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Summer 2011

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It's NOT worth it! That is the message from Ellington's Drug Abuse Prevention Council (DAPC) in its most recent campaign to reduce underage drinking. The DAPC is urging residents in our community to understand that anyone who hosts underage drinking parties or gives alcohol to minors may be fined, imprisoned or both. *Please keep Ellington Youth SAFE!* Visit **BeTheChange.ellington-ct.gov** for the laws and detailed information.

Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman
860-870-3100

I grew up knowing young men and women whose risky behavior resulted in early death. One was a lovely 17 year old neighbor who helped care for my siblings and I while my mother taught school. One early Sunday morning when I was 11, one of Geraldine's siblings came over to tell us that she died during the night when a carful of joyriding late-teens with alcohol crashed on an otherwise empty state highway; my cousin Maxine was hurt badly, but survives to this day with permanent injuries from that 'accident'.

When the DAPC approached me about highlighting their current campaign, I offered the above space to provide a loud voice to their effort and asked "Why the red cup?". If you don't know why, ask your teen children, grandchildren or neighbor children. The answer should scare you. Many risks to young persons have been greatly reduced in my lifetime, but drug abuse remains common and deadly. Educate yourself at the website listed above.

Maurice Blanchette

Memorial
Day
Parades

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.m. 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.

Monday
May 30

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

From the Desk of the Superintendent...

This time the computer really did eat the report card. State law requires that the annual Strategic School Profiles be presented to all Boards of Education at the first meeting in November. The Strategic School Profiles are sometimes referred to as report cards for school districts as they present the results of a variety of data for every public school and school district in the state. District data is often presented in comparison to other districts and the state average. In addition to the state comparison, Ellington is compared to all PreK-12 districts in the state (there are 110 such districts) as well as the schools in our District Reference Group (DRG).

This year the Connecticut State Department of Education implemented new technology to build a system to improve the process for creating the Strategic School Profiles. This was in response to a number of new federal reporting requirements. Unfortunately, the Connecticut State Department of Education experienced significant, unanticipated challenges with the development of this new system. Thus, the 2009-2010 Strategic School profiles were not released until Friday, March 25, 2011. Although no dates have been established for the release of future reports, the Connecticut State Department of Education is optimistic about the system's ability to make them available earlier than in past years.

What do the newly released Strategic School Profiles tell us about the Ellington Public Schools? Not surprisingly, the reports present findings that are consistent with those of recent years. The major findings of the 2009-2010 Strategic School Profiles for Ellington reveal the following:

- District Enrollment Continues to Increase
- Class Sizes are Growing Larger
- District Indicators of Student Need are Increasing
- Student Achievement Continues to be Very Strong
- Expenditures Per Pupil are Less in all Categories than State, PreK-12, or District Reference Group comparisons

The most significant issue facing the Ellington Schools continues to be increasing enrollment. During the past decade, district enrollment has increased by 458 students. This is larger than the current enrollment at Center School. Future enrollment projections, which have always been conservative, project an additional 393 students in the next ten years. This rapid growth in enrollment is creating larger class sizes at all grade levels.

Indicators of district need are also increasing, although not as quickly as the enrollment increase. Students qualifying for free/reduced lunch have increased from 4.4% of the student population to 7.6% in the past three years. The percentage of students receiving special education services has increased from 8.8% to 9.4% in the past three years as well. The number of students in need of English as a Second Language continues to increase. Each of these factors has an impact upon the educational process and creates a demand for appropriate services.

A positive aspect of the Strategic School Profile continues to be the results of student achievement as measured by standardized testing. Standardized testing such as the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Advanced Placement Examinations (AP), are important, even if they represent only a small portion of the totality of student achievement measures.

On the Connecticut Mastery Test, the state assessment for grades three through eight, Ellington students consistently score at or above 90% proficient. In the 2010 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above proficient:

Grade 3 Math 92.6%; Reading 88.9%; Writing 87.6%
Grade 4 Math 95.2%; Reading 90.2%; Writing 94.4%
Grade 5 Math 98.1%; Reading 91.5%; Writing 94.7%
Grade 6 Math 98.4%; Reading 97.8%; Writing 97.9%
Grade 7 Math 98.5%; Reading 97.0%; Writing 90.2%
Grade 8 Math 96.5%; Reading 93.0%; Writing 93.5%

On the Connecticut Mastery Test, Ellington students consistently score well at the higher goal level as well. In the 2010 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above goal:

Grade 3 Math 69.6%; Reading 69.3%; Writing 60.8%
Grade 4 Math 77.9%; Reading 76.5%; Writing 73.1%
Grade 5 Math 87.1%; Reading 78.7%; Writing 78.3%
Grade 6 Math 87.4%; Reading 92.5%; Writing 83.5%
Grade 7 Math 90.3%; Reading 92.4%; Writing 74.6%
Grade 8 Math 84.9%; Reading 85.4%; Writing 76.0%

Ellington High School students continue to do very well on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, the statewide high school assessment. The 2010 CAPT results show strong performance in all four areas: reading, writing, math and science.

- In reading, 93% at/above proficiency; 59% at/above goal.
- In writing, 89.2% at/above proficiency; 69.1% at/above goal.
- In math, 87.6% at/above proficiency; 58.4% at/above goal.
- In science, 93.6% at/above proficiency; 67.5% at/above goal.

Last year, forty-three EHS students took forty-nine Advanced Placement Exams in calculus, chemistry, English literature, U.S. History, and American Government. Twenty-eight students received a score of 5, the highest score, and 13 students received a score of 4. Four students were named AP scholars for taking 3 or more exams and scoring a 3 or better on each.

Annual results of the SAT show that Ellington students continue to score above the state. A review of the SAT scores results in the following comparison:

	<u>EHS</u>	<u>CT</u>
Critical Reading	521	508
Mathematics	527	503
Writing	531	506

The Graduation rate for the Class of 2009 was 98.9% while the annual dropout rate was .4%. The percentage of students in the Class of 2009 pursuing higher education was 89.8%.

The results of this year’s Strategic School Profile clearly shows that the Ellington Public Schools spends less money per pupil on all areas reported, than the average of all PreK-12 districts, our District Reference Group (DRG), and the State of Connecticut. Those areas of comparison are: Instructional Staff and Services; Instructional Supplies and Equipment; Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services; Student Support Services; Administration and Support Services; Plant Operation and Maintenance; Transportation; Land, Buildings and Debt Service; and Other.

The results of expenditures per pupil are as follows:

Expenditures	Ellington	PK-12	DRG	State
Instructional Staff	\$6,870	\$7,819	\$7,380	\$7,829
Instructional Supplies	202	274	281	279
Instruct. Improvement	355	474	406	459
Student Support	553	863	816	859
Administration	838	1,405	1,400	1,426
Plant Operation	1,224	1,469	1,468	1,462
Transportation	648	701	675	694
Other	155	163	148	162
Land, Debt Service	649	1,864	1,030	1,825

A review of net expenditures per pupil reveals that Ellington now ranks 168 out of 169 towns in Connecticut. A comparison to neighboring districts reveals that if spending per pupil in Ellington were at the level of those districts, significant funds would be required. Specifically, additional funds as listed would be required to match the per pupil spending of the following:

Tolland	\$ 196,000
Somers	\$ 3,438,950
Suffield	\$ 4,613,425
Vernon	\$ 5,351,900
South Windsor	\$ 5,965,025
East Windsor	\$ 6,441,900
Bolton	\$10,036,175

So what is my assessment of our report card? It affirms much of the good work done to support the continued academic achievement of our students. It also assists us in providing additional data to develop and modify curriculum, instruction and assessment so that ALL students will succeed. It highlights some of the challenges that will confront the Board of Education and the citizens of Ellington in the near future. It also shows evidence that the efforts of the Board of Education, the Board of Finance, and the Board of Selectmen to provide the best for our students, at the most reasonable cost, has been and is, being successful. For more information on the Strategic School Profile please visit our district website at www.ellingtonschools.org.

Stephen C. Callinan

Need help paying for preschool?

The Ellington School Readiness Council has been awarded a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education to enhance early education and child care opportunities for Ellington residents.

The grant will be used to support early childhood education/child care for three and four year olds in high quality, National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited programs. Half day programs are available at Somers Cooperative Preschool in the morning (9:00-11:30 a.m.) and afternoon sessions (12:30-3:00 p.m.) on a school year calendar. Full time programs are available at the Hockanum Valley Child Day Care Center in Vernon. Hockanum’s program runs 50 weeks per year from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

These preschool openings for Ellington families are partially funded by the grant. Families pay on a sliding scale, based on family income, making the programs highly affordable. This is a great opportunity to have your child participate in a high quality program at a low cost.

If you would like more details and an application, please contact Diane Lasher-Penti at Ellington Youth Services at 860-870-3130.

Peter Michaud, Interim Public Works Director
860-870-3140

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection

September 17, 2011 ~ 8 AM – 1 PM
Ellington Town Garage, 21 Main Street

This program was designed to help **Homeowners** dispose of **common household chemicals and waste generated by everyday use and small home improvement projects**. For projects requiring a contractor, make arrangements for disposal with them or a disposal contractor **before** work begins. Do not bring the waste to the collection!!

Important Notice for Residents Who Currently or Formerly Operated a Home Business or Farm

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection recently clarified the classification of waste from current and former businesses. Any waste generated by a business needs to be handled as small business Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) waste, even if the business no longer exists. CESQG's have to meet certain guidelines and follow different rules than residents. If you wish to dispose of hazardous waste from a farm or business you must follow the CESQG rules and make an appointment with Clean Harbors to drop off your waste at one of the MDC's collections. CESQG's are charged a fee for the disposal of their waste. Please call the Hazardous Waste Hotline 860-278-3809 for more information and to request a Small Business Package. Please note: if your business generates or stores more than a limited quantity of hazardous waste you may not be eligible for this program. Please see the Small Business Package for more information.

Note: Ellington residents only, you don't have to wait until September 17 to dispose of your old TV's, electronics, phones, microwaves, computers, propane tanks (20 lb or smaller), fluorescent bulbs, batteries or used motor oil. You may bring these items to the Public Works Department (21 Main Street) year round and put them in the recycling shed next to the main office. For more information call 860-870-3140.

Ellington Residents can see more information regarding the 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule and information at www.themdc.com.

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

Proof of residency required.

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

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

Bulky Waste Pick-Up

Bulky waste includes appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, water tanks, toilets, sinks, etc.

To schedule a pick-up, please call

All American Waste
860-289-7850

four (4) days in advance
of your regular collection day.

No more than 2 cubic yards of bulky waste allowed per week.

2011 Annual Dog Registration ~ Fee Schedule: \$8 Neutered or Spayed/\$19 Male or Female

Connecticut law requires any dog age 6 months or older be registered in the office of the Town Clerk.

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. Spaying or neutering certificates must be presented unless already on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

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 the tags and license to be returned to you.

Reminder postcards will not be mailed ~ your reminder will be sent to you via email if you supplied us with your email address. To receive renewal info and reminders, submit your email address to: townclerk@ellington-ct.gov.

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

Annual Safety Awareness Program & Ice Cream Social

**June 2, 2011 ~ 1pm-3pm
Ellington Senior Center**

This year's program is entitled "**Are You Out of the Loop—are you computer safe & savvy?**" We will have a presentation by a State Trooper on "computer social chat rooms," guarding your personal safety and what is "traceable information". Don Davis, Town of Ellington Emergency Management Director, will update us on the upcoming statewide Everbridge Notification System.

**RSVP for this program by calling the
Senior Center at (860) 870-3133 as seating is limited.**

Ice Cream donated by Dari Farms!!!!

Personal In-Home Adaptive Equipment

**July 14, 2011 ~ 11 AM
Ellington Senior Center**

Join us for a **FREE** Lunch & Learn program with the Bullock Company from Ellington. Learn about their personal in-home adaptive equipment and walk-in bathtub. Program begins at 11am, lunch will follow.

**RSVP by July 11 by calling the
Ellington Senior Center (860) 870-3133.**

Enjoying Herbs in our Daily Lives

**June 21, 2011 ~ 12 Noon
Ellington Senior Center**

Join us for a **FREE** Lunch & Learn program with Ann Harford. Discuss the enjoyment and healthy benefits of using herbs everyday and how to grow a container-based herbal garden. Lunch will be served at 12 noon with program following at 12:30pm.

**RSVP attendance no later than June 15 by calling
Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131**

Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders

**August 9, 2011
Ellington Senior Center**

Updates on the Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders with Eric Rodko from Connecticut Community Care Inc. (CCCI). This is a **FREE** Lunch & Learn program starting at 12noon. Please join us to learn about this benefit homecare program and how to apply for services.

**RSVP by August 4 by calling
Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131**

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

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast:

The Ellington Senior Center will recognize its dedicated volunteers on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Ellington Senior Center. A catered breakfast will be served at 9:30am.

Director, Erin Graziani and staff sincerely appreciate the programs, time commitments, and the special touch our volunteers bring, adding to the successful operation of the Ellington Senior Center.

Murder Mystery

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 ~ 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Ellington High School Cooperative Work Experience students and instructor, Ginny Waller bring this evening of mystery and intrigue to the Ellington Senior Center. A wonderful hors d'oeuvre menu is designed by the students. A wonderful way to enjoy an evening! Ticket donation is \$3.00, payable upon sign-up at the Ellington Senior Center.

A special note: Thank you Ms. Waller for reaching out to the Senior Center and bringing us another Murder Mystery!!

The **Ellington Senior Center Steering Committee** meets regularly, at least once a month, under the directorship of Chairman Wayne Reynolds. On March 31, the Senior Center Steering Committee hosted an informational event for guests, State Senator Tony Guglielmo, State Representative Christopher Davis and participants at the Ellington Senior Center. This was an opportunity for our elected officials to become acquainted with our Senior Center. We appreciate Representative Davis and Senator Guglielmo for taking time out of their busy schedules to stop by. For further information on Senior Center Steering Committee, meetings and fundraising ideas, please contact Chairman Wayne Reynolds at 860-872-9229.

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

Library Hours

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

See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.

New Circulation System Coming Soon

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Library will be migrating to a new integrated library system. This great new system is based on an open source program called Evergreen that was developed for the libraries in Georgia. Our system is called BiblioOak and promises to provide a true 21st century library experience for both staff and patrons. Overview classes on how to use the new OPAC will be offered to patrons.

In order to prepare for this migration, the library will be closed on Friday, May 20, for staff training. Then, while the system is changed over, the library will be closed on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28, (Sunday and Monday are scheduled closed days) and will reopen at noon on Tuesday, May 31. Also during that time, the library catalog, either in-house or online, will be unavailable from 3:00 pm on Friday, May 27 until Tuesday morning.

Upgrade to Office 2010

On May 1, the library will upgrade all the computers to Microsoft Office 2010. That means that Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint will look different, as Office 2010 has a different layout than Office 2003. To help you with the transition, a tutorial program will be offered on each station. Classes will also be offered if there is a need.

Words on Fire: Youth Poetry Slam

Come on out to celebrate Connecticut young voices when the Free Poets Collective presents 'Words on Fire' at the Library on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 pm. This poetry slam (an Olympic-style poetry competition) will feature members of the OneWord CT 2011 National Youth Poetry Slam Team waging word battles with young poets from Rockville High School. This is a first-time ever Connecticut event! More information at www.upwordspoeury.com.

New Loan Period for New DVDs

Due to the long waiting lists for popular new DVDs, the loan period for these items has been changed from 7 days to 3 days with no renewal. The items affected by this change are marked with a sticker.

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Great News For Owners of the Kindle eBook Readers

Amazon and OverDrive have announced the Kindle Library Lending program, which will enable Kindle customers to borrow and enjoy eBooks from our collection. Kindle users will be able to browse for titles on any desktop or mobile operating system, check out a title with a library card, and then select Kindle as the delivery destination. The Kindle eBook titles will carry the same rules and policies as all our other eBooks. The program is scheduled for launch later this year. Watch for our announcement!

Free Trial of Foreign Language Learning Program

Have you ever wanted to learn a foreign language? For the months of May, June and July, the library will have a free trial of an award-winning interactive online language learning system called Rocket Languages. The multi-faceted comprehensive program allows patrons to learn conversational language at their own pace. Try out Spanish, Arabic, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean or American Sign Language! Visit the library website at www.biblio.org/ellington to access this great program.

New Library Employee

It doesn't happen often. The last time was more than 10 years ago. The library has a new employee! Francie Berger has taken over for retiring Greg Frey. Francie is a familiar face at the library, having served as an intern last summer. Now you will find her smiling face at the Circulation Desk, down in Reference or in the Children's Room, ready to help you with your books and questions.

Ellington: Picture Perfect Photo Contest

The library will be accepting photos for the 2012 "Ellington: Picture Perfect" calendar contest from May 15- June 24. The photos will be displayed at the library during July and August for voting. The contest is open to the public, with no age or residency restrictions. All pictures submitted must reflect locations in Ellington and should capture the rural beauty of our town. Get a complete set of contest rules and submission forms at the library or on the website, or call for more info. We can't wait to see what all you talented photographers bring in this year!

Where in the World is Ellington?

The theme for summer programming is one of world travel—"One Book, Many Stories" for the children, "You Are Here" for teens, and, "Novel Destinations" for adults. We are asking everyone to participate in a fun project—"Where in the World is Ellington?" Please send a postcard to the library from wherever you may travel this summer, whether far or near. The library address is:

Hall Memorial Library, P.O. Box 280, Ellington, CT 06029

Local Mystery Author Visits HML

Local mystery author Jane Svejek will visit the library on Thursday, May 18, at 7pm. Ms. Svejek will talk about the process of writing her book, "Bells, Books and Murder". Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Computer Classes

The computer classes offered in the library's new computer lab have been very popular. Basic computer skills, email, basic word processing and job search tools have been covered so far. What else would you like to learn? Let us know!

YA (Young Adult) Stuff

The Young Adult Advisory Board traveled to New York City on April 30th. We got a tour of the famed New York Public Library and enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. It was a great trip and a good learning experience. Thanks to everyone who supported us during our fund-raising efforts this past year – you helped get us there!

The young adult department is busy planning for the summer. We have lots of fun programs planned for teens, including recycled crafts programs, food programs and, of course, reading. The summer reading program will be open to students entering grades 7-12 for the 2011-2012 school year. Make sure you stop in at the library and pick up your summer reading game card. We'll have prizes to hand out and fun things to do for you all summer long.

In August, we'll have applications available for the Young Adult Advisory Board. The teens who sit on this board meet once a month to discuss teen reading and programming in the library. We do a monthly book discussion at the meeting and each teen is responsible for an additional one-two hours of volunteer time each month during the school year. Board members receive community service hours for their time so this is a great opportunity for the teens in town give back to their community. The board only accepts ten members per year. If you are in grades 7-12 and are interested in becoming a board member, pick up an application mid-August at the Library.

Patricia Grundman, Children's Librarian 860-870-3160

On Saturday, June 4, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm the Hall Memorial Library will have some very special guests. Dogs from **Cold Noses, Warm Hearts**, will be visiting the Children's Department hoping that a few children will come to read each of them a story. Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to register for a 15 minute slot to read to one of the canines. Each of the participating dogs is a Certified Therapy Dog. Children will be asked to bring one of their favorite stories to share. The dogs are trained to listen as children practice their reading skills. Parents and siblings will be asked to wait in the children's area of the library during the program. Registration for this special event will begin Saturday, May 21. You may register in person or by telephone.

Summer is fast approaching!! Are you ready? Do you have things that you want to do this summer? I hope one of the things on your "To Do List" is to come to the **Hall Memorial Library** and check out all the great things that we have planned for you. No matter what age you are, the library has something planned to keep you **reading** this summer.

One World, Many Stories is the 2011 Summer Reading Theme for children. This summer we will try to stretch your mind to learn a little about many of the countries that we share this world with. We will offer a "Getting to Know..." Series, which will be a time for you to learn about the language, stories, and culture of a particular country. As usual, we will have a Craft Table set up with a different craft each week during July and August. Some of these crafts may be from other lands. Already planned are a magic show, a musical program, and a drumming program with rhythms from South America, North America, the African Continent, and the Caribbean Region. We will have some of your favorite movies that you may want to share with your friends. There will be special craft programs where you will get an opportunity to work on a project from another country. This summer we want you to think outside of Ellington, CT, to places that maybe you'd like to visit one day – maybe you have already visited. It's going to be a wonderful summer to read around the world.

If you are 3 to 5 years of age, we will have weekly Story Hours during July and August. A special, interactive bulletin board will keep track of all the great stories that you and your family are reading together. I hope to see all of you here!

Keep Reading!!

Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director
860-870-3130 ~ youth.ellington-ct.gov

To Register for Youth Services Programs:

Call: 860-870-3130 or

Email: youthservices@ellington-ct.gov

Safety Town & Outdoor Safety Week

Safety Town is offered exclusively for children who will begin kindergarten in the fall of 2011. Safety Town is an interactive, five-day program (two hours per day) that expands children's knowledge of safety.

Location: Center School, 49 Main Street

Outdoor Safety Week:

July 11-15 ~ 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Safety Town

Session 1: July 18-22 ~ 9 a.m.-11 a.m. or

Session 2: July 25-29 ~ 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per week

THE VOYAGE: Discovering the World Beyond Yourself

Join us as we journey around the world to different countries. We will be exploring and experiencing many different sides of life, celebrated in food, music, art, customs and games. All this will be enjoyed through hands-on activities in a fun environment.

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL 2011 INCOMING 5th & 6th GRADERS

Location: 31 Arbor Way (Off of Main Street)

Wednesdays ~ 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Dates: July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Cost \$30.00

1-2-3 I AM ME PROGRAMS

Kids will have a chance to build self-esteem, self-concept, stress management, and conflict resolution skills during this six-week program.

Location: 31 Arbor Way (Off of Main Street)

Incoming Kindergarten Students

Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 9, 16

Incoming 1st Grade Students

Tuesdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 9, 16

Incoming 2nd Grade Students

Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dates: July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 10, 17

Incoming 3rd Grade Students

Thursdays 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dates: July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 11, 18

Cost: \$25.00

Girl Power

This is three day camp for girls going into **4th and 5th grades**. They will have a fun and enriching time. Skills focused on include: developing respectful relationships, understanding differences, recognizing and coping with feelings, learning how to express yourself, proper nutrition and exercise, strengthening self confidence. The girls will also be doing crafts, games and discussions.

Location: 31 Arbor Way (Off of Main Street)

Dates: August 2, 3, 4

Time: 10 a.m.—12 Noon

Cost: \$30.00

Counseling Services:

Youth Services provides counseling services year round for youth and their families.

Services are confidential. We are here to help. Sliding Fee Scale.

Contact: Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT at 860-870-3130 or

Email: dpenti@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. 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, July 10
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Crystal Blue Project

The Crystal Blue project has an exciting stage show led by dynamic lead singer and Ellington Resident Perchell Jackson and teen phenom Trey Wilson on guitar. Electric rock, funk, and R&B driven band, Crystal Blue project has a dynamic vocal section, mind-tingling guitar solos, and rhythm and wind section that's guaranteed to make you stand and shout!! Add to the lineup: Vince Caiafa on the drums, Chuck "half cup" Brame on the harmonica and Alfredo Grado on the bass!! The Crystal Blue Project has performed at various clubs in New England and their website is: www.myspace.com/CrystalBlueProject.

**Sunday, July 17
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 4th 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 31
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Kenn Morr Band

Singer/songwriter Kenn Morr is celebrating the release of his fifth album "Higher Ground" 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, August 7
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 Scarlett's in Farmington, Sweet Jane's in downtown Hartford and the Society Room...in addition to playing at reunions, weddings, etc.

**Sunday, August 14
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Paul Recker &
Jim Harkins**

This year, Paul Recker, an accomplished guitarist and an engaging singer and frequent guest at the Arbor Park series, is teaming up with Coventry musician, Jim Harkins. Jim has been active on the music scene since the 70's. He is known for his rhythmical guitar style, combining bass with chords for full-sounding and unique arrangements. Together, they present a concert featuring a mix of songs the whole family can enjoy. Songs that tell stories, tap memories and touch the heart. Sing along, dance or just sit back and enjoy!
Note: This Concert will run 6:00—7:30 PM

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2011 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 Process

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Tuesday, May 31 5pm-9pm
Saturday, June 4 9am-2pm
Tuesday, July 5 5pm-9pm
Monday, August 1 5pm-9pm

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.

Boston Red Sox Trip July 8, 2011

The Recreation Department will sponsor (including transportation by bus) a trip to Fenway Park in Boston on July 8 to watch the Red Sox compete against division rival Baltimore Orioles.

Tickets are available (first come, first serve-Right field /Box 92) at the Recreation Office during normal business hours. **Fee per ticket is \$95.00 per person, including transportation.**

Registration form must be completed at the time payment is made. The motor coach will leave Arbor Park at approximately 4:15pm and return immediately at the conclusion of the game.

Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon July 17, 2011 (Rain Date July 24th)

The triathlon will be limited to 220 participants; sign-up online through the Triathlon website: www.ellingtontriathlon.com or the Ellington Parks & Recreation website at www.ellington-ct.gov. The cost will be \$65 per participant.

Our team is looking for volunteers. Please send an e-mail to ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com with your contact information. All profits from the race will be donated to local charities in Ellington. We look forward to an awesome race and please spread the word. Come out for a great event that will benefit a local charity.

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

Ellington's Ultimate 2011 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.

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON MAY 15

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.

Any questions regarding camp format/schedule, email: EllingtonDayCamp@yahoo.com

- After Camp Care, minimum 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!**
- Friday Pizza Parties for LUNCH!!!!
- Children should bring swim suit attire/towel/suntan lotion if going to participate in water activities.
- Epi-Pen/Meds need to have a doctor's note and must be submitted on first day of camp.

CAMP INFORMATION

Ages: 4-12 (4 as of 12/31/11)

MUST be Potty Trained~ Strictly Enforced.

Week 1	June 29,30; July 1	Camp Spirit Week!
Week 2	July 5, 6, 7, 8	Dr. Seuss Week!
Week 3	July 11– July 15	Nature Week!
Week 4	July 18-July 22	Underwater Week!
Week 5	July 25– July 29	Olympic Week!
Week 6	Aug. 1-Aug. 5	Fiesta week!
Week 7	Aug. 8-Aug. 12	Wild –N-Crazy Week!
Week 8	Aug. 15,16,17,18	Express Yourself Week!

Location: Center School

Partial weeks are prorated.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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

Youth Basketball Clinics

A six week series of informal/youth basketball clinics/programs will be offered to Ellington residents at Brookside Park and/or surrounding towns, pending the final enrollment.

Grades 1-4 Wednesday evenings, starting July 6, 5:30-6:45pm

Grades 5-8 Tentative Wednesday evenings, starting July 6, 7pm-8:15pm

Grades 9-12 Thursday evenings, starting July 7, 6:30-8pm

Fee: \$20 per person.

Competitive Edge Mixed Martial Arts

The Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Competitive Edge Mixed Martial Arts, 180 Windsorville Road/5 Corners Plaza, will offer a six-week summer program. The sessions will cover the basics of karate with a strong focus on Stranger Danger and anti-bullying in social settings.

Dates: June 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3

Ages: 4 to 8 years 10am—10:45am

Ages: 9 to 13 years 11am—11:45am

Fee: \$55.00 for 6 weeks. Fee will be pro-rated if unable to attend all 6 sessions.

**Crystal Lake
Sandy Beach
2011**

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Pre-Season:

Weekends **ONLY**

Starting June 11,12,18,19

12 noon—5:00 pm

Full Season:

June 25-August 21

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

2011 Swim Lessons

Session # 1

July 5-July 8

(Tuesday– Friday)

July 11-July 14

(Monday-Thursday)

Session # 2

July 18-July 22

July 25-July 28

(Monday-Thursday)

Session # 3

Aug. 1-Aug. 4

August 8-August 11

(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 2011 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 instructor's 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
- ◇ Care of conscious choking victim

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

- ◇ 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

for

Ellington Residents Only

\$40.00 Per Family

\$25.00 Individual

\$10.00 Senior Citizens

Swimming Lesson Schedule X=Openings (10 maximum per class)

Swim Class Registration

Session One: July 5-July 14 (Classes Monday-Thursday)

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 Adult/Child Aquatics Level 1 program.

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.

Lesson Fees:

40 minute class: \$35
30 minute class: \$30

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.

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	

Session Two: July 18- July 28 (Classes Monday-Thursday)

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

Session Three: August 1-August 11 (Classes Monday-Thursday)

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			

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	FEE	LOCATION
Volleyball Camp	1911.VBC	June 27,28,29,30	9am-12:30pm	Grades 3-9 Fall 2011 school year	\$75	Middle School
Chris Corkum Baseball Camp	0914.CCC	June 27,28,29,30 Rain date July 1	9am-1:00pm	Grades: 3-8 2010-2011 school year	\$95	Brookside Park
Lacrosse Camp Boys & Girls	0904.LAX	July 18,19, 20 Beginners 1-8 Intermediate 5-8 Coordinator: Dave Giordano	5-7:30pm	Grades: 1-8 2010-2011 school year	\$45	High School
Tennis Camp (RD=Rain date)	1912.TC5 1912.TC6	Session 1: July 18,19,20,21 (RD: Friday July 22) Session 2: July 25,26,27,28 (RD: Friday July 29)	9am-11am 9am-11am	Grade 2-8 2010-2011 School year	\$55 \$55	Brookside Park
Tennis Camp Evaluation (not mandatory)		June 11	10am-12noon		0	Brookside Park
UK International Soccer Camp 2010-11 school year	UKSC.103 UKSC.104	June 20,21,22,23,24 August 22,23,24,25,26	4:30-5:30pm 6:00-7:30pm 4:30-7:30pm	3-4 yrs 5-6 yrs 7-16 yrs	\$58 \$70 \$105	Brookside Park
Basketball Camp (Snack/drink Provided)	0916.BB12 0916.BB14 0916.BB58	July 11,12,13,14,15 July 11,12,13,14,15 July 11,12,13,14,15	9:30am-11am 8:00am-11am 11:30-2:30pm	Grades 1-2 Grades 1-4 Grades 5-8 2010-2011 School year	\$35 \$75 \$75	Middle School
Wiffle Ball Camp	WIFF.BAL	July 18,19,20,21,22 Instructor: Scott Curtis	9am-11am	Grades 5-10 2011-2012	\$65	Middle School

NEW!! Wiffle Ball Camp: That's right...everyone's favorite backyard game! The sight of the white plastic ball knuckling through the air. The sound of the yellow plastic bat as it makes contact with the ball. The celebration of a game winning hit!! Games, games, games...prizes and a winner take all tournament. An Ellington facility will be turned into a fantasy Fenway Park of Yankee Stadium as you play your own GAME 7 scenario.

Outdoor Golf Lessons & Camps at the Ellington Golf Center Fee: \$65 each session Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth e-mail: jwadsworth50@comcast.net	Session 4: June 7, 14, 21, 28	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Youth 6-9 years old Teens 10-13 years old
	Session 5: June 9, 16, 23, 30	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adults Class
	Session 6: Mini-Camp July 11, 12, 13	9am -12noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 7: Mini-Camp July 25, 26, 27	9am -12noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 8: Mini-Camp August 8, 9, 10	9am-12noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 9: July 7, 14, 21, 28	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Women's Class Adult Class
	Session 10: August 4, 11, 18, 25	6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm	Women's Class Adult Class

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Jukido Instructor: Paul Ward	0504.JUK612	Session 6: Thursdays May 19,26; June 2,9,16	5:30-6:45pm	6 & up	\$40	Windermere School Gymnasium
Brookside Boot Camp Instructor: Ginny Hogan	No Code	<u>Session 1:</u> Mondays June 6,13,15,27; July 11,18,25; Aug 1,8,15 <u>Session 2:</u> Wednesdays June 1,8,15; July 6,13,20,27; Aug 3,10,17 <u>Session 3:</u> Fridays July 1,8,15,22,29; Aug 5,12,19	6:00pm-7:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm 6:00am-7:00am	Age Requirements Age 14 and Up (minimum age: incoming freshman at EHS)	\$5 per class	Brookside Park

Join us for an energizing workout that will challenge you and promote toning, weight loss, cardio conditioning and overall fitness. Personal trainer/instructor will lead a varied format of moderate-to-high intensity exercises utilizing medicine balls, weights, steps, running, etc. Meet by the picnic tables. Bring plenty of water, a towel, and an exercise mat. All ability levels are welcome. Two sessions per week will give excellent results. **Dates subject to change if instructor is unavailable; advance notice will be given. Participants may pay in advance \$5/class on a monthly basis or a \$7 drop-in fee. Advanced registration is required. A min. of six (6) pre-paid registrants per class day is required.**

Pantuosco Soccer Day Camp CT	No Code	August 15-19	9:00am-2:30pm	8-13	\$175	Ellington/ Somers TBD
Pantuosco Soccer Evening Camp	No Code	August 15-19	4:30pm-7:00pm	High School Girls Only	\$130	Ellington/ Somers TBD

Applications and medical forms are available at www.somersct.gov, then click on Recreation Department. Pantuosco Soccer Camp (PSC) will be entering its 33rd year this coming summer. Since 1979 PSC has provided a solid foundation of soccer skills and knowledge to over 20,000 campers!! For further information please contact program Director: John Pantuosco @ 860-749-8814 or e-mail shellypan@earthlink.net

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
Windermere School.

Pre-registration required.

Please contact Karl at ksneubec@gmail.com

No fee.

Cressotti Baseball School

In conjunction with Ellington Recreation Department Presents

Summer Baseball & Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic

Summer Baseball:

Ages~ 7-12 years ~ July 18,19,20,21,22

9am—12 pm @ Brookside Park

Cost: \$90.00 Code: CRESS.BBALL2

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 18,19,20,21,22

9am—10:15am @ Brookside Park

Cost: \$45.00 Code: CRESS.TEBAL2

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
1-2-3 Move with Me	123M.WMES	Tuesdays: June 21,28; July 5,12,19,26; Aug 2,9 Instructor: Amy Kreider	10:15- 11:15am	Ages 2-4	\$65 or \$8/class due to vacations	Brookside Park
Kripalu Yoga	KRIP.YOGA8 Inst. Jack Fila, RYT	Session 8: CONTINUED April 14,21,28 May 5,12,19,26 June 2,9,16 E-mail: yogamanack@cox.net	6:30-8pm	18 & up	\$8.00 per class pre- registered Or \$9.00 Walk-in	Hall Memorial Library
Adult & Youth Competitive Basketball	ADTC.BBA	Pre-season league meeting will be determined. Team representatives and individuals 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
Co-ed Adult Softball	Call Rec Dept. to Register	May 15-August		Adult	No Fee	High School
Girls Travel League Softball U-12 , U-14, U-16 NCGSL website: www.ncgsl.org	Deadline for registration May 27, 2011 No metal spikes allowed	Clinics: Evaluations will be held after May 5; dates will be posted on website. Ellingtonncgsl@yahoo.com Registration in Rec Office ONLY	TBA	U-16 Players born on/after 1/1/1994 U-14 Players born on/after 1/1/1996 U-12 Players born on/after 1/1/1998	\$95	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: 3rd week of June through 1st week of Aug.	Evenings Dates to be determined	Designed for girls entering 9th -12th grade in the Fall of 2011	\$35	Brookside Park
Co-ed Men's / Women's Volleyball & Youth Volleyball	3002.CEV	Beginning Wednesday nights starting June 2011	6pm-8pm	Grades 5-6 & 7-8 2010-11 school year	No Fee	Brookside Park
	0120.YVB	Informal leagues will be formed as registrations are received.	5-6pm			
Adult Informal Outdoor Basketball	3003.AIB	Monday nights starting June 2011 One brand new basketball court and a newly refurbished court will be available for use	5pm-8pm	Adult	No Fee	Brookside Park

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Tiny Tot Outdoor Tennis Lessons	TINY.TTTK	Session K: May 23; June 6,13,20	5:30-6:15pm	3-5 Years	\$35 per session	Brookside Park
	TINY.TTTM	Session M: June 27,28,29; July 5,6				
	TINY.TTTN	Session N: July 18,19,20,25,26,27				
Pee Wee Outdoor Tennis Lessons	PEE.PWEK	Session K: May 23; June 6,13,20	6:30-7:15pm	5-7 Years	\$35 per session	Brookside Park
	PEE.PWEM	Session M: June 27,28,29; July 5,6				
	PEE.PWEN	Session N: July 18,19,20,25,26,27				
Youth Outdoor Tennis Lessons	YUTH.TENB	Session B: May 23; June 6,13,20	7:15-8:15pm	8-13 Years old	\$35 per session	Brookside Park
	YUTH.TEND	Session D: June 27,28,29; July 5,6				
	YUTH.TENE	Session E: July 18,19,20,25,26,27				
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners	0205.ASTBB	Session B: May 21, 28; June 4, 11	9:30-10:30am	Adult Beginner 14 & up	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
	0205.ATBBC	Session C: June 17, 24; July 1,8	5:30-6:30pm			
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate	0205.ASTIB	Session B: May 21,28; June 4,11	10:30-1:30am	Adult 14 & up	\$35 Per session	Brookside Park
	0205.ASTBC	Session C: June 17,24; July 1,8	6:30-7:30pm			
Tennis Lessons Adult Cardio	TENNS.CARD	Session M: June 21,24; 28; July 1 Session N: July 12,15,19,22	8am-9am	Adult Cardio 14 & up	\$25 per session	Brookside Park
USTA Junior Tennis Team	USTA.JRTN	Week of June 27-Aug 9 Monday-Friday	U18 as of Sept. 1, 2011 U14 as of Sept. 1, 2011		\$120	Brookside Park
TENNIS EVENTS: Sign up at www.friendsofellingtontennis.usta.com or at Recreation Office						
USTA Adult Team Tennis	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 weeknights, determined by interest and availability. 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 includes shirt & USTA Membership				\$70 Per Player	TBA
Weekly Ladder Play	Play will be defined by player availability. The Recreation Department will post a list of available players and time slots on its website (once we have received sufficient enrollment) in order to enhance communication between interested parties. Bring a new can of tennis balls each time you play.				\$10 Per Player	TBA
Quick Start Tennis Coaching Session	Saturday, September 17th , 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.				\$30	Brookside Park

Soccer 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.

AGE GROUP	EVALUATION CLINIC DATES ALL EVALUATIONS WILL BE HELD AT BROOKSIDE PARK	TIME FRAME
U-9 Boys	June 15,29; July 26; Aug. 1 June 25th	6:00pm-7:15 pm 9am-10:15am
U-9 /U-10 Girls	June 6, 9; July 11,12 June 11th	4:45pm-6:00pm 10:30am-11:45am
U-10 Boys	June 15,29; July 26; Aug. 1 June 25th	6:00pm-7:15 pm 9am-10:15am
U-11/U-12 Boys	June 13; July 12, June 11, 18 July 31	6:00pm-7:15 pm 9am-10:15am 4:30pm-6pm
U-11/U-12 Girls	June 6, 9; July 11,12 June 11th	5:45pm-7:00pm 9:30am-10:45am
U-13/U-14 Boys	June 8, 9,13; July 12 , 31	6:00pm-7:15pm
U-13/U-14 Girls	June 6, 9; July 11,12 June 11th	6:45pm-8pm 8:30am-9:45am

**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 September 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 their Fall Team pending Spring Team available.

Fee: \$70.00

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

**Travel Team Guidelines:**

- 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 September1, 2011 to August 31, 2012

U-14 Players born 8/1/97 and younger;	U-13 Players born 8/1/98 and younger;
U-12 Players born 8/1/99 and younger;	U-11 Players born 8/1/00 and younger;
U-10 Players born 8/1/01 and younger;	U-09 Players born 8/1/02 and younger;

IN-HOUSE & INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS: DEADLINE IS AUGUST 26

ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 8/26/2011 WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABLE ROSTER SPACE

Players selected to a travel team (COMP) do not have to participate on a recreation/travel team. There will be 3 divisions available: D-3, 4 and 5, D-5 being the recreation/travel level, where all players in U11-14 will be placed on either a D-3, 4, or 5 team. If a child does not attend a minimum of 2 evaluations then he/she will be assigned to a D-5 team unless an opening exists at a higher level due to the actual enrollment.

Grade Levels	ID Code	Start Date	Times	Location
RECREATION FALL INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER FEE: \$22.00				
3 & 4 yrs old boys & girls	90034.101	September 10	11:00am-11:45am	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.101	September 10	11:00am-12noon	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.101	September 10	10:00am- 11:00am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.101	September 10	9:00am-10:00am	Brookside Park
RECREATIONAL FALL SOCCER FEES: \$24 for 1st child / \$48 for 2nd child) / \$63 for 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	5 th & 6 th grade girls	9056.G01	No Evaluations
7 th & 8 th grade boys	9078.B01	7 th & 8 th grade girls	9078.G01	No Evaluations

Youth Football & Cheerleading

Ellington Roadrunners

Boys & Girls ages 6 to 13

Registration Information:

Wednesday, May 18/6pm-7:30pm & Saturday, May 21/10am -12noon @ Brookside Park

A non-returnable copy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration. The fee is \$85 first child, \$70 for the second child, and \$60 each additional child in the same family. After May 21, registration fees are increased by \$10 and can be mailed to:

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

For more information contact

Chris Weitz @ cmweitz@comcast.net
Website: www.ellingtonroadrunners.com

The league operates through volunteers. Parent volunteers are also welcome to sign up.

2011 Summer Teen Adventures

A new and exciting summer indoor/outdoor recreation program is being considered by the Recreation Department for current 7th-8th grade boys and girls. With the added use of the renovated, historical Crystal Lake Schoolhouse (located directly across from the Town's waterfront property/ Sandy Beach), numerous opportunities will open on a year-round basis for both passive and non-passive recreation. Activities will include, but are not limited to the following: Swimming, Games, Volleyball, Outdoor Activities

Projected Time: 12 Noon-5:00pm

Location: Crystal Lake Schoolhouse

Fee: \$45.00 per child per week (\$15 per day)

Pre-Registration is Required. A minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 participants will be required per day in order to offer the program. ***Program will be offered rain or shine!!!***

Projected Dates (18 days):	Week 1	July 5, 6, 7
	Week 2	July 12, 13, 14
	Week 3	July 19, 20, 21
	Week 4	July 26, 27, 28
	Week 5	August 2, 3, 4
	Week 6	August 9, 10, 11



Please send an e-mail with name/phone/address to rtedford@ellington-ct.gov no later than June 1 to pre-register. If you have additional suggestions that may benefit the implementation of this program, please feel free to communicate that information. **The summer teen adventures program will be made available provided enrollment meets the minimum required, and that a certificate of occupancy has been approved by the Town's building inspector.**

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, 2011.**

Please note that if you submitted an application in 2008, 2009 or 2010 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2011. The recipient's name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., prior to the Fire Department's Parade.

Stand Down Day 2011 for Veterans

The Ellington Human Services Office will be once again collecting new items for the annual State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs Stand Down Day on September 9, 2011 in Rocky Hill.

Stand Down is a one-day outreach and support program which enables needy and struggling Connecticut veterans (who have an honorable discharge) to receive services and information. Stand Down cannot serve family members and is not a veterans benefits fair for the general public.

Items needed must be **new, unopened and full-sized (NO travel size items please) for male & female veterans:**

disposable razors, shaving cream, shampoo, bar bath soap, hand & body lotion, deodorant, tooth paste, alcohol-free mouth wash and cases of bottled water.

We will have collection containers in front of the Human Service Office, located at 31 Arbor Way [off of Main Street] from August 1 through August 29. Any questions, please call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131.

For more information regarding **Stand Down Day 2011**, visit www.ct.gov/ctva.

Farmers' Market

Arbor Park (Main Street)
Every Saturday through October

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com

Ron Bahler—860-871-6266

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

May 30 Memorial Day*
July 4 Independence Day*
September 5 Labor Day*

*There will be a **one day delay** in trash collection for the above holidays.

The Library will also be closed on

May 8 Mother's Day
May 20 Staff Training**
May 28 Software Conversion

** See page 6

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

Board/Commission Vacancies

Vacancies exist on the following Boards/Commissions:

- Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Conservation Commission Alternate
- Economic Development Commission Alternate
- Inland Wetlands Commission Alternate

Please call the First Selectman's Office at 860-870-3100 for a Statement of Interest form or download one from our website ~ www.ellington-ct.gov; select 'Government' tab; 'Boards & Commissions'; 'Vacancies'.

Meetings are held monthly in the evening.

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