



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Underway since a public information meeting in December 2013, and financed by a grant from the Capitol Region Council of Governments, a draft of the **Ellington Route 83 Corridor Study** was presented for public review and comment this January 29 in Town Hall by the consultant for the study, the same consultant that helped create the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) in 2008. Initiated by our Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and executed by Town Planner Lisa Houlihan, the point of the study was simply 'what do Ellington residents want for land use and development activities in this highly visible area of town, and should the PZC revise or develop its regulatory tools to do this?'

The December 2013 meeting was heavily attended, with suggestions from 'leave things as they are' to very fanciful suggestions that would likely have required the Town to acquire all the land and develop the properties at Town expense; neither extreme is likely viable, but it framed the range of interest. The January 2015 meeting was more lightly attended, but interest was high and questions specific; attendees came prepared and appeared to understand the ramifications of the proposals.

Route 83 (West Road from the Vernon town line to Main Street, and then Somers Road to the Somers town line) is the main north-south travel route in Ellington, and is the most heavily traveled roadway in Town. It's important to Ellington as its main commercial corridor, and it's what a lot of people see arriving/leaving town. If you missed the meetings, you can read the report at [ellington-ct.gov/Plugs/planning\\_zoning.aspx](http://ellington-ct.gov/Plugs/planning_zoning.aspx) and address

email comments for consideration to Lisa at [planner@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:planner@ellington-ct.gov) (provide your contact information).

In follow-up to my Winter 2014-2015 *Ellington Connection* article, note the Board of Selectmen appointed the following to a **Charter Revision Commission** in December:

**Ellen O'Shaughnessy (Chair)**  
**Mark Joyse (Vice-Chair)**  
**John L. Daigle**  
**Bruce Fader**  
**Robert Harvey**  
**Dale Roberson**  
**Michael Stupinski**

The meetings of the Commission are public and generally held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in Town Hall. Check the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov) for meeting times and locations. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, exclusively for residents to bring proposed revisions to the attention of the Commission; comments or recommendations may also be emailed to Attention: Charter Revision Commission at [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov) (provide your contact information).

I write this between storms that have left **mailboxes damaged or on the ground**; nobody is happy about that. Please note that the Town of Ellington has neither the liability nor the resources to replace downed or damaged mailboxes and supports from plowing, unless a Town truck directly strikes the box and the driver reports it. Unfortunately, this is a risk that we individually assume for living where our mail is delivered in a road-side box; most towns have similar guidelines. Personally, I've had to replace several mailboxes over the years (a pain), but I like living here.

*Maurice Blanchette*

**Annual Budget Hearing**  
**April 14, 2015 at 8 PM**  
**Ellington High School**

**Annual Budget Meeting**  
**May 12, 2015 at 8 PM**  
**Ellington High School**

**National Volunteer Week**  
**April 12-18, 2015**

***Thank You!***

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

For more information and details of the Proposed 2015-2016 Budget, visit our website, [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov); select "Budget Information" under Quick Links or pick up a copy of the budget documents at the Town Clerk's Office or the Hall Memorial Library.

Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools

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**I**t should not surprise anyone that I receive numerous communications from many people and a variety of organizations every day. Some give me reason to pause and reflect which can certainly be productive. I would like to share a portion of two of these communications and my subsequent reflections with you.

Upon announcement of my retirement I received a letter from a member of the community who has, on occasion, expressed serious concerns regarding the state of public education. The author is someone who is also at an age when retirement can be a consideration. The author posed the following question to me, "So the question for both of us becomes: how will we be remembered?"

The second communication was a recent e-mail from Dr. Joseph Cirasuolo, Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents. At a younger age, when I was a high school principal, Joe Cirasuolo was my Superintendent of Schools. For the record he is the best superintendent I have ever known. His e-mail was entitled "Packing Parachutes." He stated that he recently came across a true story of a former Air Force pilot, whose plane was shot down and he parachuted into North Vietnam, where he was held captive for six years. Several years after returning home he and his wife were at a diner, when a person walked up and identified himself as the man who had packed the parachute he had used to get to the ground safely. The pilot realized that had this person not done his job so well he might not have survived. He also realized that this sailor had done an important and excellent job of packing the parachute not knowing who might use it. The pilot reflected that he may have even passed this sailor on the aircraft carrier to which they were both assigned without ever taking notice of him.

Both of these communications have caused me to reflect upon the men and women who serve this community through their volunteer work on various boards and commissions. In Ellington, I have had the distinct privilege to work with the members of the Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, the Permanent Building Committee and others. These individuals volunteer their time and talent for the benefit of so many others throughout the

community, most of whom they will never actually meet. I believe that the same is true for those who assist with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, parks and recreation, various youth activities and a host of others too long to list.

I believe that the first communication asked the wrong question. It had the wrong focus. At my annual orientation for teachers new to the district I state that in the larger picture of life – it's really not about me. In the larger picture of life – it's really not about you. In the larger picture of life, what counts is what you and I, individually and collectively do to benefit others.

That is how I view the members of the various boards and commissions. The members of the Board of Education provide for the educational needs of the children of this community so as to provide a foundation upon which they can create satisfying and productive lives for themselves and others. The members of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance have successfully invested their time and talent to create a community that addresses a vast array of needs and interests such as infrastructure, safety, recreation, education, and community life. Much of this is done through long-term planning and always in a most efficient and cost effective manner. I have seen the members of the Permanent Building Committee invest themselves in overseeing the construction of a new senior center as well as a major school addition and renovation. Obviously, their work serves a wide spectrum of this community.

In none of my interactions with the members of the various boards and commissions have I ever heard or seen anything that would resemble the question "how will we be remembered?" I have, however, heard such statements as "what would be best for the students?" "That is very important for our library." "We need to provide for the safety of our volunteer firefighters." "This will certainly be an enhancement for Arbor Park." "Does this meet the needs of the user group?"

How many of the very important decisions that are made by the members of these boards and commissions benefit people for many years into the future? How many of the important decisions that are made by these volunteers benefit people they will never meet? How many of us benefit from their work and don't even know who they are?

I guess that brings me back to packing parachutes. You continue to pack the parachutes knowing how important your work is but never fully appreciating who will benefit from your work. Ellington is a wonderful community in which to

live and to work. The quality of life in this community is the direct result of those who volunteer their time and their talent for the betterment of this community. What these people do is vital to the quality of life experienced by our youngest school children through our senior citizens.

In his best selling work Good to Great author Jim Collins identified two qualities of leadership that contributed to the success of the corporations in his study. Those two important qualities are Personal Humility and Professional Will. Personal Humility means looking out the window and not in the mirror. It is not about you but rather it is all about who you are serving. Professional Will translates into a paradigm that failure is not an option. You do the work that needs to be done to get it right.

As soon as I read about packing parachutes, I immediately thought of the members of the Ellington boards and commissions who do so much for so many. Congratulations to all of you on your outstanding work. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. Keep packing those parachutes so our children and the members of this community will keep landing safely – for many years to come.

*Stephen C. Cullinan*

**Ellington Public Schools  
Where Children Come First**

**Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk  
(860) 870-3105 email: [townclerk@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:townclerk@ellington-ct.gov)**

### Fishing Season Opens **April \*11, 2015**



\*printed newsletter reads 4/18 as the State changed the standard 1st week of fishing after the Town newsletter was printed.

#### Resident Fees for 2015

Fishing	\$28
Hunting	\$19
Inland & Marine Fishing	\$32
All Waters Fishing & Hunting Combination	\$40

Please bring last year's license with you when you stop in our office. You can also purchase your license on-line at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) website at [ct.gov/deep](http://ct.gov/deep).



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

**Learn \* Enjoy \* Take Home  
a workshop on reading and math skills**

**Mondays, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6  
10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Location: Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street**

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 "Reading and Math Readiness Workshops Registration" or call Robin Kline at (860) 896-2315 ext. 125.



### Ellington Community Scholarship Association

**2015 Phone-A-Thon  
March 10, 11 and 16**

The Ellington Community Scholarship Association [ECSA] will be conducting its 32nd Annual Phone-a-thon on March 10, 11 and 16. Gathered at the Ellington High School Guidance Department and the Board of Education offices, dozens of students will be calling residents seeking tax-deductible contributions to help high school seniors in Ellington continue their education.

Founded in 1959 by a group of Ellington residents, ECSA is deeply committed to raising, investing and distributing scholarship funds for students residing in Ellington and graduating from publicly funded secondary schools. ECSA annually awards thousands of dollars of scholarship money to graduating seniors. Since 1990 alone, ECSA has awarded over \$850,000 to more than 1,000 Ellington students pursuing their post-secondary education.

Donations are much appreciated and may be sent to:

**ESCA  
P.O. Box 54  
Ellington, CT 06029  
or visit our website [ECSACT.ORG](http://ECSACT.ORG)**

**Sergeant Patrick Sweeney**

**Ellington Resident State Troopers' Supervisor**  
(860) 875-1522 email: [psweeney@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:psweeney@ellington-ct.gov)

**Avoid Unsafe Driving!**

With the nice weather forthcoming, the Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office would like everyone to be more cautious on the Town roads. When the warmer weather arrives, people will be outside 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 distracted 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 reminds 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.**

**Cindy Roman, Assessor**

(860) 870-3109 email: [croman@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:croman@ellington-ct.gov)

**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 2014, 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, 2015.

**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 1 and October 1. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2015.

**\*Income requirements**

To qualify for the 2014 benefit year the maximum income is

\$42,200 for a married couple and  
\$34,600 for a single person.

**Anna L. Turner, MSW**  
**Elderly Outreach Caseworker**

(860) 870-3131 email: [aturner@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:aturner@ellington-ct.gov)

TRIAD hosts the annual program

**"April is Parkinson's Awareness Month"**

**April 17 at 11:00 am**

**Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street**

This event is being sponsored by TEVA Pharmaceutical company. Lunch will be served at the Ellington Senior Center following a presentation by Neurologist Dr. Toni DeMarcaida at 12:00 noon. **RSVP is required** by April 14 by calling Anna L. Turner at (860) 870-3131. Persons with Parkinson's Disease, their spouses, caretaker and/or friend are invited to attend.

**Renters' Rebate Program**

The Human Services Office will be assisting eligible persons in completing their State of Connecticut Renters' Rebate applications for 2014 beginning April 1, 2015.

To be considered eligible, the applicant must:

- have resided in Connecticut for one year prior to filing
- be age 65 or older
- or if under age 65, the applicant must have been receiving Social Security disability in year 2014
- and have a 2014 income of less than \$34,600 for a single person and less than \$42,200 for a married couple.

The last day to complete an application is October 1, 2015. If you have questions or wish to set up an appointment, please call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 or the Human Services Office at (860) 870-3128.

**Tim Webb, Director, Department of Public Works (DPW)/WPCA Administrator**  
 (860) 870-3140 email: [twebb@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:twebb@ellington-ct.gov)

**DPW Spring Season Activities**

- The annual spring sweeping of all roads will start mid-March (weather permitting) and will sweep the roads around the Crystal Lake region first, then move counter-clockwise into the Kibbe Road area and westerly into Woodside Acres. Residents may sweep their driveways and edge of their lawns into the road edge for cleaning by the sweeper.
- Road work will consist of catch basin repairs to those roads that will be receiving treatment under the approved capital budget. Currently, those roadways are Charter Road, Hughs, McKnight and Lewis Circles, Snipsic Lake Road, Mountain Street, Shenipsit Street, Muddy Brook Road and Strawberry Road. Additional crack-sealing will be done on Bridge Street, Joel Drive, Cindy Road, Randy Road, Gloria Lane, Punkin Drive and Franlee Lane.
- The Grounds Crew will be preparing and maintaining all athletic fields with priority given to the school athletic programs. The new Pinney Street Fields will be mowed and groomed; however, no play will be allowed until further notice.



**National Public Works Week**

May 17 through 23, 2015

The theme is “Community Begins Here”

“This year’s theme, *Community Begins Here*, speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life.” ~ American Public Works Association

**In honor of National Public Works Week the Ellington DPW will hold an Open House!**

Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
 21 Main Street, DPW Facility

Residents are encouraged to stop by and tour the DPW facility, meet the staff, view the equipment that is used to care for the Town properties and enjoy a hot dog with the crew!

**Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area  
 Opens April 7, 2015**

Proof of residency required

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

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

\*Closed Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 23

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

**Bulky Waste? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850** to schedule a bulky waste pick-up four days before your regular collection day.  
**website: [aawllc.com](http://aawllc.com)**

**Town Garage Shed Hours**  
 21 Main Street  
 (860) 870-3140  
**Monday-Friday**  
 6:30 am to 3:30 pm  
**Saturday Hours**  
 April 18 through November 7  
 1st and 3rd Saturday  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For information regarding **items accepted at each facility**, please call or visit the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov); select “Town Services”; “Public Works”.

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility  
 MidNEROC**

57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT

(860) 684-3163

**Hours of Operation:**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

on the first and third Saturday of the month from  
 April 18 through November 7, 2015  
 Closed July 4 and September 5, 2015

Proof of residency required

**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.



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

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 (holiday hours Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 on page 20) Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm



### Check out with Your Smart Phone

Now you can use your smart phone to check out items from the Library. Free apps like Key Ring let you store your library card digitally on your phone. Visit your phone's app store to download. Be sure to include a scan of your actual library card, both sides, when entering your info so the virtual card is legal. When it comes time to check out, just present the barcode on your smartphone to the staff at the desk.



### Income Tax Forms. We're here to help!

**TAX  
TIME**

You have all heard of the cuts to the IRS budget that resulted in the elimination of the materials that have historically been distributed to libraries. But don't despair!

We are still here to help you. Available at HML for 10 cents a page: Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ; master copies of forms, schedules and instructions for photocopying; reference copies of the Instructions for the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ to be perused in the library. We will assist you in finding and printing any form or publication that you need from the IRS website. Just come in and ask. State income tax forms and booklets are available, while supplies last.

### April is "Food for Fines" Month

April is once again "Food for Fines" month at HML. From April 1 through April 30 you can make your fines disappear and help stock the shelves of our local food bank.

*Here's how it works:*

- Bring non-expired, non-perishable food items to donate to HML.
- For each item you donate, \$1 of your library fines for overdue materials will be forgiven.
- Fines can only be forgiven on overdue materials that have been returned. You can log in to your online library account, or ask at HML, to check 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 will be distributed to the food bank in our community.

### Interested in Genealogy?

HML has two online resources to help you find your ancestors:

[Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [HeritageQuest Online](http://HeritageQuest.com)

**Ancestry® Library Edition** features over 200 billion images in more than 8,000 unique databases via a library edition of the popular Ancestry.com website. This resource is available for use only in the library, either on library computers or your own laptop.

**HeritageQuest® Online** is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources, rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids with coverage dating back to the 1700s. This program can be used in the library or remotely from home by visiting the library's website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) and going to the "Online Resource" tab.

The collection consists of the following core data sets:

- U.S. Federal Censuses feature the original images of every extant federal census in the U.S., from 1790 through 1940, with name indexes for many decades. The collection covers more than 272 million names.
- Genealogy and local history books deliver more than 7 million digitized page images from over 28,000 family histories, local histories, and other books.
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive (1800-2009), contains more than 2.3 million records covering English and French periodicals published since 1800.
- Revolutionary War records contains original images from pension and bounty land warrant application files help to identify more than 80,000 American Army, Navy, and Marine officers and enlisted men from the Revolutionary War era.
- Freedman's Bank Records, with more than 480,000 names of bank applicants, their dependents, and heirs from 1865-1874, offers valuable data that can provide important clues to tracing African American ancestors prior to and immediately after the U.S. Civil War. It is considered one of the most important resources for African-American genealogical research.
- U.S. Serial Set records the memorials, petitions, private relief actions made to the U.S. Congress back to 1789, with a total of more than 480,000 pages of information.





Let's go to the movies at the Library!  
 Popcorn is served!  
 Please - for the enjoyment of others - we ask that movie-goers refrain from talking during the movies.

Birdman - rated R (119 minutes)	March 4 March 5	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Whiplash- rated R (107 minutes)	March 11 March 12	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Foxcatcher- rated R (134 minutes)	March 18 March 19	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Unbroken - rated PG-13 (137 minutes)	March 26 (2 showings)	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Imitation Game - rated PG-13 (114 minutes)	April 1 April 2	6:30 pm 1:00 pm

Films will be shown most Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons at the Library, 93 Main Street. Check the HML website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call us at (860) 870-3160 for movie announcements. All films will begin promptly at their scheduled times.

**Need an Exam Proctor?**

If you are taking an online course and need a proctor for your exams, HML is the place to be. Call or stop in to the Reference Room to make arrangements.



**Friends of the Library (FOL)  
 Spring "Bag of Books" Sale  
 April 17 - 19, 2015**

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

\$9.00 Friday and Saturday      \$5.00 Sunday

**Friends of Hall Memorial Library  
 Book Cellar  
 Used Book Store Hours**

Day	Open	Closed
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



Coffeehouse: <i>The Jolly Beggars</i> *	Friday March 6	7:00 pm
<i>How to Preserve Your Old Photos and Documents</i> with Christine McCarthy	Tuesday March 10	6:30 pm
<i>Pysanka Egg-Making Workshop</i> with Sharon Leonard*	Saturday March 21	10:00 am
<i>Nepalese Cooking</i> with Madhu Gupta	Wednesday March 25	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>Phil Rosenthal</i> *	Friday April 10	7:00 pm
<i>Lotus Flower Lantern Workshop</i> with Younhee Shin*	Tuesday April 14	6:00 pm
<i>Put the Fun Back into Dating!</i> With Jaimy Blazynski	Tuesday April 21	6:30 pm
<i>This Business of Fighting</i> with Arnie Pritchard	Thursday April 23	7:00 pm
<i>Focus on Fixed Income</i> with Eric Judge	Friday April 24	12:00 pm
<i>Tax-Free Investing</i> with Eric Judge	Tuesday April 28	6:30 pm
<i>Thinking of Selling a Home?</i> with Mark Riesbeck	Tuesday May 5	6:00 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>The Elderly Brothers</i> *	Friday May 8	7:00 pm
<i>They Called Her Reckless - A true Story of War, Love and one Extraordinary Horse</i> with Janet Barrett	Tuesday May 19	6:30 pm
<i>Cigar Box Purse Workshop</i> with Vanessa Fasanella*	Tuesday June 2	6:00 pm
Coffeehouse: <i>Ashley Cruz</i> *	Friday June 12	7:00 pm

**\*Program has limited seating, so register early!**

**BluuBeam is coming to Hall Memorial Library**

Download the free BluuBeam App. Activate BlueTooth. Visit the Library. Get information on upcoming events, new releases, programs for all ages, book sales and much, much more. Text "LINK" to 38470 to receive a download link, or search for BluuBeam on the app store.

**Pat Grundman, Children's Librarian**  
(860) 870-3160 email: [pgrundman@biblio.org](mailto:pgrundman@biblio.org)

**2015 Nutmeg Book Voting**  
All votes must be in by April 30!

According to the calendar, spring is on its way. One way we know that spring is here. . . **it's time to vote on our favorite Nutmeg Book for 2015.** All votes must be in by April 30. This year children who are in grades 2 through 4 have fifteen Elementary titles to read and decide which one they liked the best. Children in grades 4 through 6 have the usual ten Intermediate titles to read and pick from. Children may vote only once, either at school in their classroom, or at the public library. Award books will be announced May 15. Be sure to read all these wonderful stories and make your choice for the Nutmeg Book Award of 2015.

**National Library Week Events Planned!**  
April 12 through 18

Another way that we know spring is here is when National Library Week arrives. It is the same week as spring vacation in the Ellington schools. Be sure to check the Library's calendar of events on our website for the special programs planned.

**Children's Book Week**  
May 3 through 9  
children 4 years old and up



Children's Book Week will be celebrated May 3 through 9. The Children's Department has a special craft for you to make when you visit the Library during this special week.



**Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs**

Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs come to the Children's Department at HML every other Saturday morning. Children ages 5 to 12 years can spend 10 to 15 minutes reading to them. Some weeks we may have a Spaniel, a Pug, a Border Collie and a Rhodesian Ridgeback. Other Saturdays we may have a Golden Retriever, a Labradoodle, a Beagle and a Corgi. They are all great dogs and love to have children read to them. Upcoming dates for their visits are:

March 14 and 28      May 9 and 23  
April 11 and 25      June 13 and 27

Online registration is recommended at our website: [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or you can call the Library at (860) 870-3160.

**Happy Reading!**

**Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director**  
(860) 870-3130      website: [youth.ellington-ct.gov](http://youth.ellington-ct.gov)  
email: [youthservices@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:youthservices@ellington-ct.gov)



**New Program Coming Soon for**  
**Ellington High School Students!**

**Ellington Community Theatre**



Plans are underway for the first full-scale production of the Ellington Community Theatre (ECT)! A collaboration between Arts from the Heart, llc, Ellington Parks and Recreation and Ellington Youth Services, the ECT promises to be a wonderful new addition to Ellington and surrounding towns. We will be looking for an intergenerational cast, ages 9 and up and will also be offering Imagination Camps for kids 5 through 9 years old. Registration for both programs will begin in early March, with rehearsals beginning in late June. Performances will be held on July 24 and 25! To be added to the mailing list, please send a request to [jane@artsfromtheheart.net](mailto:jane@artsfromtheheart.net).

**Small Town Big Talent**  
**Community Variety**  
**Show**  
**March 21 at 7:00 pm**  
**Ellington High School**  
**Auditorium**



Rise Above, Ellington's community student leadership group, presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Small Town Big Talent Community Variety Show. The event showcases outstanding local talent of all ages including a variety of singers, dancers, musicians and more! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Austin P. Tautkus Memorial Scholarship fund. Tickets are available at the door: Admission is \$6 for students and seniors, \$8 for general admission.

**Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director**  
**(860) 870-3133**      email: [egrziani@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:egrziani@ellington-ct.gov)      website: [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov)  
**40 Maple Street, Ellington**

Have you seen all that is going on at the Ellington Senior Center? Be sure to check your Journal Inquirer monthly insert (both subscribers and non-subscribers) for the Ellington Senior Center's newsletter the *Maple Street Monthly*. Stop in or visit us online at [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov) for a complete list of daily/weekly programs, trips, additional special events, the Maple Street Kitchen menu, the *Maple Street Monthly* and more!

Senior Center Programs	Date/Time	Description	Fee
Health and Wellness for your Furry Friend	Thursday, March 5 11:00 am	Learn about common pet ailments and ask Dr. Laurie Brown, D.V.M. your questions. <i>Note: Pet care will not be given at this time.</i>	free
East Chicago Joe	Thursday, March 5 1:30-2:30 pm	Enjoy the songs on Sinatra, Bennett and the Great American Song Book.	\$8 in Advance \$10 at the door
A Celtic Evening	Monday, March 9 6:00-8:00 pm	Presented by: Musical Insights. Live Irish music and singing by "The Carney Clan": John, Nancy, Greg & Peter.	\$5 per person in advance by March 4
Legislative Update with State Representative Chris Davis	Friday, March 13 9:30 am	Meet and Greet with State Representative Chris Davis, for a question and answer session.	free
St. Patty's Day Luncheon	Tuesday, March 17 12:30 pm	Join us for a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Boiled Dinner.	\$12 per person, in advance by March 10
10 Warning Signs of Dementia	Thursday, March 19 2:00 pm	Sponsored by Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT, Inc. Presented by: Patty O'Brien, North Central Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association	free
How's Your Balance?	Thursday, April 2 1:00 pm	Sponsored by Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT, Inc. Presented by: Sandee Wood, RN. Interactive Presentation on 4 Systems of Balance	free
Spring Musicale!	Thursday, April 16 2:00 pm	Come listen to the beautiful music of the Ellington Singers. Barbara Caramante, Director	Donation to the Food Pantry
Richie's Dance Party	Monday, April 27 1:00-3:00 pm	Rickie entertains on the keyboard with music for fun and dancing! Light refreshments included.	\$3 at the door
Cinco de Mayo Luncheon	Tuesday, May 5 12:30 pm	Bring your sombrero and enjoy taste of Mexico while listening to sounds of the tropics.	TBD
Summer Health Workshop	Thursday, May 7 1:30 pm	Sponsored by Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT, Inc. Presented by: Andrea Mannings	free

### Trip Information

The Senior Center offers a variety of day trips, overnight trips and cruises. Information can be found at the Senior Center and on the website at [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov). If you see a trip you are interested in, please be sure to sign up on one of the two sign up dates, or as soon as possible. Note: For trips requiring tickets, sign-up is required a minimum of two months in advance.

### Maple Street Kitchen

"Home cooked" lunches are generally served on Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon.

Monthly menus can be found at the Senior Center and on the website at [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov).



## ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2015 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**[parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.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 [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)**

⇒ Click on Register Online

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

⇒ Select "Click here" to Sign In or 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.



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### Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon

**July 12, 2015**

**\$70 per participant**

**Come out for a great event  
benefitting Ellington charities.**

- ◆ 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 2015 Triathlon course. The Sprint Triathlon will be held on July 12 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 welcome. We will 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, 2015 through the Triathlon website at [ellingtontriathlon.com](http://ellingtontriathlon.com) or the Parks & Recreation website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.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 Ellington charities. We look forward to an awesome race. Please spread the word!

### April Vacation Camp 2015

**April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 (Monday-Friday)  
7:30 am-5:00 pm @ Ellington Middle School  
Children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade**

The 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 - 3:00 pm): \$90/Week (\$18/Day)
- Half Day (8:30 am - Noon): \$60/Week (\$12/Day)
- Before Care (7:30 - 8:30 am) \$ 4/Day
- After Care (3 pm - 5 pm) \$7/Day

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





ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons</b>	TINY.TTTN15	<b>Session R:</b> April 27, 29, May 4, 6 <b>Session T:</b> June 1, 3, 8, 10	5:30-6:00 pm	Ages 3-5	\$40	Brookside Park
Instructor: Gary Marquez	TINY.TTTO15	<b>Session S:</b> May 11, 13, 18, 20 <b>Session U:</b> June 1, 3, 8, 10	5:30-6:00 pm	Ages 3-5	\$40	Brookside Park
<b>Pee Wee Tennis Lessons</b>	PEE.PWEN15	<b>Session R:</b> April 27, 29, May 4, 6 <b>Session T:</b> June 1, 3, 8, 10	6:15-7:00 pm	Ages 5-7	\$40	Brookside Park
Instructor: Gary Marquez	PEE.PWEO15	<b>Session S:</b> May 11, 13, 18, 20 <b>Session U:</b> June 1, 3, 8, 10	6:15-7:00 pm	Ages 5-7	\$40	Brookside Park
<b>Cardio Tennis</b>	2015.CART	April 26, May 3, 10, 17	4:30-5:30 pm	14 & up	\$40	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>	YUTH.TENE15	<b>Session G:</b> April 27, 29, May 4, 6 <b>Session I:</b> June 1, 3, 8, 10	7:00-8:00 pm	Ages 8-13	\$40	Brookside Park
Instructor: Gary Marquez	YUTH.TENF15	<b>Session H:</b> May 11, 13, 18, 20 <b>Session J:</b> June 1, 3, 8, 10	7:00-8:00 pm	Ages 8-13	\$40	Brookside Park
<b>Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners</b>	0205.ASTBG	<b>Session G:</b> April 16, 23, May 7, 14	6:30-7:30 pm	14 & up	\$40	Schwartz Park (next to EHS)
Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.ASTBH	<b>Session H:</b> May 21, 28, June 4, 11				

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>	0205.ASTIE	<b>Session E:</b> April 16, 23, May 7, 14	7:30-8:30 pm	14 & up	\$40	Schwartz Park (next to EHS)
Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.ASTIF	<b>Session F:</b> May 21, 28, June 4, 11				
<b>High School Pre-Season Tennis Clinic</b>	EHS.TENNS15	March 17, 18, 19	2:30-4:30 pm	9-12 grade	\$50	Ellington Middle School or Manchester Racquet Club

**Youth Track & Field**

Boys & Girls  
Grades 1 to 8

All practices begin at the Ellington High School Track

April 22 - June 24, 2015

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.track15](http://1212.track15)

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: [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) or [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov)

**Hiking Club**

Tuesdays  
9:00 am



The Ellington Hiking Club meets year-round at the Arbor Park parking lot before departing for that particular week's location [weather permitting]. Register at the Recreation Office to be added to the email contact list.

**Introductory Lacrosse Clinic**

Grades K-2  
April 25 - May 23  
9 am-10 am  
Ellington High School

The Recreation Department offers 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.

Cost: \$25 per player  
Code: [InstLax.2015](http://InstLax.2015)



**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.

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

Beginning April 21  
Location: Brookside Park  
5:30 pm  
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>

**Lifeguard Training Course**

at Sandy Beach & Old Crystal Lake School House

Instructor: Felicia LaPlante

American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding Course Eligibility:

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

Code: **LGT.WFT15**

Cost: \$300 Resident; \$350 Non-resident  
Dates: May 16, 17, 19, June 7, 9

Deadline for Class Registration is May 1  
\*See website for times and additional information at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)



**Total Body Blast**

at Center School

Instructor: Ginny Hogan



Open Enrollment  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
6:00 pm -7:00 pm  
April through May  
\$5 per class pre-payment  
or \$7 walk-in fee  
\$40 Punch Card/ 8 classes

Registration required at the first class. All payments are due at registration.

Blast off those calories and tone your muscles with a full-body workout that mixes strength, cardio and core exercises. Bring mat and foam roller. All levels welcome. Contact the instructor via the Recreation Department if you have questions.

**2015 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 10, 2015: 6 :00-7:15 pm
- April 11, 2015: 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 2015 roster placement is **APRIL 8, 2015**. 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 2015 Season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on ‘actual enrollment’ as of April 8, 2015. 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 2014, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form so an accurate accounting may be kept.



Soccer 2014-2015 Seasonal Year Age Groups Guidelines												
Age Group	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
U-8	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007
U-9	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
U-10	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005
U-11	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004
U-12	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
U-13	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002
U-14	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001
U-15	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000

***In-House Spring Soccer Program ~ Ages 4-8 years ~ Register by April 10, 2015***

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering the Spring Soccer Clinic for children this April, 2015. 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 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18  
 June 1 make-up date  
 Code: INHSE.SOC4615

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

**Ages 7 and 8**  
 Wednesdays:  
 April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20  
 May 27 make-up date  
 Code: INHSE.SOC7815

**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.81988	June 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	9 am-1 pm	Grades 2-5*	\$119	EMS
	SSA.81989	June 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	9 am-1 pm	Grades 6-9*	\$119	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.

<b>Flag Football</b>	SSA.81984	July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	9 am-12 pm	Ages 7-12	\$115	Brookside Park
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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.

<b>Multi-Sport</b> (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Flag Football)	SSA.81987	July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	9 am-1 pm	Ages 7-10	\$119	EMS
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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.

<b>Tiny-Hawk</b> (Soccer & Basketball)	SSA.81985	July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	9 am-9:50 am	Ages 3-4	\$69	EMS
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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.

<b>Mini-Hawk</b> (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)	SSA.81986	July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	10 am-1 pm	Ages 4-7	\$115	EMS
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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.

<b>Basketball</b>	SSA.82074	July 13, 14, 15, 16 Rain date July 17	5:30 -7:00 pm	Grades K-2*	\$79	Brookside Park
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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 2014-2015 school year

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

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



## 2015 Recreation Department T-Ball Program

Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Department  
**March 4 through April 22**

### Recreation Department Instructional T-Ball

#### Boys & Girls Ages 4 –5 years - 6 Week Program

Age 4 in 2014 up to those who turned 5 years old before 12/31/2014

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

Ellington High School (Fields located behind the school)

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6**

(Rain Date June 13 if needed)

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

Register at the Recreation Office or online at Active-net.

**ID Code: 1215.tbball15**

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).

**No wood or metal bats are allowed in this program.**

**A Coaches' Meeting for all T-ball coaches will be held on  
 April 30 at 7:00 pm**

**at the Recreation Department Conference Room, 31 Arbor Way.**

**To register, please email**

**Mary Bartley at [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov)**

**Parent  
 Volunteer  
 Coaches  
 Needed!**

### 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.

### Adult Wiffle Ball League

There are plans to offer an adult co-ed wiffle ball league this spring for those ages 18 and over. The league will consist of a maximum of 8 teams within a once a week schedule. The league will use rules and field dimensions constructed by the EWBL, which have been in effect for the past 15 years. Please contact either Erick Knickerbocker at [uconn9913@yahoo.com](mailto:uconn9913@yahoo.com) or the Recreation Department at [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov). There will be (5) players on the field at one time. Start-up meetings will be established once teams have been finalized.

### AED/ First Aid/ CPR

#### 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 has two certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructors on staff. All Ellington Coaches, Athletic Officials, Program Instructors, and Staff of Ellington Recreation sponsored sports activities must register. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way and are **free of charge**. **Maximum 6 per class, so register early.**

Saturday, March 14	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday, April 7	5:00 pm-10:00 pm
Saturday, April 18	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday, May 5	5:00 pm-10:00 pm
Saturday, May 16	9:00 am-2:00 pm

**Each coach is required to  
 complete this training.**

Instructors: Allison Breen or  
 Kristen Wasielewski

## 2015 YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING



### Ellington Roadrunners

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



Including: Ellington, Somers, East Windsor  
 Boys & Girls Ages 6 to 13 (as of 7/1/2015)

#### Registration Information:

**Registration begins online April 1, 2015 or in person on  
 Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 am -1:00 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 and volunteer commitments are met.

After May 16, 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  
[admin@ellingtonroadrunners.com](mailto:admin@ellingtonroadrunners.com)

Page 16	The Ellington Connection				Spring 2015
Activity	Date	Time	Ages	Fee	Location
<b>Music &amp; Movement</b>  Adult participation required  Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<b>Wednesdays</b> April 1, 8, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27 (make-up date June 3) Code: MNM.WEDS15  <b>Thursdays</b> April 2, 9, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21, 28 (make-up date June 4) Code: MNM.THURS15	10:15-11:00 am	Ages 1-3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident	Hall Memorial Library (Max 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.					
<b>Little Hands</b>  Instructor: Jill Maznicki	<b>Tuesdays</b> April 7, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2 (make-up date June 9) Code: LITT.HANDS15	9:15-10:00 am	Ages 1-3	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse (Max 8)
Spring into Spring 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	<b>Mondays</b> May 4, 11, 18 June 1 (make-up date June 8) Code: OPWS.MONS15	9:30-10:15 am	Ages 3 & 4	\$35 Resident \$40 Non-Resident	Brookside Park (Max 12)
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	<b>Fridays</b> May 8, 15, 22, 29 (make-up date June 5) Code: TWAU2.2015	4:00-5:00 pm	Ages 4-7	\$35 Resident \$40 Non-Resident	Brookside Park (Max 10)
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	<b>Wednesdays</b> April 1, 8, 22, 29, May 6 (make-up date May 13) Code: YIVB.401S15	5:45-7:15 pm	Grades 4-8	\$20	Ellington Middle School
<b>Jukido</b>  Instructor: Paul Ward	<b>Thursday Evenings Session 16:</b> March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Code: JUKIDO.JUK16	5:30-6:45 pm	6 & up	\$5 per class	Vernon Community Building 375 Hartford Turnpike

Activity	ID	Dates	Times	Ages	Fees	Location
<b>Youth Informal Basketball Boys/Girls</b>	YIB15.912	Thursday Evenings April 2, 9, 23, 30	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.2015	Tuesday Evenings April 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19	6 - 7 pm	Grades 3-4	\$15	Windermere School Gymnasium
			7 - 8 pm	Grades 5-6		

This clinic will emphasize and teach basic fundamentals and learning to play the “right way”.

<b>CPROHeart LLC Babysitter Safety Course</b>	BABE.SITA15	April 28 and 30	3:30-5:30 pm	10-13 years old min: 10 max:15	\$45	Windermere School Cafeteria
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**CPROHEART LLC Babysitter Safety Course** 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>	0205.50315 _____ 0205.50415	Monday Evenings Concludes in June (Closed April 14 and May 26)	5:30 - 9 pm	Over 30 _____ Under 30	\$5	Windermere School <i>(Location may change March -May)</i>
<b>Co-Ed Volleyball</b>	coedvb.50414	Wednesdays: concludes April 22	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$3	EMS
<b>Women’s Self-Defense</b>	0503.WSD11	To Be Determined Based on Interest	7 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
<b>Adult Outdoor Soccer</b>	AODS.403	Tentative start April (weather & field conditions permitting)	Wed: 6-8 pm Sun: 9-11am	18 & up	\$5	Brookside Park

ACTIVITY	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
 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 Dates	Time	Ages	Fee & Location
<b>Indoor Golf Lessons</b> Session Indoor: March 11, 18; April 1, 8	7 pm-8 pm	Co-ed Adults Class	\$60.00 Crystal Lake School
Session 1: April 11, 18, 25, May 2	11 am -12 noon	Women's Class	\$65/session at Ellington Golf Center 125 West Street
	12 noon-1 pm	Co-ed Adult Class	
	2 pm- 3 pm	Youth 6-9 years old	
	3 pm- 4 pm	Teens 10-13 years old	
Session 2: May 5, 12, 19, 26	6 pm-7 pm	Youth 6-9 years old	
	7 pm-8 pm	Teens 10-13 years old	
Session 3: May 7, 14, 21, 28	6 pm-7 pm	Women's Class	
	7 pm-8 pm	Co-ed Adults	



## 2015 Day Trips!

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, and Willington 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.

Trip	Code	Date	Time	Location	Fee	Information
<b>Bronx Zoo</b>	BRONX.ZO15	Saturday May 16, 2015	Depart 7:30 am Return 8:00 pm Stopping on way back for dinner	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$67 adults \$62 Senior/ children	Fee includes transportation and ticket to the zoo. Bring a lunch!
<b>Red Sox Game</b> 	RED.SOX606	Saturday June 6, 2015	Depart 12 noon game time is 4:05 pm Return two hours after game ends	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$105 Per person	Fee includes Ticket to game, transportation and cookout prior to game.
<b>James Taylor</b> returns to Tanglewood with his All-Star Band for One Night Only!	JAM.TLR2015	Saturday July 4, 2015	Depart 2:00 pm Return midnight (approximately two hours after fireworks)	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$65.00 per person	Fee includes bus & lawn ticket. Welcome to bring food, coolers, and wine. No cooking allowed on grounds.

# 2015 SUMMER CAMP



## Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!

Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 Years old as of 12/31/14)  
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)

*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*

**Location: Center School**  
*(Tentative dates based on school availability)*  
**Campers bring bagged lunch each day!!**

Week	Daily Activity Schedule
<b>Week 1:</b> June 24-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30 am - 9:00 am Free Play</li> <li>9:00 am-12:30 pm Groups divided, Crafts ,Outdoor &amp; Indoor Activities, Free Play (weather permitting)</li> <li>12:30-1:00 pm Lunch</li> <li>1-3 pm All Outdoor &amp; Indoor Activities (weather permitting)</li> <li>3-4:30 pm Free Play</li> </ul> <p>~~~~~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Partial weeks are pro-rated</li> <li>•Campers should bring a water bottle daily.</li> <li>•Snacks will be provided.</li> <li>•Campers are to come dressed appropriately; no flip flops!</li> <li>•Friday Pizza Parties for lunch!! Additional fee per week TBD</li> <li>•Epi-Pen/Meds need to have a doctor's note and must be submitted on the first day of camp.</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2:</b> June 29-July 2 <i>No camp July 3rd</i>	
<b>Week 3:</b> July 6-10	
<b>Week 4:</b> July 13-17	
<b>Week 5:</b> July 20-24	
<b>Week 6:</b> July 27-31	
<b>Week 7:</b> August 3-7	
<b>Week 8:</b> August 10-14	
<b>Week 9:</b> August 17	
<p><b>Camp Informational Night</b></p> <p>Monday, June 1, 2015 5:00-7:00 pm Ellington Recreation Department 31 Arbor Way</p>	



### Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2015

**Pre-Season: [weather & staff permitting]**  
Weekends only: June 6 & 7 and 13 & 14  
12 noon-5:00 pm

**Full Season:** June 20-August 16  
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 at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

**Projected Swim Lesson Dates**  
(depending on the last day of school)

Monday through Thursday

- Session 1 June 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, July 1, 2
- Session 2 July 6, 7, 8, 9, July 13, 14, 15, 16
- Session 3 July 20, 21, 22, 23, July 27, 28, 29, 30

*Note: Fridays are used for make-up days if needed.*

Registration online and in person starts May 15 at 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		Swimming Lesson Fees	
Ellington Family Beach Pass	\$45	40 Minute Class	\$35
Resident (Adult)	\$ 5/day		
Child (6-17 years old)	\$ 3/day	30 Minute Class	\$30
Non Resident (Adult)	\$10/day		
Child (6-17 years old)	\$ 5/day		

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

(16 years old and older must apply for counselor positions)

Group Interview May 30 - 1:00-3:00 pm at Recreation Office  
**(Register no later than April 15, 2015)**

A maximum of 12 people will be chosen for volunteer positions for the 2015 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 accepted on an ongoing basis.**



## Memorial Day Parades Monday, May 25, 2015

**Crystal Lake: 9:00 am**

At approximately 9:00 am a parade will begin from the Crystal Lake section of Town, where Green Street intersects with Route 140, and end at the Crystal Lake Cemetery where a brief service will be held.

**Ellington Center: 10:30 am**

Services will be held at 10:30 am at the High School. At the conclusion of the program (approximately 11:30 am), a parade will begin from Ellington High School and proceed to the Ellington Green and then to the Ellington Cemetery for brief memorial tributes at each location.

**Ellington Cemetery Association  
Annual Meeting  
April 7, 2015 ~ 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 of Ellington

#### Board, Commission and Committee Vacancies

Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee	Four terms to 12/31/15
Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House	One term to 7/31/15
Board of Assessment Appeals (Alt.)	Two term to 1/31/17
Conservation Commission	One term to 3/31/16 One term to 3/31/18
Economic Development Comm. (Alt.)	One term to 1/31/17
Ethics Commission	One term to 1/31/17 One term to 1/31/19
Inland/Wetlands Agency	One term to 1/31/19
Inland/Wetlands Agency Alternate	One term to 1/31/17

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'.

### 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 3 Good Friday  
Monday May 25 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 5 Easter Sunday  
Sunday May 10 Mother's Day



**Summer Market**  
Saturdays 9 am to Noon  
May 9 through October 17  
Arbor Park, Main Street  
Over 35 vendors, weekly themes and entertainment.



**Winter Market dates:**

**March 7 and 21 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Indian Valley YMCA, 11 Pinney Street

Contact: Dianne Trueb (860) 872-0121  
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