

THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Summer 2012

Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman
860-870-3100

To get this newsletter out on time, all the information has to be submitted to the Selectman's office four weeks before it's mailed to you. That imposes a lot of burden on Town departments that aim to get timely and accurate information to residents; when we occasionally err (i.e., brush dump did not open on April 7 because it was a Town holiday weekend), we ask forgiveness, because we can't retract the information in this newsletter. We can encourage you to confirm the information in this newsletter with Town departments (phone numbers with bylines) or non-profit sponsors of listed events, if the details are critical to your plans. Best of all, check on-line at the Town's website www.ellington-ct.gov where you will find a very large amount of the latest information, including the earliest availability of this newsletter.

As I write this in mid-April, the Board of Finance has completed its work on next fiscal year's budget (1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013), proposing a property tax rate increase of 1.455% (from the current year's 27.5 mils to 27.9 mils); for reference, that could reasonably be compared against the rate of inflation and the tax rates of other Connecticut towns. The Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn the May 8 Annual Town Budget Meeting to a **referendum on May 15, 2012** to be held from 6AM to 8PM at the Ellington High School with one question: *"Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the Board of Finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total for the fiscal year 2012-2013, the sum \$48,133,654?"*

On April 18, the new **Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the Pinney Street Town-Owned Property** held its first meeting. It elected officers (Gordon Oliver as Chair), set the fourth Wednesday of each month as its preferred meeting date, and discussed the charge from the Board of Selectmen; all nine members appointed to this Committee by the BOS attended. Formerly known as Santini Conservation Park, all restrictions that conditioned the transfer of that property to the Town have now expired. The Committee is looking into the possibility of creating much needed athletic fields, and the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department is pursuing a September 11 memorial on the property. EVFD has made a commitment to the project. Details to follow later.

Ellington depends on a lot of citizen volunteers; that's one reason it works without a lot more tax dollars. We routinely ask capable and interested citizens to volunteer their time and talents to populate Town Boards, Commissions, Committees, Agencies, etc.; openings are listed at the end of this newsletter and on the Town website under the Government tab, or call my office. An even easier way to get current Town information is to sign up for Automail List on the Town website Home page; you will be e-mailed information as it becomes available. Of course, a great way to keep informed about the work of the various Boards, Commissions, Committees, Agencies, etc., is to read their agendas and minutes at the same website.

Maurice Blanchette

A message from the
**Emergency
Management Office:**

Recent Natural Disasters have led the Capitol Region of Governments of Connecticut to create a website designed to educate people how to be aware, plan, and prepare for natural and manmade disasters. This website can help you learn about hazards that threaten our community, help you make plans to reunite, communicate, take shelter or evacuate with your family in the event of a disaster and you can learn how to assemble and store an emergency kit. For more information, visit:

[www.getready
capitolregion.org](http://www.getreadycapitolregion.org)

See Important
Message from the
Tax Collector on
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**Our new tax
payment
remittance address
is PO BOX 416316
BOSTON, MA
02241-6316**

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 28**

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

It is report card time again. However, before I get to my main topic I would be remiss if I did not, on behalf of the entire Ellington Educational Community, offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who supported the Crystal Lake School renovation and expansion and the Windermere School alterations projects. The results of the February referendum, which approved both the school project and the new Senior Center, will certainly enhance the quality of life in an already wonderful community. The list of individuals to thank are certainly too numerous to list, however, everyone involved deserves to be most proud of the contribution they have made to the future of so many people. I sincerely thank you all. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Now on to our report card. Each year I provide to the community a summary of Ellington's results on the Strategic School Profile. State law requires that the annual Strategic School Profiles be presented to all Boards of Education at the first meeting in November. Unfortunately, the profiles were not released until February. The Strategic School Profiles are often 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).

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 2010-2011 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. Since the 2000-2001 school year, district enrollment has increased by 518 students. This is larger than the current enrollment at Center School or Ellington Middle School.

Future enrollment projections, which have always been conservative, project similar increases in the next decade. 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 8.4% in the past four years. The percentage of students receiving special education services has increased from 8.8% to 9.9% in the past four 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 2011 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above proficient:

Grade 3 Math 93.1%; Reading 87.0%; Writing 89.5%
 Grade 4 Math 94.0%; Reading 83.0%; Writing 90.4%
 Grade 5 Math 97.4%; Reading 88.7%; Writing 97.0%
 Grade 6 Math 98.7%; Reading 93.7%; Writing 92.6%
 Grade 7 Math 99.0%; Reading 96.9%; Writing 95.4%
 Grade 8 Math 98.6%; Reading 95.3%; Writing 94.3%

Ellington High School students continue to do very well on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, the statewide high school assessment. The 2011 CAPT results show strong performance in all four areas: reading, writing, math and science.

In reading, 89.6% at or above proficiency.
 In writing, 92.2% at or above proficiency.
 In math, 91.5% at or above proficiency.
 In science, 91.3% at or above proficiency.

Last year, twenty-nine EHS students took thirty-five Advanced Placement Exams in Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Literature and U.S. History. Seventeen students received a score of 5, the highest score, and 12 students received a score of 4. Seven students were named AP scholars for taking three or more exams and scoring a 3 or better on each. I believe that the number of students performing well on Advanced Placement Exams will continue to grow. Next year, Ellington High School will add the following new courses to the curriculum: AP Environmental Science, AP Psychology, AP Music Theory, AP Studio Art and UCONN ECE American Studies.

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>	<u>NATION</u>
Critical Reading	520	509	497
Mathematics	538	513	514
Writing	528	513	489

The graduation rate for the Class of 2010 was 92.2% while the annual dropout rate was .5%. The percentage of students in the Class of 2010 pursuing higher education was 92.8%.

The results of this year’s Strategic School Profile clearly shows that the Ellington Public Schools spend less money per pupil on all areas reported, than the average of all PreK-12 districts, our District Reference Group, 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:

	<u>Ellington</u>	<u>PK-12</u>	<u>DRG</u>	<u>State</u>
Instructional Staff	\$6,801	\$8,232	\$7,683	\$8,237
Instructional Supplies	\$ 247	\$ 299	\$ 267	\$ 300
Instructional Improvement	\$ 315	\$ 477	\$ 388	\$ 463
Student Support	\$ 724	\$ 875	\$ 893	\$ 872
Administration	\$ 819	\$1,433	\$1,410	\$1,459
Plant Operation	\$1,108	\$1,421	\$1,346	\$1,410
Transportation	\$ 604	\$ 701	\$ 664	\$ 692
Other	\$ 136	\$ 161	\$ 171	\$ 159
Land, Debt Service	\$ 802	\$1,622	\$1,101	\$1,616

A review of net expenditures per pupil reveals that Ellington now ranks 166 out of 166 school districts 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 - \$999,908; Somers - \$4,799,009; Suffield - \$5,054,480; Vernon - \$8,732,713; South Windsor - \$8,477,242; East Windsor - \$10,798,457; and Bolton - \$9,394,740.

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 provides 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 and is, being successful. For more information on the Strategic School Profile please visit our district website at www.ellingtonschools.org.

Stephen C. Cullinan

**Registrar of Voters
860-870-3107**

STATE AND DISTRICT PRIMARY

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012
6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

August 14 is Primary Election Day for the Democratic and Republican State and District parties. Please remember if you want to change from one major party to another major party, the cut-off date is May 14, 2012. If you are an unaffiliated voter or belong to a major party and want to change to an unaffiliated voter, you have until 12:00 P.M. on August 13, 2012 to do so.

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Absentee ballots available at Town Clerk’s Office.

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Special Voter Registration Session to be held from 12 p.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Registrar’s Office, Town Hall, 55 Main Street.

Tuesday, August 9, 2012 – DEADLINE

for mail-in application of a new voter. The registration application **must** be postmarked by this day or received by a voter registration agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles by this day.

Monday, August 13, 2012, 12:00 p.m.

In person enrollment deadline for new voters and unaffiliated voters enrolling in a major party in person at Town Hall.

Voter registration cards may be obtained from the Town Clerk’s Office or Registrar’s Office at Town Hall, 55 Main Street, or at the Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street, at the DMV Offices, or can be downloaded from the Town Website at

www.ellington-ct.gov

or the Secretary of the State website at

www.sots.ct.gov.

If you have any questions regarding your voter registration, contact the Registrar’s Office at 860-870-3107.

Susan Luginbuhl
Democratic Registrar of Voters
sluginbuhl@ellington-ct.gov

Wanda DeLand
Republican Registrar of Voters
wdeland@ellington-ct.gov

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk
860-870-3105

ANNUAL DOG REGISTRATION

Connecticut law requires any dog age 6 months or older be registered in the Office of the Town Clerk. Your current Dog License will expire June 30th. New Licenses must be purchased between June 1 and June 30.

On-Line Registrations are available on our website:
www.ellington-ct.gov

Select 'Town Services'; 'Town Clerk'

A current 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 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 the TAGS & LICENSE to be returned to you.

Dog Photo Contest

#1

The winning dog will receive a new license (Tag #1) at no charge! The first 25 entries will be entered into the contest.

Submit a color photos of your dog (please be sure there are no people or other pets in the photos); on the **BACK** of the photo, include:

- the dog's name and age
- your name, address and telephone number

Photos will not be returned. *Photos should not be larger than 4"x6"*. **Deadline to enter is May 16, 2012.** Drop off or mail your entry to:

Ellington Town Clerk Photo Contest
55 Main Street, PO Box 187
Ellington, CT 06029

Photos will be displayed at the Town Hall and voted on by the Town Hall Staff. Winner will be announced May 28, 2012. Check our website to view the winning entry.

Tim Webb, Public Works Director
860-870-3140

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Hours of Operation

April, 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

Closed on Holiday Weekends

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.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Town of Ellington Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for **October 27 2012**; however, Ellington residents can attend any of the MDC sponsored drop-off locations. Visit www.themdc.com for the 2012 schedule.

The following items can be dropped-off [year round] at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street, during office hours, Monday-Friday, 8AM-3:30PM:

Vehicle Batteries	Propane Tanks—5 & 20 lbs.
Waste Oil	Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Antifreeze	Computers & electronic waste

Litter

The community of Ellington has long been known by many as a very scenic community from the beautiful flatlands that encompass the farming history to the rolling hills that offer spectacular vistas of the valley. The Department of Public Works maintains the many parks and school fields throughout the Town and in doing so has seen a large increase in the amount of litter left behind by the users of the facilities.

The Public Works Department would like to extend a thank you to the many users of our facilities that pick up after themselves and assist in keeping Ellington looking beautiful. At the same time, we would like to express to the other users to please assist all of us who do collect and dispose of litter within our parks and play areas by properly disposing of your litter.

**Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector
860-870-3113**

The budget process is underway. Tax bills will be mailed at the end of June. Taxes are due on July 1, payable by August 1; and again on January 1, payable by February 1. You have a one-month “grace” period in which to pay without penalty.

The most convenient way to pay your tax bill is by mail or online at www.ellington-ct.gov and selecting Town Services, Tax Collector. Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes can be paid by credit card or from an online checking account. Sallie Mae Solutions Inc., which handles these transactions, charges taxpayers a convenience fee. The fee is disclosed on our website. The Tax office will not be able to process credit card payments in the office.

A courtesy reply envelope is included with your tax bill if you wish to mail your tax payment. Care should be given to the address you will be sending your tax payment to. **Please discard all Hartford, CT payment return envelopes you may have in your possession as it is no longer a valid address.** The period for the forwarding mail service has expired; therefore your payment will be returned to you. This may result in your tax payment being late and subject to penalty.

**Our new remittance address is:
TOWN OF ELLINGTON
PO BOX 416316
BOSTON, MA 02241-6316**

Our lockbox service will only process current tax payments. Payments made after the 30 days grace period must be mailed to:

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
PO BOX 158
ELLINGTON, CT 06029-0158

If you wish to receive the latest town information including tax notifications please add your email address to our automail list by visiting the Town of Ellington’s home page at

www.ellington-ct.gov.

Payment due calendar:

JULY	Real Estate 1 st installment; Personal Property 1 st installment; Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER	Sewer Usage Fee
NOVEMBER	Refuse Fee
JANUARY	Real Estate 2 nd installment; Personal Property 2 nd installment; Supplemental Motor Vehicle <i>tax only if applicable</i>
APRIL	Sewer Usage Fee
JUNE	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee

**Robert Phillips, AICP, Town Planner
860-870-3120**

OPEN SPACE ON THE GO! The Planning Department and the Conservation Commission have been developing a great new online tool to view and visit our large publicly held open space and park lands in town. It has interactive links to the property boundaries, aerials, addresses, acreage as well as specific attributes such as trails, ball fields and parking facilities. The site can be accessed via the following link

<http://tinyurl.com/7khxpod>

Make it a bookmark on your mobile smart phone so you can access it while on location or for directions!

The Conservation Commission asks that if anyone would like to get involved in trail creation and trail maintenance on any town owned lands to contact the Planning Department and/or attend one of their next regularly scheduled meetings (schedule available on town website—www.ellington-ct.gov).

You can also find a brochure containing facts and figures of open space as it relates to Ellington as well as other resources and allied organizations on the website at

http://ellington-ct.gov/Plugs/conservation_committee.aspx

There are also plans to include a local farm directory online and in brochure form in the near future so stay tuned and if you would like to get involved by all means do so!

In other news, the Planning Department and the Conservation Commission continue to support our local Farmland Protection Program. We are working with multiple farms for consideration for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR). State and federal grants have been awarded on a couple farms and it is expected that they will be considered by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Town Meeting for approval soon. In addition, you may see a new sign at the Batz property located on Shenipsit Street. This is part of an initiative to identify existing open space around town available for public use.

For more information on any matter, please contact the Planning Department or visit the Town Website at www.ellington-ct.gov (under Town Services; Planning).

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

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM
Friday 10AM-5PM
Saturday (July-August) 10AM-1PM
Sunday (Oct-May) 1PM-5PM

See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.

New Library Website

www.library.ellington-ct.gov

The Hall Memorial Library has a beautiful new website! Check it out. We are still tweaking it, so let us know if something doesn't work and share your suggestions.

Cell Phones in the Library

In this age of technology, cell phones are everywhere! And while there isn't a policy prohibiting cell phone use in the library, beyond the standard use of a quiet voice, please think first! Your side—and sometimes both sides of your cell phone conversation are readily heard by anyone around you. So please, take your conversation out of hearing range of others, and respect everyone's privacy.

Summer Reading Program for Adults

Spring is here and summer will soon follow. Watch for the annual summer reading program for adults—punch cards, prizes and fun guaranteed! There will also be a variety of hands-on workshops in July and August.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

\$8 Per Bag

Friday, May 18
&
Saturday, May 19
10:00 AM—4:45 PM

Sunday, May 20
1:00 PM—4:45 PM

Thousands of gently used
items for all ages.

YA (Young Adult) Stuff

Summer is coming quickly and plans are firming up for the teen summer reading program. By unanimous decision, the Young Adult Advisory Board voted to have a "punch card" summer program. Teens in grades 7-12 will get a punch card and receive one punch every time they check out books and two punches every time they come to a teen program. Teens who get ten punches will win a prize – candy and movie ticket.

We have also lined up some fun programs for the summer, including henna tattoos and cupcake decorating. We'll be adding a few other programs to the summer line-up so make sure you stop in at the library and pick up a summer brochure when school gets out!

The first book discussion in our joint series with the Ellington Senior Center was well attended and very well received. Seniors and teens both enjoyed hearing each other's viewpoints on the book *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. Set during World War II, the book focuses on Lithuanians pulled from their homes and sent to Soviet prison camps. Discussion ran the gamut from historical context to why countries go to war against each other. Our next discussion with the seniors will be on Tuesday, May 1st from 3-4 pm. We will be discussing the book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

The Young Adult Advisory Board is hard at work brainstorming fundraising ideas for next year. One of the most popular ideas was to host a cultural night, introducing various cultures to library users through food, music, and tradition. Teen board members will be recruiting people to participate in this event and they are very excited to offer this program to the public. They also came up with the idea to run a scavenger hunt for teens, to be held after hours on a Friday evening. Look for more info about these ideas as we get closer to the fall.

Children's Department News

Only a few months to go...and then SUMMER will be here!! Are you ready?

The theme for this summer's reading program will be "**Dream Big READ!**" The Hall Memorial Library is in full swing making plans for a really great summer. Summer programs are planned for children ages 3 to 5 years old, and then, a different program is planned for children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Part of the reading program will be keeping track of the books that you read during July and August. If you remember, last year we had a contest between the boys and girls of Ellington to see who could read the most books. The contest took the kids "Around the World". Every two books read, earned a sticker and those stickers were placed on a world map in the Children's Area of the Library. The first group to complete the path around the world won. Do you remember?? Last summer **the boys** circled the world first by reading the most books, and received "The World Traveler Award". As soon as the contest ended, we had lots of girls telling us that they wanted a rematch. Well, a rematch between the boys and girls will be coming in July. Of course, it will have a little different "twist" than last year. You know it will be a surprise! July 9, 2012 will be the beginning of another fun-filled summer at the library. Come join us!

Along with a Summer Reading Program, your library has lots of other activities going on for you to enjoy. During the summer months there may be a magic show, or a puppet show. Mystic Aquarium may make a visit to Ellington. There's no telling what special events will be planned during July and August. School-age children may get a visit from the Town Librarians right in their classrooms before school ends for the year. If you can't wait that long...come to the library and check out all of the great books and other materials that we have for you to enjoy. Just a month or two ago, **The Friends of the Hall Memorial Library**, gave a very generous gift which allowed us to purchase 26 Playaway Views. These are self-contained video players which contain children's stories from producers like Weston Woods and National Geographic. They can be checked out with your library card for three weeks. Just ask for them at the Children's Desk.

Do you have a library card? If you are five years of age, or older, and live in Ellington, we can give you your own library card. Mom or Dad will need to give their permission, of course. Library cards are FREE. And with them you may check out books, magazines, puzzles, puppets, playaway views, CD's, read-alongs, books on tape or books on CD, and videos or DVD's. Doesn't that sound wonderful? It is!! Come in and see what the library has for you!

Since last June, **Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs** have been visiting our Children's Department every other Saturday. Why? Because they have been trained to behave in a library setting and to sit and listen to children read stories or books to them for 15 minute periods. The dogs enjoy the children's voices and friendly faces, and the children enjoy the practice they get reading to a tail-wagging buddy. Sign-ups are encouraged and are ongoing. You may sign-up in person or you may call the library at 860-870-3160. Before your appointment to read, we ask that you choose a "favorite" story or "favorite" chapter of a book, something that you really enjoy, to share with the dogs. Usually, there are several dogs to choose from. Some children have even been known to read to one dog, and after that, to choose another dog and read to him, as well. Everyone has a wonderful time! **Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs** will be coming Saturdays, June 2, June 16 and June 30. Come try it out!

Summer Programs @ the Library

▪ **Korean Spirit and Culture:**
Experience a mock wedding ceremony and enjoy a Korean meal.
May 5, 1:00-3:00pm.*

▪ **Susan Schoenberger: A Watershed Year**
Book discussion with the author.
May 15, 6:30-8:00.*

▪ **"Dog Whisperer" Pat Wright**
Bring your dog questions to the expert. May 30, 6:30-8:00.*

▪ **Jason Scappaticci: The 1964-1965 New York World's Fair**
Stories and pictures from the Fair-rescheduled from March. June 12, 6:30-8:00pm.*

▪ **Peter LaPorta: Adventures in Autism**
Inspirational stories of people living with Autism. June 27, 6:30-8:00pm.*

*Online Registration is required for these programs. Visit www.library.ellington-ct.gov or call the library for assistance 860-870-3160.

Movies

▪ **My Week with Marilyn**
May 11 at 1:00 and May 14 at 6:30.
Rated R.

▪ **Hugo**
May 25 at 1:00 and May 29 at 6:30.
Rated PG.

▪ **Albert Nobbs**
June 8 at 1:00 and June 11 at 6:30.
Rated R.

▪ **Tree of Life**
June 22 at 1:00 and June 25 at 6:30.
Rated PG-13.

▪ **The Artist**
July 20 at 1:00pm and July 24 at 6:30. Rated PG-13.

Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach
860-870-3131

TRIAD Senior Safety Ice Cream Social & Public Safety Program

June 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ellington Senior Center

This year our presenters will be Robert Scata from the Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Kenlyn Streiber/CERT member & Ellington Emergency Shelter Coordinator, and an officer from our local Resident Troopers' Office. These presenters will speak about local issues that resulted from the Fall 2011 hurricane & October snowstorm. RSVP by June 4th by calling the Ellington Senior Center at 860-870-3133.

Mind & Meditation

July 12 at 10:00 a.m.
 Ellington Senior Center

A representative from the Art of Living Institute will be giving a relaxing and informative program on the healthy benefits of meditation. *This is a FREE lunch & learn program*—please RSVP by calling the Senior Center at 860-870-3131 by July 9.

Mind & Meditation

August 2 at 10:00 a.m.
 Ellington Senior Center.

Registered Dietitian Karen LaFayette from Evergreen Health Care Center will give healthy and helpful information on calcium in our diets. Refreshments served.

Sign up at Ellington Senior Center by July 31.

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director
860-870-3133

The Ellington Senior Center would like to thank the fifth grade “Senior Center Superstars” students at Windermere Elementary School for providing a wonderful evening of great food and entertainment with their first pasta and bingo night. We also thank the musicians who provided beautiful dinner music. The evening ended on a great note with some “bingo” winners! We look forward to their visit to the Ellington Senior Center, as we reciprocate their kindness.

Our Garden Thyme program has started. May is the time of year where our perennial gardens wake up and the planning of the vegetable garden begins. Come join us every Monday morning and help keep our gardens blooming!

Senior Golf League

Tee Times: 8AM-9AM
Green Fees: \$15.00/player
Cart Fees: \$ 7.50/player

A Senior Golf league is forming. Ladies and gentleman, come join the Ellington Senior Center Golf League at Rolling Meadows Country Club on Monday mornings. Tee times are between the hours of 8AM-9AM. Green fees are \$15 per player. Cart fees of \$7.50 per player are optional. Play is from gold tees and will alternate from the front 9 to the back 9 each week. To schedule your tee time contact the Pro Shop at Rolling Meadow at (860) 870-5328. Let them know you are representing the Ellington Senior Center so you can take advantage of this excellent rate.

Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director
860-870-3130

Safety Town still has openings for students entering Kindergarten this fall.

July 9-13 – Outdoor Safety Week
 July 16-20 – Safety Town (week A)
 July 23-27 – Safety Town (week B)

9:00am – 11:00am at Center School
 Cost is \$25.00 per week

1-2-3 I am me is back for the summer! Pre-K to 3rd grade programs.

Children will build confidence, self-esteem, stress management and conflict resolution skills during this six week program.

Dates and times (evenings) to be announced.

Cost: \$25.00
 Watch for the flyers!

Girl Power Camp for girls entering 4th and 5th grade in the 2012-2013 school year.

July 31, August 1 and August 2
 10:00am-12noon at 31 Arbor Way

Cost: \$25.00

If interested or have questions please contact Diane at 860-870-3130 or dpenti@ellington-ct.gov

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2012 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 on-line registration 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 set up the family account. The process for requesting an account is simple and takes 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 set up 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 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 from 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.

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.

Saturday June 2 8 am - 1 pm

Thursday July 5 5 pm -10 pm

Tuesday July 17 5 pm -10 pm

Wednesday August 1 5 pm -10 pm

Saturday August 25 9 am - 2 pm

Introduction to Sailing @ Crystal Lake

An Introduction to Sailing program will be offered for those from ages 10 to 18 years old. An instructor and up to 3 participants will sail an Oday 15' from the town beach (Sandy Beach) for approximately one hour. Basic instruction in boat safety and handling will be provided. If weather conditions are suitable, opportunities for hands-on boat handling by participants will occur. This program is scheduled for the 2nd Sunday in June, July and August, with the 4th Sunday in each month slated for the makeup dates. Eligibility requirements are posted on the Town website under Parks and Recreation. Adults interested in becoming involved in this program should contact call 860-871-3118.

June 10, July 8 and August 12

12:00-1:30 pm and 1:30-3:00 pm

Fee: \$10 Limit to 1 session only

Code: SAIL.LAKE

Registration information: 3 per session or a total of 18 can register; Registration deadline: one week prior to each session. There will be a wait list if required. Instructor: Walt Moody

Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon July 15, 2012 (Rain Date July 22)

The 2012 Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants; sign-up on-line through the

Triathlon website:

www.ellingtontriathlon.com or

Ellington Parks & Recreation website:

www.ellington-ct.gov

The cost will be \$70 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 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2012

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Pre-Season:

Weekends **ONLY**

Starting June 9, 10, 16, 17

12 noon—5:00 pm

Full Season:

June 25-August 19

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

2012 Swim Lessons

Session # 1

June 25 - 28

(Monday-Thursday)

July 2, 3, 5, 6

(Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri)

(NO CLASS July 4th)

Session # 2

July 9-July 12

July 16-July 19

(Monday-Thursday)

Session # 3

July 23-26

July 30-Aug 2

(Monday-Thursday)

*Fridays are used 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 2012 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 Aquatof):** Introduces basic skills to parents and children, including safety topics. The instructor works with parents on teaching their children 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
- ◇ Care of conscious choking victim

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

- ◇ Tread water with two different kicks
- ◇ 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



Passes may be purchased online through the Activenet system or at the Recreation office

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

Session One: June 25-July 6 (Classes Monday-Thursday)
No Class July 4th

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

Session Two: July 9 - July 19 (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 - 9:40 am					X	X	X
9:50 -10:30 am				X	X	X	
10:40 -11:20 am			X	X	X		
11:30 -12 noon	X	X	X				
3:30 - 4:10 pm				X			
4:20 – 5:00 pm					X		
5:10 - 5:50 pm			X				

Session Three: July 23-Aug. 2nd (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 - 9:40 am					X	X	X
9:50 -10:30 am				X	X	X	
10:40 -11:20 am			X	X	X		
11:30 -12 noon	X	X	X				
3:30 - 4:10 pm						X	
4:20 – 5:00 pm					X		
5:10 - 5:50 pm				X			

Swim Class Registration

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/Special needs individuals interested in classes please 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.

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	FEE	LOCATION
Volleyball Camp	1911.VBC12	June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29	9:00 am-12:30 pm	Grades 3-9 2011/12 school yr	\$120	Middle School
Lacrosse Camp Boys & Girls	0904.LAX12	July 24, 25, 26	5:00-6:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm	Grades 1-3 Grades 4-9 Grades 10-12 2011/12 school yr	\$35 \$55 \$65	High School
Jukido Instructor: Paul Ward	0504.JUK1212	Session 12: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7	5:30-6:45 pm	6 & up	\$30	Windermere School
UK International Soccer Camp	UKSC.105 UKSC.106	June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	4:30-5:30 pm 6:00-7:30 pm 4:30-7:30 pm	3-4 yrs 5-6 yrs 7-16 yrs 2011/12 school yr	\$60 \$70 \$105	Brookside Park
Basketball Camp	0916.BB128 0916.BB148 0916.BB581	July 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (snack/drink provided)	8:00 -9:30 am 8:00-11:00 am 11:45 am-2:45 pm	Grades 1-2 Grades 2- 4 Grades 5-8 2011/12 school yr	\$35 \$80 \$80	Middle School
Flag Football	FLAG.FOOT	July 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Ages 7 to 12	\$115	Middle School
Tiny/Mini Hawk Soccer/ Basketball/ Baseball	TINY.HAWK MINI.HAWK	July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3 July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3	9:00 am-9:50 am 10:00 am-1:00 pm	Ages 3&4 Ages 4 ~7	\$70 \$115	Middle School

Outdoor Golf Lessons & Camps at the Ellington Golf Center Fee: \$65/session Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth e-mail: Jwadsworth50@comcast.net	Session 4: June 5, 12, 19, 26	GOLF.JUNES4	6 pm -7 pm 7 pm - 8 pm	Youth 6 - 9 years old Teens 10 - 13 years old
	Session 5: June 7, 14, 21, 28	GOLF.JUNES5	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adults Class
	Session 6: Mini-Camp July 9, 10, 11	GOLFM.CAMP79	9 am -12 noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 7: Mini-Camp July 23, 24, 25	GOLFCAMP723	9 am -12 noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 8: Mini-Camp August 6, 7, 8	GOLFM.AUG6	9 am-12 noon	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 9: July 5, 12, 19, 26	GOLF29.JULY5	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Adult Class
	Session 10: August 2, 9, 16, 23	GOLFS10.AUG2	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Adult Class

Youth Basketball Clinics Fee: \$20 per person.: 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.

ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	GRADES
YBBC.GRD14	July 11, 18, 25, Aug.1, 8, 15	5:30-6:45 pm	1-4
YBBC.GRD58	July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15	7:00-8:15pm	5-8
YBBC.GRD912	July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9,16	6:30-8:00pm	9-12





**2012 Summer Teen Adventures
7th and 8th Grades**

A new and exciting summer indoor/outdoor recreation program at the renovated, historical Crystal Lake Schoolhouse (located across from the Town's waterfront property/Sandy Beach). is being considered by the Recreation Department for current 7th-8th grade boys & girls. For the 2011-2012 school year, ages are before December 31, 2012. Numerous opportunities will open on a year-round basis for both passive and non-passive recreation.

Projected Time: 12 Noon-5:00pm
Location: Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Fee: \$45.00 per child per week (\$15 per day)

Pre-register is required at least one week in advance for ALL programs, with the exception of "Summer Teen Adventures. Registration by May 30, 2012. A minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 participants will be required per day in order to offer the program. Program will be held rain or shine!!!

Projected Dates (18 days):

- Week 1 July 10 ~ July 12**
- Week 2 July 17 ~ July 19**
- Week 3 July 24 ~ July 26**
- Week 4 July 31 ~ August 2**
- Week 5 August 7 ~ August 9**
- Week 6 August 14 ~ August 16**



Activities include but are not limited to: beach volleyball, swimming, games, movies, card tournaments, contests, wiffle ball, and other suggestions made by campers.

**Special Events @
Crystal Lake School House**

Program (\$7/ea.)	Date	Grades /Age	Time
Tie Dye Night	6/25	5 & 6 7 & 8	6:00-7:00 PM 7:15-8:15 P M
Cool Crafting	7/9	5 & 6 7 & 8	6:00-7:00 PM 7:15-8:15 PM
Game Night	7/16	5 & 6 7 & 8	6:00-7:00 PM 7:15-8:15 PM
Cook-less Cooking	7/30	5 & 6 7 & 8	6:00-7:00 PM 7:15-8:15 PM
Pee Wee Cheer School House	Fridays 7/6 to 7/27	4-6 yrs of age	10:00-10:45 AM
Karate School House	Fridays 6/29 to 8/3	4-8 yrs of age 9-13 yrs of age	10:00-10:45 AM 11:00-11:45 AM
Teen Social Event	8/13	5 & 6 7 & 8	6:00-7:30 PM 7:45 -9:15 PM

Family Events (\$2/each)

Movie & Popcorn	7/9	All Ages	2:00 PM
Ice Cream Social	7/16	All Ages	2:00 PM

NEW!!! Fridays at the Beach: Ages 4-7 & Ages 8-11, 11:00 a.m. ~ \$7 per program

Program	Date	Description
Boat Builders...sink or float	June 29	Use aluminum foil, sticks, straws, tape, and other supplies to design a boat to try out on the lake. Will it sink or float? Test your boat building skills.
Sand Castle Contest	July 7	Bring your creativity, shovel and make your dream castle a reality! Pictures of your creations will be taken and posted on the recreation website.
Face painting/Tattoos/ Nail Art	July 13	Come get decked out from head to toe with face paint, colorful tattoos, and nail polish on fingers and/or toes (quick dry of course).
Pirate Adventure	July 20	Ahoy Mates! Join the crew on a treasure seeking adventure. Make a pirate craft, get a tattoo (washable of course), and pretend to sail the high seas of Crystal Lake!
Beach Ball Blast and Bubbles Too!!!	August 3	Use the BIG parachute to bounce and blast the beach balls to the sky! Fun cooperative games and relays using beach balls big and small! Bubbles always add to the fun. Blow, catch and pop as many as you can!
Sea Creature Crafts	August 10	Come make colorful octopus, sea stars, and jelly fish to hang around at your house and give it an underwater feel! Dress for a mess. Glue, paint, streamers and much more!
Dino Dig	August 17	Make exciting discoveries...find hidden bones, use brushes in the sand, build a volcano that we will make erupt! Our dig site awaits you!

PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Kripalu Yoga E-mail: yogamanack@cox.net Inst. Jack Fila, RYT	KRIP.YOGA8	Summer 1: June 7, 14, 21, 28 Summer 2: July 12, 19, 26, August 2 Summer 3: August 9, 16, 23, 30	6:30-8pm	18 & up	\$8 per class preregistered or \$9 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 Rec. Office.	5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	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-14 & U-16 NCGSL website: www.ncgsl.org	Deadline for registration May 27, 2012	Clinics: Evaluations will be held after May 5; dates will be posted on the website. <i>Special situation: Players entering grade 9 in the fall of 2012 will have the option of being rostered in either age group, but not both, i.e. all players may participate only with the team they are rostered on.</i>	TBA Registration in Rec Office ONLY	<u>High School Division</u> for players entering grades 9 - 12 in the fall <u>Middle School Division</u> for players entering grades 6 - 9 in the fall.	\$95 No metal spikes allowed	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 2012	\$35	Brookside Park
Co-ed Men's / Women's Volleyball & Youth Volleyball	3002.CEV	Beginning Wednesday nights starting June 2012	6pm-8pm	Grades 5-6 & 7-8 2011-2012 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 2012 One brand new basketball court and a newly refurbished court will be available for use	5pm-8pm	Adult	No Fee	Brookside Park

PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons	TINY.TTTN TINY.TTTP	Session N: June 25, 27, July 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 Session P: July 30, August 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22	5:30-6:15 p.m.	3-5 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Pee Wee Tennis Lessons	PEE.PWEN PEE.PWEN	Session N: June 25, 27, July 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 Session P: July 30, August 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22	6:15-7:00 p.m.	6-9 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Youth Beginner Tennis Lessons	YUTH.TENN YUTH.TENP	Session N: June 25, 27, July 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 Session P: July 30, August 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22	7:00-8:00 p.m.	10-13 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Youth Advanced Tennis Lessons	YUTH.ATLN YUTH.ATLP	Session N: June 16, 23, 30 July 7, 14 Session P: July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18	10:00-11:00 a.m.	10-14 years on the first day of session	\$50 Per session	Brookside Park
Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons	0205.ASTIB 0205.ASTBC	Session B: June 19, 26, July 3, 10 Session C: July 17, 24, 31, August 7	6:00-7:00 p.m. (Tuesday evenings)	Adult	\$40 Per session	Brookside Park
Adult Intermediate Tennis Lessons	ADLT.ITLB ADIT.ITLC	Session B: June 19, 26, July 3, 10 Session C: July 17, 24, 31, August 7	7:00-8:00 p.m. (Tuesday evenings)	Adult	\$40 per session	Brookside Park
Tennis Lessons Adult Cardio	TENNS.CARD	Session B: June 19, 26, July 3, 10 Session C: July 17, 24, 31, August 7	8:00-9:00 p.m. (Tuesday evenings)	Adult	\$40 per session	Brookside Park
Adult Cardio Tennis	TENN.CARDM	June 13, 20, 27	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Adult	\$22 per session	Brookside Park

USTA Junior Team Tennis

Teams that travel and compete against other teams from surrounding towns and Western Massachusetts. Starting June 28th, teams practice 2-3 times a week and play 1-2 matches a week with a season ending tournament in Forest Park, Springfield, MA the weekend of August 11-12.

18 and under Team: as of September 1, 2012. Practice 2-3 afternoons, approximately 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and play both weekday afternoon and evening matches; \$125 per player.

14 and Under Team: as of September 1, 2012. Practice 2-3 afternoons, approximately 12-1 p.m. and play both weekday afternoon and evening matches; \$125 per player.

Players on the above teams have the option to take part in a trip to Cape Cod the weekend of July 27-29 to play matched against 2 local teams including one in Martha's Vineyard. Additional costs are associated with this trip and are pending the number of players participating.

10 and Under Team: as of September 1, 2012. Starting June 30th, practice 1-2 times a week and play 1-2 matches a week using the USTA 10 and Younger smaller court, smaller racket, and slower tennis balls. Cost is \$65 per player.

Soccer Travel Teams

Registration begins May 26, 2012. **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
U-10 Girls	June 12, 19 26, July 11, Aug. 1	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
U-10 Boys	June 18 June 16, 23, July 14 Aug. 4	6:00 pm- 7:15 pm 9:00 am-10:15am
U-12 Boys	June 18 June 16, 23, July 14, Aug. 4	6:00 pm- 7:15 pm 9:00 am-10:15 am
U-12 Girls	June 18 June 16 June 23, July 14, Aug. 4	6:00 pm- 7:15 pm 11:30 am -12:45 pm 10:15 am -11:30 am
U-14 Boys	June 14, 18, July 11, 16, 24	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
U-14 Girls	June 18 June 16 June 23, July 14, Aug. 4	6:00 p.m. - 7:15 pm 10:15 am -11:30 am 11:30 am -12:45 pm

Boys & Girls Travel Division Levels:

Fee: \$70.00

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: The current Parks & Recreation commission policy (effect. Sept. 1, 2009) holds the following provision: Players that are selected to TRAVEL soccer teams for the FALL 2012 season in the Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2013, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2013 schedule. Players, where eligible, who wish to receive a rating (spring soccer evaluations) in order to move up a division, must attend a minimum of ONE evaluation (spring). Otherwise, to qualify for a FALL travel team (at divisional levels of 3 or 4) a player is required to attend a minimum of 2 evaluation sessions. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during a practice or match.

Travel Team Guidelines



Footnote: North Eastern District Roster Guidelines (Spring Soccer) Attachment J - NE District Roster Guidelines are posted in the Spring 2012 Ellington Connection and on the website under the 2011 Fall Soccer

- 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 September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013

U-14 Players born 8/1/98 and younger; U-13 Players born 8/1/99 and younger
U-12 Players born 8/1/00 and younger; U-11 Players born 8/1/01 and younger
U-10 Players born 8/1/02 and younger; U-09 Players born 8/1/03 and younger

Summer Goal-keeper Clinic: With sufficient interest, the Rec. Dept. will provide goalkeeper clinic(s) this summer, working with a UK Int'l professional instructor. Grades 5 to 8 are the target level. Dates/time frames and cost will be based on interest. Please contact the Rec. office to register.

Fall In-House Soccer Program: The Town of Ellington will combine efforts with UK International, a professional soccer/coaching club, in order to provide up to date and age appropriate coaching clinics to both new and returning youth coaches. UK International will assist coaches and players (instructional program) in learning beginner, intermediate and advanced soccer skills. Volunteers who step forward will be instructed in age appropriate soccer activities and receive recommendations on how to organize, teach and play various aspects of the game. Volunteers are still needed, please contact the Recreation office to register—860-870-3118.

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

ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 8/26/2012 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: \$32.00				
3 & 4 yrs old boys & girls	90034.102	September 8	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.102	September 8	11:00 am - 12 noon	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.102	September 8	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.102	September 8	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Brookside Park
RECREATIONAL FALL SOCCER FEES: \$30 for 1st child / \$48 for 2nd child) / \$63 for 3 or more children				
3 rd & 4 th grade boys	90034.B02	September 12	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
3 rd & 4 th grade girls	90034.G02	September 12	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
5 th & 6 th grade boys	9056.B02	5 th & 6 th grade girls	9056.G02	No Evaluations
7 th & 8 th grade boys	9078.B02	7 th & 8 th grade girls	9078.G02	No Evaluations

**Ellington Roadrunners
Youth Football & Cheerleading**

**Including: Ellington, Somers,
East Windsor
Boys & Girls ages 6 to 13**

**Registration Information:
Wednesday, May 16 6pm-7:30pm &
Saturday, May 19 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
Parent volunteers are welcome to sign up.

Pantuosco Soccer Day Camp will be run at The Jewish Community Center in Longmeadow, MA and Wilbraham, MA Middle School. PantuoscoSoccerCamp.com

Cressotti Baseball School

In conjunction with Ellington Recreation Department Presents:

**Celebrating their 20th year, Excellence in baseball is our Goal!
Come play with the best!**

Summer Baseball: July 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Ages 7-12 years - 9am-12 pm @ Brookside Park
Cost: \$90 Code: CRESS.BBALL3

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

Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic: July 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Ages 4-6years ~ 9am-10:15am @ Brookside Park
Cost: \$45 Code: CRESS.TEBAL3

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

Email: cressottibaseball@cox.net

**ELLINGTON'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE
(No Fee) Code: ULTIM.FRSB6**

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ellingtonultimate>

Ultimate Frisbee is similar to soccer, basketball and other sports,. It is played on a football-sized field, and is a TEAM game. Athletic ability is not a requirement. The adult program is for high school age through Grand Masters (40 and above). Play begins between 5:30 and 6pm on Monday & Friday evenings to dark @ Brookside Park. Bring a light and dark t-shirt, water, cleats or sneakers and be prepared for a great time and workout. Pre-registration required. Please contact Karl at ksneubec@gmail.com

Summer Concert Series@ Arbor Park

Due to the generosity of Ellington businesses and family patronage, Ellington's Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park will continue again this year. The concerts will once again be staged at Arbor Park on **Sunday evenings** from **6:00 - 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. Any concert postponed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled based on the availability of the musical group.

**Sunday, July 8
6:00-7:30 pm**

Party Boyz Trio

Party Boyz Trio! Plan to bring your friends, young and older alike, to listen to selections from Credence Clearwater Revival (CCR), The Beatles, Jerry Lee Lewis (Great Balls of Fire!!), Billy Joel, along with newer pop like "You've got a friend in me", Randy Newman and "I'm Yours", Jason Mraz and Michael Buble! Guitarist and singer Don Z also doubles on harmonica with able support from keyboardist/singer David Ewell, along with lead guitar/bassist/singer Jim Harkins. Together the TRIO combines for an appealing mix of music which connects with all age groups.

**Sunday, July 15
6:00-7:30 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 incorporates into their sets music by some later day artists such as Incubus, Stone Temple Pilots, U2 and Pearl Jam. The band has been playing regularly since 2000, playing private parties, clubs and theatres throughout CT and Western Mass.

Visit their website at <http://www.offtheclockband.com>.

**Sunday, July 22
6:00-7:30 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, July 29
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Paul Recker & Jim Harkins

This year, Paul Recker, an accomplished guitarist, 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!

Day Trips 2012 ~ New! These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington and Windham. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. Everyone else is welcome to register in any of those towns. The pick-up/drop-off locations for people registering in Mansfield and Windham will be the commuter lot behind the Eastbrook Mall on Frontage Road in Mansfield. The pick up location for all others registering will be the commuter lot off I-84 Exit 68. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus.

Trip	Code	Dates	Depart	Return	Fee
Whale Watch	WHAL.WATC	July 21	7:00 am	7:00 pm	\$55
Big E (Connecticut Day)	BIGE.CONN	September 19 (Wednesday)	9:00 am	7:00 pm	\$40
Haunted Happenings	HAUT.HAPP	October 20	10:00 am	8:00 pm	\$40
Radio City Christmas Show	RADIO.CITY	November 10	TBA	TBA	TBA
New York City	NYC.TRIP	December 1	9:00 AM	8:00 pm	\$40

Ellington's Ultimate 2012 Summer Camp Extravaganza!

Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 Years old as of 12/31/12) Must be potty Trained (*Strictly Enforced*)
 Location: Center School, 49 Main Street, Ellington, CT



*Information Session: Monday, June 4 @ 5:00-7:00 pm
 at the Recreation Office. Walk-ins Welcome!*

Ellingtondaycamp@yahoo.com

Fees & Hours:

Full Day	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	\$75 per child/per week (\$15 a day)
Half Day Morning	8:30 am -12:00 pm	\$40 per child/per week (\$8 a day)
Half Day Afternoon	12:00 pm -3:30 pm	\$40 per child/per week (\$8 a day)
Before Camp Care	7:30 am - 8:30 am	\$10 per child/per week (\$3 a day)
After Camp Care	2 :30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$35 per child/per week (\$7 a day)

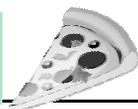
Registration Begins
 May 15th Online & In Office
 Full-Day Campers need to bring a
 lunch daily and a water bottle.
 Snacks will be provided.

Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full day/full week camper) for 2nd and 3rd children in same household. Partial Weeks are pro-rated for full day camp.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1: Welcome Week June 25-29	Camp Meet & Greet	Make New Friends, but keep the old	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	CAMPARDY	Camp-Wide Birthday Party
Week 2: Amazing America July 2-6	Letters to the Troops	Team Games	NO CAMP! Happy 4th of July!	NO CAMP!	American Spirit Day
Week 3: Mystery Week July 9-13	Clue #1: Who did it? Can you solve the mystery?	Mystery Camp Clue #2	Mystery Camp Clue #3	Mystery Camp Clue #4	Clue #5 Mystery is Revealed!
Week 4: Water Week July 16-20	Wet and Wild	Water Balloon Toss	Water Relay Races	Frozen T-Shirts	Sprinkler Day
Week 5: Music Week July 23-27	Name that Tune	Dance off Day	Make your own Instrument	Sing Off Day	Battle of the Bands
Week 6: Camp Olympics July 30-August 3	Team Banners	Team Relay Races	Team Trivia Competition	Pep Rally and Counselor Competitions	Closing Ceremonies
Week 7: Camp Spirit Week August 6-10	Favorite Color Shirt Day	Wacky Hair Day	Twin Day	Opposite Day	PJ Day
Week 8: Talent Show Week August 13-17	Talent Show Sign-up	Talent Show Practice	Talent Show Practice	Talent Show Practice	Last Day of Camp Talent Show



Friday Pizza Parties ~12:30-1:00pm
 \$3 per camper ~ \$5 for 2 siblings



Themes and activities are subject to change.

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 2, 2012.**

Please note that if you submitted an application in 2009, 2010 or 2011 and is was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2012. The recipient's name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., prior to the Fire Department's Parade.

Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

**Reflective Street Number Sign:
\$20 Donation**

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary are selling reflective, fade resistant house number signs (18"x6") made of sturdy metal with pre-drilled holes. The proceeds help support town activities such as scholarship drives, safe graduation, food drives as well as the Fire Department. For more information contact the Auxiliary at:

findmyhouse@ellingtonfire.org

Order forms available at the Ellington Vol. Fire Department website: www.ellingtonfire.org (select the 'Auxiliary' Page) or pick up a copy at the I-BEEZ Convenience Store, Church Street; the Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street; and the Ellington Building Department, 57 Main Street.

Mounting Preferences:
Horizontal or Vertical



Ellington Farmers' Market

Arbor Park (Main Street)
Every Saturday through October 20

9AM-12:00PM

www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- May 28 Memorial Day*
- July 4 Independence Day*
- Sept. 3 Labor Day*

*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for the Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day holidays.

The Library will also be closed on
May 13 & May 27

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:

- Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee
- Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of Pinney House
- Ethics Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals 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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