



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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

## **Town Budget 2014-2015 Now Under Construction**

When I arrived in Ellington in 1972, the Net Grand List was \$49.5M and the Tax Rate was 54.0 mills. After much inflation, population growth, state and federal mandates, and demands from voters like you and me, this year our Net Grand List is \$1,271M and our Tax Rate is 28.4 mills. The current Town Budget was approved last May at \$50.2M (General Government at \$15.9M, Capital Outlay at \$1.4M, and Board of Education at \$32.9M). It's not useful to compare elements from times so separated and people so different (including ourselves), but we can compare to other towns today. Check it out. At this time every year, some citizens second-guess the smallest detail of government, willingly accept published inaccuracies as gospel without checking with their representatives in government, and seem to fear the complications, complexities and compromises of even local government. We try to be as helpful as possible when asked; please ask.

For those voters who truly want a better understanding of the budget process, I ask that you either: (1) attend as many meetings of the Board of Selectmen (BOS), the Board of Finance (BOF) and the Board of Education (BOE) as possible from December 1 through April 30 every year; (2) read the minutes of their meetings; or (3) watch the budget develop at the Town's website [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov) or where copies are routinely made available (Town Hall and Hall Memorial Library). For a short primer, see what follows:

**Board of Education Budget:** Money allocated to the BOE by voters via the Town Budget to operate our public schools for the year July 1 through June 30.

**Capital Outlay:** Money approved by voters via the Town Budget for items valued at \$10K or more that add to or sustain the fixed asset inventory of the Town and have a life expectancy of five years or more; BOF usually recommends that this equal about 1 mill of taxes (this year that's nearly \$1.3M), net of subsidies. Main items advanced by the BOS for 2014-2015 year include:

- \$627K for road repairs/improvements;
- \$181K for repairs/renovations of various Town properties;
- \$150K for half the cost of the upcoming state mandated Revaluation;
- \$96K for emergency services equipment;
- \$70K for DPW small dump truck;
- \$66K for generator at Windermere School (the only school without one);
- \$65K for DPW garage renovations;
- \$64K to re-roof the old part of Hall Memorial Library;
- \$50K for municipal broadband connection supported by the state.
- Subsidies will equal \$127K.

**General Government Budget:** Everything else approved by voters as part of the Town Budget.

In common practice, the BOS has also proposed (for further individual consideration, outside the Town Budget, by the BOS, the BOF, and at Town Meetings) six major items for leasing or bonding. That will depend on the status of the Town's debt load.

*Maurice Blanchette*

**Annual Budget Hearing**  
**April 8, 2014 @ 8 PM**  
**Ellington High School**

**Annual Budget Meeting**  
**May 13, 2014 @ 8 PM**  
**Ellington High School**

**VOLUNTEER WEEK**  
**April 6 - 12, 2014**  
***Thank You!***

For more information and details of the Proposed 2014-2015 Budget, visit our website, [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov), select 'Our Town News' or pick up a copy of the budget documents at the Town Clerk's Office or the Hall Memorial Library.

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

Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools  
(860) 896-2300 ~ [ellingtonschools.org](http://ellingtonschools.org)

Over the years, the actions of the Ellington Board of Education have remained faithful to, and supportive of, its Vision Statement which states, *“Ellington students will be prepared to enter a rapidly changing and complex world with strong academic skills, breadth of knowledge, depth of understanding, commitment to others, and the attitudes necessary to become productive, contributing citizens.”* The success and accomplishments of our students, both in and out of the classroom, are evidence of this commitment to academic excellence.

As a result of annual brainstorming sessions, the Board of Education, in cooperation with the administration, developed a Multi-Year Academic Support Plan to further enhance the educational programs and opportunities available to our students. The Board of Education identified nine areas of interest which have the potential to support the work of the Board and the success of our students. A complete copy of this plan is available on the district website.

The nine areas of the Board’s Multi-Year Academic Support Plan are:

- ◆ Technology Infrastructure – The Board, through its Operations Committee, has directed the administration to develop plans with corresponding cost estimates to provide the required infrastructure to provide appropriate technology access to support student and professional learning.
- ◆ Technology Supporting Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment – The Board of Education fully supports leveraging technology to create and provide personalized, engaging and rigorous instruction, curriculum and assessment to prepare our students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills.
- ◆ Appropriate Level of Resources/Class Size – The continued growth of the student population during the past decade, coupled with budget constraints, has strained resources available to appropriately support student achievement. The Board of Education has directed the administration to identify areas of need and to develop and present recommendations to rectify this situation over the next three budget cycles.
- ◆ Administrative Capacity – The annual Strategic School profile clearly demonstrates the significant shortfall in staffing for administration and administrative support personnel. The Board of Education has directed the administration to develop and present recommendations to address these concerns.

- ◆ Extended Day/Year Opportunities – The administration has been directed to develop and present a multi-year plan to implement extended, personalized learning opportunities across a wide spectrum of student need and interest.
- ◆ Full-Day Kindergarten – The administration has been directed to complete and present an analysis with associated costs of implementing full-day kindergarten starting in September of ~~2015~~ 2016.
- ◆ Job-Embedded Professional Development – In compliance with the new Connecticut Guideline for Educator Evaluation and Support, the Board of Education is supportive of the efforts of the administration to create and significantly expand opportunities for job-embedded professional development across the district.
- ◆ Board of Education Marketing Plan – The Board of Education, through its Communications Committee and in cooperation with the administration, has been requested to develop a marketing plan for the Ellington Public Schools so as to appropriately communicate to all stakeholders and the public at large the accomplishments, successes, needs and challenges of the district.
- ◆ Career Planning – The Board of Education has directed the administration to provide an analysis of educational and budgetary implications of a most robust career planning program across the district.

For each of the above, the Multi-Year Academic Support Plan lists a number of related actions, strategies or interventions. Each action, strategy or intervention has a corresponding timeline, person(s) responsible and means of evaluation or results indicators. Work in some of these areas is well underway.

To date, significant progress has been made in the area of technology infrastructure. During the summer of 2013, wireless infrastructure was installed in all schools (with the exception of Crystal Lake School, which will be completed as part of the expansion and renovation project). The district has developed and submitted the next phase of its technology replacement plan as a component of its Capital Plan. Also, through the use of both local and grant funds, approximately one thousand Chromebooks are being made available for student use in our schools. Additional technology training for staff is ongoing. The development of high quality, technology-supported assured learning experiences that allow students to demonstrate their understanding using technology is also growing and teachers are working collaboratively to share new approaches and techniques.

Class size, which has been an ongoing concern for the district, has certainly improved and the addition of targeted

resources over the past few years has allowed each school to better serve the needs of individual students. Progress in this area will continue next year with the allocation of resources requested in the Board of Education's 2014-2015 proposed budget. The most notable proposed addition for next year is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst to better assist staff to meet the needs of students across the autism spectrum. For the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education appropriately addressed both administrative capacity and staffing for the business department.

I am most pleased with progress made in such a short period of time in our efforts to provide extended day/year opportunities. The completion and analysis of survey data indicated strong interest in both theater and engineering-based activities. As result, a number of after school theater workshops in partnership with the Hartford Stage were introduced. In addition, after school Lego engineering and robotics programs for students in grades 1-8 were also organized. Both offerings have been well received and attended. Background work related to full-day kindergarten is underway. However, due to lack of classroom space the earliest that such a program could be offered is in September 2016.

As stated earlier, in compliance with new state guidelines, the district has expanded differentiated, flexible professional development opportunities through such means as technology, webinar discussions, professional learning groups, book clubs, peer coaching, modeling, and summer institutes.

The Communications Committee of the Board of Education knows that the accomplishments of students and staff are often the best kept secrets in town. To that end, the committee has created a Board of Education Framework for Communication. The committee has also produced and distributed several flyers related to the work of the Board of Education. The committee is developing a variety of ways to publicize the excellent work done by students and staff.

With the implementation of the state required Student Success Plans, the Board of Education capitalized on the opportunity to provide more extensive career planning and exploration activities with our students. The first report on Student Success Plans will be presented to the Board of Education this spring.

The components of the Multi-Year Academic Support Plan are aligned with both the District Instructional Plan and the Board's Vision Statement, as they maintain student achievement for all students at all levels as the district's number one priority.

*Stephen C. Cullinan*

**Ellington Public Schools  
Where Children Come First**

## Ellington School Readiness Council



The Ellington School Readiness Council will sponsor a free workshop for parents of preschool aged children and preschool/day care providers.

### **Investigations, Activities, and Explorations Around Early Literacy and Numeracy Skills**

**Mondays, March 17, 24, 31 and April 7  
10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Location: Hall Memorial Library**

All participants will be provided with books and materials. Child care will be provided during the sessions. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Register at [ellingtonpublicschools.org](http://ellingtonpublicschools.org) by selecting "Preschool Early Literacy and Numeracy Workshops Registration" or call Robin Kline at 860-896-2315 ext. 125.

### **Ellington High School Author Week April 7-April 11, 2014**

In order to provide Ellington High School (EHS) students with an exciting, enriching, multi-cultural experience, this week will be devoted to an all-school author/illustrator week. Events are made possible through a grant from the Connecticut Association of Schools.

Kicking off the week on Monday, April 7, Len Cabral, a celebrated storyteller, will present his workshop on storytelling and writing to all EHS Freshman as well as students studying acting, playwriting and theatre.

Wednesday, April 9, Eric Valasquez, author/illustrator, will present his art to all EHS Sophomores as well as students studying art and design.

Finally, on Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11, both Juniors and Seniors will participate in an assembly by Alephonsion Deng, one of three authors of a book called *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky*. This book is a true story based on the experience of three Lost Boys of Sudan.

In addition, on Thursday, April 10, Mr. Deng will also present his inspirational story of surviving the genocide in Sudan to any interested parents and members of our community from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Gordon C. Getchell Auditorium. A reception will be held after the event. All are welcome!

**Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office**  
**Sergeant Patrick Sweeney, Supervisor**  
**860-875-1522**

**Cindy Roman,**  
**Assessor**  
**860-870-3109**

### Caution! Safety First!

With the winter season ending soon and spring upon us shortly, the Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office would like everyone to be more cautious on the Town roads. This is the time of year that everyone is outside enjoying the warmer weather, riding bikes, pushing strollers, and taking long walks throughout town. Please be aware of your driving habits and avoid unsafe driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving, or talking and texting on your cell phones. There will be increased enforcement during these months to combat aggressive and distractive driving.

The riders of dirt bikes, ATV's, and mopeds are not allowed on public roadways unless properly registered. Those found in violation may be subject to enforcement and removal from the scene.

### Vehicles and Homes

The Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office would like to remind residents to make sure they lock both their vehicles and homes when not occupied. Everyone should secure and lock their vehicles when unattended; and remove all valuables from plain sight from the inside of their vehicles especially when leaving it unattended while out shopping, taking a walk, or catching a baseball, soccer, or football game.

If you see someone or a car in your neighborhood that is unfamiliar and suspicious in nature, contact the Resident Troopers State Troopers' Office at 860-875-1522 or Troop C at 860-896-3200 to make them aware.

Crime prevention starts with the owner of the car or home.

### HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The homeowners' Tax Relief 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 2013, 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 and it is your year to file, an application will be mailed to you.

The filing period for the Homeowners' Tax Relief Program is February 1 through May 15. Applications will be available in the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2014.

### 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 and it is your year to file, an application will be mailed to you. The filing period for this program is between February 1st and October 1st. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2014.

### \*Income requirements

**To qualify for the 2013 benefit year the maximum income is**  
**\$41,600 for a married couple and**  
**\$34,100 for a single person.**

## Working in the Public Right of Way

The Public Right-Of-Way (ROW) includes both the paved portion of the street as well as the area outside of the pavement as required to accommodate traffic signs, utilities, sidewalks, etc. The width of the right-of-way varies by street, and can be determined by viewing the Assessors maps available at Town Hall or by viewing the parcel on MapGeo at [mapgeo.com/ellingtonct](http://mapgeo.com/ellingtonct).

Before starting a project in the Public ROW, it's important to know the rules:

- Planting trees or any other landscaping within the public ROW is not permitted as it may cause sight-line problems and interfere with snow removal and electrical wires.

- Permits are required for any excavation, driveway, utility and sewer connection. This type of work requires that the contractor post a bond and carry the proper liability insurance.
- There is no cost to pull a permit to work in the ROW. A permit is required so that the proposed work can be inspected to ensure it will not interfere with drainage and public use of the ROW.
- All permits can be obtained in the Ellington Land Use Office located in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ellington Public Works Department at 860-870-3140.

Tim Webb, Director of Public Works (860) 870-3140

**Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area  
Opens April 1, 2014**

**Hours of Operation  
April, May and June**

\*Closed Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 24

Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Proof of residency is required.**

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

**Items not accepted:** Construction materials, grass clippings and tree stumps. Harvest New England on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps (860) 827-1490.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**

The Town has contracted with  
Mid North East Recycling Operating Committee  
(MidNEROC)

**Household Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility**  
located at **57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT**  
to handle the disposal of HHW  
(860) 684-3163

**MidNEROC Hours of Operation:**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
on the first and third Saturday of the month from  
May 3 to November 1  
Closed July 5 weekend

**Some Accepted Materials:** bug spray, mercury thermometers and thermostats, dry cleaning fluid, fluorescent bulbs, arts and crafts supplies, rechargeable batteries, general purpose cleaners, aerosol cans with hazardous content, drain cleaners, metal polishers, floor cleaners, oven cleaners, wax and polishes, tile cleaners, toilet cleaners, gasoline, fire starters, engine/radiator flushes, chemistry kits, oil based and latex paints, rust preventative, wood preservative, lead based paint, solvents, degreasers, wood strippers, paint thinner, fertilizers with pesticides and herbicides, muriatic acid, pool chemicals, etc.

**Materials Not Accepted:** Medications, asbestos, explosives, fireworks, and ammunition.

**Note:** Latex paint can be disposed of in your regular household trash. First harden or dry it by removing the lid and placing the can in a safe, well-ventilated area.



The following items can be brought to the  
Town Garage, 21 Main Street  
Monday through Friday, year-round  
between the hours of 6:30 am-3:30 pm

Proof of  
residency is  
required.

waste oil and antifreeze      cell phones  
all batteries      propane tanks - 5 lbs. & 20 lbs.  
televisions and electronics      computer components  
fluorescent light bulbs      small appliances

**Help Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains**



**Only rain in the drain!** That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and rivers. Oil, pet waste, leaves, trash or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers. We all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

**What can you do?**

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty soapy water or anything else down the storm drain.

**Keep our water clean!**

**Sweeping Program**

The Department of Public Works will be sweeping the roads starting at the north side of Town and working toward Crystal Lake. The Sweeping Program will begin in March, weather permitting.

**Need Bulky Waste Pickup?**

**Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850**

Bulky waste includes scrap metal, appliances, aluminum, copper, brass, tools, water tanks, pipes, faucets, tires, rims, furniture, carpet, toys, toilets, sinks, tubs, mattresses, box springs, etc. Wood and carpet cannot exceed 4 ft. in length. Carpet should be rolled and tied. No more than 2 cubic yards of bulky waste allowed per week. For more information or to schedule a pickup, please call All American Waste **four days** before your *regular* collection day.

Note: Demolition/construction debris is not picked up under the bulky waste program.

**Message from the Tree Warden**

The Director of Public Works, who is also the Tree Warden, would like to remind residents that they should not cut trees that touch wires or are in the public right-of-way. Trees in the wires are the responsibility of CL&P. Trees in the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the Town.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library (860) 870-3160 ~ website: [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov)

### Hall Memorial Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	10:00 am	8:00 pm
Friday and Saturday	10:00 am	5:00 pm
Sunday*	1:00 pm	5:00 pm

\*Sunday hours end for the season on May 25  
See page 20 for holiday closing schedule.

### Friends of the Library (FOL) Spring Book Sale April 11 - 13, 2014

The FOL will hold the Spring Book Sale in the Upstairs Meeting Room at the Library. Fill a large shopping bag with whatever fits for \$9.00. Hundreds of books for all ages will be available and donations are gladly accepted any time.

### Friends of Hall Memorial Library Book Cellar Hours

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

### Gifts to the Library

The Hall Memorial Library gladly accepts unrestricted donations of items that are appropriate to the collection or the operation of the library. Books, DVDs, CDs and other such items are evaluated upon receipt, and if appropriate may be added to the collection, or may be donated to the Friends of the Library for the book sale. If either of these options is not what you intended, you may want to rethink your gift. Donations of other types of items are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Monetary donations, unless designated for a specific and previously arranged purpose, are generally used to purchase materials for the collection. A donation of a book or other item to the library collection makes a great commemorative or memorial gift! Donors and honorees have some input into the type of materials that will be chosen. Once chosen and processed, these items have a gift plate attached.

### Oops! When Library Materials are Damaged while Checked Out

It happens to the best of us in spite of our best intentions - a page rips, the coffee spills or Fido decides to read with his teeth. Here are some guidelines for damages to Library materials.

- ◆ Do not tape pages that rip or fall out. The Library has special, acid-free tape and glue to mend books. Just mention it when you return the book.
- ◆ Please notify staff if coffee or something sugary spills on the book as it might be permanently damaged and no longer usable. Such liquids promote the growth of mold and other degenerative creatures.
- ◆ And clearly, if the book comes back completely wet or chewed it will need to be replaced.

The severity of damage will be determined when the book is returned and the decision to repair or replace is made by the Library staff. Items that are damaged beyond repair will be billed at the original purchase price.

### April is "Food for Fines" Month

Tuesday, April 1 through Wednesday, April 30

If you have overdue Library materials at home, now is the time to round them up. During "Food for Fines" month you can make your fines disappear and help stock the shelves of our local food bank at the same time.

#### Here's how it works:

- ✓ Bring non-expired, non-perishable food items to donate to the Hall Memorial Library.
- ✓ For each item you donate, \$1 of your Library fines will be forgiven.
- ✓ Fines can only be forgiven on overdue materials that have been returned, so make sure you've looked under the bed first!
- ✓ You can also log-in to your online library account or ask at the Library staff if you are not sure which materials you currently have checked out or whether you have a fine.
- ✓ "Food for Fines" credit cannot be applied toward fees for items that have been lost or damaged.

All donations collected during "Food for Fines" Month will be distributed to the food bank in our community.

### Celebrate National Library Week

**April 13-19, 2014**

Lives change at Libraries.  
Celebrate your Library!



### Movies

12 Years a Slave	March 19 March 20	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Inside Llewyn Davis	April 1 April 3	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Philomena*	April 8 April 8	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
American Hustle*	April 16 April 17	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Saving Mr. Banks*	April 30 May 1	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Wolf of Wall Street*	May 6 May 8	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
August: Osage County*	May 14 May 15	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Enough Said*	May 28 May 29	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
In a World*	June 11 June 12	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
The Monuments Men*	June 17 June 19	6:30 pm 1:00 pm

\*Movies are subject to change; watch the board at the Library or the website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov)

### Can't Find a Parking Space?

Parking space at the Library is limited, so if you arrive and can't find a spot in our lot, please use the parking lot at St. Luke's Church right across the street. Please do not park in the handicapped spaces unless you have a permit to do so and please do not block the back door of the Library (the spot with the big "X" in it). Thank you!

### Share Your Talent!

Do you have a special skill/hobby/interest that you would like to share with others? Let us know - we'd love to have you lead a program or help you to start a creative group or think tank that could meet here at the library!

### Spring Events

Bambi Mroz: Celebrating 300 Years of Connecticut Women	Wednesday March 12	6:30 pm
Will Maynard: Electronics Prototyping Using Arduino	Tuesday March 18	6:30 pm
*Sharon Leonard: Pysanka Egg Workshop	Saturday March 22	10:00 am
*Laurie Lynne: Polymer Clay Bed-Making	Wednesday March 26	6:30 pm
Marian Pierre-Louis: Researching your Historic House	Wednesday April 2	6:30 pm
Craig Breitsprecher: How to Pay for College	Wednesday April 9	6:30 pm
Ned Farrell: What's the Buzz? Hobby Beekeeping	Wednesday April 23	6:30 pm
Matthew Bartlett: For the Sake of the Country: Female Spies in the Civil War	Thursday April 24	7:00 pm
*Chef Mary Lawrence: Planning a Chef's Garden	Wednesday May 7	6:30 pm
Lisabeth Billingsley: How to Press Flowers and Create a Picture or Greeting Card	Wednesday May 21	6:30 pm
*Cheryl Cianci: Zentangle	Wednesday June 4	6:00 pm
*Robin Glowka: The Goodness of Gluten-Free	Wednesday June 18	6:30 pm
Jack Farrell: Fast Jack - The Last Hustler	Tuesday June 24	6:30 pm

\*Program has limited seating, so register early!

*These events are made possible by a grant from The Institute of Museum and Library Services. All programs require online registration at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call the library at 860-870-3160.*

**YA (Young Adult) Stuff****BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY!**

Seats available to the public!

Saturday, May 3, 2014

\$35 a seat/first come, first served

The Young Adult Advisory Board (YA) is headed to New York City (NYC) on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The YA will tour the New York Public Library, take in the sights, and expand our view of the world all in one day!

We need your help! We have a 56 person coach bus to fill and we are opening it up to the public. If you would like to take a day trip into NYC, each seat is \$35 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus will depart from the Town Hall parking lot at 7:00 a.m. (be there by 6:45 a.m. please) and will make three stops in the city: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, and Trinity Place near the 9/11 Memorial. The bus will leave NYC at 6:00 p.m. to return Ellington. If you would like to go, please register at the Main Desk of the Library. Payment is required at time of registration. We are not able to reserve seats without payment. Hope to see you in NYC!

**Joint Book Discussion!**

The YA are again teaming up with the Ellington Senior Center to hold a joint book discussion on the dates below. Copies of the books for both discussions will be available at the library and refreshments will be provided. High school students and seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend! Call the Library for the book titles.

Tuesday, April 1	Hall Memorial Library	3:00 pm
Tuesday, May 6	Ellington Senior Center	2:00 pm

**Pat Grundman, Children's Librarian**  
 Call 860-870-3160 to register for programs
**Rona Leventhal, Storyteller**

Monday, April 14	1:00 pm	Library
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Rona will bring her talent as a storyteller, as well as her unique collection of stories for the enjoyment of children ages 5 and up, and their families. The public is welcome. Free tickets will be available beginning April 7.

**Practice Reading Skills for Children ages 5 to 12**

Saturdays March 8, 22, April 5, 26	10:30-11:30 am	Library
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**Featuring Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs!** Children will be asked to choose a favorite story or perhaps a chapter of a book they are already reading, to share with an eager listener, who just happens to have four legs and a wagging tail. Registration is recommended and is ongoing. You may register either by telephone or in person. Each participant will be given 10 minutes of reading time. If time permits, children may read to a second dog. Parents are asked to wait in the children's area of the library during the program. This and all library programs are FREE and open to the public.

**Drop-In Story Hour for children ages 3 to 5**

Wednesdays, through April 16	1:00 - 1:45 pm	Library
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Led by the Children's Librarian, this story hour includes books, flannel board stories, movement activities, songs, and an occasional short video, taken directly from a picture book. There is no need to register. Parents are asked to wait for their children in the children's area of the library. This and all library programs are FREE and open to the public.

**The Journey Adventure Program**
 April 29 through May 27  
 (on Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Cost: \$50—Register through Active-net (see Page 10)

The Journey Adventure Program is held two days a week after school at Windermere School for 6th grade students. This program teaches responsibility and respect for self, others and surroundings. Your child will have a fun and rewarding time in active game playing, while learning and laughing!

This program helps children to:

- gain more self-confidence
- learn relaxation techniques so they can focus better
- regain calmness during times of stress
- create daily peace within oneself
- fall asleep better
- and much more



In addition, they will have great fun with creative problem-solving, decision-making skills, building cooperation and teamwork. Adventure games and media discussions are used for a rewarding, active and enriching time for participants in the program. They will leave feeling empowered and full of pride!

Please call Chantal in Youth Services at 860-870-3130 if you are interested.

**SAVE THE DATE!**
**Ellington's Community Safety Day**  
**Ellington High School**  
**May 10 ~ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

*Free food and drink! Free admission! Plus so much more!* Join us for a fun day for families, children and seniors while meeting local safety representatives from the community. Come explore emergency vehicles, play games, pick-up some great information and talk to trained professionals!

## Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director (860) 870-3133

**New Senior Center Official Grand Opening!**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**40 Maple Street**

Please mark your calendars to come and celebrate with us!

The doors of the new Senior Center located at 40 Maple Street opened on January 6, 2014. This began the "soft opening" stages in the new facility. We are in a transitional period adjusting to many factors. By the time of the official opening date more activities should be in place. We thank and appreciate everyone for their understanding.

The following is a synopsis of programs and seminars offered. Please come to the Senior Center to get your copy of our monthly newsletter and calendar, or check the website for a complete list of activities at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov); select 'Town Services'; 'Senior Center'; 'Town Crier News'.

**Programs/Seminars**

- ⇒ The Ellington Singers will host their annual Spring Musical 2014 celebrating their 30th Anniversary on Thursday, April 17 at the Senior Center at 1:00 pm.
- ⇒ The Senior Center is working in conjunction with AARP by offering Smart Driving Classes to the public. Contact the Senior Center at 860-870-3133 to sign up: Wednesday, April 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required.
- ⇒ Musical Insights Presents "A Celtic Evening" Wednesday, March 19 from 6:00 pm. - 8:00 pm. Featuring live music by The Carney Clan: John, Nancy, Greg & Peter; hosted by Dot and Butch Carney. Light "Irish" refreshments served. Donation: \$3.00/person for residents; \$4.00/person for non-residents. Sign-up and payment due by March 14.

**Senior Center Weekly/Monthly Activities**

- Exercises with Alcyone
- Tap Dance & Zumba Gold Classes
- German Classes
- Simple Circuit Training
- Chess Mates
- , Ping Pong, Shuffleboard and Billiard playing and/or lessons
- Arts and Crafts Memories and Creative Writers sharing and writing (offered monthly)

**Senior Center Bus Trips!**

**Brighton Beach, "Little Russia," Coney Island, NY**

Trip Date: May 12 *Sign up Deadline: April 12*

Cost: \$78 Per Person, due at reservation

Trip includes: Motor coach transportation and gratuity on a guided riding tour through the "Little Russia" section of Brooklyn, NY, lunch at the famous "National Restaurant" and shopping along Brighton Beach Avenue and the Coney Island Boardwalk.

**Ogunquit, Maine**

Trip Date: June 9 -11 *Sign-Up Deadline: April 21*

Cost: \$389 Per person twin/triple

\$150 Deposit due with reservation

Trip Includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation, 2 nights at the Meadowmere Resort, welcome dinner, Nubble Lighthouse Cruise, Foster's Downeast Clambake, tour through Strawberry Banke, NH.



Sign up for Bus Trips at the Senior Center.

**Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Caseworker (860) 870-3131**

**TRIAD welcomes Ellington Rescue Post 512**  
**Wednesday, March 19 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**  
**Guest Speaker: Tonya Glomboske, Senior Advisor**

Ms. Glomboske will talk about ambulance cost and types of 911 calls. Rescue Post students will explain their involvement in the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp. This is a Lunch & Learn program - Pizza and beverages will be served at 1:00 pm. RSVP your attendance by calling 860-870-3133 by March 14.



**National Drug Take Back Day**

**Saturday April 26 ~ 9 am to 1 pm**

at the Resident State Troopers'

Office, 33 Arbor Way. Please bring your unwanted medications (pills and capsules) for proper disposal. No syringes accepted. Call 860-875-1522 for more details.

**Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease Support Group**  
**will host the annual**  
**"April is Parkinson's Awareness Month" Luncheon**  
**Friday, April 11 at 11:00 am**  
**Guest Speaker: Dr. Toni DeMarcaida**

A luncheon will follow at 12 noon. This is a free program for persons with Parkinson's Disease and their family and/or friend. Please RSVP your attendance by calling Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 before April 2.

The Ellington **TRIAD Senior Safety Program** is welcoming new members for our Planning Committee. Please call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 if you are interested in being part of our Senior Safety Team!

## ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2014 SPRING PROGRAMS

**Address:**

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

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

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

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

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

### Registration Process

The Parks and Recreation Department has implemented a registration process for ALL recreational programs/camps through our Active-net Online Program. The process for online registration is easy and convenient and involves these simple steps:

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

⇒ Click on Town Services

⇒ Click on Parks & Recreation

⇒ Select "Click here" for Active-net Online Registration!

⇒ Select "Click here" to set up account

It is imperative that an adult household member set up the family account. The advantage to setting up an account is the convenience of registering for recreational programs and camps at your leisure. You will need an e-mail address to set up your account, a password, and dates of birth for all family members. (Remember to add family members to your account). If you don't have access to a computer, we can assist in setting up your account at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. In office online registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. **Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home.** If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation at 860-870-3118.

### Lifeguard Training Course

The course will be conducted at the Crystal Lake Beach and the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse.

#### Eligibility:



- 15 years old by the last day of class,
- swim 550 yards
- retrieve 5lb. brick from 8 feet of water

**Code: LGT.WFT14**

**Cost: \$300 Resident; \$350 Non-resident**

**May 24, 25; June 7, 8 plus 1 additional date TBD**

**Deadline for Class Registration is May 1  
(Minimum enrollment 5)**

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 the pool and at a waterfront environment.

### Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon

**July 20, 2014 ~ (Rain Date July 27)**

**\$70 per participant**

- ♦ Swim ¼ mile in Crystal Lake
- ♦ Bike 12 miles through Ellington & Stafford
- ♦ Run 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area



The Ellington Parks and Recreation Department, with the assistance of Town Resident Bill Dougherty, has developed the 2014 Triathlon course. The Sprint Triathlon will be held on July 20 at 8:00 am at Crystal Lake in Ellington. The course will consist of a ¼ 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 3.2 mile run around Crystal Lake.

All levels of ability are welcomed. We will try to have three waves consisting of men's, women's and beginners. The Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants; there will be on-line sign-up starting March 1, 2014 through the Triathlon website: [ellingtontriathlon.com](http://ellingtontriathlon.com) or the Parks & Recreation website at: [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).

Our team is looking for volunteers; please send an e-mail to [ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com) 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 Roadrunners ~ [ellingtonroadrunners.com](http://ellingtonroadrunners.com)

#### 2014 YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Including: Ellington, Somers, East Windsor

Boys & Girls Ages 6 to 13 (as of 7/1/2014)



#### Registration Information:

**Registration begins online April 2, 2014 or in person on  
Wednesday, May 14 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm and  
Saturday, May 17 from 12 noon - 3:00 pm  
at Brookside Park**

A non-returnable copy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration. The fee is \$120 first child, \$80 for each additional sibling; \$280 family maximum. A fully refundable \$50 deposit is required and refunded when uniforms are returned & volunteer commitments are met. After May 17, registration fees increase by \$10 and can be mailed to:

**Ellington Roadrunners**

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

For more information, contact David Race at [dsrace@gmail.com](mailto:dsrace@gmail.com)

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons</b> Instructor: TBD	TINY.TTTN14	<b>Session N:</b> April 28, 30, May 5, 7	5:30-6:15 pm	Ages 3-5	\$35	Brookside Park
	TINY.TTTO14	<b>Session O:</b> May 12, 14, 19, 21	5:30-6:15 pm	Ages 3-5	\$35	Brookside Park
<b>Pee Wee Tennis Lessons</b> Instructor: TBD	PEE.PWEN14	<b>Session N:</b> April 28, 30, May 5, 7	6:30-7:15 pm	Ages 5-7	\$35	Brookside Park
	PEE.PWEO14	<b>Session O:</b> May 12, 14, 19, 21	6:30-7:15 pm	Ages 5-7	\$35	Brookside Park
<b>Cardio Tennis</b>	2014.CART	April 26, May 3, 10, 17	9:00-10 am	14 & up	\$30	Schwartz Park (next to EHS)
Cardio Tennis is a fusion of tennis and aerobics. It's an hour of constant movement that provides high paced fitness and an opportunity to improve your tennis game at the same time. There's music, props, loads of tennis balls and laughs too. It's tennis, fitness and fun all rolled into one. Cardio Tennis is perfect for the novice and experienced player alike.						
<b>Youth Tennis Lessons</b> Instructor: TBD	YUTH.TENE14	<b>Session E:</b> April 28, 30, May 5, 7	6:00-7:00 pm	Ages 8-13	\$35	Brookside Park
	YUTH.TENF14	<b>Session F:</b> May 12, 14, 19, 21	6:00-7:00 pm	Ages 8-13	\$35	Brookside Park
<b>Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners</b> Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.ASTBE	<b>Session E:</b> April 24, May 1, 8, 15 Makeup date: May 22	6:30-7:30pm	14 & up	\$35	Schwartz Park (next to EHS)
	0205.ASTBF	<b>Session F:</b> May 29, June 5, 12, 19				
Ellington resident, EHS Tennis Coach and USTA Tennis Instructor Rich Willis was recently awarded the USTA New England Starfish Award which recognizes High School Tennis Coaches for mastering the skills of leadership and team development and who implement a No-Cut policy for their Tennis Team.						
<b>Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate</b> Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.ASTIC	<b>Session C:</b> April 24, May 1, 8, 15 Makeup date: May 22	7:30-8:30 pm	14 & up	\$35	Schwartz Park (next to EHS)
	0205.ASTID	<b>Session D:</b> May 29, June 5, 12, 19				
<b>High School Pre-Season Tennis Clinic</b>	EHS.TENNS14	March 17	3:00-4:30 pm	9-12 grade	\$45	Ellington Middle School
		March 19 & 20	3:00-4:30 pm			Manchester Racquet Club

**Youth Track & Field**

Boys & Girls  
Grades 1 to 8

All practices begin at the Ellington High School Track

April 23 - June 14, 2014

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am

Running, fresh air, running, outdoor games, running, forest treks, running and track & field meets add up to a whole lot of fun and, of 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! 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!

Fee: \$25 (includes T-shirt)  
Code ID: [1212.track14](#)

Program Coordinator Coach, Dan Dryburgh, seeks volunteer help from parents and Ellington High School students. If you're interested in helping with the program e-mail:

[redford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:redford@ellington-ct.gov) or  
[bartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:bartley@ellington-ct.gov)

**Introductory Lacrosse Clinic**

Grades K-2



The Recreation Department will offer an introductory clinic to introduce kids in Grades K-2 to lacrosse. Basic fundamentals of throwing, catching, cradling and shooting will be covered. Equipment will be provided.

Dates: April 26 - May 24, 2014  
Saturday Program: 9 am -10 am  
Location: Ellington High School  
Cost: \$25 per player

Code: [InstLax.2014](#)

**Hiking Club**



Hiking Club is a year-round program, pending weather conditions. The Ellington Hiking Club meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am in Arbor Park parking lot before departing for that particular week's location. Please register at the Recreation Office to be added to the e-mail contact list.

**Spring Soccer Pre-Season Finishing & Foot Skills Clinic at Brookside Park**

**Instructors:**  
Matt Maznicki  
Dave Schipper  
Mike Pantuosco



Fee \$65

Skills Clinic will focus on the four main principal areas of the position's development in a fun and educational way.

- Technical
- Tactical
- Psychological
- Physical Skills

April 5	9:30 -11:30 am
April 7, 8, 9	5:30 - 7:30 pm

Limit: 24 players

U8-U10 - [CODE: FOOT.SKILLS10](#)  
U11-U14 - [CODE: FOOT.SKILLS14](#)

**Community Gardens Batz Property 97 Shenipsit St.**



A limited number of garden plots will be offered 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. For information, call the Recreation Office and provide your mailing address. Registration is in person only. Register by March 31 at the Recreation Department.

**April Vacation Camp 2014**

**April 14, 15, 16, 17 (Monday-Thursday)  
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.

**Pre-registration is required no later than April 5.  
Registration Online Only**

- Full Day (8:30 am - 3 pm): \$72/Week (\$18/Day)
- Half Day (8:30 am - Noon): \$48/Week (\$12/Day)
- Before Care (7:30 - 8:30 am) \$ 4/Day
- After Care (3 pm - 5 pm) \$7Day

*Campers should bring outdoor clothing & a bagged lunch.*

**Ellington's Ultimate Frisbee is back!**

Beginning April 21  
Location: Brookside Park 5:30 p.m.  
No fee  
No residency requirement



Ultimate Frisbee, a sport similar to football or soccer but played with a Frisbee, is for men and women of all ages. Our group has people from high school to their fifties, men and women, people both with and without experience. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office or online. Bring a light and a dark t-shirt, water, cleats or sneakers and be prepared for a great time and workout. Check the website for field and/or time changes:

Contact Karl @ [ksneubec@gmail.com](mailto:ksneubec@gmail.com)

or visit <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ellingtonultimate/info>

## 2014 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer Fee: \$30 (U9 - U18)

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) or Small sided (6 vs. 6) 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

### Spring Outdoor Soccer Tryout Dates at Brookside Park

- April 11, 2014: 6 :00-7:15 pm
- April 12, 2014: 9:00-10:15 am

*Note: Must attend a minimum of one evaluation date to become eligible for highest level of play.*

The deadline for players to register in order to RETAIN his/her FALL 2013 roster placement is **APRIL 8, 2014**. Registration forms received after that date will be placed in the 'as available' file until final registrations/two evaluations have been completed. It is important to note that the Spring 2014 Season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on 'actual enrollment' as of April 8, 2014. Since Spring Soccer is considered an off-season sport, roster size and team alignment may be adjusted in order to provide a roster placement for all registrants. If a player wishes to attend an evaluation session in order to (1) qualify for a specific age group/level or, (2) is a new player that was not rostered in the Fall of 2013, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form so an accurate accounting may be kept.



### Soccer 2013-2014 Seasonal Year Age Groups Guidelines

Age Group	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
U-8	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005
U-9	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004
U-10	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
U-11	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002
U-12	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001
U-14	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
U-15	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999

### *In-House Spring Soccer Program ~ Ages 4-8 years ~ Register by April 14, 2014*

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering the Spring Soccer Clinic for children this April, 2014. Due to the growing number of children interested in this sport of soccer, we 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, we 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 yourself, 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 Mondays and ages 7 and 8 on Wednesdays. Depending on how many teams are formed, there will be "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another in a scrimmage/match. This can only be successful with your help and volunteer time! To participate, please contact the Recreation Department: [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov).

The number of volunteers will determine how many children will be accepted into this program.

#### Ages 4-6

Mondays:  
April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19  
June 2 make-up date  
Code: INHSE.SOC4614

Time: 5:30-6:45 pm  
Location: Middle School Soccer Field  
Fee: \$25

#### Ages 7 and 8

Wednesdays:  
April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21  
May 28 make-up date  
Code: INHSE.SOC7814

**Ellington Parks and Recreation**  
**is proud to present**  
**Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps!**  
*Teaching Life Skills through Sports since 1979*



Course Name	Course #	Dates Monday - Friday	Time	Ages/Grades	Fee	Location
Volleyball	SSA.50023	June 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	9 am-1 pm	Grades 2-5*	\$115	EMS
	SSA.50063	June 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	9 am-1 pm	Grades 6-9*	\$115	EMS
The fundamental skills of volleyball are taught through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player.						
Flag Football	SSA.50714	July 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	9 am-12 pm	Ages 7-12	\$109	Brookside Park
Campers learn skills on both sides of the football including the core components of passing, catching and defense - all in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the Skyhawks Sports Super bowl.						
Multi-Sport (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Flag Football)	SSA.50721	July 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	9 am-1 pm	Ages 7-10	\$115	EMS
In this multi-sport camp we combine four sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork.						
Tiny-Hawk (Soccer & Basketball)	SSA.50341	July 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	9 am-9:50 am	Ages 3-4	\$65	EMS
This camp for pre-school aged kids introduces the essentials of one to two sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate.						
Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)	SSA.50472	July 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	10 am-1 pm	Ages 4-7	\$109	EMS
This baseball, basketball and soccer program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.						
Basketball	SSA.50K214	July 14, 15, 16, 17 Rain date July 18	6 pm-7:30 pm	Grades K-2*	\$75	Brookside Park
This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. In addition to technical basketball skills, our basketball staff will focus on respect, teamwork and responsibility.						

**Notes:**

EMS = Ellington Middle School

\*Program Note: eligibility based on the 2013-2014 school year

Learn more about Skyhawks Sports Camps at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com)

Ball INCLUDED with registration and participation in Skyhawks Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Mini-Hawk and Multi-Sport camps.

## 2014 Recreation Department T-Ball Programs

Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Department  
**March 1 through April 16**

### Recreation Department Instructional T-Ball

#### Boys & Girls Ages 4 & 5

(Age 4 in 2013 up to those who turned 6 years old before December 31, 2013)

**Saturday Mornings 10:00 am-11:00 am**

Ellington High School (Fields located behind the school)

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

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

**ID Code: 1214.tb14**

Participants must 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).

**Parent  
Volunteer  
Coaches  
NEEDED**

### Recreation Department Advanced T-Ball

Must have played one year of Instructional T-Ball to qualify for Advanced T-Ball

#### Boys & Girls Ages 6 & 7

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

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

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

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

**ID Code: 1214.advt14**

The program will cover the fundamentals of baseball and softball and will follow a coach-pitch/T-ball format.

**Parent  
Volunteers  
and  
Coaches  
NEEDED!**

**A Coaches' Meeting for all T-ball coaches will be held on May 1 at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Department Conference Room, 31 Arbor Way. To register, please e-mail Mary Bartley at [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov)**

### AED/ First Aid/ CPR Instructor: Allison Breen

#### Register online ONLY at

[Ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto:Ellington.safety@yahoo.com)

This is an e-mail address so please list your name, phone and sport. 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 activities to register.

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

- Monday, April 7: 5:30-10:00 pm
- Saturday, April 12: 9 am-2:00 pm

Each coach is **REQUIRED** to complete this training. **Maximum six (6) coaches per class allowed, so register early.**

### 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 recreational opportunity and to have fun together. The possibility exists of providing some preseason indoor practice times during the month of April. Contact Bob Tedford at the Recreation Office (860) 870-3118 or email [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) with individual or team interest.



### Kid's Fair! May 10

**Save the date!**  
**Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**1:00 to 3:00 pm**

**\$10 per family**  
**If you register by May 5**  
**\$5 per child**  
**on the day of event**

The Recreation Department and Rise Above Youth Leadership Group are hosting a Kid's Fair at Brookside Park. There will be many games, crafts, prizes, and even face painting! You can register online or at the Recreation Department, 31 Arbor Way. Parents must accompany children. For more information call the Recreation Department at (860) 870-3118.



**We hope to see you there!**

Activity	Date	Time	Ages	Fee	Location
<b>Music &amp; Movement</b> Adult participation required  Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u><b>Wednesdays:</b></u> March 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 (make-up date May 28 ) Code: MNM.WEDS9S	10:15-11:00 am	Ages 1-3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non- Resident	Hall Memorial Library (Max 10 per session)
	<u><b>Thursdays:</b></u> March 27, April 3,10,24, May 1, 8, 15, 22 (make-up date May 29) Code: MNM.THURS8S				

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.

<b>Little Hands</b> Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u><b>Tuesdays</b></u> April 1, 8, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27 (make-up date June 3) Code: LITT.HAND8	9:15-10:00 am	Ages 1-3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non- Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse (Max 8)
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Chase away those long winter days with this hands-on sensory art experience! Children will use their senses to create art using edible media such as yogurt pudding, crackers, cool whip, Cheerios and much more! Play time with friends is a must and a portion of class time will be set aside for children to interact with others make new friends. Dress for mess!

<b>Outdoor Pee Wee Sports</b> Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u><b>Mondays:</b></u> April 28, May 5, 12, 19 (make-up dates June 2) Code: OPWS.MON4	10:00-10:45 am	Ages 3 & 4	\$35 Resident \$40 Non- Resident	Brookside Park (Max 12)
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Fresh air, friends and a fun multi-sport experience! Come learn the basics of soccer, t-ball, and basketball in a cooperative, small team setting. Please wear sneakers and bring a water bottle. Some adult participation required.

<b>The World Around Us</b> Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<u><b>Fridays:</b></u> May 2, 9, 16, 23 (make-up date May 30) Code: TWAU2.2014	4:00-5:00 pm	Ages 4-7	\$35 Resident \$40 Non- Resident	Brookside Park (Max 10)
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Science and nature right here in Ellington! Meet at the park for outdoor exploration of the park grounds including the small stream for signs of spring! Learn about the insects, plants and creatures waking from a long winters nap. Discovery walk with nets and buckets may get messy so rain boots are a must. Check out our findings under magnifying glasses, measure growing plants from week to week and eye spy birds and animals. Bug spray recommended!

<b>Youth Informal Co-ed Volleyball</b> Instructors: Allison Watras	<u><b>Wednesdays</b></u> April 2, 9, 23, 30 May 7 Code: YIVB.401S14	5:45-7:15pm	Grades 4-8	\$20	Ellington Middle School
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<b>Jukido</b> Instructor: Paul Ward	<b>Thursday Evenings Session 16:</b> March 20-June 19 Code: JUKIDO.JUK16	5:30-6:45 pm	6 & up	\$5 per class	Vernon Community Building 375 Hartford Turnpike
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Activity	ID	Dates	Times	Ages	Fees	Location
<b>Youth Informal Basketball Boys/Girls</b>	YIB14.912	Wednesday Evenings April 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21	7-9 pm	Current Grades 9-12	\$15	Windermere School
An informal youth basketball program will be offered during the spring for boys & girls currently in grades 9-12.						
<b>Youth Basketball Clinics</b>	YBC.2014	Tuesday Evenings April 22, 29 May 6, 13	5:30-6:45 pm	Grades 1-4	\$18	Windermere School Gymnasium
			6:45-8:00 pm	Grades 5-8		
This clinic will emphasize and teach basic fundamentals and learning to play the "right way".						
<b>CPROHeart LLC</b> Babysitter Safety Course	BABE.SITW14	April 23 and 24	3:30-5:30 pm	10-13 years old min: 8 max:15	\$45	Windermere School Cafeteria
<b>CPROHEART LLC Babysitter Safety Course</b> is a new 4-hour program. This course is entry level intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Basic first-aid and obstructed airway management for conscious choking adult/child and infant. Other topics: hand-washing, diapering, bottle-feeding, personal safety, interview skills and many more. Bring a snack each day.						
<b>Men's Informal Basketball</b>	0205.50314	Monday Evenings Concludes in June (Closed April 14 and May 26)	5:30 -9 pm	Over 30	\$5	Windermere School (Location may change March -May)
	0205.50414			Under 30		
<b>Co-Ed Volleyball</b>	coedvb.50414	Wednesdays: Concludes April 23	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$3	EMS
<b>Women's Self-Defense</b>	0503.WSD10	To Be Determined Based on Interest	7 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
<b>Adult Outdoor Soccer</b>	AODS.402	Tentative start April (weather & field conditions permitting)	6-8 pm Wed. 9-11am Sun.	18 & up	\$5	Brookside Park

ACTIVITY	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
 <b>ZUMBA</b> fitness Instructors: Joanne Britton & Tressa Giordano	Tuesdays & Thursdays Starting: Now - June	7:30-8:30 pm	14 & up	\$40 punch card for 8 classes or \$8 Walk-in	Middle School
	Zumba® classes are ongoing and run Tuesdays and Thursday nights. Classes will follow the Ellington Public Schools Calendar; NO Classes on Vacation Days or School Cancellation Days. Zumba® is the Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose. Bring a water bottle and towel.				

## Indoor/Outdoor Golf Lessons

Spring 2014 Dates	Time	Ages	Fee & Location
<b>Indoor Golf Lessons</b> Session Indoor: March 12, 19; April 2, 9	7 pm-8 pm	Co-ed Adults Class	<b>\$60.00</b> Crystal Lake School
Session 1: April 12, 19, 26, May 3	11 am -12 noon 12 noon-1 pm 2 pm- 3 pm 3 pm- 4 pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adult Class Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old	<b>\$65/session</b> at Ellington Golf Center 125 West Street 
Session 2: May 6, 13, 20, 27	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old	
Session 3: May 8, 15, 22, 29	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adults	

<b>Total Body Blast</b> Instructor: Ginny Hogan	OPEN ENROLLMENT Monday & Wednesdays Registration required at the first class April through May	6:00-7:00 pm	14 years old and up	\$5 per class pre-payment or \$7 walk-in fee \$40 Punch Card/ 8 classes ALL payments due at registration	Center School
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Blast off those calories and tone your muscles with a full-body workout that mixes strength, cardio and core exercises. All levels welcome. Contact the instructor via the Recreation Department if you have questions. Bring mat and foam roller.

## 2014 Day Trips

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington and Windham. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. **The pick-up/drop-off locations will be the commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on the bus. Refer to the Town website for more details at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).**

Trip	Code	Date	Time	Location	Fee	Information
<b>Day in New York City</b>	DNYC.TRIP14	Saturday, April 5, 2014	Depart 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$45 per person	Fee includes transportation only
<b>Bronx Zoo</b>	BRONX.ZO14	Saturday, May 17, 2014	Depart: 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$65 adults \$60 Senior/ children	Fee includes transportation only
<b>Red Sox Game</b>	RED.SOX614	Saturday, June 14, 2014	Depart: 12 noon Return: 9:00 pm Game time 4:05pm	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$99	Fee includes Ticket to game, transportation and cookout prior to game.

# 2014 SUMMER CAMP



## Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza !

Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 Years old as of 12/31/13)  
Must be potty trained (*Strictly Enforced*)

Program	Hours	Fees
Full Day	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	\$80 per child/week (\$16/day)
Half Day	8:30 am - Noon	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Half Day	Noon - 3:30 pm	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Before Camp	7:30 am - 8:30 am	\$15 per child/week (\$3/day)
After Camp	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$35 per child/week (\$7/day)
<i>Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full/day/full week camper) for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> children in the same household</i>		

**Location: Center School (Tentative)**  
**Campers bring bagged lunch each day!!**

### Week 1: June 23-27

#### Daily Activity Schedule

- 7:30 am - 9:00 am Free Play
- 9:00 am-12:30 pm Groups divided, Crafts ,Outdoor & Indoor Activities, Free Play (weather permitting)
- 12:30-1:00 pm Lunch
- 1-3 pm All Outdoor & Indoor Activities (weather permitting)
- 3-4:30 pm Free Play

### Week 2: June 30-July 3 No camp July 4

### Week 3: July 7-11

### Week 4: July 14-18

### Week 5: July 21-25

### Week 6: July 28-Aug 1

### Week 7: August 4-8

### Week 8: Aug 11-15

### Week 9: Aug. 18-20

### Camp Informational Night

Monday, June 2, 2014  
5:00-7:00 pm  
Ellington Recreation Department  
31 Arbor Way



- Partial weeks are pro-rated
- Campers should bring a water bottle daily
- Snacks will be provided
- Campers are to come dressed appropriately; no flip flops!
- Friday Pizza Parties for lunch!! Additional fee per week TBD
- Epi-Pen/Meds need to have a doctor's note and must be submitted on the first day of camp.

## Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2014

**Pre-Season:** [weather & staff permitting]

Weekends only: June 7 & 8 and 14 & 15  
12 noon-5:00 pm

**Full Season:** June 16-August 17

Weekdays: 12 noon-6:30 pm

Weekends: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

**Beach Passes will be available beginning May 15**

### Swim Lesson Information

The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Swimming Lessons at Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years-adult. We will be offering the American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels that will teach you and/or your child how to swim skillfully and safely. You can find the swim level descriptions online at our website.

### Projected Swim Lesson Dates:

(depending on the last day of school)

### Monday—Thursday

### Program Dates

Session 1 June 23-26 & June 30-July 3

Session 2 July 7-11 & July 14-18

Session 3 July 21-25 & July 28-31

*Note: Fridays are used for make-up days if needed; no class on Friday, July 4th*

Registration online and in person starts May 15 @ 9:00 am Lessons are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with a maximum of 10 students per class—no exceptions. Adults and/or special needs persons who would like to take swim lessons, contact Mary Bartley at [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov).

### Sandy Beach Fees

Ellington Family Beach Pass	\$45
Resident (Adult)	\$ 5/day
Child (6-17 years old)	\$ 3/day
Non Resident (Adult)	\$10/day
Child (6-17 years old)	\$ 5/day

### Swimming Lesson Fees

40 Minute Class	\$35
30 Minute Class	\$30

### Summer Day Camp: Camper-to-Counselor Ages 13-15 years

(16+ must apply for counselor positions)

Group Interview May 31, 1-3 pm at Recreation Office

**(Register no later than April 15, 2014)**

A maximum of 12 people will be chosen for volunteer positions for the 2014 Summer Day Camp. These are not paid positions. Each chosen participant will be given up to two 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. **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 served basis.*

### Charter Revision Commission

The Board of Selectmen is seeking several individuals to serve on a **Charter Revision Commission**. Members will serve an 18 month term and will be instructed to consider recommended changes/additions to the Town Charter. If you are an elector of the Town of Ellington and are interested in being considered for a position on this Commission, please complete and submit to the First Selectman's Office a Statement of Interest form as soon as possible. The form is available on the Town website (instructions below) or in the First Selectman's Office. For more information, please call (860) 870-3100 or email us at [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov).

A copy of the Town of Ellington Charter is available in the First Selectman's Office and on the website.

### Board, Commission and Committee Vacancies

Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee	Three terms to 12/31/14
Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House	One term to 7/31/14
Board of Assessment Appeals	One term to 1/31/17
Board of Assessment Appeals Alt.	One term to 1/31/15
<b>Charter Revision Commission</b>	Several 18-month terms
Conservation Commission	One term to 3/31/16
Economic Development Commission Alternate	One term to 1/31/15
Ethics Commission	One term to 1/31/16
Inland/Wetlands Agency Alternate	One term to 1/31/15

Any elector of the Town of Ellington interested in serving the community on one of the above-listed boards/commissions/committees should call the First Selectman's office at 860-870-3100 for a **Statement of Interest** or visit our website at [Ellington-ct.gov](http://Ellington-ct.gov), select 'Government', select 'Boards & Commissions', select 'Vacancies'.

### Ellington Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

**April 1, 2014 ~ 7:00 pm**  
Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street

#### SPRING CLEAN-UP!

Please be sure that all lots are cleared of winter decorations by April 1. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort. Please visit our website for current rules and regulations at

[ellingtoncemetery.com](http://ellingtoncemetery.com)

Ellington Cemetery, P.O. Box 75  
Ellington, CT 06029

### Town Hall Hours:

#### Monday

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

#### Friday

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### Holiday Schedule

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

Friday April 18 Good Friday  
Monday May 26 Memorial Day\*

\* There will be a one day delay in trash collection for the Memorial Day holiday.

The Library will also be closed:

Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday  
Sunday May 11 Mother's Day



Local and Fresh...Our Community at its Best

**Remaining Winter Market date:**

**March 21, ~ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Indian Valley YMCA

11 Pinney Street

Questions: Contact Dianne Trueb,

Market Master at [ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

**Arbor Park**  
(Main Street)

**Summer Market Opens**  
**May 10 through October 18**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 noon**  
every Saturday!  
Over 35 vendors

Weekly themes and entertainment

Visit our website at  
[ellingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://ellingtonfarmersmarket.com)

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