



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Spring 2010

**Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman
860-870-3100**

Spring is coming, and the thawing/freezing/thawing/freezing/etc. cycles are wreaking havoc with local roads. Some of the damage is temporary, but much is permanent. E-mails and calls with questions and complaints are received, and responses dispatched. Though road conditions at this time of year are very much at the mercy of the weather, a few words here may bring better understanding to the process through which local roads get fixed.

First, the State has full authority and responsibility for all State roads in our Town. That includes sections of Routes 30, 32, 74, 83, 140, and 286 (which includes all of Main and Pinney Streets). Typically, each March towns receive a letter listing a tentative paving program for State roads in their district for the coming season. After funding is secured through legislation, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) does as much of that work as funding or weather permits; emergencies may alter priorities. You can e-mail comments to ConnDOT through the web site www.ct.gov/dot. Serious new safety issues found on any roads should be reported to our Resident State Troopers' Office at 860-875-1522. Less serious issues on local State roads may be reported, during business hours, to the ConnDOT Garage in Vernon, at 860-875-4993.

Second, all local non-state public roads (about 95 miles) are the responsibility of the Ellington Department of Public Works (DPW). Every year, early in February, the Director of DPW submits a five year maintenance plan listing roads scheduled for repairs, with projected costs. The repairs can consist of total reconstruction with drainage improvements, to adjusting structures and overlaying existing pavement with new asphalt, depending on the condition of the road. This list is submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval or modification, then to the Board of Finance for approval or modification, and eventually to the voters as part of the Capital Improvement Budget. The five year maintenance plan is available for review on our website, www.ellington-ct.gov under Town Services/Public Works. Beginning July 1, the DPW does as much of the work as funding or weather permits; here too, emergencies may alter priorities. You can e-mail comments to DPW through my office at info@ellington-ct.gov. Serious new safety issues found on any roads should be reported to our Resident State Troopers' Office at 860-875-1522. Less serious issues on local non-State roads may be reported to the DPW at 860-870-3140.

Road work projects, for both the ConnDOT and DPW, are likely to be closely scrutinized this year because there is much less funding than necessary for the work that needs doing. All we can ask is that these two groups do the best they can with what we give them.

Maurice Blanchette

**Annual Budget Hearing
April 13, 2010 @ 8 PM
Ellington High School**

**Annual Budget Meeting
May 11, 2010 @ 8 PM
Ellington High School**

For more information and details of the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget, visit our website, www.ellington-ct.gov, select 'Town News' or pick up a copy of the budget documents at the Town Clerk's Office or the Hall Memorial Library.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 18—April 24

Thank You!...

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

Community Life

We have a new page on our website, www.ellington-ct.gov, called Community Life. This page will provide a central location for posting volunteer opportunities and will guide our residents through the application process. If you have any questions, contact Marie Sauvé in the First Selectman's Office; telephone: 860-870-3100 or email: msauve@ellington-ct.gov

Board/Commission Vacancies

Several vacancies exist on the following Boards/Commission:

- Board of Assessment Appeals Alternate Members
- Conservation Commission Alternate Members
- Economic Development Commission Alternate Members
- Shared Services Commission

If you are interested in serving the Town, please call the First Selectman's Office (860-870-3100) to request a Statement of Interest Form or download the form from the website:

www.ellington-ct.gov
select:

Government
Boards & Commissions
Vacancies

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
860-870-3160 ~ www.biblio.org/ellington

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

Everyone loves a good murder mystery with a suspenseful plot that keeps the reader guessing and an engaging sleuth with whom readers can relate as the story unfolds and we try to figure out “whodunit”. The new heroine in today’s contemporary mysteries brings a whole new profile for the amateur sleuth—she is savvy, self-reliant, strong, often has a great sense of humor, and deals with specific gender-related issues. Join us for a four-part discussion series featuring mysteries written by Connecticut authors and featuring some delightful female sleuths. The programs will be led by Carole Shmurak, one of the authors! Titles are: *Deadmistress*, by Carole Shmurak, March 17; *Final Fore*, by Roberta Isleib, April 21; *Sacred Cows*, by Karen E. Olsen, May 19; and, *Restless Waters*, by Jessica Speart, June 16. All sessions are held 7:30-9:00pm in the McKnight Community Room. Copies of the books are available at the library.

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

The library has set up a download station for downloadable audiobooks on the OPAC in the Reference Room. This software will allow you to download and transfer audiobook titles directly onto your media player using the library’s high-speed connection. To use the station, bring in your player and the connection cord. If you don’t have a player and would like to use the collection, there are players available to borrow. It’s easy and quick to use—check it out!

LOCAL HISTORY PICTURE DAY

The library and the Ellington Historical Society are planning a local history picture scanning day, to expand the collection of historical photographs held at the library. If you have any old pictures that you would be willing to share, please watch for the date. Pictures will be scanned on the spot—you will not be asked to leave them, and they won’t be damaged in any way.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Lots of great programs are being planned for the spring. On Thursday, April 22, Jim Long will present “Who was Henry Knox” at the Historical Society Meeting at 7pm. Watch for dates for other sessions about Depression, Landscaping, Organizing with Feng Shui, Energy Efficiency and Savings for Your Home, Jewelry Making and more. Check the website at www.biblio.org/ellington for more information.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

In the Young Adult (YA) corner...

Teens at the Hall Memorial Library experienced exciting events this winter! Our Young Adult Advisory Board teamed up with some library interns from Ellington High School and got an opportunity to head to Boston for the American Library Association’s midwinter conference on January 16. A staff member from the library and the media specialist from the high school led the team of about a dozen students as they got a “behind the scenes” view of all things library related. We came home with lots of reading related items and lots of advanced reading copies of popular teen titles.

Our new creative writing group started on February 25. This group is open to teens in grades 7-12 and will meet once a month on the last Thursday of each month from 3pm-4pm. We’ll try different writing techniques, maybe do a little peer critiquing or just share some things we’ve written. Join us whether or not you have any writing experience.

Finally, our teens had their first “read-a-thon” at the library on a wintry Friday evening in February. They came to the library to read for six straight hours, shared pizza and goodies with each other during their lone break and a good time was had by all. The teens raised money through pledges and those dollars will be used on a shopping expedition to a local bookseller to add titles to the young adult collection.

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

April 8-11, 2010

(Thursday will be preview sale for members only)

Friday & Saturdays 10AM-4PM

Sunday 1-4 PM

New members may join at the door. Thousands of gently used books, children’s materials, videos, DVDs and other items will be available at \$8 per bag full.

**Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools
860-896-2300**

From the Desk of the Superintendent...

Some residents of Ellington might be surprised to learn that our district has an English Language Learner program (ELL). There are currently thirty-four students whose primary language is not English. The eighteen languages represented by these students are: Portuguese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Greek, Albanian, Spanish, Urdu, Telugu, Korean, Marathi, Arabic, Bisaya/Filipino, Turkish, Kiswahili, Russian, Persian/Farsi, Hindi and Malayalam. In addition to their regularly assigned classes, these students are serviced by one English Language Teacher and a part-time paraprofessional. As no one person is fluent in all of these languages, it is certainly a challenge, as well as a great reward, to assist each of these students develop verbal and written skills in English, so as to be successful, not only in school, but in the world that awaits them.

In addition to the normal district assessments and the variety of standardized tests that some students dread, English Language Learners are also assessed on their progress in attaining the English language proficiency. Federal law requires annual data on a district’s attainment of Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) for English Language Learners. With the guidance and supervision of our ELL teacher Joan Penders, and her most able partner Colleen Palozej, Ellington’s English Language Learners performed exceptionally well in attaining the three targets of AMAO: 1) making progress in acquiring English language proficiency; 2) attaining English language proficiency; and 3) achieving Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Federal law requires that seventy-two percent (72%) of ELL students make progress in acquiring the English language proficiency. In Ellington, ninety percent (90.2%) of Ellington’s ELL students made the designated progress as measured by the Language Assessment Scales (LAS Links). In addition, federal law requires that twenty-two percent (22%) of ELL students attain English language proficiency as measured by the Language Assessment Scales (LAS Links). In Ellington, ninety-one percent (90.9%) reached proficiency or above.

For many of us, proficiency in the use of one’s own language can require significant study. For those students who must learn a second language to be successful in school, the challenge must be even more demanding. However, with excellent instruction and hard work all students can, and must, be successful. Congratulations to our staff and students on their continued success. The success of these students certainly exemplifies the district motto, “Where Children Come First.”

For more information on the English Language Learner program, please visit our district website at www.ellingtonschools.org.

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk 860-870-3105		Opening Day ~ Fishing Season ~ April 17th	
Resident hunting, trapping and sport fishing licenses are available for issue in the Town Clerk’s Office. It is recommended that you bring last year’s sports license with you along with your driver’s license. Please note that fees have increased and are subject to change. For more info, visit the DEP website: www.ct.gov/dep/fishing . The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) licensing program allows you to purchase your sports licenses from home on your personal computer using your credit or debit card as well as most sporting goods retail locations. The Town of Ellington only accepts cash or personal check. DEP Law Books will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office in late April.	2010 Resident Hunting & Sport Fishing License		Fees
	Firearms Hunting		\$28.00
	Hunting & Inland Fishing Combo		\$56.00
	Inland Fishing		\$40.00
	Marine Fishing		\$10.00
	All Waters Fishing Combo		\$50.00
	All Waters Fishing & Firearms		\$60.00
Over 65 Annual		FREE	
Please visit our website for additional license and permit fees: www.ellington-ct.gov			

Robert Phillips, Town Planner
860-870-3120

What is Open Space and what does it do for me?

In 1997, the State of Connecticut established a goal to protect 21% of its land area as open space by 2023; 10% by the state and 11% by towns, conservation organizations, water companies and federal government. Ellington is one of 29 towns within the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). In their recently amended regional Plan of Conservation and Development (2009), they report that 17% of land within the region has been protected while Ellington only stands at 10.7% and ranks in the bottom third amongst the region. In fact, of the 6 abutting CRCOG towns, Ellington only ranks above Enfield and East Windsor in protecting open space.

CRCOG defines open space as land that is preserved or restricted in some way for "park, recreational, or conservation use". This includes both public and private lands, but does not include cemeteries or undeveloped land *at risk of development*. Open space serves many purposes and enhances regional character and quality of life, provides for active and passive recreation, protects natural resources, provides economic benefits and shapes growth patterns.

Ellington's Plan of Conservation and Development (2008) is consistent with CRCOG's plan and a community survey conducted in support of its development found that 86% of those surveyed felt the town "should preserve more open space to help preserve its rural character". The Ellington Buildout Report (2004) similarly found open space to help define town character and aid in reducing overall future population. Both plans further recommended a more aggressive program to preserve open space.

Additionally, the American Farmland Trust (AFT) reports that open space including farmland costs much less than residential land uses for every dollar of revenue raised. In fact, according to the AFT's "Fact Sheet: Cost of Community Services Studies" (2007), the median cost to provide public services for open space is \$0.37 versus \$1.19 for residential uses for every \$1 raised through taxation of each.

It is clear that we must make a strong commitment to help offset residential development with open space preservation efforts in an effort to balance both growth and the town's future fiscal standing.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Hours of Operation

Opens April 3, 2010

April, May, June

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Proof of residency required.

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.

Rhonda McCarty, Assessor
860-870-3109

Revaluation 2010 Update

In the last newsletter I explained the requirements of this revaluation and the data collection portion of the project. That information can be found on the Town of Ellington's website, www.ellington-ct.gov.

The data collection continues, approximately 30% of the residential properties have been visited. Commercial property inspections began in February.

As I pointed out in the last newsletter, all of the data collectors have a photo ID and their vehicle information is registered with the Resident State Troopers' Office as well as the Assessor's Office. If a homeowner has a question as to the identity of the data collector, they should call the Assessor's Office at 860-870-3109.

It is important that the data collectors be allowed to verify the information that we have on our records about your property. The more accurate the data is, the more accurate your valuation will be. Your cooperation is requested and appreciated. Data collectors are not prepared to answer questions about current assessments or taxes. Those questions should be directed to Town staff.

Another part of the revaluation is the tracking and verifying of recent sales. This has begun and will continue throughout the project. The result of the revaluation is that property values reflect the fair market value as of the assessment date of October 1, 2010. Those values will not be set until mid-November 2010.

You will be notified of your new assessment in November of 2010 and will have the opportunity to discuss your new assessment with a member of the revaluation staff at that time. The tax bill that you receive in July of 2011 will reflect your new assessment.

We will keep you informed on the progress of the revaluation in this newsletter and on the Assessor's page of the Town's website. Vision Appraisal Technology has a website with a great deal of information relating to revaluation. Their website address is www.visionappraisal.com.

**Ann Turner, Elderly Outreach
860-870-3131**

**Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director
860-870-3133**

Money Matters - looking at your money gobblers!

**April 13th at 12:30 PM
Ellington Senior Center**

Join us and Mr. Gary Evans from Co-Opportunity for a fun time looking at ways to save \$\$\$ and put money back in your wallet! This is a lunch & learn program—lunch at 12:30 PM and presentation at 1PM. Call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 to make a reservation to attend.

“The Scooter Store” is coming to Ellington

**April 29th at 12:30pm
Ellington Senior Center**

Mr. Jim Barakos of the Scooter Store will bring a scooter power chair for demonstration and will discuss the qualifications for payment by Medicare. This is a lunch & learn program—lunch at 12:30PM and presentation at 1PM. Call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 to make a reservation to attend.

May is Mental Health Month

Presentation by Dr. Erum Shahab/Ellington Behavioral Health

**May 18th at 12noon
Ellington Senior Center**

Dr. Shahab will discuss mental health and aging issues. Presentation at 12noon with a light lunch at 12:30PM. Call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 to make a reservation to attend.

**American Parkinson Disease Association
Support Group**

Support Groups meets at the Ellington Senior Center the 3rd Friday of every month at 10AM. Please join us for support, conversation, education & refreshments! For more information, call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131.

The Ellington Senior Center is exploring options to build a new Senior Center. Throughout the next months there will be exploratory meetings held at the Senior Center. We welcome anyone who is interested in this process. The next exploratory meeting is set for April 8, 2010 at 3 PM at the Senior Center.

The Ellington Senior Center is very appreciative of a recent donation made by Mr. Jack Cohen; the gift is a new 2009 Chevy Malibu to be used for transportation services. This donation greatly enhances the growth in transportation demands within the Town of Ellington. Thank you ,Jack!

Spring is around the corner and so are some of our fundraising endeavors. Join us for the following events:

Spaghetti Supper

April 17, 2010

2 sittings: 5PM & 6PM

Ellington Congregational Church

Co-sponsored with Ellington Rescue Post 512. Proceeds of this fundraiser will be shared with both organizations.

Fashion Show

May 16, 2010 from 2-5 PM

Ellington Senior Center

Hosted by Dress Barn Fashions, Patricia Stoughton is coordinating this event. Come see the new spring summer line being offered. Tickets for this event are \$15 payable in advance. Call the Senior Center at 860-870-3133 for tickets.

**Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director
860-870-3130**

Safety Town: Safety Town is offered exclusively for children who will begin kindergarten in the fall of 2010. Safety Town is an interactive five-day program (two hours/day) that expands children’s knowledge of safety:

Outdoor Safety: July 12th - 16th

- Water Safety
- Pet/Animal Safety
- Forest (woods) Safety
- Bike Safety.
- Garden/Plant Safety

Safety Town: Week 1: July 19th - 23th; Week 2: July 26th - 30th

- Fire Prevention
- Poison Control
- Bus and car safety
- Stranger awareness
- Playground safety.
- Walking in parking lots/streets

Registration & Payment Due April 27, 2010

Check our webpage: <http://youth.ellington-ct.gov> for more upcoming programs.

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2010 SPRING PROGRAMS

Address: 31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187 **Office Hours :** Monday 8:30 am-6 pm Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm **Phone:** (860) 870-3118
Email: recreation@ellington-ct.gov **Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm** **Fax:** (860) 870-3198
www.ellington-ct.gov

New Registration Process

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Department is implementing a new registration process for ALL recreational programs/camps through our Activenet On-Line Program. The process for the on-line registrations is easy and convenient for all. The process involves following these simple steps:

- ⇒ Go to www.ellington-ct.gov;
- ⇒ Click on Town Services
- ⇒ Click on Parks & Recreation
- ⇒ Select "Click here for New Activenet On-line Registration!"

It is imperative that an adult household member setup the family account. The process for requesting an account is simple and takes but only a few minutes of your time. The advantage to setting up an account is the convenience of registering for recreational programs and camps at your leisure. You will need an e-mail address to setup your account, a password and dates of birth for family member. (Remember to add family members to your account).

If you do not have access for setting up an account at home, we can assist you in setting up your account here at the Recreation Department Office during regular office hours. **In office on-line registrations allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home.**

If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Recreation Supervisor.

**Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon
July 11, 2010**

The Ellington Recreation Department, with the assistance of Town Residents Mike Scully and Bill Dougherty, have developed the 2010 triathlon course and obtained approvals from various Town departments.

The sprint triathlon will be held on July 11 at 8AM 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.

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

The triathlon will be limited to 200 participants; there will be on-line sign-up starting March 1, 2010 through the Triathlon website: www.ellingtontriathlon.com or the Ellington Parks & Recreation website at www.ellington-ct.gov. The cost will be \$60 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. We look forward to an awesome race and please spread the word. Come out for a great event that will benefit a local charity.

Ellington Arts Council

The Ellington Recreation Department is looking for your input and suggestions in hopes of creating an **ARTS Council**. Please complete the Interest Inventory form and mail in today!

The Recreation Department plans to setup a booth at the Fair on the Green on May 8, highlighting the "art" work from Town residents. Ellington residents who wish to share their "works" may do so by contacting the Recreation Office @ 860-870-3118 no later than April 20. Paintings, sketches, ceramics, drawings are welcome!

INTEREST INVENTORY FORM

What could we do? ...It's up to you!

- Talent Show? ■ Theatre Workshop? ■ Summer Art s Camp? ■ Music?
- Dance? ■ Fair on the Green? ■ Town-wide musical? ■ Arts & Crafts

Please mail to Ellington Recreation, P.O. Box 187, Ellington CT
E-mail your questions, suggestions to rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address _____

INTERESTS: Volunteer Special Events Fundraising Other

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS:

- \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____ OTHER

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ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot (Outdoor) Tennis Lessons	0508.mini	Mini: April 1,8,15	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 3-5	\$15	Crystal Lake School
	0508.TT4	Session 4: April 29; May 6,13,20	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 3-5	\$35	Brookside Park
	0508.TT5	Session 5: May 27; June 3,10,17	5:30-6:15pm	Ages 3-5	\$35	Brookside Park
Pee Wee (Outdoor) Tennis Lessons	0509.mini	Mini: April 1,8,15	6:15-7pm	Ages 5-7	\$15	Crystal Lake School
	0509.PW4	Session 4: April 29; May 6,13,20	6:15-7pm	Ages 5-7	\$35	Brookside Park
	0509.PW5	Session 5: May 27; June 3,10,17	6:15-7pm	Ages 5-7	\$35	Brookside Park
Youth Indoor	0501.YTmini	Mini: March 29; April 5,12	7-8pm	Ages 8-13	\$15	Crystal Lake School
Youth Outdoor Tennis Lessons	0501.YT4O	Session 4: Apr 26; May 3,10,17	7-8pm	Ages 8-13	\$35	Brookside Park
	0501.YT5O	Session 5: May 24; June 7,14,21	7-8pm	Ages 8-13	\$35	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners	0205.AT3 0205.AT4	Session 3: April 29; May 6,13,20 Session 4: May 27; June 3,10,17	7-8pm	14 & up	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate	0205.AI3 0205.AI4	Session 3: April 29; May 6,13,20 Session 4: May 27; June 3,10,17	8-9pm	14 & up	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
Jukido Thursday Evenings	0504.JUK410	Session 4: March 4,11,18; April 1,8	5:30-6:45pm	6 + up	\$40	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0504.JUK510	Session 5: April 15,29; May 6,13,20,27; June 3,10			\$60	
KRIPALU Yoga Inst. Wayne Morganson (or \$9/walk-in class)	KRIP.YOGAS	Session 3: March 25; April 1,8,15,22,29; May 6,13,20,27 Session 4: June 3,10,17,24; July 1,8,15,22,29; Aug. 5	6:30-8pm	18 & up	\$80 per session	Hall Memorial Library
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Wednesdays Concludes March 31st	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$3	Windermere School
Adult Outdoor Soccer	0112.402	Tentative start April 27, weather & field conditions permitting	6-8pm 9-11am	18 & Up	\$5	Brookside Park
Youth INDOOR (Co-ed) Soccer	0301.CES10	March 19,26: April 9,16	5:45-6:45pm 6:45-8:00pm 8:00-9:15pm	Gr.2-4 Gr. 5-6 Gr. 7-8	\$15	Middle School

2010 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 ~ Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-14 Boys and Girls ~ Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-12 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (8 vs. 8) on the playing field
- U-11 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
- U-9 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 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.

DEADLINE FOR PLAYERS TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR FALL 2009 TEAM ROSTERED SPOT IS APRIL 1, 2010. IF A REGISTRATION FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE THE PLACEMENT WILL BE BASED ON "AS AVAILABLE" AND/OR THROUGH THE 2 EVALUATION CLINICS THAT ARE SCHEDULED.

Spring Soccer Age Groups CT Junior Soccer Association Birth Date Guidelines

Age Groups for Seasonal Year Sept 1, 2009 to Aug 31, 2010

- U-19 Players born 8/1/90 and younger
- U-18 Players born 8/1/91 and younger
- U-17 Players born 8/1/92 and younger
- U-16 Players born 8/1/93 and younger
- U-15 Players born 8/1/94 and younger
- U-14 Players born 8/1/95 and younger
- U-13 Players born 8/1/96 and younger
- U-12 Players born 8/1/97 and younger
- U-11 Players born 8/1/98 and younger
- U-10 Players born 8/1/99 and younger
- U-9 Players born 8/1/00 and younger
- U-8 Players born 8/1/01 and younger

Spring Evaluation Clinic Dates

To qualify a player **MUST** attend a minimum of **one (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 9 BOYS	April 3	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
	April 10	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
U 10 GIRLS	April 3	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
	April 6	6:00pm-7:15pm	Brookside Park
U11- 12 GIRLS	April 3	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
	April 10	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
U 14 GIRLS	April 3	11am- 12:15pm	Brookside Park
	April 10	11am -12:15pm	Brookside Park
U 10 BOYS	April 3	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
	April 10	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
U 11-12 BOYS	April 10	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
	April 12	6:00pm-7:15pm	Brookside Park
U 14 BOYS	April 3	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
	April 10	9:30am-10:45am	Brookside Park
U 16 & U 18 BOYS/ GIRLS		No tryouts required players MUST pre-register at the Recreation Department	

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 and/or Teams will be formed based on the coaches evaluations relative to the final enrollment.

In-House Spring Soccer Program Boys & Girls ~ Ages 4—8

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering the Spring Soccer Clinic for children again this coming April 2010. Due to positively growing numbers of children interested in the sport of soccer, we will need your help. Even if you have never played, coached or watched soccer, your participation is vital to this program. In conjunction with the Recreation Department, Spring Soccer Clinic Coordinator, Matt Maznicki, will be offering a FREE Coach's Clinic, in order to assist in helping you grow to love the game of soccer. Not only will you enjoy yourselves, the smiles on the children's faces are worth every minute you put into this program.

Ages 4, 5, and 6 will be coached on one night. Ages 7 & 8 will be coached on a different night. Both clinics will be held at the Ellington Middle School. There will be a new format this year also. Depending on how many teams are formed there will be "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another team in a scrimmage/match. This cannot be successful without your help and volunteer time. So please contact the Recreation Department or Coordinator Matt Maznicki at mattmaznicki@comcast.net

Ages 4-6 Mondays:

April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; June 7, 14

Ages 7 & 8 Wednesdays:

April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9

Time Frame: 5:30-6:45pm

Location: Ellington Middle School Soccer Field

Fees: \$22.00

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

April 28 - June 26

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am

Fee: \$25.00 (includes T-shirt)

Code ID: 1212.track10

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

Running, fresh air, running, outdoor games, running, forest treks, running and track & field meets adds up to a whole lot of fun and, or course, running! Ellington's unique outdoor whatever-the-weather-program lets your school-age child learn about health and exercise, hydration and nutrition, stretching, strength and endurance, competition and teamwork, and respect for each other and for our environment. We gather together twice a week at Ellington High School and other designated sites for lots of well-supervised jogging, sprinting, trail running, occasional races with other towns, and lots of outdoor games....rain or shine! Skill or fitness level is unimportant, but the desire to become more fit is, as well as the requirement to run. Parents, how about volunteering your time and joining your child on our runs through forest trails and around the track? Now that's quality time with your son or daughter!

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.

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. Register by March 25 @ Recreation Dept.

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 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 the national tennis rating of 2.5 women & 3.0 men.

Adult Ladder Tennis Singles and Doubles

Join the growing Ellington crowd in our Wednesday night ladders at Brookside Park. Come and play singles or doubles. You tell us your choice. Play starts at 6pm and will continue as long as players are available.

Cost \$10 per player for the season and a new can of tennis balls every week that you play. Open to men and women.

Strength & Core Training/ Kickboxing

April 26,28; May 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26

- 6-7:00 PM/Mondays & Wednesdays: **Bands**
- 7-8:15 PM/Mondays: **Core Training**
- 7-8:15 PM/Wednesday: **Kickboxing**

Fee: \$ 5 per class (pre-registration required)

Core Training: The muscles of the abs, butt, hips, and lower back are the focus of this weekly exercise class. By performing progressively more challenging exercises on a regular basis, you will strengthen the body's power center and prepare yourself to move more efficiently in everyday life and in sports.

Bands: The course title indicates the results you will achieve in this diverse weight training program using resistance bands.

A certified personal trainer who is experienced with this method will guide people of all ages and levels of fitness to achieve noticeable improvements in strength, flexibility, & endurance.

Resistance tubing can be ordered through the instructor at a reduced rate. Each participants needs a long tube, a circle, and a "figure 8". The cost for the set is about \$20. Instructor: ***Ginny Hogan 872-4935***

Recreation Department Instructional T-Ball Programs

2010 Registration Information

Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Department

March 10 through April 6, 2010

Boys & Girls Ages 4–6

(Age 4 in 2009 up to those who will turn 6 years old after August 1, 2010)

Saturday Mornings 10:00 am-11:00 am

Ellington High School (Fields located behind the school)

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5

(Rain Date June 12 if needed)

Cost : \$25 per player (price includes T-shirt)

ID Code: 1214.tball10

**Parent
Volunteer
Coaches
NEEDED**

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).

Advanced T-Ball

Must have played 1 year of Instructional T-Ball to qualify for 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)**

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5

(Rain Date June 12 if needed)

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

Cost : \$25 per player (includes T-shirt)

ID Code: 1214.advt10

**Parent
Volunteer
Coaches
NEEDED**

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 1/01/1997

U14: Born on or after 1/01/1995

U16: Born on or after 1/01/1993

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 15 @ 6:00pm

A volunteer coaches meeting will be held on April 15 in the Recreation Department Conference Room.

To register, please e-mail

Mary Bartley

mbartley@ellington-ct.gov

American Softball Association 2010 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 2. A pre-season clinic and the completion of the 2010 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.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
 Instructors: Joanne Britton & Tressa Giordano	ZUMBA.105	Session # 5: March 16,18,23,25,30: April 6,8,13,15	7:30 PM- 8:30 PM	14 & up	\$5/class (pre-paid) or \$50 for 10 classes or \$8 Walk-in	Middle School
	ZUMBA.106	Session # 6: April 29; May 4,6,11, 13,18,20,25,27; June 1,3,8,10,15	7:30 PM- 8:30 PM	14 & up	\$5/class (pre-paid) or \$70 for 14 Classes or \$8 Walk-in	Middle School
FREE Spring Jam Class with Live Drummer & Drawings for Zumba Gear!	→	Spring Jam: April 27	7:30PM	14 & up	Free Class	Middle School
<p>The Zumba® Fitness program fuses hypnotic musical rhythms and tantalizing moves to create a dynamic workout system designed to be fun and easy. The program features interval training techniques where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt the body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest to this cardiovascular workout and you'll experience an absolute blast in each exhilarating hour that will engage and captivate you for life!</p>						
 For Kids!! Instructor: Tressa Giordano	Zumba.Kids	Session #1: March 30; April 6,13 Session #2: TBD	6:45 PM- 7:30 PM	Grades 5 & 6	\$15	Middle School
<p>Your kids are going to love this class! The perfect combination of age appropriate fitness & fun! The class combines high energy, motivating music with easy to follow kid friendly moves. Zumba® creates a party-like atmosphere that is so much fun kids won't even know it's fitness. In no time they'll be shakin', movin', rockin' and slamin' to Latin and international beats like reggaeton, hip-hop, salsa, calypso, cumbia, merengue, samba and more. Be ready to exercise and party. Come in comfortable clothing, sneakers and bring a water bottle please.</p>						
Women's Self-Defense	0503.WSD10	April 8, 15	6pm-7pm	12 & Up	No Fee	Windermere School
Relief from Back Pain	WWW.103	May 6	6-7:30pm	Adult	\$10	Library

Ellington Roadrunners
2010 YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Boys & Girls ages 6 to 14

Registration Information:

Wednesday, May 12 ~ 6pm-7:30pm &

Saturday, May 15 ~ 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 location to be announced from 5:30pm to Dark.

Starting March 29th

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> March 24,31; April 7,14,28; May 5,12,19 Code: MNM.WED	10:15am-11am Hall Memorial Library	1-3 years old	\$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.					
1,2,3 Follow Me Adult participation is required. Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u>Mondays:</u> Session 1: April 26; May 3,10,17 Code: FOLW.123	10:15am—11am	3 years old	\$35 per session	12 Per session
The ultimate energy release! Come run, jump, skip, roll, giggle and make new friends. This Brookside Park based program focuses on improving balance, coordination, & body control through interactive games & activities. Enjoy outdoor fun at its best!					
Outdoor Pee-Wee Sports Adult participation required Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u>Fridays:</u> Session 1: April 30; May 7,14,21 Code: 0509.PEWE	10:15am-11am Brookside Park	Pre-k 4 years old (young 5 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 ~ this one is a slam dunk for the little ones!					



Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2010

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Pre-Season: Weekends **ONLY** Starting **June 12,13,19,20 ~ 12 noon—5:00 pm**

Full Season: **June 21-August 22 ~** Weekdays: 12:00 noon-6:30 pm;
Weekends: 11 am-6:30 pm;

FEEES FOR SWIMMING LESSONS/DAILY FEES/ BEACH PASSES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE!

Beach Passes will not be available until May 10th



Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2010

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.

2010 Swim Lessons

Session # 1 June 28 ~July 1 (Monday-Thursday)
July 5 ~ July 8 (Monday-Thursday)

Session # 2 July 12 ~July 15 (Monday-Thursday)
July 19 ~July 22 (Monday-Thursday)

Session # 3 July 26~ July30 (Monday-Thursday)
Aug.2 ~ Aug 5 (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 2009 will receive a letter by April 25th as to which class level they are to register for in the 2010 session.

REGISTRATION ON-LINE & IN PERSON FOR ELLINGTON RESIDENTS STARTS MAY 10th @ 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

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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.501	Tuesday Evenings through April 13th	7:15-9:00pm	18+ up	\$4	Center School
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.504	Monday Evenings Concludes June 14th	5:30-7:30pm	Over 30 Under 30	\$5	Windermere School
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.504	Wednesdays: Concludes April 28th	7:30-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$3	EMS

Outdoor Golf Lessons @ Ellington Golf Center Fee: \$65 each session Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth e-mail: jwadsworth50@comcast.net		
Session 1: <u>April 17, 24; May 1, 8</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 11, 18, 25; June 1</u>	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old
Session 3: <u>May 13, 20, 27; June 3</u>	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old
Session 4: <u>June 10, 17, 24</u>	6pm-7pm	Adult Class
Session 5: <u>July 12, 13, 14</u>	9am – 12noon	Ages 9 to 13
Session 6: Mini-Camp <u>July 26, 27, 28</u>	9am -12noon	Ages 9 to 13
Session 7: Mini-Camp <u>Aug. 2, 3, 4</u>	9am -12noon	Ages 9 to 13

Babysitter Safety Information

CPROHEART LLC BABYSITTER SAFETY COURSE

Babysitter Safety teaches the skills necessary to care for children of all ages in a variety of settings. The course is intended for 11 to 15 year olds. It covers; diapering, feeding, burping, soothing techniques for an infant, toddler considerations, behavior issues and skills for good behaviors, house safety, fire extinguishers and phone safety. It covers injury prevention, first aid, and choking, and basic CPR techniques. The course covers how to call 911, what to do while waiting in an emergency. The course is six hours, it can be done in two, three-hour sessions and includes a workbook and certification upon completion. It is fun and very interactive with a lot of hands on practice in diapering, bandaging, and role playing. Bring lunch and snacks, comfortable clothing, no cell phones on during class, no computer games or iPods.

Session #1: March 23 & 25
Place: Windermere School Cafeteria
Time: 3:30pm-6:30pm
Code: BABE.SITT1

Cost : \$45.00 per person per session

Session #2: April 10
Place: Tolland Training Center,
642 Tolland Stage Rd, Tolland CT
Time: 10am—4pm
Code: BABE.SITT2

Adult Softball: (18 Years and Older) Interested in playing Co-Ed Softball in Town? Skill level and 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 Felicia LaPlante ~ flaplante@ellington-ct.gov

Girls & Boys Spring Lacrosse (Outdoor) Program

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Lacrosse Teams for 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 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 of meetings. Those interested can contact Dave Giordano at 860-280-7739 or coachgiordano@gmail.com or

Bob Tedford at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

AED/ First Aid/ CPR

Register online ONLY at
Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

This is an e-mail so please list your name, phone and sport for Allison.

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.

All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way; **FREE of charge**

- ◆ Thursday March 25 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Thursday April 8 5pm-10pm
- ◆ Wednesday April 14 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 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2010

7:30 am-5:00 pm @

Ellington Middle School

Children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade

The camp's daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events and nature/hikes. Refreshments/drinks will be provided, both morning and afternoon. Camp Director: Kristen Wasielewski

Pre-registration required no later than April 12th
Registration online ONLY

\$65/Week (\$18/Day) 5 Full Days ~ 8:30 am- 3pm

\$60/Week 2nd & 3rd child

\$48/Week (\$12/Day) 5 Half Days ~ 8:30am-12Noon

\$43/Week 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 Clinics

Co-Ed Grades 3-4 & 5-6

Dates: April 5, 6, 12, 13, 26, 27

Location: Windermere School Gymnasium

Time frames: Grades 3&4 ~ 5:30-6:45pm

Grades 5& 6 ~ 6:45-8:00pm

Fee: \$35 for all 4 sessions or pro-rated @ \$8 per session.

\$5 reduction for 2nd & 3rd child

in the same family for the full 4 sessions.

Instructor 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!

2010 Summer Concerts Series @ Arbor Park

The Parks & 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 2010 concerts the Recreation Department will need to receive various levels of sponsorships. A weekly concert brochure will include the advertisements and family names.

Summer Concerts Sponsorship Levels

\$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 is June 27, 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!

2010 SUMMER CAMP

Full Day:	8:30am - 2:30pm	\$75 per child/per week (\$15 a day)
Half-Day:	8:30am - Noon	\$40 per child/per week (\$8 a day)
Before Camp Care:	7:30am - 8:30am	\$10 per child/per week (\$3 per day)
After Camp Care:	2:30pm- 4:30pm	\$35 per child/per week (\$7 per day)

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

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

<u>REGISTRATION INFORMATION</u>	<u>Camp Theme</u>		
<p>Pre-Registration Required. All registrations will be done by the Activenet On-Line system. If you don't have internet access at home you can register on-line at the Recreation Department. In office on-line registrations allows you to pay by cash, check or credit card without convenience fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After Camp Care, minimum of 12 registrants . Partial weeks are prorated CAMPERS ARE TO BRING A BAGGED LUNCH EACH DAY! Campers should bring a water bottle daily. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED. Campers are to come dressed appropriately for camp activities ~ no flip flops! FIELDTRIPS: as needed Friday Pizza Parties for LUNCH!!!! 	Week 1	June 23– June25	Camp Spirit Week!
	Week 2	June 28-July 2	Dr. Seuss Week!
	Week 3	July 6-July 9	Nature Week!
	Week 4	July 12-July 16	Underwater Week!
	Week 5	July 19– July 23	Olympic Week!
	Week 6	July 26– July 30	Mission to Space Week!
	Week 7	Aug. 2-Aug. 6	Fiesta Week!
	Week 8	Aug. 9-Aug. 13	Wild-N-Crazy Week!
	Week 9	Aug. 16-Aug. 18	Express Yourself Week!
Location: Center School			

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

Session 1: May 22nd 9am-12noon Group Interview maximum of 15 applicants @ Recreation Office
Session 2: June 3rd 6-7pm Group Training maximum of 8 chosen applicants @ Recreation Office

A maximum of 12 people will be chosen for volunteer positions for the 2010 Summer Day Camp. These are not paid positions. Each chosen participant will be given 2 weeks of “work” at camp based on performance (at the discretion of the Directors). 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 (**Register no later than April 12, 2010**).

2010 United States Census

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

The 2010 Census will help our community receive federal funds for things like schools, senior centers, public works projects and emergency services.

April 1, 2010 is National Census Day—use this day as a point of reference for sending your completed forms back in the mail. For more information, visit www.2010.census.gov

Fair on the Green

Saturday, May 8 ~ 10AM-4PM

Classic car show, craft fair, business expo, Taste of Ellington, art show...

To participate or volunteer visit:

www.friendsofellingtontennis.usta.com

Or call: 860-462-3627

Farmers' Market

Arbor Park (Main Street)

Every Saturday beginning **May 1**
9AM-12:30PM

www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com

Ron Bahler—860-871-6266

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Offices and the Library will be closed on the following dates:

April 2 Good Friday

May 31* Memorial Day

*Trash collection delayed one day for the Memorial Day Holiday only.

Antiquity Portraits

The Ellington Women's Club and Hall Memorial Friends of the Library are selling coupons for sepia-tone children's portraits with vintage attire and props as a fundraiser for their organizations.

With the purchase of a \$10 coupon, you receive a 10" x 13" sepia portrait of your child or children, aged infant to 16 years, delivered just in time for Mother's Day. Retail value \$89.95. Portraits will be taken by a professional photographer at Hall Memorial Library during the week ending April 17, with all costumes and props provided. Limit 1 coupon per household.

Coupons may be purchased at the Front Desk of Hall Memorial Library, through any member of Ellington Women's Club or Friends of the Library, or by mailing a check for \$10 made out to "Ellington Women's Club" to PO Box 282, Ellington, CT 06029. Deadline for coupon purchases is April 7. For further information, please call (860) 875-3885 or e-mail ellingtonwomensclub@yahoo.com.

Town Hall Hours

Monday

8:30 am—6:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am—1:30 pm

Attention Dog Owners:

The Town Clerk's office will be sending dog license renewal reminders this year by email only. If you have not submitted your email address to the Town Clerk's Office yet, please send it to:

dmckeegan@ellington-ct.gov

to receive renewal information and reminders.

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