



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Summer 2010

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Revaluation 2010 Update

Tender Loving Care is needed for Crystal Lake and the residents that live close by. The necessity for protecting the lake itself is easy to understand, because it's an important recreation center that offers a variety of enjoyable experiences to all Ellington residents, at modest cost; from the many who only want to lie on Sandy Beach soaking up the rays with minimal expended energy, to the few who participate in all-out exertion like the annual triathlon, and all in between. But we also have to be considerate of the residents who live in close proximity to the lake, for their benefit and the benefit of those of us who live far from the lake.

The most recent protective measure is an aggressive program to remove the invasive *milfoil* plant that has been choking off the lake. A major effort at removing this foreign invader was started last summer and will continue this summer; thereafter, modest yearly maintenance is expected to control the pest. Other past protection efforts, such as water quality testing, installing hardware to separate and isolate the solids in storm water runoff from reaching the lake, etc., will continue.

Because of its history, parts of the Crystal Lake residential area are densely occupied, with limited room for parking (especially difficult during winter snow and summer crowds), little isolation from noise sources, and understandably little patience with trespassers (including unleashed four-legged types that leave unwelcome deposits); in general, the closer to the lake, the more densely populated and the more numerous and intrusive visitors become. While following up on some complaints from Crystal Lake area residents, it has become apparent that, if all of Ellington's increasing residents are to continue enjoying the lake, we must all abide by the rules and also respect the rights of property owners in the area. A few simple points to keep in mind: (1) respect street signs, especially the requirement not to block or park in FIRE LANE/s (your vehicle may be towed, at your expense); (2) keep pets on a leash, off Sandy Beach and off private property, and take the unwelcome deposits home with you; (3) keep the noise level down, particularly after dark; and, (4) **please**, treat private lake property at least as well as you'd like others to treat yours.

Hope to see you on the beach. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Maurice Blanchette

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

The data collection continues, approximately 65% of the residential properties have been visited. Commercial property inspections are 95% complete.

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

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

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

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

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

Budget Referendum **May 18, 2010 ~ 6AM-8PM** **Ellington High School**

Proposed 2010-2011 Budget information is available online at www.ellington-ct.gov; or pick up a copy of the budget documents at the Library or Town Clerk's Office.



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

SPRING IS IN THE AIR . . .

What a great time to visit your public library!!!

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM
Friday-Saturday 10AM-5PM
Saturday –July & Aug 10AM-1PM
Sunday* 1PM-5PM
*Closed on Sundays after May 23

THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR EVERYONE!

Knitting Circle Join us at the library for an open KNITTING CIRCLE on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm throughout the spring. Bring your knitting, and sit and chat with other knitters. This group provides plenty of laughs, some minor help with knitting disasters, and a GREAT evening out! It's open to knitters of all levels. In May, the group will meet the 13th and the 27th. In June, they will meet the 10th and the 24th. Come join us! It's FREE!!

Book Discussion On Wednesday evenings, May 19 and June 16, join us for a Connecticut Sisters in Crime BOOK DISCUSSION. Everyone loves a good murder mystery with a suspenseful plot that keeps the reader guessing, and an engaging sleuth with whom readers can relate as the story unfolds. Author and professor, Carole Shmurak of Central Connecticut State University will lead a lively discussion from 7:30-9:00 pm each of these nights. This program is sponsored by the Connecticut Humanities Council and is therefore FREE for all participants. Multiple copies of the books being discussed are available at the library.

Art Show During the month of June the Tolland County Art Association will hold a display of art pieces in the main hall on the first floor of the library. Come and see the beauty and talent that is alive and well right here in Tolland County.

SUMMER IS FAST APPROACHING. For adults this summer, our book discussions will continue. Mark your calendar for July 21. Call the library for more information on days and times and titles to be discussed. You can also look forward to a reading program for adults. More information will be available as July approaches.

P Children in Ellington can look forward to a busy summer at the library. "Make a Splash. . . READ!" is the theme for this year's summer reading program. Children in Kindergarten thru 6th grade can be involved in a reading game, weekly crafts, and give-a-ways. There will be magic shows, animal programs, bookworm clubs and more. Details about these and other summer programs will be available during the month of June. As a matter of fact, the Children's Librarian (in costume, of course), might just be visiting classrooms later this spring to give details to the children, first hand. You can expect some sort of flyer with more information coming home with your child before the end of the school year.

C Weekly story hours for 3-5 year olds will continue during July and August. In addition, Hall Memorial Library has a Read-To-Me Program for preschoolers. It involves reading books to your preschooler; your preschooler doing some coloring; and then, participating in an interactive bulletin board in the children's area of the library. This bulletin board is always a focal point upstairs in the children's room.

I Young Adults (YA)/Teens at the library are busy preparing for end of the year term papers, finals, and other projects. Our afternoons are filled with teens meeting at the library to use our materials, do some research, or take a break with their friends.

t The Creative Writing group is off to a great start. We have some talented young people in this town and it's been fun meeting with them, talking about writing and learning new techniques to get those creative juices flowing. The group meets the last Thursday of every month from 3-4 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 27th. This group is open to any teen in grades 7-12. If you like to write, join us!

C Summer is fast approaching and that means...SUMMER READING! Our YA staff member is busy planning several programs for teens, like making glass tile necklaces, book discussions, a food program and maybe a few other surprises! Stop in at the library when school gets out for more information. And don't forget...there's always prizes awarded at the end of the summer!

COME TO THE LIBRARY! SEE WHAT'S NEW!

Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools
860-896-2300 ~ www.ellingtonschools.org

From the desk of the Superintendent...

Recently, the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee of the Ellington Board of Education resumed operation after a sixteen month hiatus. Board of Education committee members Dan Keune, Tracey Kiff-Judson and Gary Blanchette have been joined by Board of Finance Liaison Michael Varney and Board of Selectmen Liaison Ron Stomberg to review and summarize the pertinent information produced over the past few years. Parent representative Cindy Johnson will soon be joining the committee.

Documents being reviewed by the committee include: a School Facilities Study Committee Report of March 2005; a Student Capacity Study of November 2004; the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Long-Range School Facilities Planning Report of April 2008; and a series of enrollment projections from 2006 through the next decade.

Hardly a day goes by when I do not hear a positive comment about what a wonderful community Ellington is in which to live, work or raise a family. Probably no statistic is better evidence of this than the ever increasing enrollment in the Ellington Public Schools. During the past decade, from the 1999-2000 school year through the start of the 2009-2010 school year, the Ellington Public School District has grown from 2,208 students to 2,671, an increase of almost 21%. That trend continues today and is projected to increase through the next decade.

The NESDEC study of 2008 was most complimentary regarding the efforts made by the Ellington community to properly maintain its schools by providing quality learning environments for its students. Dr. Donald Kennedy of NESDEC used the term "Ellingtonize its schools" to capture the essence of this ongoing commitment. The one glaring weakness noted in the ongoing efforts to maintain modern educational facilities in Ellington is the often-promised, but yet to occur, renovation of Crystal Lake School.

For all who are familiar with Crystal Lake School, I hope you would agree that it is a gem. The Crystal Lake educational community feels like family. It is a place where everybody knows your name. It was with great pride that Crystal Lake School celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in the spring of 2007. Students, teachers, administrators, families, community members and friends, current and past, shared years of memories and pride. Crystal Lake School is a vibrant educational community; however, the school is a "tired" building that is overdue for renovation.

I believe that the members of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee, as well as the members of the Ellington Board of Education are in agreement that the most important facilities need is the renovation of Crystal Lake School.

From an educational perspective, Crystal Lake School does not have comparable facilities found in other schools. Crystal Lake has no art room, nor does it have a music room. Art is taught in the cafeteria when lunch is not being served, and music is taught on the stage of the gymnasium. Crystal Lake School lacks the flexibility to adjust to student enrollment. If enrollment in one grade were to require an additional class (as happens at other elementary schools) it would be necessary to dismantle the school's computer lab to accommodate an additional class.

As Crystal Lake School has been in operation for more than fifty years, much of the infrastructure including flooring, heating, fire alarms, etc. are in need of modernization. For those who have ever entered or exited the parking lot, the need for a new entrance/exit is well understood. For the reasons stated above, the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee will need to evaluate a renovation and addition to Crystal Lake School.

A second issue before the committee will be recommending the best educational and cost effective response to the continued growth in our student population. The 2008 NESDEC study presented several options to address this issue. One option would result in a Kindergarten through Grade Six configuration of the Ellington Schools. This might be accomplished through a renovation and addition to Crystal Lake School. Overcrowding at the middle school, however, must still be evaluated. In addition to creating K-6 neighborhood schools, this option would also eliminate the near hour-long bus rides to Windermere School, as well as ease the current overcrowding at Windermere School.

Another option presented by NESDEC to address future enrollment concerns would be a significant addition to Ellington Middle School to accommodate a grade six through eight configuration. There are obviously many issues to be reviewed and evaluated by the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee related to this option. In response to a request at a public hearing, NESDEC did discuss issues related to a new high school. This option is not under consideration by the committee.

The work of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee of the Board of Education will result in a recommendation to the Board of Education in the fall of 2010. Significant opportunities for the Ellington community to review and discuss the facilities needs of the town will be provided.

Agendas and minutes for all meetings will be posted on the Board of Education website www.ellingtonschools.org. For those interested, the April 2008 NESDEC report is also available on our website.

**Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk
860-870-3105**

**Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer
Ashlee Leone, Asst. Animal Control Officer**

**ANNUAL DOG REGISTRATION
June 1 through 30, 2010**

**CONNECTICUT LAW REQUIRES ANY DOG
AGE 6 MONTHS OR OLDER BE
REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK ON A YEARLY BASIS.**

Dog Licenses expire **June 30th**. New Licenses must be purchased between June 1 and June 30. A rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of registration. (Rabies Clinic May 22—see Page 16) Spaying or neutering certificates must be presented unless already on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Fee Schedule: \$ 8 Neutered or Spayed
\$19 Male or Female

After June 30th a late fee of \$1.00 per month is due along with your license fee at the time of registration.

If you would like to register your dog through the mail you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of the tags and license.

Although many of Ellington's residents enjoy the companionship of a dog or two, many are not aware of local and state laws pertaining to containment, licensing, rabies vaccinations and the dreaded dog bite scenario. These laws are perceived to be an act of encroachment by some, but in reality are meant to protect your neighbors and you, the dog owner, as well. With that said, we would like to remind you that the following state statutes need to be observed by all dog owners:

All canines must be licensed as stipulated in Connecticut State Statute 22-349, once they reach the age of six months. See message from the Town Clerk. If you do not license in the month of June you will be subject to a fine of \$75.

Rabies vaccinations are required by Connecticut State Statute 22-339b at three months of age and as required thereafter. The purpose of the vaccination is to limit and control the spread of rabies by wildlife to domestic animals and potentially unto humans. Failure to comply with Rabies vaccination laws can result in a fine of \$136.00. If an unvaccinated pet has contact with a confirmed rabid animal the state will order euthanasia or a six month quarantine at the dog pound, at the owners expense. As of June 22, 2008, 6,069 cases of rabies have been confirmed throughout the state. Most of these cases involved wildlife such as raccoons and skunks, however, more than 140 cases involved domestic animals such as dogs, cats, cows and horses. Rabies is transmittable to humans and is fatal. It is extremely important to notify Animal Control of all bites to humans or pets. The Ellington Animal Control will sponsor a Rabies Clinic on May 22—See article for more details.

All dogs must be under the control of the owner at all times as stated in Connecticut State Statute 22-364(a). If a dog is off property and not under the control of the owner, it is considered roaming and a ticket can be issued for \$92.00. If the dog is picked up while roaming impounded fees will apply.

Should you have ANY questions about state statutes or town regulations, please call our office at **(860) 870-3155**. We will be happy to answer any of your questions!

**Rabies
Clinic**

**May 22, 2010 ~ 2PM-4PM
Ellington Ambulance Building
41 Maple Street (RT 140)**

Please bring previous rabies certificate to qualify for a three-year vaccine. All others will receive a one-year vaccine. Pet owners on public assistance are permitted to have one pet vaccinated at no charge by showing State Public Assistance Identification Card.

Veterinarian: Dr. Kasperzak,
Four-Town Veterinarian Hospital
Sponsored by Ellington Animal
Control ~ 860-870-3155

**\$20
Cash Only**

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 Required

Recycling Update

Due to an upgrade at the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) we are now able to expand our plastics recycling. Beginning May 1, residents will be able to recycle all plastic food and beverage containers, not just those made from No. 1 and No.2 plastics. For a full list of recyclable items, visit our website at:



www.ellington-ct.gov

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

TRIAD Senior Safety Ice Cream Social

June 3 from 1-3:00 PM @ Ellington Senior Center

TRIAD is a 3-way commitment of law enforcement, senior groups and businesses working together to promote senior safety programs. Representative Ted Graziani & Sgt. William Konieczny, Connecticut State Police, will speak on the new "Silver Alert" program; State of CT Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Jerry Farrell will speak on proper disposal of medications; and Don Davis, Emergency Management Director, will update us on the Town of Ellington Emergency Preparedness Plan. These presentations will be followed by an ice cream social—ice cream generously donated by **DariFarms**.

You must RSVP for this program by May 27. Call the Senior Center at 860-870-3133 to register to attend and/or book a ride on the Senior Center van..

Long Term Care Policy Understanding your Benefits

June 16 at 6:00 PM @ Ellington Senior Center

David Guttchen from the State of CT Office of Policy & Management/Long Term Care Insurance program will discuss policy activation. **This program is for people who have a long term care policy** and want to understand how to activate their benefits. **Please bring your Long Term Care Policy** so that you can follow the discussion, read the terminology, and ask questions related to activating your policy. A light supper will be served at 6pm and David will speak at 6:30pm. You must RSVP by June 10. There is limited seating—call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131.

Hearing-Impaired Equipment Available

The Town of Ellington has recently purchased a Wireless FM Listening System for hearing-impaired residents who wish to attend and participate at Town-sponsored meetings. The FM Listening System includes a transmitter and four FM receivers with headsets. The transmitter picks up the live audio directly from a microphone and those sounds are then broadcast over an FM radio signal. The battery powered FM receivers are worn by the listeners. This will allow the listener to sit anywhere in the audience and listen to the meeting as loud as needed without disturbing anyone else.

Any hearing-impaired citizen who would like to use this system should call the First Selectman's Office at 860-870-3100 to request that the equipment be available at a specific Town-sponsored meeting. One (business) day notice is required to set up the FM Listening System. Residents are encouraged to bring their own headphones.

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

The **Wii games** are about to begin at the Ellington Senior Center. The schedules of games are posted at the Senior Center and in our Town Crier newsletter. We are all looking forward to the fun the Wii games will bring.

Movie Time is back in full swing. A special thank you goes out to volunteers Barbara Donohue and Carole Quarrington who run this program. Movie Time is held the last Tuesday afternoon of the month at 1:00pm in the main room of the Senior Center. Come and enjoy the movies with the comfort of our new 58" plasma television. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch with you. We supply the popcorn and beverage.

The Ellington Senior Center welcomes new **Master Gardener, Marilyn Shirley**. Our perennial gardens woke up on schedule this spring. We look forward to the beautiful array of colors our summer plants, flowers, and vegetables will bring to us.

Charter Oak Pass (Life Use)

Attention Seniors:

The Charter Oak Pass provides access to the State Parks and Forests and is available free to Connecticut residents, 65 years of age or older. The pass is accepted at all day use areas where a parking fee applies. Presenting it allows free access for the entering vehicle and passengers. The pass holder does not have to be the vehicle driver.

Free admittance is also provided for the Charter Oak pass holder when visiting Gillette Castle, Dinosaur or Trumbull State Parks, or fishing at the Quinebaug Valley Hatchery. All other visitors, however, will be required to pay the appropriate fee.

Please note that each pass is issued to a specific person and can only be used when presented by that individual. The passes are non-transferable. They are not valid for camping or special events having separate admission charges and may not be used for commercial purposes.

To receive a free pass to state parks at age 65, send a clear copy of your driver's license to:

State of Connecticut
DEP Parks Division-Charter Oak Pass
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Or Call 860-424-3200

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2010 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**

New Registration Process

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

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

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

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

MOVIE IN THE PARK

June 17 @ 7:45 pm

Come celebrate the last day of school, and join us for **MOVIE NIGHT** at **Brookside Park!** Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, family, and friends on the last day of school, **June 17th** at 7:45pm to watch Disney Pixar's **TOY STORY ! TOY STORY** is rated **G**.

Movie will begin at dark. Proceeds will benefit enhancements to the playground at Brookside Park. Popcorn and other snacks will be available for purchase.

Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Ellington Recreation Department at 31 Arbor Way for \$3 per person (children 2 and under are free). Tickets may also be purchased on Movie Night for \$5 per person (Children 2 and under are free). What a fun way to start summer vacation! All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Rain Date: June 18th

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, June 5th 9am-1pm

Wednesday June 16th 5pm-10pm

Tuesday July 20th 5pm-10pm

Monday August 2nd 5pm-10pm

- **You are required to stay the entire time in order to receive your certification**
- **You are more than welcome to bring a snack/dinner with you . Wear comfortable clothing.**

"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 (grandpa, mother, son, etc), friends, memory of loved ones, teachers and/or businesses. Bricks will be available for purchase in two sizes: 4x8 inch engraved brick paver is available for \$75 or 8x8 inch paver may be purchased for \$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 June 4, 2010. Forms are available online through the Ellington Recreation Town website, www.ellington-ct.gov.**

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. with the exception of July 8 which will be held on a Thursday night from 6-7:30 p.m.. The Ellington Parks & Recreation is still accepting donations to fund and sponsor this series of concerts. Donations will also be accepted at the concert events. **Note:** In the event of inclement weather, efforts will be made to hold the concert in the Ellington High School Auditorium.

**Sunday, June 27
6:00-8:00 p.m.
The Score**

Led by Ellington resident Jeremy Banks, the rock/party band The Score will bring their seasoned band of musicians to Arbor Park. Mr. Banks is the lead singer in a band that includes 5 other members. The selections will include music from the 60’s right through to the current best hit list. The Score has been playing together for six years, has been a regular at Murphy and Scarletti’s in Farmington, Sweet Jane’s in downtown Hartford and the Society Room...in addition to playing at reunions, weddings, etc.

**Thursday, July 8
6-7:30pm
Vinnie Carr’s
Music & Memories**

For those who want to reminisce and listen to a wide variety of music, then you’ll want to come to Vinnie Carr’s sure to be memorable show...including 4 other band members. Vinnie’s band will provide the audience with a blend of favorites from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s as well as some of today’s favorites. Circle the date and bring your friends. More information can be obtained by going to Vinnie’s website: www.vinniecarr.com.

**Sunday, July 11
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Off the Clock**

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>.

**Sunday, July 18
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Kenn Morr Band**

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.

**Sunday, July 25
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sing-A-Long
Family Concert**

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**

**Sunday, August 1
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sophisticats**

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.

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2010

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Pre-Season:

Weekends ONLY

Starting June 12,13,19,20

12 noon—5:00 pm

Full Season:

June 21-August 22

Weekdays: 12 noon-6:30 pm;

Weekends: 11 am-6:30 pm;

Residents

Daily Fee:

\$2.00 Adult 18 & up

\$1.00 Child 6-17 yrs

Children under 5 are free

Non-Resident

Daily Fees:

\$5.00 Adult 18 & up

\$3.00 Child 6-17 yrs

Children under 5 are free

2010 Swim Lessons

Session # 1

June 28-July 1

July 5-July 8

(Monday-Thursday)

Session # 2

July 12-July 15

July 19-July 22

(Monday-Thursday)

Session # 3

July 26-July 30

August 2-August 5

(Monday-Thursday)

*We use Fridays as
make-up days if needed*

Lessons are filled on a First-Come, First-Serve Basis with a max of 10 students/class no exceptions.

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2010 Swim Lesson Information:

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

Adult & Child Aquatics Level 1 (Former Aquatot)

Introduces basic skills to parents and children, including safety topics, the instructor works with the parents on how to show them how to instruct their child in water safety skills and general water safety around the home.

Preschool Aquatics Level (Former KINDERSWIM)

(Builds on skills learned in parent and child aquatics with instructors help) Blow bubbles 3 seconds , Submerge nose, eyes, mouth, Open eyes under water & retrieve object , Front and back glide, 2 body lengths ,Roll from front to back and back to front , Treading with arm and hand motions, Alternating and simultaneous leg action on front and back, Alternating and simultaneous arm action on front and back Combined arm and leg action on front and back

Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills

- ◇ Enter and exit water safely, open eyes under water, pick up objects
- ◇ Swim on front & back using arm and leg actions
- ◇ Submerge mouth, nose and eyes
- ◇ Float on front and back, follow basic water safety rules
- ◇ Exhale underwater through mouth and nose
- ◇ Explore arm and hand movements, use of life jacket

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills

- ◇ Enter water by stepping or jumping from the side
- ◇ Open eyes underwater, pick up a submerged object
- ◇ Roll over from front to back, back to front
- ◇ Swim on side, exit water safely using ladder or side
- ◇ Float on front and back, tread water using arms and leg motions
- ◇ Move in the water while wearing a life jacket
- ◇ Submerge entire head, perform front and back glide
- ◇ Swim on front and back using combined strokes

Level 3: Stroke Development

- ◇ Jump into deep water from the side (Raft/Pool)
- ◇ Bob with the head fully submerged, perform survival float
- ◇ Butterfly-kick and body motion
- ◇ Use Check-Call-Care in an emergency
- ◇ Dive from kneeling or standing position
- ◇ Use rotary breathing in horizontal position
- ◇ Change from horizontal to vertical position on front and back
- ◇ Perform the HELP and HUDDLE position with and without Life Jacket
- ◇ Submerge and retrieve object
- ◇ Perform front and back glide, Perform front and back crawl
- ◇ Perform a reaching assist

Level 4: Stroke Improvement

- ◇ Front and back crawl, breast stroke, butterfly, elementary backstroke
- ◇ Swim on side using scissors-like kick
- ◇ Use safe diving rules, perform a throwing assist
- ◇ Swim underwater, tread water using sculling arm motions and kick
- ◇ Perform feet-first surface dive, perform compact jump into water wearing a life jacket

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

- ◇ Care of conscious choking victim
- ◇ Tread water with two different kick
- ◇ Learn survival swimming, perform rescue breathing, Reach throw & go
- ◇ Flip turns, side stroke, backstroke flip turn
- ◇ Breaststroke, elementary backstroke, front & back crawl
- ◇ Shallow dive, glide two body lengths and begin any front stroke
- ◇ Tuck and Pike surface dives
- ◇ Skull on back

Level 6: Swimming & Skill

Proficiency

- ◇ Personal Water Safety HELP HUDDLE
- ◇ Fitness Swimming
- ◇ Fundamentals of Diving
- ◇ Lifeguard Readiness

Guard Start:

Prepares for Lifeguarding Course

BEACH PASSES

GO ON SALE

May 10

Beach Passes:

(Ellington Residents Only)

\$40.00 Per Family

\$25.00 Individual

\$10.00 Senior Citizens

Swimming Lesson Schedule X= openings

Swim Class Registration

Session One: June 28-July 1 (Classes Mon-Thurs)

Time	Adult Child Age 3	Pre-school Ages 4/5	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5 / 6
9:00-9:40am					X	X	X
9:50-10:30am				X	X	X	
10:40-11:20am			X	X	X		
11:30-12noon	X	X	X				
3:30-4:10pm				X			
4:20-5:00pm			X				
5:10-5:50pm					X		

Registrations are currently being accepted at the Recreation Office or you may also register online through our website, www.ellington-ct.gov.

Lessons are filled on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 10 students per class.

Levels 1-6 are not determined by age. Parents are required for children participating in the aqua-tot program.

Session Two: July 12– July 22 (Classes Mon thru Thurs)

Time	Adult Child Age 3	Pre-school Ages 4/5	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level GS
9:00-9:40am					X	X	X
9:50-10:30am				X	X	X	
10:40-11:20am			X	X	X		
11:30-12 noon		X X	X				
3:30-4:10pm					X		
4:20-5:00pm				X			
5:10-5:50pm			X				

Lesson Fees:

40 minute class \$35

30 minute class \$30

Adults and/or special needs individuals that would like to take swim lessons are asked to contact:

**Mary Bartley
Recreation Supervisor
870-3118, ext. # 14.**

Session Three: July 26– August 5(Classes Mon thru Thurs)

Time	Adult Child Age 3	Pre-school Ages 4/5	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5 / 6
9:00-9:40am					X	X	X
9:50-10:30am				X	X	X	
10:40-11:20am			X	X	X		
11:30-12 noon	X	X	X				
3:30-4:10pm						X	
4:20-5:00pm			X				
5:10-5:50pm					X		

Scholarship Programs

If a need arises please make a confidential inquiry to the Recreation Director.

ADA:

The Town of Ellington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in provision of programs and services. If you or a family member need special assistance, please make us aware of your needs at time of registration.

Ellington's Ultimate 2010 Summer Camp Extravaganza!

Full Day:	8:30am - 2:30pm	\$75.00 per child/per week (\$15.00 a day)
Half Day Morning:	8:30am - Noon	\$40.00 per child/per week (\$8.00 a day)
Half Day Afternoon:	12noon-3:30pm	\$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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-Registration Required. All registrations will be done by the Activenet On-Line system. If you don't have internet access at home you can register on-line at the Recreation Department. In office on-line registrations allows you to pay by cash, check or credit card without convenience fees.

- After Camp Care, min. of 12 registrants .
- Partial weeks are prorated
- **FULL DAY CAMPERS ARE TO BRING A BAGGED LUNCH EACH DAY!**
- Campers should bring a labeled water bottle daily.
- **SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**
- Campers are to come dressed appropriately for camp activities ~ **no flip flops!**
- **FIELDTRIPS:** as needed
- Friday Pizza Parties for LUNCH!!!!
- Children should bring swim suit attire/ towel/suntan lotion if going to participate in water activities.

CAMP INFORMATION

Ages: 4-12 (4 as of 12/31/09)

MUST be Potty Trained~ Strictly Enforced.

Week 1	*June 23– June25	Camp Spirit Week!
Week 2	June 28-July 2	Dr. Seuss Week!
Week 3	*July 6-July 9	Nature Week!
	(No Camp July 5th)	
Week 4	July 12-July 16	Underwater Week!
Week 5	July 19– July 23	Olympic Week!
Week 6	July 26– July 30	Mission to Space Week!
Week 7	Aug. 2-Aug. 6	Fiesta week!
Week 8	Aug. 9-Aug. 13	Wild –N-Crazy Week!
Week 9*	Aug. 16-Aug. 18	Express Yourself Week!

Location: Center School

*** Partial Weeks are prorated.**

SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Movies, Blueberry Picking, Nature walks, scavenger hunts.
Friday Pizza Parties for LUNCH!!!!**

Middle School Summer Program

The Ellington Recreation Department is looking to incorporate a summer program for middle school ages students for the 2010 summer. This program would include various activities held at the Ellington Middle School as well as select field trips, which could include the Basketball Hall of Fame, movie cinemas, bowling and golf.

The Recreation Department is looking to run this program from July 12 through August 6th.

If your child/children are interested in this program, please contact the Recreation Department at 860-870-3118 by June 1st to add your name to the interest list. Program will only run if sufficient interest is noted.

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	FEE	LOCATION
VOLLEYBALL CAMP	1911.VBC	June 21,22,23,24 Coordinator: Mike Stiles, EHS Girls varsity volleyball coach	9am-12:00pm	3-9 Fall 2010 school year	\$75	High School
CHRIS CORKUM BASEBALL CAMP	0914.CCC	June 21,22,23,24, Rain date June 25	9am-1:00pm	Grades: 3-8 09-10 school year	\$105	Brookside Park
LACROSSE CAMP Boys & Girls	0904.LAX	July 12,13,14,15 Beginners 3-8 Intermediate 5-8 Coordinator: Dave Giordano	5-7:00pm	Grades: 3-8 09-10 school year	\$30	High School
TENNIS CAMP (RD=Rain date)	1910.TC1 1911.TC2 1912.TC3 1912.TC4	June28,29,30;July1(RD 2nd) July 12,13,14,15 (RD 16th) July 19,20,21,22 (RD 23rd) July 26,27,28,29 (RD 30th)	10:30am-12nn 9:00-12:00pm 10:30am-12nn 9:00-12:00pm	Ages 8-13 Ages 12+ Ages 8-13 Ages 12+	\$35 \$75 \$35 \$75	Brookside Park
UK International Soccer Camp 2009-10 school year	UKSC.101 UKSC.102	June 21,22,23,24,25 August 16,17,18,19,20	4:30-5:30pm 6:00-7:30pm 4:30-7:30pm	3-4 yrs 5-6 yrs 7-16 yrs	\$55 \$70 \$103	Brookside Park
Basketball Camp (Snack/drink Provided)	0916.BB34 0916.BB58	July 12,13,14,15,16, Instructor: Stan Ogradnik	8am-11am 11:30am-2:30pm	Grades 3-4 Grades 5-8 09-10 school year	\$75	Middle School
Mad Science Camp Make your own light saber & marshmallow shooter	0908.MAD	July 12,13,14,15,16 Eureka! Discover –Create- Invent! Each day campers will be given a series of challenges	9am-12 noon	Entering Grades 1-6 2010-2011 School year	\$139	Middle School

Outdoor Golf Lessons & Camps At the Ellington Golf Center Fee: \$65 each session Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth e-mail: jwadsworth50@comcast.net	Session 2: <u>May 11,18,25; June 1</u>	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	6-9 years 10-13 years	0606.GOLT132
	Session 3: <u>May 13,20,27; June 3</u>	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Women's Co-ed Adults	0606.GOLWM3 0606.GOLACED
	Session 4: <u>June 10,17,24; July 1</u>	6pm-7pm	Adult Class	0606.GOLFAD3
	Session 5: Mini Camp <u>July 12,13,14</u>	9am – 12noon	Ages 9 to 13	GOLFM.5JL12
	Session 6: Mini-Camp <u>July 26,27,28</u>	9am -12noon	Ages 9 to 13	GOLFM.6JL26
	Session 7 : Mini-Camp <u>Aug. 2,3,4</u>	9am -12noon	Ages 9 to 13	GOLFM.7AUG

Youth Services Summer Programs To Register, call: Diane Lasher-Penti Youth Services Director 860-870-3130	The Voyage Discovering the World and Yourself Get your passport ready as we take a trip around the world in eight (8) days. Play games, learn about art, culture, and life in other countries. Incoming 5 th & 6 th graders/2010-2011 school year June 29 - July 22 ~ Every Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Community Room @ Arbor Commons	1•2•3 I AM ME Children will build confidence, self-esteem, self-concept, stress management, and conflict resolution skills during the program.2 nd and 3 rd graders/2010-11 school yr. Starting in July-August in the evenings in the Community Room at Arbor Commons. Dates/time to be announced.
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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<u>Multi Sport Camp Extravaganza</u>	MSCE.JJ1 MSCE.JJ2	June 21 & June 24 Wiffle Ball, Kick Ball, Flag Football	9am –12 noon 12pm—3pm	Grades ~ 3-6 10 kids per grade	\$5.00	Ellington High School Fields
Wiffle Ball Tournament	10 teams per age group 2 people per team	June 5th Rain date: June 28th	TBD	Co-ed grades 5&6; 7&8; 9-12	\$3 Per person	TBD
Ping Pong Tournament Co-ed Singles/ Doubles	PPT.101	June 11th Bring your own paddle	5:30pm—9pm	Grades :9-12 or 18 and older	\$5per person	TBD
Exercise Classes 	Wednesdays Session 1: June 9, 16,23:July 7 Session 2: July 14, 21,28; August 4,11		Fridays Session 3: June 4, 11,18,25 Session 4: July 9,16,23,30		Instructor: Ginny Hogan 860-872-4935	
Strength Sculpt & Tone	No Code	Wednesdays Fridays	6:00-7:00pm 10:15-11-15am	Adults	\$5/class	Hall Memorial Library
Strengthen, Sculpt, and Tone is a strength-training program using resistance bands, medicine balls, and hand weights. You will get a full-body workout that will build lean muscle and burn lots of calories. Bands will be available for purchase.						
Core Training	No Code	Wednesdays	7:00-8:00pm	Adults	\$5/class	Library
Core Training focuses on the abs, glutes, hips, and lower back. by performing progressively more challenging exercises on a regular basis. You will strengthen the body's power center and prepare yourself to move more efficiently in everyday life and sports. Bring an exercise ball & mat .						
Kickboxing	No Code	Fridays	11:15-12:15 pm	Adults	\$5/class	Library
Kickboxing gives you a great cardio workout as you kick, punch, and jump to the beat of invigorating music. Learn some safe, basic techniques from a certified personal trainer and Tae Kwon Do Black Belt. Follow along as she gives your upper and lower body, as well as your core, a workout that will burn plenty of calories.						

CPROHEART LLC BABYSITTER SAFETY COURSE

Babysitter Safety teaches the skills necessary to care for children of all ages in a variety of settings. The course is intended for 11 to 15 year olds. It covers; diapering, feeding, burping, soothing techniques for an infant, toddler considerations, behavior issues and skills for good behaviors, house safety, fire extinguishers and phone safety. It covers injury prevention, first aid, and choking, and basic CPR techniques. The course covers how to call 911, what to do while waiting in an emergency. The course is six hours and includes a workbook and certification upon completion. It is fun and very interactive with a lot of hands on practice. Bring lunch and snacks, comfortable clothing, no cell phones on during class, no computer games or iPods. **Fee: \$45.00**

**Session #3 BABE.SITT3 May 18 & 20 @ Middle School Caf.
Time: 3:30pm-6:30pm Limit 10 per class**

**Session # 4 BABE.SITT4 June 1 & 3 @ Middle School Caf.
Time: 3:30pm-6:30pm**

Cressotti Baseball School

*In conjunction with Ellington Recreation Dept.
Presents*

Summer Baseball & Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic

Summer Baseball : Ages~ 7-12 years

July 26,27,28,29,30

9am—12 pm @ Brookside Park

Cost: \$90.00 Code: CRESS.BBALL

All participants to bring their own equipment (glove, bat). Please provide a snack & water bottle for your child daily.

Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic: Ages ~ 4-6years

July 26,27,28,29,30

9am—10:15am @ Brookside Park

Cost: \$45.00 Code: CRESS.TEBAL

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Outdoor Tennis Lessons	0508.TT07 0508.TT08 0508.TT09 0508.TT10	Session 7: 5/25; 6/1,8,15 Session 8: 6/22,24,29;7/1 Session 9: 7/ 6,8,13,15 Session 10: 7/20,22,27,29	5:30-6:15pm	3-5 Years	\$30 per session	Brookside Park
Pee Wee Outdoor Tennis Lessons	0509.PW07 0509.PW08 0509.PW09 0509.PW10	Session 7: 5/25; 6/1,8,15 Session 8: 6/22,24,29;7/1 Session 9: 7/ 6,8,13,15 Session 10: 7/20,22,27,29	6:15-7:00pm	5-7 Years	\$30 per session	Brookside Park
Youth Outdoor Tennis Lessons	0501.YT07 0501.YT08 0501.YT09 0501.YT10	Session 7: 5/25; 6/1,8,15 Session 8: 6/22,24,29;7/1 Session 9: 7/ 6,8,13,15 Session 10: 7/20,22,27,29	7:00-8:00pm	7-12 Years old	\$30 per session	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners	0205.AT5 0205.AT6	Session 5: 6/23; 7/7,14,21 Session 6: 7/28; 8/4,11,18	6:00-7:00pm	Adult Beginner 14 & up	\$30 Per session	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate	0205.AI5 0205.AI6	Session 5: 6/23; 7/7,14,21 Session 6: 7/28; 8/4,11,18	7:00-8:00pm	Adult 14 & up	\$30 Per session	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Cardio	TENN.AC5 TENN.AC6	Session 5: 6/23; 7/7,14,21 Session 6: 7/28; 8/4,11,18	8:00-9:00pm	Adult Cardio 14 & up	\$30 per session	Brookside Park
Kripalu Yoga	KRIP.YOG3M KRIP.YOGA4 KRIP.YOGA5	Session 3 cont. 5 /13,20,27 Session 4: June 3,10,17,24; July 1,8,15,22,29; Aug. 5 Session 5: 8/12,19,26; 9/2,9	6:30-8pm	18 & up	\$8.00 per class pre- registered Or \$9.00 Walk-in fee	Hall Memorial Library
Adult & Youth Competitive Basketball	ADTC.BBA	Pre-season league meeting will be determined. Team representatives and indi- viduals MUST pre-register at the Recreation Office.	5:30- 9:30pm	Adult 18 yrs and Up Youth Entering Gr. 9-12	Team Fee TBD per # of teams and members	Brookside Park
ZUMBA Instructors: Tressa Giordano & Joanne Britton	ZUMBA. 107	Session 7: Tuesdays and /or Thursdays June 22,24,29; July 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27, 29; August 3,5	7:15-8:15pm	15 and up	\$5/class preregistered \$8/ Walk-in fee \$70.00 All 14 lasses	Middle School
ZUMBA-ATOMIC For Kids Instructor: Tressa Giordano		July 6, 13, 20, 27 This energetic class combines high energy, motivating music with easy to follow kid friendly moves. Zumba creates a party-like atmosphere, in no time they'll be shakin', movin' rockin' and slamin' to Latin and international beats like salsa, cumbia, hip-hop, samba and more!!	6:30-7:15pm	Grades 1-6	\$20	Middle School

Ellington's Ultimate Frisbee ~ <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ellingtonultimate>

Ultimate Frisbee is similar to soccer, basketball and other sports, played on a football-sized field, and is a TEAM game; athletic ability is not a requirement. The adult program is for high school aged through Grand Masters (40 and above). Monday & Friday Evenings from 5:30pm to Dark, held at Brookside Park Large Field. Pre-registration required. **Please contact Karl at ksneubec@firehousemail.com. No fee.**

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SPORT	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Girls Travel League Softball U-12 , U-14, U-16 NCGSL web-site: www.ncgsl.org	Special Register Dates: May 8th 9am-12nn May 18th 7-9pm	Clinics: Evaluations will be held after May 27 dates will be posted on website. Ellingtonncgsl.@yahoo.com Registration in Rec Office ONLY	TBA	U-16 Players born on or after 1/1/1993 U-14 Players born on or after 1/1/1995 U-12 Players born on or after 1/1/1997 No metal spikes allowed	\$115.00 Includes New Uniform that you keep	Travel & Brookside Park
High School Girls Summer Soccer League	3001.HSG	Informal league schedule will be offered in addition to a limited pre-season (mid-June). Matches will be from 3rd week of June through 1st week of Aug.	Evenings Dates to be determined	Designed for girls entering 8th through 12th grade in the Fall of 2010	\$35	Brookside Park
Co-ed Men's / Women's Volleyball	3002.CEV	Beginning Wednesday nights starting June 16th , 2010	6pm-8pm	Informal leagues will be formed as registrations are received.	No Fee	Brookside Park
Youth Volleyball	0120.YVB		5-6pm	Grades 5-6 & 7-8 09-10 school year		
Adult Informal Outdoor Basketball	3003.AIB	Monday nights starting June 21,2010	5pm-8pm	One brand new basketball court and a newly refurbished court will be available for use	No Fee	Brookside Park

TENNIS EVENTS: Sign up at www.friendsofellingontennis.usta.com or at 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 Wednesday 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.

Cost: \$10 per player for the season.

USTA Jr. Tennis Team

Again this summer, we'll have a team of Ellington and Somers youth players who will play against teams from neighboring communities. Play and practice will be based at Brookside Park and will occur Monday through Thursday afternoons. This season, we will have a

U-18 team for those players aged 18 or younger as of September 1,2010 and a U-14 team for those players aged 14 or younger as of Sept.1st. Play will occur from the week of June 28th to the week of August 9th.

Cost: \$130.00 per player includes practice/play time & uniform

Quick Start Tennis Coaching Session:

Saturday, September 18th , 9am- 3pm
@ Brookside Park Tennis Courts; For Parents, potential coaches, and all that want to help youngsters, 5 and older, learn the game of tennis. Learn how you can set up a court in your driveway, to pick the right racket and ball to make the game more fun for all youngsters. Learn coaching drills appropriate for all groups.

Cost: \$ 30.00

TRAVEL TEAMS: Registration begins May 26. **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

**Boys & Girls
Travel Division Levels:**

Division 3, 4 & 5 U12 & U14
 Division 4 & 5 U10 & U9
 Division 3 is a high level experience
 Division 4 is a competitive level
 Division 5 is recreational yet competitive

Note: Effective Sept. 1, 2009 the New Policy CJSA for Travel Team Players in the Division 3,4 or 5 levels is that if a Travel Team Player who plays on a Travel Team in the Fall of 2010 and re-registers for the Spring of 2011 Travel Soccer team they would retain there spot from there Fall Team pending there is a Spring Team available. **Fee: \$70.00**

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

AGE GROUP	EVALUATION CLINIC DATES ALL EVALUATIONS WILL BE HELD AT BROOKSIDE PARK	TIME FRAME
U-9 Boys	June 19th June 21, 28; July 12; August 4th	9:00-10:30am 6:00-7:30pm
U-9 Girls U-10 Girls	June 18, 23; July 19, August 3 June 19	6:00-7:15 pm 9:00-10:30am
U-10 Boys	June 18, 22, 23; July 7, 19	5:45-7:15 pm
U-11/U-12 Boys	June 21, 23, 24; July 12; August 9	5:30-7:15 pm
U-11/U-12 Girls	June 17, 24 June 19 July 12, August 4	6:00-7:15pm 10:30-11:45 am 6:00-7:15 pm
U-13/U-14 Boys	June 19 June 21; July 12, 14; August 2	9:00-10:30am 6:00-7:30pm
U-13/U-14 Girls	June 22, 24, 29; July 13, August 11	6:00-7:30 pm

- A player's age group is determined as of August 1 preceding the beginning of the seasonal year of September. 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.

TRAVEL TEAM SOCCER ~ Age Groups for Seasonal Year Sept 1, 2010 to Aug 31, 2011

U-14 Players born 8/1/96 and younger; U-13 Players born 8/1/97 and younger;
 U-12 Players born 8/1/98 and younger; U-11 Players born 8/1/99 and younger;
 U-10 Players born 8/1/00 and younger; U-09 Players born 8/1/01 and younger;

IN-HOUSE & INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS: DEADLINE IS AUGUST 23RD
 ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 8/23/10 WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABLE ROSTER SPACE

Grade Levels	ID Code	Start Date	Times	Location
RECREATION FALL INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER FEE: \$22.00				
3 & 4 yrs old boys & girls	90034.101	September 11	11:00am-11:45am	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.101	September 11	11:00am-12noon	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.101	September 11	10:00am- 11:00am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.101	September 11	9:00am-10:00am	Brookside Park
RECREATIONAL FALL SOCCER FEES: \$24 (1st child) \$48 (2nd child) \$63 (3 or more children)				
3 rd & 4 th grade boys	90034.B01	September 7	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
3 rd & 4 th grade girls	90034.G01	September 7	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
5 th & 6 th grade boys	9056.B01	September 7	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
5 th & 6 th grade girls	9056.G01	September 7	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
7 th & 8 th grade boys	9078.B01	September 7	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park
7 th & 8 th grade girls	9078.G01	September 7	5:30-6:45pm	Brookside Park

Memorial Day Parades—May 31, 2010

Memorial Day services & parades will be held on Monday, May 31.

Crystal Lake:

At approximately 9:00 a.m. 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:

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

Explorer Post 43 Seeking New Members

Explorer Post 43, sponsored by the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD), is seeking new members. The Explorer Post is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America program, "*Learning for Life*". Students between the ages of 14 and 21, and have completed eighth grade, may participate in the program. Previous affiliation with the Boy Scouts is not required. The program is open to boys and girls.

Members participate in basic fire, rescue and medical services training, visit other fire service related organizations and events, and provide support activities for the EVFD, such as emergency scene support, fire prevention and public relations activities and fund raising. The age and the experience of the member, in conjunction with the regulations provided by the CT Department of Labor, guide the actual activities the Explorers may be exposed to. All explorers are required to maintain academic status similar to that of school athletes.

The Explorers meet weekly on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm at the EVFD firehouse, 29 Main Street. Anyone interested is encouraged to stop by to attend a meeting or training event. For questions or an application you can call John Turner 860-875-4851 or leave a message on the firehouse routine telephone at 860-870-3190.

Visit the EVFD web site @ www.ellingtonfire.org

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 860-870-3100 for an application. Or download the application from our website www.ellington-ct.gov, select 'Town News'. **Deadline for submission is July 1, 2010.**

Please note that if you submitted an application in 2007, 2008 or 2009 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2010. The recipient's name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., prior to the Fire Department's parade.

Farmers' Market

Arbor Park (Main Street)
Every Saturday beginning May 1
9AM-12:30PM
Rain or Shine

www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com
Ron Bahler—860-871-6266

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www.ellington-ct.gov

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

May 31* Memorial Day

July 5 Independence Day (Observed)

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

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

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