZC
Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7PM
Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street.

The draft plan was reviewed, modified, and endorsed by the Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation and Development Committee over the past year with the assistance of Ellington residents, town staff and Planimetrics, an Avon based consulting firm contracted to facilitate the update.

The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every 10 years and the Ellington Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) last amended the plan in phases from 1997 through 1999. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities over the next ten years.

More specifically, the revised POCD will:

- ⇒ Establish land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- ⇒ Encourage economic development and reduce residential development;
- ⇒ Protect natural, scenic, cultural resources, and promote quality of life for residents;
- ⇒ Enhance and preserve the rural character and small town aesthetics;
- ⇒ Establish zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- ⇒ Create more comprehensive and flexible land use regulations to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner.

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the Town uses to guide conservation and development practices and are derived from the POCD. Both sets of regulations will be reviewed and likely amended following the adoption of the POCD.

The draft POCD and other related documents can be reviewed online at the Town's website: www.ellington-ct.gov, click on "Our Town News" in the middle of the page and you will find the link to the document. Printed copies can also be reviewed at the following locations: Hall Memorial Library; Planning Department; and the Town Clerk's office.

Ellington residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to view this presentation and offer further input prior to adoption of the POCD.

For additional information contact:
Robert A. Phillips, AICP, Town Planner
870-3120

Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector
870-3113

Sewer Use Bills

Sewer use charges will be due and payable on April 1, 2008. The last day on which to pay without penalty will be Thursday, May 1, 2008. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you mail your payment and wish to have a receipt returned.

Tax Issues

As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and all interest charges and collection costs, as per Connecticut General Statute 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, 18 percent per annum, from the due date of the tax. There are no exceptions to this policy. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 870-3113 to request a copy of your bill.

If you are being billed for a motor vehicle which was sold, destroyed, stolen or removed from Connecticut, you must provide proof to have the bill adjusted or removed from the tax rolls. Delinquent motor vehicle taxes have been reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles and will prohibit you from renewing your registration.

We will be filing liens for unpaid real estate taxes in May 2008. Payment must be received in full to avoid imposition of the tax lien and associated fees.

Paying Tax Bills Online

You may now pay your real estate, motor vehicle, and personal property taxes online, by visiting the Town of Ellington's website, www.ellington-ct.gov. There will be a nominal fee charged for this service. Sewer use fees and refuse fees are not accepted online.

Rhonda McCarty, Assessor
870-3109

HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The homeowners' program allows a tax credit for qualifying individuals. To qualify the homeowner (or spouse, if domiciled together) must have been 65 years of age by the end of 2007, reside at the property and meet the income requirements*. Income is defined as adjusted gross income and tax exempt interest, plus any other income not included in the adjusted gross income. Totally disabled persons, regardless of age, are initially eligible for the program provided they have a Social Security Award letter specifying a date of entitlement during the current benefit year or a SSA-1099 with Medicare premiums.

Applications must be filed every two years. If you are currently on the program you will receive an application if it is your year to file. Anna Tuner, NSW/Elderly Outreach Social Worker, is available to assist seniors in completing the application. Call her at 870-3131 before May 1, 2008.

The filing period for the homeowners' program is February 1 through May 15. Applications are available at the Assessors Office.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

Any person entitled to a veteran's exemption may also be entitled to additional exemptions if they meet the income requirements*. Applications must be filed every two years. If you are currently on this program you will receive an application if it is your year to file. The filing period for this program is between February 1 and October 1. Applications are available at the Assessors Office.

*Income requirements

To qualify for the 2007 benefit year the maximum income is \$36,500 for a married couple and \$29,800 for a single person.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Hours of Operation

Opens April 5, 2008

April, May, June

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

Items accepted:

leaves, brush, firewood and trunks of trees.

Items not accepted:

Construction materials, grass clippings and tree stumps. GreenCycle (860-827-1490) on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps.

**Proof of residency
is required.**

Bulky Waste Pickup

Bulky waste includes scrap metal, white goods, appliances, aluminum, copper, brass, tools, water tanks, pipes, faucets, tires, rims, furniture, carpet, toys, toilets, sinks, tubs, mattresses, box springs, etc. Wood and carpet cannot exceed 4 ft in length. Carpet should be rolled and tied. No more than 2 cubic yards of bulky waste allowed per week. Please call

All American Waste 289-7850
to schedule a pickup.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
870-3160

NEW ONLINE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Library has recently subscribed to a great new service for children. Scholastic BookFlix is a brand new online literacy resource for children grades K-3. BookFlix pairs award winning, classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic, to build a love of reading and learning. The engaging way to link fact and fiction, BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration. BookFlix will be available on the computers in the Children's Room of the Library, at the elementary schools and from your home computer. Visit the Library website at www.biblio.org/ellington to register for home use of this fun new program.

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

Have you checked out the Library's collection of downloadable audiobooks? There are now over 360 titles to choose from, including recent additions Book of the Dead by Patricia Cornwell, The Appeal by John Grisham, and Stone Cold by David Baldacci. Go to the Library website and click on "Audiobook Downloads" to borrow these and all the great titles. Have questions or need help getting started? Just call the Library. This service is funded by the Friends of the Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION FOR TEENS

The Library will host a book discussion featuring stories by Chris Crutcher on March 19, 7-8pm. The stories deal with some of the tough issues both teens and adults face today. They are a reflection of life as Crutcher sees it, combining humor with difficult and serious situations, with athletics always playing an important part in the stories and the lives of his characters. Crutcher is a popular author with teens in grades 7-12. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

IT'S BUDGET TIME

It's that time of year when all Town departments and agencies are compiling their annual budget requests, thereby kicking off the annual budget process. Do you know where you fit in? The Library has developed a brochure (see page 5) to explain the town budget process and your part in it. Be an informed citizen and participate! Budget documents are available for review at the Library, in the Town Clerk's Office and online at www.ellington-ct.gov; Select: Town Services; Select: Finance.

Hall Memorial Library	Hours: Monday—Thursday 10 am—8 pm
	Friday & Saturday 10 am—5 pm
	Sunday 1 pm—5 pm

Ellington Junior Women's Club

25th Annual

FAIR ON THE GREEN

May 10, 2008

10 AM—4 PM

For booth or other information, contact:

Terry Barone
98 Pinnacle Road
Ellington, CT 06029

Telephone: 870-8392

Email: terbar5@snet.net

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES FOR 2008

- March 19, 20, 25 Budgets presented to the Board of Finance, 7:30 pm, Town Hall
- March 28 Budget proposal published
- April 8 Public Hearing, 8:00 pm, Ellington High School
- April 22 & 24 Board of Finance Budget deliberations, 7:30pm, Town Hall
- May 1 Final budget proposal published
- May 13 **Annual Town Meeting on Budget
8:00 pm, Ellington High School**

See Page 5 for details on the budget process.

Ellington Mill Rate

24.5

ELLINGTON TOWN BUDGET PROCESS—Prepared & distributed by the Hall Memorial Library

One of the areas of concern identified by the long-range planning process for the Hall Memorial Library in Ellington was the general lack of understanding by the citizens of the processes of town government. This has been illustrated repeatedly during budget seasons and has come to light once again as the Planning and Zoning Commission work to revise the Town Plan of Conservation and Development and the zoning laws, and when the Charter Revision Commission updated the Town Charter. Citizens are unsure how and when to participate in the process. To help remedy this situation, the Library has elected to become an active partner in the citizens' quest for information about the town they live in.

Ellington operates under the Town Meeting form of government. This means that the citizens, at a Town Meeting, decide some government issues, including the annual operating budget, town charter, or other laws with a voice vote or a show of hands. If the vote is close, the town meeting moderator could ask voters to stand. Originally, all issues that concerned the general good of the community, even elections, were decided at a town meeting, but that has gradually changed. In recent years, the actual voting to approve the annual town budget has frequently been done at a referendum, using the voting machines. A referendum lasts the whole day, allowing people to fit their participation into their schedule, instead of attending a meeting at an allotted time. The process that leads to the referendum, however, is still built on a series of public meetings, at which **citizen participation is key**.

Before the public meetings, the departments, boards, and commissions start the budget process by preparing their annual budget requests. Budgets are prepared individually by the Library, the Fire Departments, the Ambulance Corps, the Senior Center, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Human Services Department, the Planning Department, and the Public Works Department. Town Hall departments, i.e., Selectman's Office, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and Finance Office are compiled into the Selectman's budget. The Board of Education prepares the budget request for the school system. While each entity goes through approximately the same process, at the Library the process is as follows: during January, the Library Director and Library Board review the progress of the first six months of the fiscal year, i.e. July through December; plan for increases in utilities, wages, etc.; determine costs for any building repairs; explore new initiatives; consider patron suggestions; take into account the guidelines issued by the Board of Finance, and formulate a budget to support the operation of the Library for the next year. This budget request is then reviewed with the Town Finance Officer before the submittal deadline of mid-February.

Once all the department budgets are prepared, reviewed and submitted, they are compiled and distributed to the members of the Board of Finance. Copies are made available to the public at the Library and the Town Hall.

Budget requests are formally presented to the Board of Finance at three special public meetings during March. These meetings, held in the Town Hall Meeting Room, provide the opportunity for the department heads, boards, and commissions to individually present and elaborate on their budget requests and for the Board of Finance members to ask questions. **These meetings are open to the public, and citizens may also ask questions and make comments.**

The next step is in April, when the annual Budget Public Hearing is held at the High School. The Board of Finance formally presents the budget proposal to the Town's citizens. Reports are made concerning changes in utility costs, insurance, negotiated salary adjustments, major repair or construction projects or other issues that need to be addressed. **This is the crucial time for citizen questions and comments, whether positive or negative**, and it is in the weeks following this Public Hearing, that the Board of Finance works to fine tune the budget proposal, taking into account the comments from the public. Each line item in each budget is studied as they work to balance services and funding. **These meetings are also open to the public.**

Finally, in May, it is time for the Annual Budget Town Meeting. It is presided over by an impartial moderator and run by Robert's Rules of Order. This meeting is the culmination of months of work on the part of Town officials, both elected and paid. Once again the budget proposal is presented to the public. Areas of note are highlighted and questions are addressed. The budget may be voted on at this meeting, but for the past several years the meeting has been adjourned to a referendum for the vote.

While voting in a referendum is the ultimate right of citizens in a democratic community, it is not as useful to the voters or town officials as the exchange of ideas and information that takes place in a public forum. Take the opportunity to hear the whole story before you vote and to participate in the democratic process we hold so dear.

Copies of the complete budget proposal are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office, the Selectman's Office, the Board of Education Office and the Library. Copies to borrow are also available at the Library.

Copies of the **summary** are available at the Library, the Town Hall, and on the town website at:

www.ellington-ct.gov



ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2008 SPRING PROGRAM FLYER

**Address:**

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

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

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

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

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

General Information

We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements. Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the first week of registration.

Registration: All registrations are currently being accepted in the Recreation Office by computer entry during regular office hours (see hours above) or through our online registration program via the Town's website.

Online Registration: The Ellington Recreation has implemented a new, convenient online service that will enable participants to identify their interests and sign up for programs and activities within the designated registration periods. Signing up for programs is simple, fast and convenient. The community can search for activities; view program details, schedules and availability; register in just minutes; and pay online with a credit card*, when and where it's most convenient for them. As an added convenience, registrants will receive an e-mail immediately following an online transaction to confirm their enrollment in a program. Registering is EASY! To access the Recreation Department's new online service, please visit the Town of Ellington's website at www.ellington-ct.gov, select 'Town Services'; select 'Parks & Recreation' or call 870-3118 for more information.

*Note: A service fee will be applied when using a credit card.

Payment: Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid in FULL. We accept checks and cash [credit cards for online registration only]. Make checks payable to the TOWN OF ELLINGTON.

- **Non-Residents:** Add \$5/program/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 \$3 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. Contact Bob Tedford at the Recreation Office (870-3118) if you would like to discuss the possibilities.

ADA Statement: The Recreation Department complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 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.

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 Recreation 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.

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department will accept NEW applications for summer employment until April 1. Applications received after April 1 will be accepted and stamped, "if needed". Positions available: WSI lifeguard, summer camp counselor, 'special skills' instructor, soccer, softball, basketball officials. Applications must be submitted in person at the Recreation Office ~ 31 Arbor Way.

Ellington High School 2007 Boys Class M State Championship Soccer Team Recognition

March 28 ~ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

St. Luke's Church Hall

\$5 Adults / \$2 Children under 18

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission/ Department will hold a special "recognition" evening to honor the Ellington High School 2007 Boys Class M State Championship Soccer Team. Guest Speaker will be Dan Gaspar, the Head Coach of the Men's Soccer Team at the University of Hartford. A limited number of tickets will be available to the public beginning March 14, and can be secured at the Recreation Office during normal business hours. For more information contact 870-3118.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot (Outdoor) Tennis Lessons	0508.403	Session 3: May 8,15,22,29	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 3-5	\$30 per session	Brookside Park
	0508.404	Session 4: June 5,12,19,26				
Pee Wee (Outdoor) Tennis Lessons	0509.403	Session 3: May 8,15,22,29	6:30-7:15pm	Ages 5-7	\$30	Brookside Park
	0509.404	Session 4: June 5,12,19,26				
Youth Outdoor Tennis Lessons	0501.103	Session 3: May 8,15,22,29	7:15-8:30pm	Ages 8-13	\$30	Brookside Park
	0501.104	Session 4: June 5,12,19,26	7:15-8:30pm			
Youth INDOOR (Co-ed) Soccer	0301.102	March 6, 13,20,27; April 3,10	5:45-6:45pm 6:45-8:00pm 8:00-9:15pm	Grades 2,3,4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$20	Middle School
Youth Informal Basketball Boys & Girls	0910.101	March 17,24,31; April 7	5:30-7:15pm	Grades 3-6	\$3	Windermere School
Mom & Me Baby Yoga (non-walkers)	MOME.NW	Session 3: April 21,28; May 5,12	11-11:45am	Non-Walkers	\$30	Hall Memorial Library
Mom & Me Yoga Play	MOME.102	Session 3: April 21,28; May 5,12	12-12:45pm	Ages 1-3	\$30	Library
Kids Yoga Play	KIDS.YOGA	Session 3: April 25; May 2,9,16	4:00-5:00pm	Ages 4+	\$30	Library
Music & Movement for Tots! <i>Open to Ellington residents ONLY through March 17; non-residents after the March 17. (Non-residents +\$5.00)</i>	0511.403 Class 1	Session 3: April 2,9,23,30; May 7,14,21,28 (Wednesdays)	9:15-10am	Ages 1-3	\$65	Arbor Commons 1
	0511.404 Class 2	Session 4: April 3,10,24; May 1,8,15,22,29 (Thursdays)				

Golf Camps: Plans are underway to offer 2, possibly 3, weeks of day camps in the summer of 2008. The camp format will allow for 3 days (9am-2pm) at a fee of \$180.00, \$10.00 reduction for 2 or more children in same family. Details to follow.

Outdoor Golf Lessons @ Ellington Golf Center

Fee: \$60.00 each session ~ Pre-Registration Required at the Recreation Department

Open House at Ellington Golf Center: May 6th

Session 1: Outdoor Lessons ~ April 19, 26; May 3, 10

11 am -12noon	Women's Class
12pm—1pm	Co-ed Adults Class
3pm—4pm	Youth 6-9 years old
4pm—5pm	Teens 10-13 years old

Session 2: Outdoor Lessons ~ May 13, 20, 27; June 3

6pm-7pm	Youth 6-9 years old
7pm-8pm	Teens 10-13 years old

Session 3: Outdoor Lessons ~ May 15, 22, 29; June 5

6pm-7pm	Women's Class
7pm-8pm	Co-ed Adults Class

Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth e-mail: jwadsworth50@comcast.net

2008 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer

The Recreation Department will offer an outdoor soccer program for boys and girls based on current CT Junior Soccer Association age/birth date guidelines (see chart). Based on enrollment and evaluation submittals of the respective coaches, teams may be formed in the following age groups:

U-18 Boys and Girls	U-9 Boys and Girls (In House)
U-16 Boys and Girls	U-8 Boys and Girls (In House)
U-14 Boys and Girls	U-6 Boys and Girls (In House)
U-12 Boys and Girls	
U-11 Boys and Girls	
U-10 Boys and Girls	

**Fees: \$28.00 (U-18-U10)
\$23.00 (Ages 4-7)**

Placement will be determined by skill level, age compatibility and available roster space. The Recreation Department will make the final determination regarding a player's placement to a respective age level; a player may attend evaluation clinics at an age group higher than his/her current age, but cannot attend an evaluation clinic at a lower age division.

Spring Evaluation Clinic Dates: To qualify a player MUST attend a minimum of (1) Evaluation Clinic in order to receive a rating.

Pre-registration is required PRIOR to going to any evaluation clinic.

DIVISION	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
U 10 GIRLS	March 29:	11:00am-12:15pm	Brookside Park
	April 5	11:00am-12:15pm	(indoors) @EMS*
	April 1, 3, 8	5:00pm-6:00pm	Brookside Park
U 12 GIRLS	March 26, 27	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	March 29	9am-10:30am	Brookside Park
	April 1	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	April 5	9:30am-10:45am	(indoors) @EMS*
U 14 GIRLS	March 29	10am-11:30am	Brookside Park
	April 1,3	5:30pm-7:00pm	Brookside Park
	April 5	10:45am-12noon	(indoors) @ EMS*
U 10 BOYS	March 25, 27	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	April 1, 3, 8	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	April 5	8:30-9:30am	(indoors)@ EMS*
U 12 BOYS	April 2	6:00-7:15pm	Brookside Park
	April 5	10:45am-12noon	(indoors) @ EMS*
	April 7 & 9	6:00-7:15pm	Brookside Park
U 14 BOYS	March 28;31	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	April 1	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	April 5	10:45am-12noon	(indoors) @ EMS*
U 16 & U 18 BOYS/GIRLS	Evaluation Clinics may be required pending final enrollment figures Pre-Registration Required		

* EMS = Ellington Middle School

Spring Soccer Age Groups CT Junior Soccer Association Birth Date Guidelines

U-19 Players born 8/1/1988 & younger
 U-18 Players born 8/1/1989 & younger
 U-17 Players born 8/1/1990 & younger
 U-16 Players born 8/1/1991 & younger
 U-15 Players born 8/1/1992 & younger
 U-14 Players born 8/1/1993 & younger
 U-13 Players born 8/1/1994 & younger
 U-12 Players born 8/1/1995 & younger
 U-11 Players born 8/1/1996 & younger
 U-10 Players born 8/1/1997 & younger
 U-09 Players born 8/1/1998 & younger
 U-08 Players born 8/1/1999 & younger
 U-07 Players born 8/1/2000 & younger
 U-06 Players born 8/1/2001 & younger

In-House Program Ages 4-8 Years

The Recreation Department once again will be offering a soccer program for our youngest players, **Ages 4 thru 8.**

The players will be split into two groups: Ages 4 & 5 and Ages 6-8. The emphasis will be "Run and Fun". Some dribbling, ball handling & kicking technique will be taught but the main purpose will be to acclimate the players to the game and let them have fun. Each session will include about 1/2 skills and 1/2 of actual small sided games. Players must be willing to run and participate in all activities.

Wednesdays:

**April 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11**

**5:30-6:30pm /4 & 5 year olds
6:30-7:30pm /6-8 year olds**

All At Brookside Park

Fee: \$23

**NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE NEEDED
FOR THIS PROGRAM TO REGISTER.**

The Northeast District offers different levels of play for various age groups:

Division 3, 4 & 5: U12 and U 14 Boys & Girls **Division 4 & 5:** U10 Girls & Boys
 Players and/or Teams will be formed based on the coaches evaluations relative to the final enrollment.

Youth Track & Field Boys & Girls ~ Grades 2 to 8

April 23 through June 28

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm ~ Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am

Fee: \$25.00 (includes T-shirt) ~ Code ID: 1212.track

**All practices commence at the
Ellington High School Track**

Time for fresh air and exercise mixed in with a whole lot of fun. Our low-key running program will help burn off that excess energy and put some new spring into your step. Faithful track parents along with long-time coach Mike Dolen gather children together twice a week at the Ellington High School Track for a fun-filled program of jogging, sprinting, trail running, occasional races with other towns, and lots of outdoor games....Rain or shine! Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 9 am. Come learn some fundamentals of good health and exercise and get into running shape at the same time. Skill or fitness level is unimportant; just the desire to get some exercise. You will get stronger, faster and have more endurance with each passing week.

Program Coordinator Coach Mike Dolen seeks volunteer help from track parents and Ellington High School students. E-mail mdolen1@comcast.net

The Eastern CT Women's Soccer Club is an outdoor recreational league for women aged 23 and over. Its focus is to provide a safe, fun, and relaxed environment for women to continue a love for the game of soccer, and to promote sportsmanship, friendship, and fitness. Games are officiated and played on a full field at Brookside Park on Sunday mornings. There is no residency requirement for our club. Spring Registration information will be posted on website and will take place in March. Fee: \$35.00 Spring Season runs from April through June. A Women's Summer "CUP" series is also being planned with the CT State Soccer Association. For more details visit: www.soccerkicks.net or call (860) 838-2169

Crystal Lake MINI-TRIATHLONS

Have you ever thought about tackling a triathlon, but thought it was way out of your league?

THINK AGAIN...YOU CAN "TRI" IT!

Join the Ellington Parks & Recreation Department as we team up with Team Training New England for a mini-triathlon right here at Crystal Lake. People of all ages and sizes can take part in this mini-triathlon. In this safe and familiar location, you will learn what it takes to participate in a triathlon.

Event dates to be determined

Course Information: The entire event will take place in Crystal Lake and around Crystal Lake area.

- ◆ Swim 1/4 mile in Crystal Lake
- ◆ Bike 12 miles
- ◆ Run 3.1 miles around the Crystal Lake area

Sign up with a friend, sibling or a spouse. Setting a goal is a great motivator to get and stay fit. You never know until you "TRI"!

Open Water Swim and Triathlon Clinic: Please join us for an Open Water Swim and Triathlon Clinic that will prepare you for these mini-triathlons. Fee: \$15 per person. Run by Team Training New England, you will learn many tips that will help you feel more confident and comfortable in the lake. Even though you feel like a "fish" in the pool, swimming in the "open water" is a completely different "animal".

Pre-Registration is mandatory at the Ellington Recreation Department. Clinic information will be forwarded by the first week of April.

Spring 2008 Outdoor Lacrosse Season Grades 3 through 8 ~ Boys & Girls

The Recreation Department must provide an accurate team enrollment number to league officials in order to become part of the league schedule. Ellington will be entering teams in the area Lacrosse League and will be competing against Vernon, Somers, Tolland, etc.

Girls/Boys: \$65.00 League Fee, which includes U.S. Lacrosse Membership

(Payable to the Parks & Recreation Department at the time of registration)

Registration Deadline: March 14, 2008

Equipment Package: Separate purchase information will be provided at time of registration.

Coaches Clinics: Individuals wishing to become assistant coaches in the 2008 Spring Lacrosse Program should contact Bob Tedford at 870-3118. Regular Pre-season and Outdoor Season (weather permitting) will be from approximately late March through the first week of June.

Recreation Department Instructional T-Ball Programs 2008 Registration Information

Boys & Girls Ages 4–6

(Age 4 in 2008 up to those who will turn 6 years old after August 1, 2008)

Saturday Mornings 10:00 am-11:00 am

Ellington High School (Fields located behind the school)

April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7
(Rain Date June 14 if needed)

Cost : \$25.00 per player (price includes T-shirt)

ID Code: 1214.tbball

All participants will need to provide their own glove. Please label your child's glove with his or her NAME. The program will cover the fundamentals of baseball and softball (Throwing, Catching, Fielding, Batting, Base Running, Positions and Rules)

**Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Department
from March 10 through April 7, 2008**

**WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEER COACHES FOR BOTH
RECREATIONAL & ADVANCED T-BALL**

Advanced T- Ball

Boys & Girls Ages 6 & 7

**(Children that do not make the age guideline for either the Boys or
Girls Little League Programs)**

April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7
(Rain Date June 14 if needed)

Ellington High School (fields) ~ 11am - 12:15pm

Cost : \$25.00 per player (includes T-shirt)

ID Code: 1215.advtbl

Program will be a coach-pitch/T-ball format. The program will cover the fundamentals of baseball and softball ~ throwing, catching, fielding, batting, base running.

Little League Information—Boys & Girls:

- Print 2008 Registration Form and the Medical Form from the link on eteamz.com/ELL website in Handouts section.
- Complete Registration and Medical forms and bring them with payment to either the Recreation Department Office during regular office hours or on **Saturday, March 22 Sign Up** at the Ellington Middle School gym entrance from 9am-11am. March 22 is the LAST DAY that you may sign up your child for the 2008 season.
- **Instructional Program** (7& 8 year olds) may sign up until the season begins April 19. To be eligible for the Instructional program, a child must be 7 years of age prior to May 1, 2008

Little League Softball:

- If not yet registered contact **Lori Savino @ 982-1803** or GSEllngtn@aol.com

Northern Connecticut Girls Softball League

The Recreation Department will sponsor summer softball for girls in the U12/U14/U16 age brackets, pending final enrollment. The deadline for registering at the Recreation Office is May 5. Inquiries received after May 5 will be accepted ONLY if roster space is available.

Age Guidelines:

U12: Born on or after 1/01/1995

U14: Born on or after 1/01/1993

U16: Born on or after 1/01/1991

Fee: \$80.00 per player which helps reduce costs associated with equipment, umpires, tournament fees and uniforms. Sponsors help support this league.

NO Metal Spikes Allowed!

Evaluation clinics will be held after May 5 and a schedule will be posted on the Park & Recreation website no later than March 24. Pre-registration is mandatory. A registrant may attend an evaluation clinic in a higher age group but must also attend a minimum of one clinic at the age appropriate level. The Recreation Department reserves the right to determine final rosters based on the travel team (athletic) policies that pertain to team placement and the selection process.

**Please visit the NCGSL
website: www.ncgsl.org**

Coaches Meeting Both Recreational & Advanced T-ball

April 23 @ 6pm

A volunteer coaches meeting will be held on April 23 in the Recreation Department Conference Room.

**To register, please call
Mary Bartley @ 870-3118 or**

Email:

mbartley@ellington-ct.gov

We hope that you can join us!



2008 Summer Concert Series @ Arbor Park



The Parks and Recreation Department is making an attempt to schedule a full summer of family concerts at Arbor Park, but HELP is needed!!!! In order to go forward and schedule the 2008 concerts the Department will need to receive various levels of sponsorships:

- ◆ \$20 Family Subscription
- ◆ \$25 Business Card Advertisement
- ◆ \$50 1/4 Page Advertisement
- ◆ \$100 1/2 Page Advertisement
- ◆ \$200 Full Page Advertisement

Projected Concert Dates: June 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10 and possibly August 5; all pending if the community and business support becomes reality!! For more info, call Bob Tedford @ 870-3118. Concert Times 6pm-7:30pm

Plans call for printing a weekly concert brochure which will include the advertisements and family names (under patrons), along with a synopsis of the musical group playing that particular week. Families wishing to help the cause and subscribe may forward a check in the amount of \$20, payable to: Town of Ellington .

Mail to: Parks & Recreation Department
31 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187
Ellington, CT 06029

American Softball Association 2008 Umpire Certification

Persons interested in becoming 'certified' as a softball umpire this spring should contact the Recreation Office at 870-3118, no later than April 1. A pre-season clinic and the completion of the 2008 ASA Tests are the minimum requirements in order to become certified. A 'field' clinic will be provided as well.

Various levels of competition are available for assignments, including: Little League Girl's and NCGSL (summer) Fast Pitch League games in the U12/14/16 age brackets.

Tennis Players

Kids, bring your families and join the Ellington Recreation Department as we cheer on the

UCONN Women's Tennis Team Vs. Marquette University

Sunday, March 30 @ 10:00am
Outdoors at the Storrs Campus

UCONN giveaways & prize packs will be awarded. If you are interested in attending this FREE event, please contact the Recreation Department (870-3118) by March 25. We do not provide transportation.

TENNIS BLOCK PARTY!!

Saturday, May 10 (@ the Jr. Women's' Club Fair on the Green

Come and join the Friends of Ellington Tennis and the Parks and Recreation Department as we introduce the latest in our tennis offerings and plans!!!

- A display of, and introduction to, QuickStart; the radical new USTA program for introducing children ages 5-10 to tennis, and in particular, USTA Junior Team Tennis.
- A fast serve booth for all to show if they are Andy Roddick or Andy Rooney!!
- A silent auction of tennis related items including US Open and Pilot Pen tickets benefiting the both the High School and Recreation Tennis programs.
- An update on the proposed Ellington High School/Somers High School Cooperative Tennis Teams.
- An outline of summer tennis programs offered by the Ellington Parks and Recreation Department.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration will be taken on May 10 at the Fair on the Green between 9am-10am for our mini-tournament featuring Men's & Women's Singles, Men's & Women's Doubles, that will be held later that day (12noon to 6pm @ Brookside Park).

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents play an active role in the success of USTA Jr. Team Tennis. From running practices to bringing refreshments, more volunteer assistance is needed. Please contact either Bob Tedford at the Recreation Department at 870-3118, or Jim Maitland (Friends of Ellington Tennis) at 860-462-3627.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Women's Self-Defense	0503.SELFD	March 20 and April 3	7-8:30pm	12 + up	No Fee	Center School
Jukido Thursday Evenings	0504.JUK4	Session 4: March 6,13,20,(27 site TBA) April 3,10,24; May 1	5:30-6:45pm	6 + up	\$70	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0504.JUK5	Session 5: May 8,15,22,29; June 5,12			\$40	
Adult Tap Dance Classes (Min. 8 to run classes)	0506.423M	Session 3: March 3,10,17,24,31; April 7,21,28; May 5,12	7:15pm-8:15pm	18 & up	\$70	Windermere School Gymnasium
Blood Borne Pathogens (Min. 6)	0505.405 0505.406	Session 1: April 7 Session 2: April 28	5-6pm	All Rec. Coaches	No Fee	Arbor Commons 2
NYSCA Coaches Clinic	0507.405 0507.406	Session 1: April 7 Session 2: April 28	6-8:30pm	All Rec. Coaches	No Fee	Arbor Commons 2
KRIPALU Yoga	0119.404M	Session 4: March 20,27; April 3,10,17,24; May 1,8,15,22	6:30-8pm	18 & up per session	\$70 (10 classes)	Hall Memorial Library
Pilates*	0117.405	Session 5: March 17,20,24,27,31; April 3	8:30-9:45pm	18 & up	\$48	Hall Memorial Library
Fitness Fusion*	0118.FF4	Session 4: March 12,19; April 2,9	7:30-8:30pm	18 & up	\$35	Center School
	0118.FF5	Session 5: April 23, 30; May 7,14,21,28; June 4,11			\$60	

***Town of Ellington Fitness Policy:** All participants must complete registration forms and a *Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire* (PAR-Q). Children 14 years and older are welcome with a participating adult.

Community Gardens Batz Property ~ 97 Shenipsit Street

Registration Information: Wednesday, March 26 @ Recreation Dept.

A limited number of garden plots will be offered this spring, with the projected parcel being 25' x 25', to be used for growing of plants for non-commercial use. Water is NOT available on site. Use of the parcel shall terminate no later than November 14, 2008. All material other than the plants themselves must be removed by November 21, 2008.

The fee is \$18 per plot (one per family) with a \$15 deposit to be returned pending satisfactory FALL cleanup.

To receive an information packet in advance, please call the Recreation Office (870-3118) and provide a mailing address. Registration is in person only.

Code ID: GARD.CLUB

Gardening: 2008: Come learn the easy way to prepare your garden for the season ahead!

March 27 @ 7pm @ Middle School

"Waking up the Garden in the Early Spring"...includes everything the gardener or the homeowner needs to know about preparing the garden for the new gardening season. It begins with a brief review of the chores that should be done every fall, then launches into the proper "spring cleanup", from debris clean up, to weeding, to which shrubs should be pruned in the spring (and which shrubs should be left alone!!)

Other spring tasks include renovating overgrown perennial beds, pruning for renovation, fertilizing, weed control, soil tests and critter proofing.

Fee: \$3 per person with a maximum of \$6 per family.

Code ID: GARD.101

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.501	Monday Evenings Concludes April 21	7:15-9:00pm	18+ up	\$3	Center School
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.504	Monday Evenings Concludes June 16	5:30-7:15pm 7:15-9:15 pm	Over 30 Under 30	\$5	Middle School
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.504	Wednesdays: Concludes April 23	7:30-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$5	EMS
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Wednesdays Concludes April 30	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$5	Windermere School
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.403	Session 3: May 12,19; June 2 ,9	7:00-8:00pm	Adult Beginner (14 & up)	\$35	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.406	May 12, 19 June 2, 9	8:00-9:00pm	Adult Intermediate (14 & up)	\$35	Brookside Park
Cardio Tennis Workouts - Involves increasing your heart rate to up to 80 % of maximum and maintaining the rate for 30-45 minutes.	0206.101	Session 3: May 12,19; June 2,9 (max enrollment 8) Par-Q form will be required prior to the starting program.	6:00-7:00pm	18 years plus	\$30	Brookside Park (or indoors if inclement weather)
Adult Outdoor Soccer Coordinator: Andy Timmons	0112.402	Tentative to begin April 27, weather & field conditions permitting	6-8pm 9-11am	18 & Up	\$5	Brookside Park

Adult Flag Football: The Recreation Department is taking registration from individuals interested in joining a Spring Adult Flag Football League or informal scrimmages. Players must be 18 years of age or older. Projected start-up date is the last week of April 2008. Contact the Recreation Department with name, address and phone if interested.

Ellington's "OWN" Ultimate Frisbee

The Recreation Department will introduce a **NEW** program this spring in the form of **ULTIMATE FRISBEE**, on both the youth and adult levels. Ultimate Frisbee is similar to soccer ,basketball and "other" sports, played on a football sized field, and is a **TEAM** game, and athletic ability is not a requirement, just an interest in having fun and getting some exercise. The adult program is for high school aged through Grand Masters (40 and above).

The **first meeting of the program is slated for March 17 @ 5:30 pm at the Brookside Park Pavilion**. The possibility of adding a Saturday program or another weeknight is feasible but will be based on the interest level. The youth program will be held for middle school students on Saturday mornings starting April 12, @ Brookside Park time to be announced.

Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office or Online by going to the Parks & Recreation website. Please contact Karl at ksneubec@firehousemail.com for further information.

A website is also available: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ellingtonultimate>.

Join our e-mail list server for updates by sending an email to: ellingtonultimate-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

**Crystal Lake
Sandy Beach
2008**

Pre-Season:

Weekends **ONLY**

**Starting June 14 & 15, 21 & 22
12 noon—5:00 pm**

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Full Season

June 23-August 23*

Weekdays: 12:00 noon-6:30 pm

Weekends: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

July 4th: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

* The feasibility of weekend hours (12 noon-5pm) on August 29-30 and September 5-6 will be based on the availability of certified lifeguards and the availability of the program's supervisory staff. A final decision will be made by the second week of April.

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Fees

Residents Daily Fee:

\$2.00 Adult 18 & up

\$1.00 Child 6-17 yrs

Children under 5 are free

Non-Resident Daily Fees:

\$5.00 Adult 18 & up

\$3.00 Child 6-17 yrs

Children under 5 are free

Beach Passes:

(Ellington Residents Only)

\$40.00 per Family

\$25.00 Individual

\$10.00 Senior Citizens

Show your ID at the Gate

April Vacation Camp

April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

**7:30 am-5:00 pm @ Ellington Middle School
Children in Kindergarten through Grade 8**

The camp's daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events (science experiments), nature/hikes and possible sledding!!
Campers should bring outdoor clothing and a bagged lunch.

Refreshments/drinks will be provided, both morning and afternoon. **Pre-registration required no later than April 7**

\$65/Week (\$18/Day) 5 Full Days ~ 9 am- 3 pm

\$48/Week (\$12/Day) 5 Half Days ~ 9 am-12 Noon

\$5 per day reduction for a second child when registering for all 5 full days; does not apply to Before/After Care

\$3 per day reduction for a second child when registering for all 5 half days; does not apply to Before/After Care

\$4 daily Before Care

\$7 daily After Care will be provided.

ID Code 1601.AVCP

**Department of Environmental Protection
Boater's Guide
Regulations for Crystal Lake**

6 MPH limit sunset to 9AM

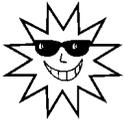
6 MPH limit on Sundays from Noon to 3 PM

45 MPH limit at other times.

- No person shall operate personal watercraft, jet-ski type vessel.
- No person shall tow anyone or anything, except a disabled vessel, with a motorboat on Sundays from Noon until 3 PM
- No kite-skiing or parasailing
- No towing of more than two water-skiers
- No water-skiing from 4 PM to 10 AM from the third Saturday in April to the third Saturday in May.
- An operator of a vessel towing a water-skier shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction around the lake.
- No mooring over 75 ft from shore
- No discharge of sewage or boat camping overnight without a no-discharge toilet aboard

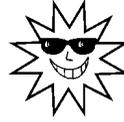
Boat Launch is located just off RT 30 on west side of lake.

Parking: 7 Cars



2008 SUMMER DAY CAMP

*Tentative start date of June 25, 2008 through August 14, 2008



Camp	Time	Fees
Full Day	8:30am - 2:30pm	\$75.00 per child per week (\$15/day)
Half Day	8:30am – 12:00 Noon	\$40.00 per child per week (\$8/day)
Before Camp Care	7:30am – 8:30am	\$3.00 per day
After Camp Care	2:30pm – 4:30pm	\$7.00 per day
Family Packages Family deductions for 2 nd and 3 rd children in same household; Discounts do not apply to before and after care rates.	Full Day	\$5.00 per day/per child reduction
	Half Day	\$3.00 per day/per child reduction

**ONLINE
REGISTRATION
STARTS**

APRIL 2

**ID CODES
WILL BE
LISTED
ONLINE**

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!
Make sure you sign up your child/children for an exciting summer of fun, games, field trips and so much more...

2008 Swim Lessons

- Session # 1** June 23-26 (Monday—Friday)
June 30-July 3 (No Class on July 4)
- Session # 2** July 7-10 (Monday—Thursday)
July 14-17 (Monday—Thursday)
- Session # 3** July 21-24 (Monday—Thursday)
July 28-31 (Monday—Thursday)

Fees: \$30.00 for 40 minute classes
\$25.00 for 30 minute classes

Lessons are filled on a First-Come, First-Serve Basis with a maximum of 10 students/class no exceptions.

Note: Ellington Participants from summer of 2007 will receive a letter by April 20 as to which class level they are to register for in the 2008 session.

REGISTRATION ON-LINE STARTS MAY 1

Adults and/or special needs individuals that would like to take swim lessons are asked to contact Mary Bartley, Recreation Supervisor/Coordinator/Waterfront Director @ 870-3118 or email: mbartley@ellington-ct.gov.

CAMPER TO COUNSELOR

Transitions Program
CPOHEART Child & Babysitting Course

Boys & Girls entering 8th Grade
Two, three-hour classes

\$45 Fee

Students moving from 7th to 8th grade will be able to begin this transition program. It would involve a Babysitting Certification Course given through the Recreation Department, which would help to prepare them for their work at camp.

Once student has completed a summer in the Transition Program, they could be invited to join the Leader in Training Program also provided by the Recreation Department. Call Bob Tedford for details—870-3118.

Boston Celtics Ticket Winners

The winners of our Boston Celtics Tickets Fundraiser were

Beth Tautkus and Ted Branon

Congratulations!...
and thanks to all who participated.

PUBLIC FORUM
Drug Abuse Prevention Council

Town Hall Meeting:
The Real Cost of Underage Drinking

Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Ellington High School Auditorium

The DAPC and subgroups, The Parent Connection and Rise Above, will sponsor a public forum titled "Town Hall Meeting: The Real Cost of Underage Drinking" to be held Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellington High School Auditorium. This is a chance for the Ellington community to listen to panelists on how the alcohol industry glamorizes drinking and targets our children with fruity drinks and creative packaging. The current laws about hosting a party, drinking and driving, and providing alcohol to minors will be discussed and what the financial consequences to parents can be. In addition, residents can learn about the dangers of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. This Public Forum is part of a national effort to prevent underage drinking and will kick off Alcohol Awareness Month for April.

For more information, contact Mrs. Deborah Stauffer at Ellington Youth Services at 860-870-3130 or email dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov.

Coming Soon...

Our website is getting a facelift!

Enhancements will make it easier to navigate...An interactive calendar will provide links to the meeting agendas.

www.ellington-ct.gov

HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

March 21
 Good Friday

May 26*
 Memorial Day

*Rubbish collection will be delayed one day for the Memorial Day Holiday only.

Blood Drive:

Monday, April 7, 2008

1:00 PM—6:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 154 Orchard Street, Ellington, CT
To make an appointment, call the Church at 875-5682 or

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

Walk-ins welcome after 2 PM

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

A copy of this newsletter is available online ~ log onto
www.ellington-ct.gov

You can also sign up for **Auto-mail** to get the latest Town info via e-mail. You will receive timely information throughout the year regarding holiday trash delays, road closings, referendums hours, special events, etc. and the Ellington Connection. At any point you may unsubscribe from this service.

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