



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Summer 2009

Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman 870-3100

Greetings,

I'm sure it comes as no surprise that I'm pleased with the fact that the budget was passed at our recent referendum. This year's economic picture made it unusually difficult for all boards to find a point where sufficient services could be provided while still keeping a tax increase to a level that taxpayers could accept. Getting to that point meant many sacrifices in programs and facilities, as well as sacrifices by town employees.

I thank everyone who found the time and expressed the interest in voting, whether in support or in opposition. At the same time, I'm disappointed that more didn't join them in exercising that important privilege. Only 15%, less than one of every seven people eligible to vote at this referendum, did so. We have to do better.

The work done last year at the Windermere bridge site involved relocating a sewer line in order to make room for the new bridge. This year, work has finally begun on the actual replacement of the bridge, and the inconvenience of the closure of Windermere Road is clearly being felt. We are receiving an increasing number of questions about how long it will be before the road is again open for traffic. The answer, unfortunately, is that it may take as long as 4 months.

The bridge is being replaced by four culverts, which are large concrete pipes, and the flow of the Hockanum River must first be diverted from its current path to allow installation of the first two culverts. After those culverts are installed, the river will be directed through them while the next two culverts are installed alongside them. Finally, the river will be allowed to flow through all four culverts. This effort is time-consuming, and while an intense effort is being made to complete the job in less than 4 months, it will nonetheless take most of the summer.

Please enjoy a safe summer!

Michael P. Stupinski

Wall of Honor

The Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park, is used to recognize deserving citizens for exceptional contributions to the Town of Ellington.

If you wish to nominate a candidate for this honor, please contact the First Selectman's Office at 870-3100 for an application. Or download the application from our website www.ellington-ct.gov, select 'Town News'. **The submission deadline is July 1, 2009.**

Please note that if you submitted an application in 2006, 2007 or 2008 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2009. The recipient's name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Fire Department's parade.

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk 870-3105

Current dog licenses will expire on June 30, 2009; new licenses can be purchased in person or by mail. Mail-in renewals are encouraged; please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your tags (extra postage may be required).

In addition, please supply your rabies vaccine certificate if your renewal postcard indicates it has expired. Cash or checks [payable to the Town of Ellington] are accepted forms of payment.

Fees: \$ 8 Spayed/Neutered
\$19 Not spayed/Not neutered

A late fee of \$1.00 per month will be imposed for each dog not licensed within the month of June.

If you no longer have your pet, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 870-3105 or email: townclerk@ellington-ct.gov

Per Town Ordinance:

- ⇒ No person shall have in his/her possession, or consume, any alcoholic beverage in Town Parks.
- ⇒ Pets, including but not limited to dogs & horses, are not allowed in Town Parks.
- ⇒ Visitors cannot play golf in Town Parks.

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director
870-3133 Office
870-3137 Transportation

Ellington Transportation Program

The Town of Ellington Transportation Program is located at the Ellington Senior Center, 16 Church Street, Ellington, CT. This van service is provided through the Senior Center which is under the direction of the Town of Ellington Human Services Department.

The Transportation Program is a prescheduled service. Transportation services are provided to individuals age 60 years of age and older, or to disabled individuals who are 18 years of age and older and currently on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

The Town of Ellington Transportation Services provides transportation to the Senior Center, area shopping venues, Senior Center sponsored programs/activities, and medical appointments through the Ellington Medical Transportation Services (EMATS). EMATS is a transportation service for non-emergency medical appointments for Ellington residents. The program is grant funded by the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). *Please note:* EMATS are offered Monday - Thursday between the hours of 9:00am - 1:30pm (Last appointment of the day).

Both of our transportation programs are prescheduled services. Clients are required to register for the Transportation Program by requesting a transportation packet that consists of a registration form and a medical waiver form prior to their first use of this service. The Town of Ellington Senior Center request, with your registration packet, a \$25.00 suggested annual donation fee. In addition to the suggested annual fee, EMAT riders are asked to donate \$2.00 per round trip.

An important goal of the Ellington Senior Center is to help our seniors maintain an active, independent lifestyle. The Town of Ellington Senior Center is helping to accomplish this through our Transportation Program. If you have any further questions, please call our senior center at (870-3133) or our transportation line at (870-3137).

Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach
870-3131

Renters Rebate Program

The Human Services Office is now taking applications for the State of CT Renters Rebate Program. If you are a renter age 65 or older, or are a disabled adult receiving Social Security disability, then you could be eligible for a "rebate check" from this program if you rented in CT in 2008.

2008 Income Guidelines:

\$30,500 maximum earnings for a single adult
 \$37,300 maximum earnings for a couple

You must provide proof of your 2008 earnings (SSA-1099 form & other income, and all rent and utilities you paid in 2008).

Elderly applicants please call Anna Turner at 870-3131/disabled adults call Doris Crayton 870-3128 for more information or an appointment. This program ends on September 15 but please call soon to set up your appointment.

Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector
870-3113

The real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills will be mailed at the end of June. Taxes are due July 1, 2009 with 30 days grace period.

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

The motor vehicle tax bill covers the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. If a vehicle was sold, stolen, or totally destroyed and the registration was not transferred to another vehicle, you may be eligible for a tax credit. To obtain a credit, you must furnish proof as required by the Assessor.

Escrowed real estate taxes are mailed directly to the bank that requests it. If you receive a real estate tax bill and a bank escrows for you, please forward that bill to your bank/escrow company immediately. If you have recently refinanced and do not receive your tax bill, please notify the Tax Office.

You may now pay your real estate, motor vehicle, and personal property taxes online, by visiting the Town of Ellington's website, www.ellington-ct.gov and selecting the Tax Collector's page under the Town Services tab.

**George Fetko, Public Works Director
870-3140**

Single Stream Recycling Program

I would like to congratulate the residents of Ellington for their efforts in endorsing our new Single Stream Recycling Program. In the short time it has been in place we are seeing substantial increases in the amounts being recycled.

In March 2009 an additional 20 tons was recycled over the same period in 2008. In April 2009 it was 26 tons over last year. The 46 tons of additional recycling has saved the town \$3,174 in tipping fees. I am sure with additional efforts we can see this number multiply.

Please review the list below to make sure your household is recycling at its maximum capacity. The benefits are not only financial, but also an environmentally sound practice. Please visit our website www.ellington-ct.gov, for additional information or contact Public Works at 870-3140.

- ◆ Newspaper/Magazines/Catalogs
- ◆ Corrugated Cardboard – place loose in cart, flatten and cut boxes to fit into cart.
- ◆ **New item!** Boxboard (food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- ◆ Office paper/junk mail
- ◆ Shredded paper – bagged in paper bags
- ◆ Glass food and beverage containers – rinsed clean.
- ◆ Metal food and beverage containers – rinsed clean.
- ◆ Aluminum foil and trays.
- ◆ PET plastic containers with #1 on bottom, up to 1 gal. in size – rinsed clean.
- ◆ HDPE plastic with #2 on bottom, **New! Now accepting containers up to 2.5 gal. in size.**
- ◆ Milk cartons/juice boxes – rinsed clean

Material Not Accepted

- ◆ Plastic bags, Styrofoam
- ◆ Food contaminated items, Pizza boxes
- ◆ Motor oil or anti-freeze bottles
- ◆ Window glass, auto glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs
- ◆ Pots, pans, dishes, ceramics, flower pots
- ◆ Paint cans
- ◆ #3 thru #7 plastics
- ◆ Containers that contained hazardous materials

**Hoffman Road
Brush Drop Off Area**

Hours of Operation

May, June

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

July, August, September

- Saturday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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

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

Proof of residency is required.

Bulky Waste Pickup

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

All American Waste 289-7850

Household Hazardous Waste

The Town of Ellington has scheduled a Household Hazardous Waste Day for Saturday, **September 19, 2009** from 8AM -1PM at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street. Watch your newspaper for details or log on to the Town’s website. Drop off dates for other surrounding towns that Ellington residents may participate in are listed below:

- Aug 15 Henry James Mem School, 155 Firetown Road, Simsbury
- Aug 22 Public Works Building, 21 Southwood Rd, Bloomfield
- Sept 19 Town Garage, 21 Main Street, Ellington**
- Oct 10 High School, 161 Nevers Road, South Windsor
- Oct 17 East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin St, East Hartford
- Oct 31 Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road, Windsor Locks

For a complete list, visit www.themdc.com, click Household Hazardous Waste Collections. All collections are held 8AM-1PM.

Items that may be brought are household chemicals, cleaners, garage and workshop chemicals, pool chemicals, paint, paint thinner, fluorescent bulbs and mercury thermometers.

Call the Public Works Office at 870-3140 if you have any questions.

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

BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

The Children's Department has a busy summer planned for July and August. The 2009 Summer Reading Program, "*Be Creative @ Your Library*", begins Wednesday, **July 8**. The Summer Reading Program is designed for children who have completed Kindergarten through those who have completed 6th grade. Children who participate will be asked to keep track of the titles of the books they read during the summer months. There will be a game or puzzle to complete; upon registration, the kids will put their handiwork into creating a banner to be hung at the library; and of course, there will be free giveaways. Anyone completing the program by reading ten books will get to choose a new paperback book to keep. All participants of the summer reading program will also be eligible to attend the "Grand Finale" on **August 13**.

For any school age children coming into the children's area of the library, there is a weekly craft available for them to work on. Instructions and materials are kept on the craft table, in self-serve fashion, allowing each child one craft to take home. Crafts will change each week. These crafts are not designed for preschool children.

Saturday, July 11, The Lionheart Puppet Company of Vernon will perform "The Reluctant Dragon", appropriate for ages 4 to 11. Free tickets will be available for this performance. Following the puppet show, there will be a puppet workshop. Registration will be held for this workshop as there is limited space available.

Wednesday, July 16 there will be a magic show, for ages 5 and up. Again, free tickets will be available to attend this performance.

Other special programs available for school age children are: Rocky, mascot to the New Britain Rockcats, will come to read; a cartooning workshop; Tom Sieling will perform, "Howl at the Moon", a musical program; Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration will be coming to do two programs, "Animal Buddies" for 1st thru 3rd graders, and "Disappearing Act" for 4th & 5th graders.

All of these special programs, paperback books for prizes, and more, has been generously made possible by monies given by The Friends of the Hall Memorial Library.

This summer there will also be "Bookworm Clubs", Movie Days, and special craft programs to be announced later.

The Preschoolers have not been left out! There will be weekly open Story Hours for ages 3 to 5 years old. Just come any Tuesday at 10:15 til 11:00, beginning **July 14** through August 18. We will also continue to have our summertime "Read To Me" program for preschoolers with special activities and prizes.

Yes! It's going to be a busy, busy summer!! Come and "Be Creative" with us!!

EXPRESS YOURSELF @ THE LIBRARY

Express Yourself @ the Library is the theme for this summer's young adult reading program. If you're in grades 7-12, stop in and register for the program starting Monday, **June 29**. We'll have prizes to offer, craft programs throughout the summer and lots of new books to read! The first 20 teens to register will receive a candy bar!

We're forming the 2009-2010 young adult advisory board. Applications will be available starting August 1st. If you are in grades 7-12 and are interested in being on the board, please fill out an application and return it to the library by September 1st. Interviews will be held during September and our first meeting will be in October. Board members are required to attend monthly meetings and young adult programs, read and participate in the book discussion held at every meeting, and volunteer in the library at least one hour each month. You will receive community service hours for the time you spend volunteering on the board.

MASTER THE ART OF READING

We will be having a summer reading game for adults again this year, but with less work and more prizes. The theme is "Master the Art of Reading" and there will be weekly drawings, and a grand prize and two second prizes at the end. All materials are funded by the generosity of the Friends of the Library. The program will run during the months of July and August, and will require only that you read, and then fill out the entry form with your name, phone number and a quick review or comment about the book you've read. What could be easier! We hope to see you at the Library this summer.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Due to popular demand, we will hold a 3-session book discussion series for adults beginning Tuesday, **July 14**. Keeping with our art theme, the first title will be "The Girl with a Pearl Earring", by Tracy Chevalier. Copies will be available by July 1. Subsequent titles will be chosen by the group.

PAINTING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Have you ever wanted to try water color painting? I have! So this summer, Judy Moakler has graciously agreed to teach a 3-part basic introduction program. There may be a small fee for materials. Call for more information.

COFFEE ANYONE?

For the months of May and June, the library installed a coffee machine on a trial basis. The experiment, initially funded by the Friends of the Library, has proven popular, so beginning in July the machine will be a permanent fixture in the McKnight Reading Room. A coin mechanism will be installed, facilitating payment and the price will be \$1.25 per cup.

NEW COMPUTER ARRANGEMENT

For those of you who haven't been in the Reference Room in while, more computer workstations have been added to this area. They were moved from the young adult area. Now, all these workstations may be used for internet access and for working with the Microsoft Office programs. Please remember to bring your library card, as you will need it to log into the network.

BUDGET CONSEQUENCES

As we all know, the Board of Finance worked long and hard to formulate a Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget that would provide the most services for the best price for the citizens of Ellington. The process resulted in sacrifices by town employees, including those in the library and cuts in other areas as well. Library hours have not been affected. The biggest impact on the library is the 20 % cut in funds to purchase new materials. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset this cut, please pick up a donation form at the front desk or download it from the website at www.biblio.org/ellington. Thanks for your help.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Once again this year, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring the summer reading programs. Their hard-earned funds will pay for the programs, prizes and materials that help to make your summer library experience great. If you are interested in helping out, new members are always welcomed. From baking to book sales, there are many ways to lend a few hours. Thanks!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK CELLAR

SUMMER HOURS

Monday 6:30PM-8PM
Thursday 2:30PM-4:30PM
Saturday 10:00AM-NOON

**All Library programs are free
and open to the public.**

Visit our website

www.biblio.org/ellington

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SUMMER HOURS

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

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

July 3 and 4 for Independence Day;
September 5, 6 and 7 for Labor Day



2009 Summer Concert Series @ Arbor Park



Due to the generosity of Ellington businesses and family patronage, Ellington's Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park has been revived. The concerts will once again be staged at Arbor Park on **Sunday evenings** from **6:00–8:00** p.m. Ellington Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting donations to fund and sponsor this series of concerts. If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile community venture, please contact Bob Tedford at 870-3118 or by email: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov or mail your donation to: Ellington Recreation Department, P.O. Box 187 Ellington, CT. Donations will also be accepted at the concert events. Make checks payable to the Town of Ellington. **Note:** In the event of inclement weather, efforts will be made to hold the concert in the Ellington High School Auditorium. Call the Recreation Department Program Information line at 870-3118, ext.#17 after 4 p.m. on the day of the respective concert.

OFF THE CLOCK JULY 12

Rob Thomas and "Off the Clock" return to Arbor Park this summer. Come on out and sing along to the sounds of the 60's 70's and beyond. Off the Clock brings their band of acoustic rock with rich vocal harmonies back to Ellington for the 3rd straight year. The group has built a large repertoire of classics from artists such as CSN, The Eagles, James Taylor, Neil Young, The Beatles, Steve Miller and The Who, to name but a few. Off The Clock also incorporated music by some later day artists such as Incubus, Stone Temple Pilots, U2 and Pearl Jam in their sets. The band has been playing regularly since 2000, and plays private parties, clubs and theatres throughout Connecticut/Western Mass. The band is available at <http://www.offtheclockband.com>.

KENN MORR BAND AUGUST 2

Singer/songwriter Kenn Morr is celebrating the release of his fourth CD, "Move ON", which has been released to critical acclaim and airplay in over ten European countries and in the U.S. Kenn's music has been played on over 40 radio stations in the U.S. and Europe. Bob Dylan's brand of acoustic rock is referenced by Kenn's low persuasive tones, and traces of John Mellencamp are recognizable in the songs heartfelt quality and accessibility. The lyrics address universal themes such as love, fear, cautiousness and curiosity and speak to every man.

SOPHISTICATS JULY 19

Sophisticats is a jazzy quartet consisting of vocals, guitars, bass and drums. The electronic sound is upbeat and melodic, composed of originals and standards, and encompassing jazz, swing, rockabilly, Celtic folk and blues. The band appeals to a broad audience and holds their interest!! Your "Hosts" for the evening will be Bill & Lorraine Liswell and if their 2008 performance is any example of what's to come, this will be a very enjoyable concert!!

NASHVILLE BLUE AUGUST 9

The Nashville Blue Band is a mix of classic rock, oldies and new and older country music. Ellington Golf Center's Jeff Wadsworth, along with Gary LeFevre, Fred David and Quentin Rueckert have been playing and singing together for many years and have a following of all ages due to their wide range of musical styles.

"RJ" JULY 26

The Musical Act "RJ" (Ruth O'Neil and Jim Hammitt) offers an assortment of sing-alongs, standards and favorites for all occasions. With guitar, ukulele, banjo and mandolin, "RJ" gets groups moving, passing out rhythm instruments to the audience for added fun. Birthday, holiday, patriotic themes (and more) are "RJ's" specialty. Lively folk, country, rock, originals and favorites!! New and thoughtful versions of familiar contemporary and traditional music.

SING-ALONG FAMILY CONCERT AUGUST 16

Paul Recker and Claudine Langille perform together in a concert featuring a mix of country songs and standards from the 40's and 50's, along with a touch of folk and Irish music. These are songs that tell stories, tap memories and touch the heart. Sing along, dance or just sit back and enjoy! Paul Recker, an accomplished guitarist and an engaging singer, has been performing full-time since 1986. Claudine Langille has been picking melodious tunes on mandolin for almost 30 years. She has led workshops at folk festivals in the U.S., Canada, and England and currently performs with the Vermont-based band, Gypsy Reel.

Note: This Concert will run 6:00—7:30 PM

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2009 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Address:

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

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

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

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

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

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

Registering is EASY! To access the Recreation Department's new online service, please visit the Town of Ellington's website at www.ellington-ct.gov, select 'Town Services'; select 'Parks & Recreation' or call 870-3118 for more information. **Note: Not all Recreation Programs are available for online registration.**

Payment: Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid in FULL. We accept cash and checks; make checks payable to the TOWN OF ELLINGTON. [Credit cards accepted for online registration only. **Note: A service fee will be applied when using a credit card.**]

- **Non-Residents:** Add \$5/program/participant. Not all programs are available for non-residents.
- **Refunds:** Refunds are given only prior to the start of classes or if we cancel the program. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a \$3 processing fee. **On-line refunds will be allowed and the convenience fee charges are non-refundable; refunds just apply to the dollar amount of the actual program.**

Tennis Events: you can sign up for all tennis programs below @ www.friendsofellingtontennis.usta.com or at the Recreation Office.

USTA Adult Team Tennis

Are you a player somewhat new to the game or knocking some of the rust off your skills? Join the Ellington USTA Adult Team as we play against neighboring towns this July and August with the chance to continue on regional playoffs. Play will likely be on Monday nights with practice one more night a week. There will be separate men's and women's teams. Each team plays one singles match and two doubles matches as part of their team match. We're looking for 6-8 players per team. **Cost \$63.00 per player** and includes the USTA membership and team shirt.

Weekly Ladder Play

Looking to play on a regular basis? Looking to find others to play against? Then sign up for our Ellington Tennis Ladder. Play will likely be on Thursday nights depending on player availability and will include singles and doubles play. You will have the chance to pick your weeks of play.

All you need to bring is a new can of tennis balls each time you play.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis

Again this summer, we'll have a team of Ellington and Somers Middle School and High School players who will play against teams from neighboring communities. Play and practice will be based in Somers at the Field Road Courts and will occur Monday through Thursday afternoons. Play will occur from the week of June 29th to the week of August 3rd. **Cost: \$150.00 per player**

Co-Ed Men's/Women's Volleyball

**Wednesday Nights
through August 26
6-8PM
@ Brookside Park
No Fee**

ID Code: 3002.CEV

Youth Volleyball

**Wednesday Nights
through August 26
5-6PM
@ Brookside Park
No Fee**

**Grades 5-6 & 7-8
Based on 2008-09
school year**

ID Code: 0120.YVB

2009 Fall Soccer

TRAVEL TEAMS: Registration is ongoing. **DEADLINE** for registering for a travel team is based on the evaluation dates that are available. A player **MUST** attend a minimum of (2) evaluation clinics in order to be eligible for selection.

AGE GROUP	EVALUATION CLINIC DATES	LOCATION	TIME FRAME
U-12 Boys	Wednesday, July 15, Thursday, July 16	Brookside Park	6:00-7:30pm
U-14 Boys	Tuesday, June 30	Brookside Park	5:30-6:45pm
U-12 Girls	Tuesday, July 7	Brookside Park	6:00-7:30pm
U-14 Girls	Tuesday, June 30; Monday, July 13; Thursday, August 27	Brookside Park	6:00-7:15pm
U-10 Boys	Tuesday, July 7 ; Wednesday, July 15	Brookside Park	6:00-7:30pm
U-10 Girls	Wednesday, June 24	Brookside Park	6:00-7:15pm

Travel Division Levels:

Division 3, 4 & 5 U12 & U14 Boys & Girls

Division 4 & 5 U10 Boys & Girls

Division 3 is a high level of experience
 Division 4 is a competitive level;
 Division 5 is recreational yet competitive

Fee: \$70

NOTE: Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during a practice or match.

- A player’s age group is determined as of Aug. 1 preceding the beginning of the seasonal year of Sept. 1.
- **To be considered for selection to a travel team, player must attend a minimum of 2 evaluation clinics.**
- Travel team rosters may be comprised of 15 players (12 in U-10), maximum of 16.
- Players selected to a travel team are not required to participate in the recreation division.
- A first-year travel team player must provide a copy of their birth certificate and a 1x1 photo (for player pass purposes)
- **A player may attempt to qualify for an older age group but must attend the age appropriate clinics to be considered for selection.**
- Travel Team Fees **MUST** be paid in full upon selection to a travel team, and in addition, a **\$25 Uniform BOND** is required. If the uniform is submitted to the respective coach at the conclusion of the season, the \$25 check will be returned.
- Travel Soccer alignment: In accordance with Connecticut Junior Soccer Association age relevant guidelines. U11/U12 teams will play 8 vs. 8 at the Division 4 Level, Players should attend U12 Evaluation Clinics to receive a rating.

Parks & Recreation Commission TRAVEL SOCCER POLICY statement

Every player that is selected for a Fall travel team will retain their position on the spring roster as long as they sign up for spring soccer by the designated deadline and meet the minimum attendance requirements as set by the Recreation Commission. For the 2009-2010 season those requirements are attending at least half of the scheduled practices and 3/4 of the scheduled games. Coaches will be responsible for keeping accurate attendance records and submitting them to the Recreation Director at the end of the Fall season. Only those positions vacated will be eligible during tryouts. Those open slots will be available for players at the same age group but a lower level as well as new signups for the spring season. Returning travel players for the spring would be guaranteed that they would play on at least the same level as in the fall (provided they sign up on time and met the attendance minimums) but have the option of trying to play for a higher level if there are openings. Example: in the fall, two U-12 teams are selected with 12 players rostered for each. One team is Division 3 (higher) and the other is Division 4 (lower). In the spring, only 10 of those Division 3 players sign up and met attendance standards. There would now be 2 openings on that team and every player on the Division 4 team that signs up has the option of trying out for that team without the risk of losing their spot on the lower team if they don't make it. Also any newcomer trying out will be considered for that team as well but will be placed where deemed appropriate by the evaluators.

Trying out in the Spring for an older age division than a player eligible for will only be allowed for those Fall players who played the Fall season for the highest level team at their age. So only Division 3 Fall players in the U-12 league would be eligible to try out for the Spring U-14 teams. If there is no higher rated Fall team (for instance two Div 4 teams) than A) one of those teams would be designated the highest level team (based on Fall record) or B) both would have all players eligible to try out at the next age group. (This would be a commission decision). Because of the opportunity for players to play up, it is imperative that the final rosters for Spring Teams be chosen chronologically with the oldest age groups selected first. Within each age group, the teams must be selected in order from highest division to lowest division. This would allow for the younger groups and lower groups to know how many open slots they have before completing their roster. For the U-14 Spring teams only, since there may be HS players who qualify to play in the Fall but cannot due to playing on a HS team, these players will be allowed to tryout in the Spring and it would be suggested that the roster size for the Spring be expanded up to the maximum allowed by CJSA at the discretion of the Recreation Director.

RECREATION DIVISION SOCCER & INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER

**IN-HOUSE & INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS: DEADLINE IS AUGUST 14TH.
ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABLE SPACE.**

INSTRUCTIONAL \$22.00 GRADE LEVELS	ID CODE	START DATE	TIMES	LOCATION
3 & 4 yrs old boys & girls	90034.101	September 5th	11:00am-12noon	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.101	September 5th	11:00am-12noon	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.101	September 5th	10am- 11:00am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.101	September 5th	9:00am-10:00am	Brookside Park
RECREATIONAL FALL SOCCER \$24 (1st child) \$48 (2nd child) \$63 (3 or more children)	Deadline to register Aug. 14th	EVALUATION DATE	EVALUATION TIME	LOCATION
3 rd & 4 th grade boys 3 rd & 4 th grade girls	90034.B01 90034.G01	September 2nd	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
5 th & 6 th grade boys 5 th & 6 th grade girls	9056.B01 9056.G01	September 2nd	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
7 th & 8 th grade boys 7 th & 8 th grade girls	9078.B01 9078.G01	September 2nd	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
TRAVEL TEAM SOCCER	<u>Age Groups for Seasonal Year Sept 1, 2009 to Aug 31, 2010</u>	U-14 Players born 8/1/95 and younger U-13 Players born 8/1/96 and younger U-12 Players born 8/1/97 and younger U-11 Players born 8/1/98 and younger	U-10 Players born 8/1/99 and younger U-09 Players born 8/1/00 and younger U-08 Players born 8/1/01 and younger	

**YOUTH BASKETBALL INFORMAL
INSTRUCTION-SCRIMMAGES:
@ BROOKSIDE PARK**

Dates: July 6, 13, 20, 27;
Aug. 3, 10.
(Boys and Girls)

Grade level is based on 2008-09 school year.

Grades: 3-4 5:30-6:45pm
Grades: 5-6 6:45-8:00pm
Grades: 7-10 8:00-9:15pm

Fee: \$10.00 pre-registration is required.

CO-ED SOFTBALL UPDATE

Adult Co-Ed Softball

SUNDAYS AT
ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.
4:00-6:30PM

ELIGIBILITY: participants must be 18 years of age
or older as of June 6, 2009 (or can participate when
he/she turns 18 during the course of the season).

Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office.

This program will be predicated on an informal
format, no league standings.....just fun and
friendship along with a little competition!!
Contact the Recreation Department 870-3118 for a
copy of the co-ed guidelines/league rules.

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	FEE	LOCATION
VOLLEYBALL CAMP	1911.101	June 29, 30; July 1,2 Coordinator: Mike Stiles EHS Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach	9am-12:00pm	3-9 Fall 2009- 2010 school year	\$75	High School
CHRIS CORKUM BASEBALL CAMP	0914.CCC	June 29, 30; July 1,2,	9am-1pm	Grades: 3-8	\$105	Brookside Park
MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS	0903.MC1	July 13,14,15,16,17	9am—1pm	Ages 5-7	Half Day \$139	Middle School
	0903.MC2	July 13,14,15,16,17	9am—3pm	Ages 7-14	Full Day \$169	
JUKIDO CAMP	0902.JKC	July 14 & 16	10am-12pm	Ages 7 –16	\$30	Middle School
LACROSSE CAMP Boys & Girls	0904.LAX	July 8,9,10 Beginners: Grades 3-8 Intermediate: Grades 5-8 Coordinator: Dave Giordano	5-7:pm	Grades: 4-8	\$25	High School
TENNIS CAMP	1910.TNC	July 20,21,22,23,24	9:00-12:00pm	Ages 8-13	\$75 per session	Brookside Park
	1911.TNC	August 3,4,5,6,7	9:00-12:00pm			
UK International SOCCER CAMP	UKSC.102	August 17,18,19,20,21	5pm-6pm 6-7:30pm 5pm-8pm	3-4 yrs 5-6 yrs 7-16 yrs	\$50 \$65 \$99	Brookside Park
GOLF CAMP Jeff Wadsworth e-mail Jwadsworth50 @comcast.net	GOLFM.6 GOLFM.5 GOLFM.7	July 13,14,15 mini camp July 27,28,29 mini camp Aug. 3,4,5 mini-camp	9am-12noon	9-13 yrs	\$65 per session	Ellington Golf Center
BASKETBALL CAMP (Snack/drink provided)	0916.BB34	August 3,4,5,6,7	8am-11am	Grades 3-4	\$75	Middle School
	0916.BB58	Instructor: Stan Ogrodnik	11:30am- 2:30pm	Grades 5-8		
MAD SCIENCE CAMP	0908.MAD	July 13,14,15,16, “Young Wizards Science Academy”	9am-12 noon	Grades 2-6 2009-2010	\$115	Middle School

AED/ First Aid/CPR

Register online **ONLY** @
Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

Instructor: Allison Breen

The Recreation Department now has a certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow ALL Ellington Coaches, Athletic Officials, Program Instructors, and staff of Ellington Recreation sponsored sports and activities to register **FREE of charge**. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way. Please understand that each coach is **REQUIRED** to complete this training.

We can only allow Six (6) coaches per class, so register early.

Saturday, July 11, 9am-1pm ~ Tuesday, August 4 5pm-10pm

Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!

2009 SUMMER CAMP

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

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

Location: Center School

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **Pre-Registration Required.**
- **Ages: 4-12 (age 4 as of 12/31/09)**
MUST be Potty Trained ~ Strictly Enforced
- Minimum of 35 registrants required in order to proceed with a full day program
- After Camp Care, minimum of 12 registrants .
- Partial Weeks are prorated
- **CAMPERS ARE TO BRING A BAGGED LUNCH EACH DAY!**
- **SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**
- Campers are to come dressed appropriately for camp activities.
- **FIELDTRIPS:** Movie Days, Mini-Golf, Wickham Park, Blueberry Picking
- Friday Pizza Parties for LUNCH!!!!

Registration is ongoing.

Camp Themes

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

* Partial Weeks are pro-rated

“BUY - A- BRICK” AT BROOKSIDE PARK

“Buy a Brick...Leave a Legacy”

Be a part of Ellington's history and help pave the way to a better Brookside Park! The Ellington Recreation Department is sponsoring a “Buy-A-Brick” fundraiser to benefit the enhancements to the playground at the park. Donors will have the opportunity to purchase engraved bricks which will be used to create a walkway near the playground area at Brookside Park. This is a permanent and meaningful way to help build our community. Bricks may be engraved to honor family members (grandparent, mother, son, etc.), friends, memory of loved ones, teachers and/or businesses. What a great way to support your community and at the same time, create a lasting memory for your family and friends. Bricks will be available for purchase in two sizes:

4x8 inch engraved brick paver is \$75 ~ 8x8 inch engraved brick paver is \$100.

To buy a brick, send a check along with a completed order form to: Ellington Recreation Department, Attn. Buy-a-Brick, 31 Arbor Way P.O. Box 187 Ellington, CT 06029. Orders will be accepted until July 1st, 2009. Order forms are available online through the Ellington Parks & Recreation webpage at www.ellington-ct.gov under the Town Services tab.

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2009

Full Season

*June 23-August 23**

Weekdays: 12:00 noon-6:30 pm

Weekends: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

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

[*Weather & Staff permitting]

Resident Daily Fee:

\$2 Adult 18 & up

\$1 Child 6-17 yrs

Children under 5 are free

All Senior Citizens \$1.00

Non-Resident Fees:

\$5 Adult 18 & up

\$3 Child 6-17 yrs

Children under 5 are free

Beach Passes:

(Ellington Residents Only)

\$40 per Family

\$25 Individual

\$10 Senior Citizens

Show your ID at the Gate

Swim Lesson Info:

The Ellington Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Swimming Lessons at Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years-Adult. This year we will be offering the **NEW** American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels that will teach you and /or your child how to swim skillfully and safely. Check the website for swim level descriptions and class availability.

www.ellington-ct.gov
Select "Town Services"
Select "Parks & Recreation"

Farmers Market

Every Saturday
Arbor Park (Main Street)

9 AM-12:30 PM

Rain or Shine

Any questions, call

Ron Bahler at 871-6266 or
Michael Hoffman at 559-6414

TOWN OF ELLINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

July 3 Independence Day
(observed)

Sept. 7 *Labor Day

Oct. 12 Columbus Day

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

Blood Drives:

July 16, 2009 ~ 12:30 PM—5:00 PM

St. Luke's Church, 141 Maple Street, Ellington, CT

August 21, 2009 ~ 1:30 PM—6:30 PM

Masonic Lodge, 141 Orchard Street, Ellington, CT

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

or sign up online @ www.bloodct.org

Town Hall Hours

Monday

8:30 am—6:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am—1:30 pm

A copy of this newsletter is available online ~ log onto

www.ellington-ct.gov

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

If you would like to place an article in the Ellington Connection, contact Marie Sauvé in the First Selectman's Office @ 870-3100 or email msauve@ellington-ct.gov

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