



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Spring 2009

Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman
870-3100

Peter Williams, WPCA
870-3124

Greetings,

Pete Michaud, our Director of Public Works for over 30 years has now retired, and we all wish him well as he enters that new path in his life. You have probably heard many times, as I have, from friends in other towns that they can tell when they have entered Ellington in the winter by the great condition of our roads. That is, of course due to the talented, skilled efforts and hard work of our Public Work's crew, but it is also a reflection of Pete Michaud's planning, high standards and leadership.

Pete's service to Ellington has, of course, benefited Ellington in ways far beyond winter road conditions. Our recreation fields and municipal grounds are very well maintained. Through Pete's efforts we have energy efficient and productive town facilities, a result of cost effective renovation and, where needed, new construction. Proper training and equipment have been provided to insure both efficient and safe working conditions for our employees.

When faced with challenges Pete Michaud always found innovative ways to solve problems and get things done, and what was done was always in the best interest of the Town of Ellington. He wasn't an Ellington resident, but in every way Ellington was "Pete's Town." Thanks, Pete!

In my last column I asked you to consider helping organizations that provide valuable services to our community. There are two additional organizations fitting that category that also deserve your help. The Ellington Community Scholarship Association raises money to provide needed scholarship assistance to deserving high school graduates. The Ad Hoc Substance Free Safe Graduation Committee provides a safe, enjoyable overnight party available to all of our high school graduates. Both of these groups are facing the challenges brought on by this year's economic condition and could use your help more than ever. Please contribute to them if you can.

Michael P. Stupinski

Crystal Lake Sewer Service Area

Public Hearing:
April 21, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M.
Ellington Town Hall Annex

Proposed Crystal Lake Sewer Service Area Changes: The WPCA will be holding a Public Hearing on **April 21, 2009** for the purpose of hearing comments from property owners concerning proposed changes to the Crystal Lake Sewer Service Area. The proposed changes have been prepared as outlined by the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidance document. The changes to the sewer area are being proposed so as to comply with the states requirement that municipal sewer areas be consistent with the current State of Connecticut Conservation and Development Polices Plan and the Town of Ellington's Plan of Conservation and Development.

The main changes proposed to the sewer service area are the areas along Burbank Road and Minor Hill Road. These areas do not presently have infrastructure (sewer piping) in place and are in conflict with the Connecticut Conservation and Development Polices Plan.

A copy of the proposed changes to the Crystal Lake Sewer Service Area and the DEP guidance document can be reviewed at the Ellington Town Annex at 57 Main Street Ellington, CT.

Annual Budget Hearing
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
8:00 P.M.
Ellington High School

Annual Budget Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
8:00 P.M.
Ellington High School

For more information and details of the Proposed 2009-2010 Budget, visit the Town website, www.ellington-ct.gov, select 'Town News' or pick up a copy of the budget documents at the Town Clerk's Office, the Finance Office or the Hall Memorial Library.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
April 19—April 25

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

Doris Crayton, Human Services Director
870-3128

Free Women's Health Screenings

If you are a woman between the age of 40 and 64, and have little or no health insurance, you may be eligible for a FREE Pap test, mammogram, and heart disease screenings through the CT Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provided by Eastern Connecticut Health Network. For more information call Debra at (860) 872-5368. Call today to find out if you qualify for FREE health screenings.

ACES Project (Access, Collaboration, Education Screening)

Thursday, March 19, 2009
1:00—2:30 p.m.

Women's Center for Wellness in South Windsor

The Women's Center for Wellness in South Windsor received a grant from the Susan G. Komen CT Foundation to provide breast health and wellness programs for seniors and disabled women who have never had a mammogram or missed their yearly screening. The ACES Project works with area senior centers and skilled nursing facilities to provide free round-trip transportation to the Women's Center for Wellness for an afternoon of education, healthy snacks and a mammogram.

Ellington women can call Kathy Porter to arrange transportation and a mammogram appointment at 533-4648. Or, women can contact Erin Graziani at the Ellington Senior Center at 870-3133.

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director
870-3133

Ellington Singers "2009"

The Ellington Singers, thirty-three in number, and their Director are housed in the Ellington Senior Center. They meet every Wednesday at 10:00 am to rehearse the current music programmed for the

Spring Musicale
Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 1:00 pm.
Ellington High School—No charge.

The group performs many interesting musicale selections, "spiked" with entertaining solo performances, dancing treats, and who knows what they'll add to the "Spring Musicale". You are all cordially invited to attend this event and to participate in this special group of singers. Call the Ellington Senior Center at 870-3133.

Better Age Club of Ellington

The Better Age Club of Ellington meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm unless otherwise announced or published. The dues per year are \$3.00, payable in September. The membership is not limited to the Ellington residents and all are welcome to participate and contribute their talents. Programs are offered at each meeting and are highly diversified in content. Guests are welcome!

3/23/09 Business Meeting:
Guest Speaker: Sophia Thompkins—Singer/Vocalist

3/26/09 Business Meeting:
Guest Speaker: Peter Gomes—Hiking

Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach
870-3131

Seizure Smart Presentation

April 6 @ Ellington Senior Center at 12:30 pm

Patrick Danis, from the Epilepsy Foundation of CT will discuss details on types of seizures, dispel myths and talk about current treatments. This is a lunch & learn program; 12:30 lunch & speaker at 1pm. Please call 870-3131 to RSVP by 4/2 &/or set up transportation to attend event.

CT Homecare Program for Elders

This is a TRIAD Senior Safety Sponsored Event

April 30 @ Ellington Senior Center 12:30 pm

Attorney Laurel Mangan will present information on financial eligibility issues for this state funded homecare program. This is a lunch & learn program—12:30 lunch & speaker at 1pm. Please call 870-3131 to RSVP by 4/27 to attend &/or to set up transportation to attend event.

Caregiver Education Program

This is a 4-part program offered by the North Central Area Agency on Aging and the Dept of Developmental Services/ Aging Services. All programs held at the

Ellington Senior Center
10am to 12noon

May 13, May 27, June 3 & June 10

Speaker will address residential, legal and financial information to help you plan for your loved ones future. RSVP by May 6th by calling 870-3131. Refreshments served. For a ride to the program, call 870-3133.

**Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk
870-3105**

**Rhonda McCarty, Assessor
870-3109**

ATTENTION: ALL SPORTSMEN!

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has begun their new licensing program. The Ellington Town Clerk's Office has the new system in place and is able to issue your licenses for 2009. It is recommended that you bring last year's sports license with you along with your driver's license. We are able to scan your driver's license to obtain all needed information. We accept cash or check only.

The new DEP system also allows you to purchase your sports licenses from home on your personal computer using your credit or debit card as well as in Town Halls and most sporting goods retail locations. Visit the DEP website at

www.ct.gov/dep/fishing

or

www.ct.gov/dep/hunting

The fees remain the same as last year.

Resident Sportsman's License	Permit Fee
Firearms	\$14
Fishing	\$20
Combination (Fishing & Hunting)	\$28
Turkey Permit (Firearms or Archery)	\$14
Pheasant Stamp/Tags	\$14
Firearms Deer	\$14
Muzzleloader	\$14
Archery	\$30

**Opening Day for
Fishing Season is
April 18, 2009**

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 2008, 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, 2009.

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

*Income requirements: To qualify for the 2008 benefit year the maximum income is
 \$37,300 for a married couple
 \$30,500 for a single person.

2008 Federal Stimulus checks do not count as income for these programs.

Recycling in Ellington

The Town of Ellington Solid Waste Ordinance, Chapter 149, addresses our Recycling Program which makes it mandatory for all persons who are occupants of residential property (including condominiums) to separate recyclable material from all other solid waste generated by the residents. Failure to recycle is a violation of the Ordinance and violators will be subject to a fine. Effective February 2, 2009, Ellington began the new automated single-stream recycling program and delivered to each residential residence a new rolling bin. Converting to single-stream is expected to have a significant positive impact on recycling and trash disposal—financially and environmentally. Note: Recyclables will now be collected every other week. Call the Public Works Department if you have any questions—870-3140.

Copies of the full Solid Waste Ordinance are available upon request in the First Selectman's Office (870-3100) or online at www.ellington-ct.gov, select "Our Town News".

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
www.biblio.org/ellington ~ 870-3160

Murder on the Menu Mystery Book Discussion

- March 3 A Catered Murder, by Iris Crawford
 March 24 Fudge Cupcake Murder, by Joanne Fluke
 April 7 Prime Cut, by Diane Mott Davidson
 April 28 Dark Torte, by Diane Mott Davidson

All sessions begin at 7:30 pm. Copies of the books are available at the library. Please call 870-3160 or stop by to register.

Discover Connecticut's Natural Wonders

A presentation by Brendan Hanrahan about the geology and natural history of Connecticut—**April 23, 7:30 pm.**

Life, Language and the Pursuit of Happiness, Ernest Hemingway Alive

Character Actor Richard Clark returns to Ellington this time as Ernest Hemingway. Relive with Ernest those days from WWI through the inauguration of JFK—the tragedies and triumphs; the joys and sorrows; the sacred and profane; the love and losses. The life force of the master craftsman considered by his peers as “the greatest writer since Shakespeare.”—**May 27, 7:30 pm**

Out of the Attic: Inventing Antiques in 20th Century New England

Join us as Briann Greenfield, SSCU Associate Professor of History explains how antiques became a cultural phenomenon; why caring, obsessing & collecting antiques didn't begin until the 20th century; and how the consumer market for antiques developed.—**June 25, 7:30 pm.**

All programs are free and open to the public.

YA (YOUNG ADULTS) CORNER

NYC HERE WE COME! The Young Adult Advisory Board will be taking a field trip to New York City for a tour of the New York Public Library sometime in early May. The teens on the advisory board have been working hard to raise money for this trip. If you stopped in at the library January 22-24 you probably noticed (and hopefully purchased) some yummy baked goods at our bake sale. We had brownies, cupcakes, cookies, muffins, and fudge. We sold out and were able to raise \$187.50! WOW! Thanks go out to all the bakers, buyers, and sellers. We need to raise some more money so we're thinking of doing a car wash when all this snow and ice goes away. More information will be posted at the library as we get closer to spring weather.

The library hosted another book discussion sponsored by the Connecticut Humanities Council on March 19th. We read the book “Z for Zachariah” and had some great discussion with Jim Harriman, a fantastic storyteller and discussion leader. This was a repeat performance for Jim at the Hall Memorial Library. The teens who had attended Jim's previous discussion really enjoyed him and asked for him to come back. The CHC was happy to send him.

How Much is Your Library Worth to You?

How many books do you borrow from the library each month? If you bought them instead, how much would you have to spend? How about DVDs, magazines and audiobooks? The costs add up quickly! As budget time approaches, we thought it would be interesting to gather some info relating to the value of library services. Copies of the survey are available at the library & also on the website—www.biblio.org/ellington. Please participate. I think we all will be surprised!

It's Budget Time Again

Do you know how the budget process works? Be an informed citizen! For details on how and when to participate in the budget process, pick up a brochure at the library or from the website at www.biblio.org/ellington.

HML Serving as Census Testing Site

The U.S. Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2010 Census—and it needs help to ensure everyone is counted. Hundreds of thousands of temporary workers are needed to fill a variety of census positions across the country. Area residents can apply to earn good weekly pay, enjoy flexible hours and be part of a historic opportunity to serve their communities. Call 1-866-861-2010 to make an appointment to take the application test. Testing and training will be held at the library but administered by the Census Bureau. More information is also available at www.2010censusjobs.gov

TAX FORMS

Once again the library has federal and state income tax forms and instructions available for your convenience.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT—Pat Grundman, Children's Librarian

The Children's Department of the Hall Memorial Library has several copies of each of the **2010 Nutmeg Nominees**. These are books chosen by the Nutmeg Committee each year for 4th through 6th graders. After reading any of the ten titles, children are allowed to vote to determine the title they enjoyed the most. That title receives the **Nutmeg Book Award** for that year. The ten nominees for the 2010 award are:

Archer's Quest by Linda Sue Park
 Attack of the Turtle by Drew Carlson
 A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin
 Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix
 Drita, My Homegirl by Jenny Lombard
 The Ghost's Grave by Peg Kehret
 Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan
 Rules by Cynthia Lord
 Stumptown Kid by Carol Gorman and Ron J. Findley
 The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin

You are encouraged to read these titles as well as many other wonderful new titles in our children's area. New books are displayed at the top of the steps on the second floor of the library. Ask for assistance if you need help finding a title or the author.

A new four-week session of **Babies & Books** will begin **March 30 thru April 20, 2009**. Babies & Books is planned especially for children 9 months to 2 ½ years old and a caregiver. During the one hour program, parents or caregivers will read several board books to their child, songs will be sung and movement activities will be enjoyed. Play time is a major component of this program, that is facilitated by the Children's Librarian.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to relax and get to know one another.

This program will be offered on Mondays 10:15 to 11:15 am. and 11:30 to 12:30 pm. Registration is required and will begin March 16 at 10:00 am. You may register in person or by telephone.

Children's Book Week
May 11 -16, 2009

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will hold their semi-annual \$8.00-Per-Bag Book Sale **April 2-5** in the Upstairs Meeting Room. There will be a special members-only preview sale on Thursday evening, and the general public date will be Friday and Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday 1-3. If you are not a member but wish to attend the preview sale, you may join at the door that evening, by filling out a form anytime you visit the library or by printing and returning the form from the Friends of the Library section of the website.

SPRING PLANT SALE

The Spring Plant Sale will be **May 8 & 9**, just in time for Mother's Day and spring planting. Stop by and check out the array of beautiful plants for your garden.

BOOK CELLAR HOURS

Monday	6:30pm—8:00pm
Thursday	2:30pm—4:30pm
Saturday	10:00am—12 Noon
Sunday	2:00pm—4:00pm

National Library Week
celebrated
April 13 – 18, 2009

What a great time to come visit your
 Ellington Library!!

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SPRING HOURS

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

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Good Friday	April 10
Easter Sunday	April 12
Mother's Day	May 10
Memorial Day	May 25

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2009 SPRING PROGRAMS

Address:

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

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

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

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

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

New

Lifeguard Training Course

Dates: May 30 & 31; 8am-5pm

June 1-June 5; 4pm-8pm

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2009 @ Rec Dept

Minimum of 5 enrolled, Maximum allowed 15

Eligibility:

- 15 years old by the last day of class
- Swim 550 yards
- 200 yards of front crawl
- 200 yards of breast stroke
- 150 yards of either
- Swim Test: two swim tests to show instructor your comfort levels in the water.

The purpose of the American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding course is to teach participants the knowledge and skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies both in a pool and at a waterfront environment. The course content and activities prepare participants to recognize and respond quickly and effectively to emergencies and prevent drowning and injuries. **Cost:** \$175.00 (includes books, resuscitation mask and certification cards)

Review Lifeguard Training Course

Dates: June 13 & 14th 8am- 12 noon

@ Sandy Beach 6pm-9pm @ Recreation Dept.

Eligibility: Previously completed lifeguard training course, need to bring proof of previous certification when registering. This class is to re-certify a lifeguard whose certification is no longer current. Will need to complete 500 yard swim and swim test as well as show the skills and knowledge needed to perform as a qualified lifeguard. **Cost:** \$100 (includes book, resuscitation mask and certification card).

Questions regarding courses please contact Felicia LaPlante, Assistant Waterfront Director @ felicialaplante@yahoo.com.

Note: This class certifies you as an American Red Cross Lifeguard. Although the Town of Ellington offers this class, there is no guarantee that completion of this program will entitle an applicant to be placed in a position at Sandy Beach for the Summer of 2009.

Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon

July 12, 2009

The 2009 triathlon season is shaping up to be a jam packed calendar with events throughout Connecticut. The exciting news is that Tolland County will be hosting two events in the summer of 2009. The summer will kick-off with the Tolland Summer Solstice Triathlon in June and the newly developed Ellington Sprint Triathlon on July 12, 2009. With the assistance of the Ellington Recreation Department, Town Residents Mike Scully and Bill Dougherty, the 2009 course has been developed and approved by various departments in Ellington.

The sprint triathlon will be held on July 12th at 8:00am at Crystal lake in Ellington, CT. The course will consist of a 1/4 mile swim in the pristine waters of Crystal Lake, a 12-mile road bike through the beautiful country roads of Ellington and Stafford, and finally, a rolling 3.1 mile run around Crystal Lake. All levels of ability are welcomed. We will try to have 3 waves consisting of men's, women's and beginners. The triathlon will be limited to 100 participants; there will be on-line sign-up starting in March 2009 through the triathlon website www.ellingtontriathlon.com or the Ellington Parks & Recreation website at www.ellington-ct.gov. The cost will be \$40.00 per participant. Our team is looking for volunteers, please send an e-mail to ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net with your contact information. All profits from the race will be donated to local charities in Ellington, CT. We look forward to an awesome race and please spread the word. Come out for a great event that will benefit a local charity.

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

Community Gardens Batz Property 97 Shenipsit Street

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.

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. Registration: **March 25 @ Recreation Dept.**

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ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot (Outdoor) Tennis Lessons	0508.TT3	Session 3: Apr27; May 4,11,18	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 3-5	\$35 per session	Brookside Park
	0508.TT4	Session 4: June 1,8,15,22				
Pee Wee (Outdoor) Tennis Lessons	0509.PW3	Session 3: Apr.27; May 4,11,18	6:15-7pm	Ages 5-7	\$35 per session	Brookside Park
	0509.PW4	Session 4: June 1,8,15,22				
Youth Outdoor Tennis Lessons	0501.YT3	Session 3: Apr.27; May 4,11,18	7-8pm	Ages 8-13	\$35 per session	Brookside Park
	0501.YT4	Session 4: June 1,8,15,22	7-8pm			
Youth INDOOR (Co-ed) Soccer	0301.102	March 12,19,26 April 2,9,16	5:45-6:45pm 6:45-8:00pm 8:00-9:15pm	Grades 2-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$20	Middle School
Women's Self-Defense	0503.SELFD	March 19 and April 2	6pm-7pm	12 + up	No Fee	Windermere School
Jukido Thursday Evenings	0504.JUK4	Session 4: March 5,12,19,26; April 2,9,16,30	5:30-6:45pm	6 + up	\$60	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0504.JUK5	Session 5: May 7,14,21,28; June 4,11,18				
KRIPALU Yoga Inst. Wayne Morganson	KRIP.YOGAS	Session 4: March 12,19 (\$8 per class) Session 5: March 26; April 2,9,30; May 7,14,21,28	6:30-8pm	18 & up	\$63 (or \$8/class) per session	Hall Memorial Library

Outdoor Golf Lessons @ Ellington Golf Center Fee: \$65.00 each session Pre-Registration Required at the Recreation Department Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth e-mail: jwadsworth50@comcast.net	SESSION/DATES	TIMES	AGES
	Session 1: <u>April 18, 25; May 2,9</u>	11am -12noon 12noon—1pm 3pm- 4pm 4pm- 5pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adult Class Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old
	Session 2: <u>May 12,19, 26; June 2</u>	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old
	Session 3 <u>May 14, 21, 28; June 4</u>	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adult Class
	Session 4 <u>June 11,18,25; July 2</u>	6pm-7pm	Adult Class
	Session 5: Mini-Camp <u>July 27, 28, 29</u>	9am– 12noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 6: Mini-Camp <u>July 13,14,15</u>	9am—12noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 7 : Mini-Camp <u>Aug. 3,4, 5</u>	9am-12noon	Ages 9 to 13

2009 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 ~Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-16 Boys and Girls
- U-14 Boys and Girls ~ Full sided (11vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-12 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (8 vs. 8) on the playing field
- U-10 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field

Placement will be determined by skill level, age compatibility and available roster space. The Recreation Department will make the final determination regarding a players 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.

Fees: \$28.00 (U-18-U10)

**Spring Soccer Age Groups
CT Junior Soccer Association
Birth Date Guidelines**

Age Groups
for Seasonal Year
Sept 1, 2008
to Aug 31, 2009

- U-19 Players born 8/1/89 and younger
- U-18 Players born 8/1/90 and younger
- U-17 Players born 8/1/91 and younger
- U-16 Players born 8/1/92 and younger
- U-15 Players born 8/1/93 and younger
- U-14 Players born 8/1/94 and younger
- U-13 Players born 8/1/95 and younger
- U-12 Players born 8/1/96 and younger
- U-11 Players born 8/1/97 and younger
- U-10 Players born 8/1/98 and younger

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 going to any evaluation clinic.

DIVISION	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
U 10 GIRLS	April 1,3,6	5:30pm - 6:45pm	Brookside Park
U 12 GIRLS	March 25	5:30pm-7pm	Brookside Park
	March 28	9am-10:30am	Brookside Park
	March 31	5:30pm-7pm	Brookside Park
U 14 GIRLS	March 28	11am-12:15pm	Brookside Park
	March 30	5:30pm-6:45pm	Brookside Park
	April 2	5:30pm-6:45pm	Brookside Park
U 10 BOYS	April 1,6,7	5:30pm - 6:45pm	Brookside Park
U 12 BOYS	April 1,3,6	5:30pm -6:45pm	Brookside Park
U 14 BOYS	March 28	9am-10am	Brookside Park
	March 31	5pm-6pm	Brookside Park
	April 4	9am -10am	Brookside Park
U 16 & U 18 BOYS/GIRLS	No tryouts required players MUST pre-register at the Recreation Department		

In-House Program

The Recreation Department once again will be offering a New and Improved soccer program for our youngest players.

The players will be split into four groups: Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grades. Led by program coordinator, Matt Maznicki, the emphasis will be dribbling, basic skills, kicking techniques, passing and team play. Learning techniques/skills will be based on the age level of the athlete. Each session will include about 1/2 drills/skills and 1/2 of actual small sided scrimmages.

Pre-K and Kindergarten:

Tuesday Evenings 6-7pm
@ EHS new soccer fields.
April 28; May 5,12,19,26;June 2,9,16

First & Second graders:

Wednesday Evenings 6-7pm
@ EHS new soccer fields
April 29;May 6,13,20,27;June 3,10,17

No Make-up dates will be offered. Registrations must be in by April 20. Any late registrations will be charged an additional \$5.00 Please have your child wear sneakers or cleats, shin guards and bring a water bottle.

Fee: \$23.00

Shirt size needed at time of registration

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 25 through June 27
Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm
Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am

Fee: \$25.00 (includes T-shirt) ~
Code ID: 1212.track9

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

Been behind your video games or TV too long this winter? It's time for some fresh-air, exercise and a whole lot of fun. Our low-key running program will put some new spring into your step and build your endurance for other sports. Faithful track parents along with long-time coach Mike Dolen gather children together twice a week at Ellington High School for a fun-filled program of running, sprinting, exploring trails, racing against other towns, all while learning many of the principles of training, strengthening and stretching. We go in the rain (if your dare) or shine! Come learn some fundamentals of good health and exercise and get into running shape at the same time. Plus get a running shirt too! You will get stronger, faster and have more endurance with each passing week. Not too sure about track?

Program Coordinator Coach Mike Dolen seeks volunteer help from track parents and Ellington High School students.

E-mail : mdolen1@comcast.net

Eastern CT Women's Soccer Club

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 our 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

United States Tennis Association Adult Tennis League

The Recreation Department is looking for beginner level men and women to form one or more tennis teams representing Ellington in a league featuring teams from surrounding communities. Five to ten players are needed per team. Each match will consist of 1st singles, 1st doubles and 2nd doubles matches. Matches will be held on Monday evenings beginning at 6pm. The season will run from mid-May through July. The league will be governed by the USTA. Membership in the USTA will be required. This league is for those who fit in the National Tennis Rating of 2.5 women and 3.0 for men.

A general guideline is as follows:

1. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) classifies players in a certain skill level. The NTRP provides a simple, self-placement method to group individuals of similar ability for league play, tournaments, group lessons, social matches and club or community programs. Ratings range from 1.0 (beginner) to 7.0 (world class professional).
2. **Typical Beginner (2.5-3.0) Skill Level:**
 - **Forehand:** Form is developing, prepared for moderately paced shots.
 - **Backhand:** Grip and preparation problems; often chooses to hit forehand instead of backhand.
 - **Serve/Return of Serve:** Attempting a full swing; can get the ball in place at slow pace; inconsistent toss..
 - **Volley:** Uncomfortable at net; consistent forehand volley; has trouble with low and side shots.

Fee: \$63.00/person includes USTA and Admin cost.

Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 @ 6pm
31 Arbor Commons
Recreation Department

To register please call 870-3118 reserve you seat.

Adult Co-ED SOFTBALL Indoor & Outdoor 18 years of age and older:

Interested in playing Women's and/or Co-Ed Softball in Town? Skill level or prior experience does not matter. The goal is to provide for a recreation opportunity and to have fun together. The possibility exists of providing some preseason indoor practice times during the month of April. Contact the Recreation Office @ 870-3118 or Bob Tedford @ rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

Recreation Department Instructional T-Ball Programs 2009 Registration Information

Boys & Girls Ages 4-6

(Age 4 in 2008 up to those who will turn 6 years old after August 1, 2009)

Saturday Mornings 10:00 am-11:00 am

Ellington High School (Fields located behind the school)

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6
(Rain Date June 12 if needed)

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

ID Code: 1214.tball

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 6, 2009**

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

Advanced

Boys & Girls Ages 6 & 7

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

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6
(Rain Date June 13 if needed)

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

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 27.** Inquiries received after May 27 will be accepted ONLY if roster space is available.

Age Guidelines:

U12: Born on or after 1/01/1996

U14: Born on or after 1/01/1994

U16: Born on or after 1/01/1992

Fee: \$90.00 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 Instructional & Advanced T-Ball

April 23 @ 5:30pm

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

**To register, please e-mail
Mary Bartley
mbartley@ellington-ct.gov**

American Softball Association 2009 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 2nd. A pre-season clinic and the completion of the 2009 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.

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2009

Swim Lesson Information:

The Ellington Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Swimming Lessons at Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years-Adult. This year we will be offering the **NEW** American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels that will teach you and/or your child how to swim skillfully and safely. The prerequisite for each level is the successful demonstration of the skills from the preceding level, except for Level 1, which has **No** Prerequisite. Each level of the **Learn-to-Swim** includes training in basic water safety and helping a swimmer in distress, in addition to the skills outlined below:

You can find the swim level descriptions online at our website. Check off what skills your child can do in the water. If all skills are checked off in one level your child is ready to move to the next level. The online list serves as a guide to help choose an appropriate level at registration time. This will help minimize the switching of participants and classes so please review all skills.

2009 Swim Lessons

Session # 1 June 29 -July 2 (Monday—Thursday)
July 6 - July 9 (Monday—Thursday)

Session # 2 July 13-16 (Monday—Thursday)
July 20-23 (Monday—Thursday)

Session # 3 July 27-30 (Monday—Thursday)
August 3 - 6 (Monday—Thursday)

**(We use Fridays as make-up days if needed.)*

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 2008 will receive a letter by April 15 as to which class level they are to register for in the 2009 session.

**REGISTRATION ON-LINE & IN
PERSON FOR ELLINGTON RESIDENTS
STARTS MAY 4th @ 9AM**

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



Time: 7:30-8:30pm Ages: 14 & up
Code: ZUMBA.103
Instructor: Joanne Britton

Session 2 continued March 26 & April 2nd \$8.00 a class

Session 3: April 9,16,30; May 7,14,21, 28; Jun 4,11,18

Zumba fitness combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that allow participants to dance away their worries. It is based on the principle that a workout should be "fun and easy to do". A fusion of Latin and international music along with dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting and effective fitness system.

Fee: \$70.00 - 10 classes or \$8per individual class

Pre-Registration is Mandatory. **Location:** Center School



Master Class with Educator Specialist
And International Sensation

TANYA BEARDSLEY

April 24, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Ellington Middle School

46 Middle Butcher Road

Ellington CT

Tickets \$20 Advanced Sale Only at
Ellington Rec. Dept. ~ 870-3118

Ellington Roadrunners

YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

programs are looking for boys and girls ages 6 to 14 to become part of a winning tradition for 2009. Space is limited so don't delay.

Registration Information: Wednesday, May 13 ~ 6pm-7:30pm & Saturday, May 16 ~ 10am-12noon @ Brookside Park

A non-returnable copy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration. The fee is \$75 first child, \$60 for the second child, and \$50 each additional child in the same family. After May 16, registration fees are increased by \$10, and can be mailed to:

Ellington Roadrunners P.O. Box 501 Ellington, CT 06029

For more information contact Dale Printy @ dale.printy@yum.com

Visit website: www.ellingtonroadrunners.com

The league operates through volunteers.

Parent volunteers are also welcome to sign up.

Ellington's Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is similar to soccer, basketball and other sports, played on a football-sized field, and is a TEAM game; athletic ability is not a requirement. The adult program is for high school aged through Grand Masters (40 and above). The program will be held Monday & Friday Evenings at the Windermere School from 5:30pm to Dark. **Starting March 23rd.**


Pre-registration is required at the Rec. Office or Online by going to the Parks & Recreation website. Please contact Karl at

ksneubec@firehousemail.com

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ellingtonultimate>.

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Activity	Date	Time	Ages	Fee	Max
Music & Movement Adult participation required Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u>Wednesdays</u> Mar. 25; Apr. 1,15,29; May 6,13,20 <u>Thursdays</u> Mar 26;April 2,9,16,30; May 7,14,21	10:15am– 11am 10:15am-11am Hall Memorial Library	1-3 years old	Fee: \$70 Resident \$75 Non- Resident	10 Per session
Come sing, dance, play, and move to the beat. Jill is an experienced teacher with a degree specializing in Early Childhood Education. She will lead the class in finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities.					
Little Hands Art Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u>Fridays</u> April 3,17; May 1,8,15; June 5,12,19	10:15am—11am Wesleyan Church	1-2 years old	Fee: \$70 Resident \$75 Non- Resident	10 Per session
This once a week hands-on class offers opportunities for children and caregivers to enjoy a story, engage in sensory exploration and participate in fun age appropriate “ART” activities. These activities facilitate language, new vocabulary and promote a strong base for learning. Dress for a mess (an old t-shirt or smock is suggested) Come join us for little hands fun!!!					
Outdoor Pee-Wee Sports Adult participation required Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u>Session 1</u> April 28; May 5,12,19 <u>Session 2</u> June 2, 9,16,23	10am-11am Brookside Park	3-4 years old	Fee: \$35 per session	12 Per session
Spring is here, so come join us for outdoor fun! We will play games, run relay style drills, and emphasize team work and good sportsmanship. In this cooperative play setting we will strengthen basic skills of catch, throw, kick, run, jump, fall and roll. It’s a great introduction to group sports with parents and instructor guiding support. Run on down and sign up for this one is a slam dunk for the little ones!					
Messy Marvin Mondays! Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski	<u>Thursdays</u> April 2,9,16,30; May 7,14,21,28	10:15am– 11am Hall Memorial Library	Ages 3-5 (Drop Off)	Fee: \$70 Resident \$75 Non- Resident	10 Per session
Does your child just love hands on fun? Then this is the class for them. We will get creative with play dough, explore mixing paint and go gaga with glue! We will Zoommmm...our cars into shaving cream and make our own “Monet’s” with finger-paint! If you don’t get dirty, you didn’t have fun!					
Mom & Me Creative Program Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski	<u>Mondays</u> March 30; April 6,13,27; May 4,11,18; June 1 <u>Tuesdays</u> March 31; April 7,14, 28; May 5,12,19,28	Mondays 10:30am-11:15am Tuesdays 9:15am-10am 10:30am-11:15am Wesleyan Church	Ages: 2-3 years old	Fee: \$70 Resident \$75 Non- Resident	10 Per session
Each week a different theme is introduced. Themed age-appropriate educational games & activities are incorporated as learning tools. Finger plays, Arts & Crafts, Short Stories, Show ‘n Tell and Circle Time.					
Jump Jiggle & Jive Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski	<u>Thursdays</u> April 2,9,16,30; May 7,14,21,28	2pm-3pm Hall Memorial Library	Ages 4-6 years old	Fee: \$70 Resident \$75 Non- Resident	10 Per Session
Get ready to Jump Jiggle & Jive ! Join us for some indoor circle games & movement activities! Musical chairs, Red light-Green light, Mother May I, Parachute & Bean bag games and so much more! Bring your energy and get ready to jump jiggle and jive!					

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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.501	Monday Evenings March 2,9,16,23,30; April 6,13 2009	7:15-9:00pm	18+ up	\$6	Center School
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.504	Monday Evenings Concludes June 15,2009 Except: 4/20 & 5/26	5:30-9:15pm	Over 30 Under 30	\$10	Middle School
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.504	Wednesdays: Concludes May 13,2009	7:30-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$5	EMS
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Wednesdays Concludes April 29	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$5	Windermere School
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners	0205.AT3 0205.AT4	Session 3: Apr. 27; May 4,11,18 Session 4: June 1,8,15,22	8-9pm	13 & up	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate	0205.AI3 0205.AI4	Session 3: Apr.29;May 6,13,20 Session 4. May 27; June 3,10,17	7:15-8:15pm	13 & up	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
Cardio Tennis Workouts	0206.CT3 0206.CT4	Session 3: Apr29; May 6,13,20 Session 4: May 27; June 3,10,17	8:15-9:15pm	18 years plus	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
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

 **Especially Us Families & Siblings of Special Needs**

Children ages 2-8
Wednesday: 4:15-5pm
@ Hall Memorial Library

Parents of children with special needs...look no further!! Are you searching for opportunities to talk to other parents? Are you on the lookout for a safe, educational and fun environment for all of your children This class will provide educational games, music & movement and creative activities for children.

Dates: March 25;
April 1, 8, 15, 29;
May 6, 13, 20
Fee: \$50.00

Instructors: Stacey Bogoslofski and Monica Dallahan, MS, Special Ed

Moving w/ Mom
Ages 15 months -3yrs
Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski
(Wednesdays)
Mar.25;
Apr.1,8,15,29;
May 6,13,20

Session 1: 10:15am-11am
Session 2: 11:15am-12:00pm

Enjoy adult company as you see your child learn to interact, socialize and wiggle to their favorite songs! We will start each class moving and grooving! Our circle time will consist of hula-hoops, tunnels, bright balls, beanbag songs, parachute play, musical instruments and so much more. Come ready for shaky-shakes and wiggles & giggles!!

Fee: \$70 Resident/\$75 Non-Resident
Location: Hall Memorial Library

Calling All Chefs
Ages 4-8 (10 Per Session)
Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski
Fee: \$70 Resident/\$75 Non-Res.

Tuesdays
April 7,14,28;
May 5,12,19,26
3:45-4:30pm
(After School Program)
Center School

Could your child be the next Emeril or Rachel Ray? Each class your little chef will experience the joys of cooking! We will be making our very own homemade Frosty Frozen Bananas, Pudding Cakes, Letter Pancakes, Mud, Homemade Ice Cream, Butterfly Bites, Bread Boas, Veggie People. Any leftovers will be wrapped for home so the children can proudly share their creations with family!

Girls & Boys Spring Lacrosse (Outdoor) Program

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Teams for 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Fee: \$70.00

A decision in regard to uniform selection and/or purchase will be confirmed once team rosters are finalized.

The Lacrosse Association is in **Need of Volunteers** who have an interest in helping out with the scheduling meetings. Those interested can contact Dave Giordano at

coachgiordano@gmail.com 280-7739 or
Bob Tedford at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

AED/ First Aid/ CPR Register online ONLY:

Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

Instructor: Allison Breen

The Recreation Department now has a certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow ALL Ellington Coaches, Athletic Officials, Program Instructors, and staff of Ellington Recreation sponsored sports and activities to register **FREE of charge**.

All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way.

- ◆ Thursday March 12 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Tuesday April 7 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Thursday April 23 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Wednesday May 13 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Saturday May 16 9am-1pm
- ◆ Thursday June 11 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Saturday July 11 9am-1pm
- ◆ Tuesday August 4 5pm-10pm

Please understand that each coach is **REQUIRED** to complete this training. **We can only allow Six (6) coaches per class, so register early.**

April Vacation Camp

April 20,21,22,23,24; 2009

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!! Refreshments/drinks will be provided, both morning and afternoon.

Pre-registration required no later than April 17th

\$75/Week (\$18/Day) 5 Full Days ~ 8:30 am- 3pm
\$70.00 2nd & 3rd child

\$60/Week (\$12/Day) 5 Half Days ~ 8:30am-12Noon
\$55.00 2nd & 3rd child

***Discounts do not apply to Before/After Care**

\$4 daily Before Care 7:30am-8:30am

\$7 daily After Care will be provided. 3pm-5pm

Campers should bring outdoor clothing & a bagged lunch

Youth Basketball Clinic

Instructor: Stan Ogrodnik
Co-Ed grades 3,4 & 5,6

Dates: April 20,21,22,23,24

Location: Windermere School Gymnasium

Time frames: Grades 3&4 8:30am-11:30am
Grades 5& 6 12noon- 3pm

Fee: \$75.00 per player; \$10 reduction for 2nd & 3rd child in the same family.

Stan Ogrodnik former East Catholic High School and Trinity College Basketball Coach, has designed a basketball clinic especially for the "young" basketball player. This clinic will emphasize and teach basic fundamentals and learning to play the "right way".

Enrollment will be limited, register early!

www.ellington-ct.gov

2009 Summer concerts 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 2009 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. Mail checks, payable to Town of Ellington, to Recreation Department, PO Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029.

Projected Concert Start Date: June 23 all pending if the community and business support becomes reality!! For more info, call Bob Tedford @ 870-3118. Concert Times 6pm-7:30pm

Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!

2009 SUMMER CAMP

Full Day:	8:30am - 2:30pm	\$75.00 per child/per week (\$15.00 a day)
Half-Day:	8:30am - Noon	\$40.00 per child/per week (\$8.00 a day)
Before Camp Care:	7:30am - 8:30am	\$10 per child/per week (\$3.00 per day)
After Camp Care:	2:30pm- 4:30pm	\$35 per child/per week (\$7.00 per day)

Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full day/full week camper)
for 2nd and 3rd children in same household

CAMP INFORMATION

Ages: 4-12 (4 as of 12/31/09) MUST be Potty Trained ~ Strictly Enforced

Location: Center School

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **Pre-Registration Required.**
- Minimum of 35 registrants required in order to proceed with a full day program
- After Camp Care, minimum of 12 registrants .
- Partial Weeks are prorated
- **CAMPERS ARE TO BRING A BAGGED LUNCH EACH DAY!**
- **SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**
- Campers are to come dressed appropriately for camp activities.
- **FIELDTRIPS:** Movie Days, Mini-Golf, Wickham Park, Blueberry Picking
- Friday Pizza Parties for LUNCH!!!!

Camp Themes

Week 1	June 29– July 2	Camp Spirit Week!
Week 2	July 6-July 10	Dr. Seuss Week!
Week 3	July 13-July 17	Nature Week!
Week 4	July 20—July 24	Underwater Week!
Week 5	July 27– July 31	Olympic Week!
Week 6	Aug. 3—Aug 7	Mission to Space Week!
Week 7	Aug. 10-Aug. 14	Fiesta week!
Week 8	Aug. 17-Aug. 19	Express Yourself Week!

Camper-to-Counselor ages 13-15 years (16+ must apply for counselor positions)

Session 1: May 30th 9am-10:15am Group Interview maximum of 15 applicants @ Recreation Office

Session 2: June 6th 9am-10:15am Group Training maximum of 8 chosen applicants @ Recreation Office

A maximum of 8 people will be chosen for volunteer positions for the 2009 Summer Day Camp. These are not paid positions. Each chosen participant will be given 2 weeks of “work” at camp. As a camper to counselor you will be working side-by-side with camp directors and counselors, becoming part of the camp support staff, building leadership skills and providing assistance and encouragement to camp participants. Potential candidates who have completed the 7th grade may register at the Recreation Department.

Note: Participation in the Camper-to-Counselor Program does not guarantee placement at the Summer Day Camp. Placement will be determined by Camper-to-Counselor Instructors through the evaluation process.

Applications on a first come, first serve basis (No Later than March 22).

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2009

Pre-Season:

Weekends **ONLY**
Starting June 13, 14, 20, 21
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 May.

Residents Daily Fee:

\$2 Adult 18 & up
 \$1 Child 6-17 yrs
 Children under 5 are free
 All Senior Citizens \$1.00

Non-Resident Fees:

\$5 Adult 18 & up
 \$3 Child 6-17 yrs
 Children under 5 are free

Beach Passes:

(Ellington Residents Only)

\$40 per Family
 \$25 Individual
 \$10 Senior Citizens

Show your ID at the Gate

Beach Passes will not be available until May 4th.

See Page 11 for Swim Lesson Information

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Opens April 4, 2009

April, May, June

Sat 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Tues 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Thurs 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For more info, call Public Works—
870-3140

TOWN OF ELLINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

April 10 Good Friday

May 25 *Memorial Day

July 3 *Independence Day
(observed)

Rubbish collection will be delayed one day for the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays.

Blood Drive:

April 6, 2009 ~ 1:00 PM—6:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 154 Orchard Street, Ellington, CT

Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee

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

or sign up online @ www.bloodct.org

Or sign up at Coffee Hour at the Church

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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