



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

[www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov)

Summer 2013

**Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman**  
**(860) 870-3100**

## Ellington Emergency and Community Alerts

The new notification system is ready for you. **To participate, you must sign-up on-line.** After sign-up, you will receive emergency alerts and optional community notifications from the Town via phone, e-mail, SMS TXT, and/or TTY/TDD, as you elect. You create and control your profile, and your information is protected by a Username and a Password that you create [**record those!!**]; with Username and Password you can manage or delete your profile at anytime.

**SELF SIGN-UP:** Starting from the Town of Ellington Home Page at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov), click on *Emergency and Community Alerts* at top center of page. Click on *Sign Up* and then construct your profile with, at minimum, the following:

1. Create and enter a **Username** (at least six characters long with letters and/or numbers);
2. create and enter a **Password** (at least eight characters, with both letters and numbers);
3. pick a Security Question and enter the Answer;
4. review and check *I accept the terms of use*;
5. type code shown into the field provided;
6. click on *Submit* at bottom right of page (if unacceptable entries exist, they will flag in red at top of page) to advance to next page.

1. Check off all the *Important Community Alerts* of which you want to be alerted;
2. complete *About You* area (continuing into *Special Needs* and *Volunteer* if you so check);

3. enter *Ellington Community Alerts Locations You Care About*, with up to five different locations (postal code limited to 06029);

4. click on *Next* at bottom right of page.

1. Fill in the *How to Contact You* section with phone numbers (include area code), e-mail addresses, etc., and list order of contact both for Emergencies and for Community Alerts;

2. click on *Submit* at bottom of page.

1. After viewing your profile and making any needed edits, click on *Log out* at top of page after *Welcome (your name)*, completing the sign-up process;

2. you can then terminate your session.

**IF YOU NEED HELP:** If you need help to sign-up or to change your information, you can contact Hall Memorial Library [93 Main Street (860) 870-3160] for dates/times of group sessions (up to ten per session) for this. The Library and the Ellington Senior Center [16 Church Street (860) 870-3133] will also provide one-on-one support, on request. Registration is required for either group or one-on-one sessions; call or visit to register. All you need to bring is a pencil or pen.

I encourage every resident and property owner in Ellington to sign up for this notification program.

*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 27



**Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools**  
**(860) 896-2300 ~ [www.ellingtonschools.org](http://www.ellingtonschools.org)**

One important responsibility of a Board of Education is to communicate information about pertinent educational topics to the public. Education, as with most specialized areas, tends to use its own jargon, abbreviations, and expressions, which can hamper communication with those outside the field. My task in this edition of the Ellington Connection is to present, hopefully in a meaningful way, recent changes in the accountability system used by the Connecticut State Department of Education related to standardized testing.

In May of 2012, the United States Department of Education approved the State of Connecticut's No Child Left Behind Waiver. No Child left Behind (NCLB) is the acronym used for the congressional reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 2001. The act requires states to administer annual assessments in reading and mathematics in order to receive federal funding, measure progress, and report publicly on that progress. It is the annual academic progress and required reporting that is at the center of what is called "*Connecticut's New Accountability System: Metrics and School Classification.*"

For the past decade, annual academic progress and its related reporting has been known as Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Annual yearly progress was a mathematical calculation that measured the percent of students who attained the "proficient" level on the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). Under NCLB, Connecticut identified five performance bands for test results: Advanced, Goal, Proficient, Basic and Below Basic. The proficient band was the federal target for student achievement. AYP measured student growth in terms of percentage of students who did or did not achieve the proficient level.

Connecticut's new indicators establish goal as the target. Annual yearly progress has been replaced by School Performance Index (SPI) or at the district level as an overall District Performance Index (DPI). One very positive change is that the new SPI or DPI measures student growth along multiple performance bands. The new accountability system measures student growth from Below Basic to Basic, Basic to Proficient, and Proficient to Goal. Unfortunately, the new system does not measure student growth from Goal to Advanced. Connecticut did request that student growth into the highest performance band be included in the calculation, however, the federal government did not approve that request.

Previously, NCLB reported progress in math and reading. Connecticut's new system measures student performance in math, reading, writing and science. At the high school level, the new system now includes a measurement related to high school graduation rates. Both NCLB and the new Connecticut model report student performance measurements for sub-groups such as students with disabilities, students eligible for free or reduced lunch, Black and Hispanic students as well as students who are classified as English Language Learners. Previously, measurement and reporting of the results of these sub-groups was dependent upon a sub-group size of forty students in a school. The new metric for measuring and reporting sub-group student performance has been reduced to twenty students. It is the belief of the Connecticut State Department of Education that the larger requirement of forty for measuring and reporting sub-group performance often masked student achievement gaps in smaller schools and in schools with smaller numbers of students in subgroups.

The School or District Performance Index is based upon a scale of zero to 100. Goal has been established as a performance index of 88. A student score in the Below Basic band is scored as a zero. A student score in the Basic performance band is scored as .33 while a student score in the Proficient Band earns .67. Scores in the Goal or Advanced band are scored as 1.00. There is a slightly different scoring system for a student with disabilities who takes a modified assessment.

In addition to the school or district performance index, the new accountability system attempts to measure differences in levels of achievement between the previously listed sub-groups and the overall performance of the entire school or district. The intended state target is to reduce any achievement gap between school and district results and sub-group results to less than 10 points. This is an ambitious yet important goal.

A second component of Connecticut's new accountability system is the classification of schools. Connecticut's new accountability system has created five levels of classification of schools: Excelling; Progressing; Transition; Review; and Turnaround. Space does not allow for a full description of each classification. Suffice it to say that minor differences among various metrics may lead to a significantly different classification. A significant influence upon these classifications is the performance of the various sub-groups in relation to the school or district index. One troubling issue embedded in this system may be that the higher a school's performance index, the more difficult it will be to achieve or maintain the less than 10 point gap with the majority of sub-groups.

Another component of the plan is recognition. This new system has created the categories of *Schools of Distinction*. This category has three areas for recognition: Highest Performing Subgroups; Highest Progress; and Highest Performance. This system may be viewed as creating winners and losers. All schools in a district may have acceptable if not excellent results. However, the system allows for only so many recognitions. These annual results may be very confusing, if not misleading, not only to the public but also to educators. As in the past, the new system does have sanctions; however, they are now called interventions.

What does the future hold for the process of annual academic progress and its related reporting? In my opinion the answer is more of the same. The view from state and federal authorities is more positive. They envision a system that measures and reports on student performance in the arts, school climate, civics, college and career readiness, and fitness and wellness. While I appreciate the expanded focus of the new system, I look for but do not see standards, curriculum and instruction related to these areas. What I do see is the same old test and label.

One element under consideration for the future is cohort growth. This should have been among the first elements included in the new accountability system. Cohort growth measures the progress of the same group of students over time. You might be thinking “I assumed that was what was being measured and reported already.” At Crystal Lake School, Center School, Windermere Elementary School, Windermere Intermediate School and Ellington Middle School annual school results compare less than fifty percent of the same students on an annual basis. At Ellington High School, where the test is given to an entirely different group of students each year, the results compare zero percent of the same students. I did not create the system – I am only the messenger.

As this new accountability system expands and as annual results, classifications and recognitions are announced, it will be important for the Board of Education to continue to provide updated clarifications and interpretations of this data. As educators we will continue to focus on assisting each student to achieve at the highest levels.

*Stephen C. Cullinan*

**Ellington Public Schools  
Where Children Come First**

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

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 3. This gives you a one-month “grace” period in which to pay without penalty.

**3 Ways to Pay**

**Option 1:** Pay your tax bill online at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov). Invoice Cloud will charge taxpayers a convenience fee, electronic check (\$0.95 processing fee) or by credit/debit card (2.95% processing fee).

**Option 2:** MAIL your payment in the enclosed return envelope. Payment should be mailed to:

Town of Ellington  
PO Box 416316  
Boston, MA 02241-6316

This address represents the town’s lockbox service. Please include the correct portion of your tax bill along with payment. Our lockbox service will only process current tax payments during the period of July 1 through August 1. Payments made after the 30 days grace period must be mailed to:

Town of Ellington  
PO Box 158  
Ellington, CT 06029-0158

**Option 3:** Hand-deliver your payment to the Tax Office at 55 Main St, Ellington, CT. Office hours are listed on the back page of the Ellington Connection.

*Please note: You must bring your entire tax bill with you, do not tear anything off the bill before you pay in person.*

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’s home page at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).

**Payment Due Calendar**

July	Real Estate 1 <sup>st</sup> installment; Personal Property 1 <sup>st</sup> installment; Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
October	Sewer Usage Fee
November	Refuse Fee
January	Real Estate 2 <sup>nd</sup> installment; Personal Property 2 <sup>nd</sup> installment; Supplemental Motor Vehicle <i>tax only if applicable</i>
April	Sewer Usage Fee
June	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee

**Tim Webb, Public Works Director - (860) 870-3140**

**NEW! Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**

There will no longer be a Town-wide HHW Day. The Town has contracted with MidNEROC Household Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility located at 57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT, to handle the disposal of HHW.

MidNEROC Hours of Operation:

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

on the first and third Saturday of the month from April 20 to early November.

*Closed July 4th and Labor Day weekends.*

For questions regarding acceptable materials, visit the Town website or call the Department of Public Works at (860) 870-3140 or MidNEROC at (860) 684-3163.

**Robert Phillips, Town Planner - (860) 870-3120**

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CFPP)**

I would like to share another exciting farmland preservation funding opportunity in the event there is an interested party in the community that may not qualify under our traditional Joint-Town/State Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Farmland Protection Program. Essentially, this program would allow farms of less than 30 acres to qualify for a PDR.

Established per Section 22-26nn of the Connecticut General Statutes, the CFPP is for farms that do not meet the criteria of the long-standing Farmland Preservation Program for reasons of size, soil quality, or location, but may contribute to local economic activity through agricultural production. Such farms typically have fewer than 30 acres of cropland, are active farms in food or fiber production, contain prime farmland soils and/or additional farmland of state-wide importance, and have a demonstrated level of community support.

The Community Farms Preservation Program is voluntary. Interested farmers and farmland owners are encouraged to contact the Ellington Planning Department or the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to discuss eligibility.

Program Director J. Dippel or  
Property Agent Katherine Winslow  
860-713-2511  
Connecticut Department of Agriculture  
Farmland Preservation Program  
165 Capitol Avenue, G8A  
Hartford, CT 06106

Also, for additional information on Ellington's local Farmland Protection Program, please contact the Planning Department or visit the Town Website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov) (under Town Services; Planning).

**Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area**

Hours of Operation (Proof of Residency required)

**May and June**

*Closed May 25 for Memorial Day Weekend*

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

**July, August and September**

*Closed August 31 for Labor Day Weekend*

Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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**Items accepted:** leaves, brush, firewood and tree trunks.  
**Items not accepted:** Construction materials, grass clippings and tree stumps. GreenCycle on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps (860) 827-1490.

The following items may be brought to the Town Garage, 21 Main Street Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-3:30 pm (year round)

Proof of residency required

- waste oil antifreeze vehicle batteries
- televisions propane tanks (5lbs & 20lbs)
- florescent light bulbs computer components

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



**Annual Dog Registration**

Connecticut law requires that any dog age six months or older be registered in the Office of the Town Clerk. Current dog licenses will expire June 30. New licenses must be purchased between June 1 and June 30. After June 30, a late fee of \$1.00 per month is due along with the license fee. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office.

If you register your dog through the mail, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the tags and license to be mailed to you.

Online registration is available on the Town website: [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov); select *Town Services*; select *Town Clerk*

Fee Schedule ~Male or Female Dog	
Neutered or Spayed	\$ 8.00
NOT Neutered or Spayed	\$19.00

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

**TRIAD SENIOR SAFETY PROGRAMS**  
Programs are held at the Ellington Senior Center

Please call (860) 870-3133 to register, unless otherwise indicated.

**TRIAD Ice Cream Social and Public Safety Presentation:**

**June 6 at 1:00 pm**

Presenters are: Attorney Marilyn Denny from Greater Hartford Legal Services on Living Wills; and Chris Macklem from The Phoenix Insurance Company on Life Settlements.

**Ice Cream donated by DariFarms.**



**Osteoporosis & You:**

**June 25 at 2:00 pm**

Karen Bessette, MSPT from Johnson Memorial Medical Center will be providing detailed information about fighting Osteoporosis & promoting bone health.

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Preventative Medicine & Immunizations:**

**July 16 at 2:00 pm**

Lisa Lemire, RN, Director of Infection Control at Johnson Memorial Medical Center will speak on this important topic and take questions on your concerns.

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Skin Cancer:**

**August 20 at 2:00 pm**

Presentation by Dr. Jonathan Sporn, Medical Director, Johnson Memorial Cancer Center on the cause & treatment of skin cancer.

**Refreshments will be served.**



**Parkinson's Disease**

**Support Group:**

**June 17, July 15 and Aug 5 at 5:00 pm**

The support group will meet on the above Monday evenings at the Ellington Senior Center for pot-luck suppers & informational meetings. Call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 to RSVP or for more information.



**Senior Center Transportation Services** are available for social events at Senior Center, grocery shopping and medical appointments. To enroll please call the transportation line Monday - Friday between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, at (860) 870-3137 to request a *Transportation Packet* that **includes registration and guidelines** for the program. EMATS "Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services" is funded in part by a grant received from North Central Area Agency on Aging funded by the Older Americans Act.

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

**Ellington Senior Center ~ Summer Events for 2013**

How exciting it is to see the new Senior Center building being constructed! We are getting closer to our relocation date as each month passes by.



The Senior Center "**Garden Thyme**" volunteers Carolyn Feldman, Mildred Schlipfack and Dave Lehmann remind folks that helpers are always welcome to keep our beautiful vegetable and flower gardens blooming. If you would like to join Carolyn, Mildred and Dave, they meet every Monday morning at 9:00 am.

The **Learning Latin** program is a great opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren age 13 and older to connect in a unique way. Mary Regan volunteers her expertise as a teacher to bring us this intergenerational program every Wednesday at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm for the months of June, July and August beginning on June 5. Mary also shares her musical talent with us as she offers another program, "**Reading Music**" that will run every Wednesday from June 5 - August 21 at 10:30 am.

This spring, two new programs were introduced at the Senior Center by Program Coordinator, Samantha Baer; **Weekday Walkers Club** and **Ladder Ball** have been added to our calendar. We have a steady group of walkers who meet every day at 9:30 am or 3:00 pm. This is a great way to stay in shape and to meet new friends.



A senior golf league is forming at the Senior Center. The **Ellington Senior Golf League** plays Monday mornings at Rolling Meadows Country Club on Sadds Mill Road. Tee times are between the hours of 8 am – 9 am. If you are interested in joining the league, contact Samantha Baer at (860) 870-3133 or email her at [sbaer@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:sbaer@ellington-ct.gov).



**More New Summer Programs**

Thanks to the generosity of Best Buy, the Senior Center will continue to offer **free technology classes** during the summer. After the third session of basic computer classes we will begin classes using tablets (i.e. iPads). Please check the Senior Center for class dates and times. Pre-registration is required.

Beginning July 11 we will be adding an "**Intergenerational Game Day**" for the months of July and August. Bring your grandchildren and your favorite board game every Thursday from 10:00 am–12:00 pm. Don't have a grandchild? Bring a neighbor or friend instead. Youth volunteers are needed to help with this program. Snacks will be provided.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers interested in helping with new or current programs please contact Samantha Baer at (860) 870-3133 or [sbaer@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:sbaer@ellington-ct.gov).

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

**Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday 10 am-8 pm  
 Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm\*  
 Sunday Closed for the season  
 \*Saturday summer hours beginning July 6: 10 am-1 pm  
**See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.**

**NEW MICROFILM READER AND SCANNER**

Thanks to a very generous donation from the **Friends of the Library and grant money from the Institute for Museum and Library Services**, we are the proud owners of a new Microfilm/Microfiche Viewer and Scanner, the ScanPro 2000! The machine was installed during the first week of May, the staff was trained on its usage, and we are now ready and eager to help you with all of your film viewing and scanning needs.

The ScanPro 2000 will read all types and sizes of films, allow you to clean images up for better viewing, and even let you email scanned documents to anyone on your email list. We're very proud to be one of just a few public libraries in Connecticut to own this machine. Come in on and check it out in the reference area!

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all of you who filled out and returned our recent survey. Your ideas and insights will help us as we plan Library services for the next few years. We want the Library to be all it can be for you!

**WOWBRARY**

If you would like to receive a weekly email notice listing new items received in the Library, sign up for the free Wowbrary service. To register, go to the Library webpage at [www.library.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.library.ellington-ct.gov) and click on the *How Do I...* tab.

**ebooks**

Remember that the Hall Memorial Library offers access to over 2,000 ebooks. Titles include new fiction, nonfiction, and classics. We are part of the Bibliomation collective collection and the titles are provided by OverDrive.

**Services Offered By Hall Memorial Library**

**SERVICES**

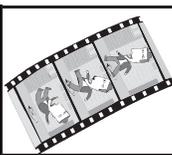
- Reference Service, in person, over the phone and online
- Online Public Access Catalog
- Reserves
- Interlibrary Loan Service
- Programs for All Ages
- Public Internet Access
- Computers, Printers, Typewriters, Photocopiers, Fax Service, Microform Readers/Printers
- Meeting Rooms Available for Public Use
- Wifi access throughout the building

**MATERIALS**

- Books for Adults, Young Adults, Children
- Large Print materials
- Audiobooks on cassette and CD
- Downloadable eBooks and audiobooks
- Newspapers and Periodicals
- Videocassettes, DVDs
- CDs
- Puzzles, Puppets, etc.
- eReaders



**SUMMER MOVIES**

		
THE IMPOSSIBLE	June 7 June 12	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
ANY DAY NOW	June 21 June 26	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
QUARTET rated PG-13	July 10 July 12	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
ADMISSION	August 2 August 7	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
FILM TBD (check Library in July for title)	August 16 August 21	1:00 pm 6:30 pm

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

David Leff, Author of <i>Hidden in Plain Sight - A Deep Traveler Explores Connecticut</i>	June 4	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Pinterest and Phone Apps (Jennifer Rummel and Amanda Brouwer)	June 8	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Jan Mann, Author of <i>Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket</i>	June 11	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bob Steele's Century (Phil Steele)	June 19	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Mike Urban, Author of <i>Lobster Shacks: A Road Guide to New England's Best Lobster Joints</i>	June 25	6:30 - 7:30 pm

*These events are made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. All programs require online registration at [www.library.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.library.ellington-ct.gov) or call the Library.*

**YA Stuff**

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM:**

Teens are going *Beneath the Surface* this summer during our summer reading program! We're going to delve a little deeper into a few areas like upcycling, yoga, and art while we read, read, read all summer long. We have a punch card for teens to use when checking out books or coming to programs – the more punches you get, the closer you are to getting a prize! Ten punches earns some candy and a movie pass. Stop in at the Library this summer to pick up your card.



**THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:**

The Teen Advisory Board has a limited number of openings for the 2013-2014 school year. We will be accepting applications for the Board starting in August. Check the teen area for applications in early August.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING A CREATIVE WRITING GROUP?**

We are looking for teens interested in starting a creative writing group at the Library for the 2013-2014 school year. The group will meet once a month after school. If you are interested, please see Cheryl next time you stop in at the Library.



**From the Children's Librarian**

It's during this time of the year when the Children's Department is gearing up for another fun-filled summer. There will be activities for children of all ages. **Preschool Story Hours** and a **Read-To-Me program** will be available for preschoolers. School age children will have the **Dig Into Reading** summer reading program and a variety of activities and crafts to keep them busy during July and August. Plans are in the making, so be patient!

More information will be available as the school year comes to a close. The Librarians may even make a surprise visit to your child's classroom to share the summer's secrets! Of course, you can always drop by the Library and watch the summer unfold.

**The Nutmeg Award Nominees are here!!** This year the new Nutmeg Nominees are available beginning May 1. There are ten new titles which children in grades 4 through 6 can enjoy reading now through the next school year. And the nominees are:

- The Candymakers by Wendy Mass
- Closed for the Season by Mary Hahn;
- The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman by Meg Wolitzer
- The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Wan Long-Shang
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- Mike Stellar: Nerves of Steel by K.A. Holt
- Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper
- Saving Armpit by Natalie Hyde
- Wild Girl by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Wildfire Run by Dee Garretson.

The Library has multiple copies of these titles for you to enjoy. Come in and get started choosing another winner for 2014.

**The Nutmeg Award for 2013 will be announced May 15.**

**Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs**

**Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs** will be coming to the Library throughout the summer. Children ages 5 to 12 years old have an opportunity to practice their reading skills AND enjoy the company of a furry, four-legged, tail wagging friend. These dogs have been trained to behave in a library setting and to sit and listen as children read a favorite story or the chapter of a favorite book to them. They are here almost every other Saturday. Don't miss out on the fun! It is recommended that you check the dates and register for a fifteen minute time slot at the Children's Desk, upstairs at the Library.



 <p><b>Summer Programs</b> (860) 870-3130</p>	<p><b>Age</b> 2013-2014 school year</p>	<p><b>Session(s)/ Dates</b></p>	<p><b>Time/ Fee/ Location</b></p>
<p><b>Safety Town:</b> Interactive five-day program that expands the knowledge of safety.</p>	<p>Kindergarten</p>	<p>Session 1: July 15-19 Session 2: July 22-26</p>	<p>Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am Fee: \$25 Center School</p>
<p><b>Outdoor Safety:</b> Activities include water safety, pet/ animal safety, garden/plant safety, bike safety.</p>	<p>Kindergarten</p>	<p>July 8 - 12</p>	<p>Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am Fee: \$25 Center School</p>
<p><b>1-2-3 I am me:</b> Six-week program focusing on making friends, teamwork, communication and listening, trust, handling emotions, conflict resolution, bullying and stress. There will be summer fun, games, learning, hands-on activities and prizes!</p>	<p>Kindergarten First Grade Second Grade Third Grade</p>	<p>July 8 - August 15</p>	<p>Fee \$25: 31 Arbor Way Tuesdays - 4:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays - 6:00-7:00 pm Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30 pm Thursday - 6:00-7:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Finding the Leader in Me:</b> Helps participants discover their inner leader. Being a leader is not about being popular or holding a position; it's about getting along with others, thinking creatively, solving problems, and appreciating people's differences. Your child will join Ellington High School student leaders in a fun-filled group setting to explore habits of effective leaders.</p>	<p>Fifth and Sixth Grades</p>	<p>July 29 – August 2</p> 	<p>Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Fee: \$25 Location: TBA</p>

**The Journey Adventure Program in the Summer time! July 29 to August 2 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

A program for students going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall that teaches responsibility and respect for self, others and surroundings. Your child will have a fun and rewarding time in active game playing while learning and laughing. The program was put together to enhance what your children already know deep within themselves. They will leave feeling empowered and full of pride. During each session they will have great fun attaining skills such as creative problem solving, decision making, relaxation techniques for stress reduction which helps with focusing and creating a peace within oneself, building cooperation, teamwork and trust. There will also be a field trip to a High Ropes course on one of the days. Call Chantal at Ellington Youth Services if interested at (860) 870-3130. (Location to be determined.)

**Counseling Services**

Ellington Youth Services offers confidential counseling services for Ellington youth and their families. For more information, please contact Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT at (860) 870-3130.

**Creative Collaborations: Learning Together Through Multi-Disciplinary Creative Arts** (Appropriate for families with children with special needs) Create and learn together using expressive arts techniques in 2D and 3D visual art, language arts, drama, dance, and videography. Families will work with two Art for Learning CT teaching artists, Craig Norton and Virginia Lynn Anderson who will facilitate collaborations among participants to explore their creative abilities through use of creative play stations. This program will be held on Tuesday evenings 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16 and 8/6 at 6:30 PM at the Old Crystal Lake School House. For more information contact: **Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 870-3118.**

**Save the date**

**Family Safety Day**

**September 21!**

**ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2013 SPRING PROGRAMS**

**Address:** 31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187  
**Office Hours:** Monday 8:30 am-6 pm Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Phone:** (860) 870-3118  
**Fax:** (860) 870-3198  
**Email:** [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov) **www.ellington-ct.gov**  
 Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Registration Process**

The Parks and Recreation Department uses the Active-net Online Program to register for ALL recreational programs/camps. The process for online registration is easy and involves these simple steps:

- Go to [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov)
- Click on Town Services
- Click on Parks & Recreation
- Select "Click here" for Active-net Online Registration!
- Select "Click here" to set up account

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

If you don't have access to a computer, we can assist in setting up your account at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. **In office online registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home.** If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Recreation Supervisor.

**AED / FIRST AID / CPR**

**Register by email ONLY:**  
[Ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Only 6 six (6) coaches per class allowed, 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 22      9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Thursday, July 11      5:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 17      9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Kid's Fair!**

Saturday  
 June 1  
 1:00 to  
 3:00 pm

Register by May 28 for \$10 per family  
*Day of event - Fee \$5 per child*

The Recreation Department and Rise Above Youth Leadership Group are hosting this event at Brookside Park. There will be games, crafts, prizes, and face painting! Register online or at the Recreation Department.

**Parents must accompany children to the fair.**

**Introduction to Sailing @ Crystal Lake**

An Introduction to Sailing program will be offered for those ages 10 to 18 years old. An instructor and up to 3 participants will sail an Oday 15' from 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June, July and August, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in each month slated for the makeup dates.

June 9, July 14 and August 11  
 12:00 - 1:30 pm and 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$10 Limit to 1 session only

Code: SAIL.LAKE2 - Instructor: Walt Moody

**Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon**

**July 14, 2013**  
 (Rain Date July 21)



The 2013 Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants.  
 Sign up online through the Triathlon website:

[www.ellingtontriathlon.com](http://www.ellingtontriathlon.com)

or

the Ellington Parks and Recreation website:

[www.ellington.ct.gov](http://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](mailto: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!

- ♦ Swim ¼ mile in Crystal Lake
- ♦ Bike 12 miles through Ellington & Stafford
- ♦ Run 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area

## Crystal Lake Sandy Beach

[Weather & Staff permitting]

**Pre-Season:** Weekends only

**June 8, 9, 15, 16**  
12 noon-5:00 pm

**Full Season:**

**June 17-August 18**

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

The 2013 Swim Lessons  
Schedule can be found on  
page 11

## BEACH PASSES ON SALE NOW

### 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  
Parks and Recreation office.



## Crystal Lake Sandy Beach ~ 2013 Swim Lesson Information

The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Swimming Lessons at Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years-Adult. We will be offering the American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels that will teach you and/or your child how to swim skillfully and safely. 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, and the skills outlined below:

**Adult & Child Aquatics Level 1:** 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:** (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.

### Swim Level Description



#### **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,

(Level 3 continued next column)

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

**Swimming Lesson Schedule**  
(10 maximum per class)

Session One	Time	Level	Level
June 24-June 28 Classes held Monday-Friday  July 1, 2, 3 <b>No Class</b> <b>July 4th</b>  	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	3	2
	11:30 -12 noon	1	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:10 pm	1	
	4:20 – 5:00 pm	2	
	5:10 - 5:50 pm	3	
	Time	Level	Level
Session Two	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	Guard Start
July 8 - July 18 Classes held Monday-Thursday  	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	2	1
	11:30 -12 noon	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:10 pm	1	
	4:20 – 5:00 pm	2	
	5:10 - 5:50 pm	3	
	Time	Level	Level
Session Three	9:00 - 9:40 am	6	4
July 22 - August 1st Classes held Monday-Thursday  	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 -12 noon	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:10 pm	1	
	4:20 – 5:00 pm	3	
	5:10 - 5:50 pm	2	

**Swim Class Registration**

Registrations are currently being accepted at the Recreation Office or you may also register online through the Town website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://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 to participate for children participating in the Adult/Child Aquatics Level 1 program.

Adults/Special needs individuals interested in classes please contact **Mary Bartley, Recreation Supervisor (860) 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 at [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov)

**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.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS!** A six week series of informal youth basketball clinics and programs will be offered to Ellington residents (and residents of surrounding towns, depending on the final enrollment).



ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	LOCATION	FEE
YBBC.GRDK2	July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15	5:30 pm-6:45 pm	K-2	Brookside Park	\$15
YBBC.GRD14	July 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 August 5, 7, 12	5:30 pm-6:30 pm	1-4	Brookside Park	\$15
YBBC.GRD58	July 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 August 5, 7, 12	6:30 pm-7:45 pm	5-8	Brookside Park	\$15

**Ellington Parks and Recreation is proud to present Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps!**

COURSE NAME	COURSE #	Dates Monday - Friday	Time	Ages/Grades	FEE	LOCATION
Volleyball	SSA50066	6/24-6/28	9am-1pm	Grades 2-5	\$109	EMS
	SSA50068	6/24-6/28	9am-1pm	Grades 6-9	\$109	EMS

The fundamental skills of volleyball are taught through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player.

Flag Football	SSA50061	7/15-7/19	9am-12pm	Ages 7-12	\$109	Brookside Park
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Campers learn skills on both sides of the football including the core components of passing, catching and defense - all in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the Skyhawks Sports Superbowl.

Multi-Sport: (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Flag Football)	SSA50064	7/22-7/26	9 am-1 pm	Ages 7-10	\$115	EMS
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In this multi-sport camp we combine four sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork.

Tiny-Hawk (Soccer & Basketball)	SSA50062	7/22-7/26	9 m-9:50 am	Ages 3-4	\$65	EMS
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This camp for pre-school aged kids introduces the essentials of one to two sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate.

Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)	SSA50063	7/22-7/26	10 am-1 pm	Ages 4-7	\$109	EMS
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This baseball, basketball and soccer program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Basketball	SSA50065	7/29-8/2	9 am-12 pm	Grades K-2	\$109	EMS
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This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. In addition to technical basketball skills, our basketball staff will focus on respect, teamwork and responsibility.

 <p><b>Outdoor Golf Lessons &amp; Camps</b></p> <p>Ellington Golf Center 125 West Rd</p> <p>Fee: \$65/session</p> <p>Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:jwadsworth50@comcast.net">jwadsworth50@comcast.net</a></p>	Session 4: June 4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays	GOLF.JUNES4	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Youth 6 - 9 years old Teens 10 - 13 years old
	Session 5: June 6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays	GOLF.JUNES6	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adults Class
	Session 6: Mini-Camp July 8, 9, 10	GOLFM.CAMP8	9 am-12 pm	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 7: Mini-Camp July 22, 23, 24	GOLFCAMP723	9 am-12 pm	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 8: Mini-Camp August 5, 6, 7	GOLFM.AUG5	9 am-12 pm	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 9: July 4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays	GOLF29.JULY4	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Adult Class
	Session 10: August 1, 8, 15, 22 Thursdays	GOLFS10.AUG13	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Adult Class



**2013 Summer Teen Adventures  
7th and 8th Grades**

Exciting summer indoor/outdoor recreation program to be held at the renovated, historical Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse (located across from the Town's waterfront property, Sandy Beach).

7th and 8th grade boys and girls (2012-2013 school year)  
Time: 12 Noon-4:00 pm  
Location: Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse  
Fee: \$45.00 per child per week (\$15 per day)



**Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance for ALL programs.** 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!!!**

**Dates (18 days):**

Week 1: June 25, 26, 27	Week 4: July 23, 24, 25
Week 2: July 9, 10, 11	Week 5: July 30, 31, August 1
Week 3: July 16, 17, 18	Week 6: August 6, 7, 8

Activities include but are not limited to beach volleyball, swimming, games, movies, card tournaments, contests, wiffle ball, and other activities to be suggested by campers.

**Family Events (\$2 each) at Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse**

Movie & Popcorn	July 19	All Ages	2:00 PM
Ice Cream Social	July 26	All Ages	2:00 PM

**Special Events at  
Old Crystal Lake School House**

Program (\$7 each)	Date	Grades/ Age	Time
Tie Dye Night	June 26	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00 pm 7:15-8:15 pm
Cool Crafting	July 10	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00 pm 7:15-8:15 pm
Game Night	July 17	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00 pm 7:15-8:15 pm
Cook-less Cooking	July 24	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00 pm 7:15-8:15 pm

**ELLINGTON'S  
ULTIMATE FRISBEE  
(No Fee) Code: ULTIM.F2013**



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 6:00 pm on Monday and Friday evenings until dark at Brookside Park. Bring a light and dark t-shirt, water, cleats or sneakers and be prepared for a great time and workout.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Karl at ksneubec@gmail.com

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

**NEW!!! FRIDAYS AT THE BEACH!!** Ages 4-7 & Ages 8-11, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm ~ \$7 per program

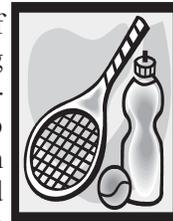
Program	Date	Description
<b>Boat Builders... Sink or Float</b>	June 28	Use aluminum foil, sticks, straws, tape, and other supplies to design a boat to try out on the lake. Will it sink or float? Test your boat building skills.
<b>Sand Castle Contest</b>	July 12	Bring your creativity, shovel and make your dream castle a reality! Pictures of your creations will be taken and posted on the recreation website.
<b>Face painting/ Tattoos/Nail Art</b>	July 26	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).
<b>Pirate Adventure</b>	August 2	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!
<b>Beach Ball Blast and Bubbles Too!!!</b>	August 9	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!
<b>Beach Crafts</b>	August 16	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!

PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGE/GRADES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Girls Travel League Softball U-14 &amp; U-16</b>  NCGSL website: <a href="http://www.ncgsl.org">www.ncgsl.org</a>	Deadline for registration  May 27, 2013	<b>Clinics:</b> Evaluations dates will be posted on the website. <i>Special situation: Players entering grade 9 in the fall will have the option of being rostered in either age group, but not both.</i>	TBA <b>Registration in Rec Office ONLY</b>	<b>High School Division</b> for players entering grades 9 - 12 <b>Middle School Division</b> for players entering grades 6 - 9 .	\$95  <b>No metal spikes allowed</b>	Travel & Brookside Park
<b>High School Girls Summer Soccer League</b>	3001.HSG	Informal league schedule 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 grades 9-12	\$35	Brookside Park
<b>Co-ed Men's / Women's Volleyball &amp; Youth Volleyball</b>	3002.CEV13	Beginning Wednesday nights starting June 2013	6pm-8pm	Current Grades 5-6	No Fee	Brookside Park
	0120.YVB13	Informal leagues will be formed as registrations are received.	5-6pm	& 7-8		
<b>Adult Informal Outdoor Basketball</b>	3003.AIB13	Monday nights starting June 2013 One brand new basketball court and a newly refurbished court will be available for use	5pm-8pm	Adult	No Fee	Brookside Park
<b>Lacrosse Camp Boys &amp; Girls</b>	0904.LAX13K 0904.LAX133 0904.LAX135 0904.LAX137	July 23, 24, 25 (2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR)	4:30pm-6:00pm 4:30pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	Grades K-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$20 \$35 \$45 \$55	Ellington High School
<b>Jukido</b>  Instructor: Paul Ward	0504.JUK1313  0504.JUK1314	Session 13: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20  Session 14: June 25, 27, July 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30; August 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	5:30pm -6:45 pm	Grades 6 & up	\$30  \$6 per class	Vernon Community Bldg 375 Hartford Turnpike
<b>UK International Soccer Camp</b>	UKSC.10624  UKSC.10819	June 24 through 28  August 19 through 23	4:30pm-5:30pm 6:00pm-7:30pm 4:30pm-7:30pm	3-4 yrs old 5-6 yrs old 7-16 yrs old	\$60 \$70 \$105	Brookside Park
<b>Basketball Camp</b>	0916.BB12G12 0916.BB14G24 0916.BB58G58	July 8 through 12 (snack/drink provided)	8:00am-9:30am 8:00am-11:00am 11:30am-2:30pm	Grades 1-2 Grades 2-4 Grades 5-8	\$35 \$80 \$80	Middle School

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons</b>	TINY.TTTQ TINY.TTTR TINY.TTTS	Session Q: June 3, 5, 10, 12 Session R: June 17, 19, 24, 26 Session S: July 8, 10, 15, 17	5:30-6:15 pm	3-5 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
<b>Pee Wee Tennis Lessons</b>	PEE.PWEQ PEE.PWER PEE.PWES	Session Q: June 3, 5, 10, 12 Session R: June 17, 19, 24, 26 Session S: July 8, 10, 15, 17	6:15-7:00 pm	6-9 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
<b>Youth Beginner Tennis Lessons</b>	YUTH.TENQ YUTH.TENR YUTH.TENS	Session Q: June 3, 5, 10, 12 Session R: June 17, 19, 24, 26 Session S: July 8, 10, 15, 17	7:00-8:00 pm	10-13 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
<b>Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons</b>	0205.ASTBE 0205.ASTBF	Session E: June 4, 11, 18, 25 Session F: July 9, 16, 23, 30	6:00-7:00 pm Tuesday evenings	Adult	\$35 Per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
<b>Adult Intermediate Tennis Lessons</b>	ADLT.ITLE ADIT.ITLF	Session E: June 4, 11, 18, 25 Session F: July 9, 16, 23, 30	7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday evenings	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
<b>Adult Cardio Tennis</b>	ACTN.619 ACTN.724	Session E: June 19, July 3, 10 17 Session F: July 24, 31, August 7, 14	9:00-10:00 am Wednesday mornings	Adult	\$22 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St

### USTA Junior Team Tennis ~ 2013

There are teams in three age groups that work on a higher-level of development and travel and compete against other teams from surrounding CT and Western MA towns. The season starts July 1 and runs through mid-August for all groups. Teams practice twice a week and play one or two matches a week with a season-ending tournament at Forest Park located in Springfield, MA. Season-ending tournament is August 10 and 11 for 18 and Under and 14 and Under teams. The 10 and Under team tournament is August 17.



*There will also be an optional Cape Cod trip the 3rd or 4th weekend in July for the 14 and Under and 18 and Under teams for some fun and tennis on the Cape.*

- **18 and Under Team:** Must be 18 or under as of September 1, 2013. Practice is twice a week throughout the summer (ex: Tuesday and Thursday-11:00 am-12:00 pm; the days can be adjusted based on team availability). The team plays one or two matches a week in the evenings. FEE: \$125 per player.
- **14 and Under Team:** Must be 14 or under as of September 1, 2013. Practice is twice a week throughout the summer (ex: Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 pm-1:00 pm; the days can be adjusted based on team availability). The team plays one or two matches a week in the evening. FEE: \$125 per player.
- **10 and Under Team:** Must be 10 or under on September 1, 2013, Starting June 30th, practice one to two times a week and plays one or two matches a week using the USTA 10 and younger smaller court, smaller racket, and slower tennis balls for enhanced young player development. FEE: \$70 per player.

### Hiking Club

Hiking Club is a year-round program, pending weather conditions. The Ellington Hiking Club meets on

**Tuesday mornings  
9:00 am**

**Arbor Park parking lot**

before departing for that particular week's location.

Please register at the Recreation Office to be added to the e-mail contact list.



**Soccer Travel Teams**

Registration begins May 26, 2013. DEADLINE for registering for a travel team is based on the evaluation dates that are available. A player MUST attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics in order to be eligible for selection. All evaluations will be held at Brookside Park.

Age Group	Evaluation Clinic Dates	Time
U-8, 9, 10 Girls	June 20, 25, 26 August 5, 6	5:00 - 6:00 pm 5:00 - 6:00 pm
U-8, 9, 10 Boys	June 11, 14, 18, 21 July 13	6:00 - 7:30 pm 9:00 - 10:30am
U-11-12 Boys	June 15 June 19 July 13, 20 August 3	9:00-10:30 am 6:00-7:30 pm 9:00-10:30 am
U-11-12 Girls	June 20, 25, 26 August 5, 6	6:00-7:00 pm 6:00-7:00 pm
U-13-14 Boys	June 10, 12, 25 July 10, 18	6:00 - 7:15 pm 6:00 - 7:15 pm
U-13-14 Girls	June 20, 25, 26 August 5, 6	6:45 - 7:45 pm 6:45 - 7:45 pm

**Summer Soccer Pre-Season Foot Skills Clinic at Brookside Park**

Co-ed

**Instructors:**

Matt Maznicki  
Dave Schipper  
Mike Pantuosco  
Fee \$45

Based on the success of the spring pre-season Foot skills clinic, a summer-fall pre-season clinic has been arranged. The emphasis will be on a 1 vs. 1 format promoting the use of technical skills in a tactical situation. This advanced training will focus on the travel/competitive level player. Limit 24 players.

<b>U9-U10 - CODE: FOOT.SKILLS9A</b>	
August 6, 7, 8	5:30 - 7:30 pm
<b>U11-U13 - CODE: FOOT.SKILLS11A</b>	
July 30, 31, August 1	5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Boys & Girls Soccer Travel Division Levels:**

Fee: \$75.00

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.

The current Parks & Recreation Commission policy holds the following provision: Players that are selected to TRAVEL soccer teams for the FALL 2013 season in Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2014, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2014 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 spring evaluation. Otherwise, to qualify for a FALL travel team (at divisional levels of 3 or 4) a player is required at a minimum of two evaluation sessions. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during a practice or match.



**Summer Goal-keeper Clinic:**

With sufficient interest, the goalkeeper clinic(s)

will be offered this summer, working with a UK International professional instructor. Grades 5 to 8 are the target level. Dates and times for the session as well as cost will be based on interest. Please contact the Parks and Recreation office to register at (860) 870-3118.

**Travel Team Guidelines:** North Eastern District Roster Guidelines (Spring Soccer), Attachment J - NE District Roster 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.

**TRAVEL TEAM SOCCER**

Age Groups for Seasonal Year

September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014

- U-14 Players born 8/1/99 and younger
- U-13 Players born 8/1/00 and younger
- U-12 Players born 8/1/01 and younger
- U-11 Players born 8/1/02 and younger
- U-10 Players born 8/1/03 and younger
- U-9 Players born 8/1/04 and younger
- U-8 Players born 8/1/05 and younger

**2013 IN-HOUSE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS: Deadline is August 28**

**ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 8/28/2013 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
<b>RECREATION FALL INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER FEE: \$32.00</b>				
3 & 4 yrs old boys & girls	90034.102	September 7	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.102	September 7	11:00 am - 12:00 noon	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.102	September 7	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.102	September 7	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Brookside Park
<b>RECREATIONAL FALL SOCCER FEES: \$30 for 1st child / \$48 for 2nd child) / \$63 for 3 or more children</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade boys	90034.B02	September 9	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade girls	90034.G02	September 9	5:00-6:15pm	Brookside Park
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys	9056.B02	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls	9056.G02	<b>No Evaluations</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys	9078.B02	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls	9078.G02	<b>No Evaluations</b>

**Ellington Roadrunners  
Youth Football & Cheerleading**

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

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. A \$50 refundable concession fee is also due at registration. Registrations forms are available online. 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](mailto:cmweitz@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.ellingtonroadrunners.com](http://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](http://PantuoscoSoccerCamp.com)

**Excellence in baseball is our Goal! Come play with the best!**

**Cressotti Baseball School**

In conjunction with Ellington Recreation Department Presents:

**Summer Baseball: July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19**

Ages 7-12 years - 9am-12 pm @ Brookside Park  
Cost: \$105 Code: CRESS.BBALL4

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

**Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic: July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19**

Ages 4-6years ~ 9am-10:15am @ Brookside Park  
Cost: \$55 Code: CRESS.TEBAL4

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

**2013 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 at (860) 870-3118.

**Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park:** Due to the generosity of Ellington businesses and family patronage, our Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park will continue this year. Support and funding for the 2013 concerts is being provided by First Niagara Bank. The concerts will be staged at Arbor Park. The Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting donations to fund and sponsor this series of concerts. Donations will be accepted at the concert events. Concerts postponed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled based on the availability of the musical group.

**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 10 European countries and the U.S. Kenn's music has been played 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 everyone.

June 30  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Survivors Swing Band** Remember when you listened, sang and danced to the great tunes from the 20's through the 40's? Let the Survivors Swing Band revive those memories for you! Get your toes a-tappin, your fingers snappin' and get up and dance too! "We love these tunes and have immense fun performing them" says one of the band members. Their spunk is infectious and the audience will have as much fun as the band. The Survivors render it with greater tilt towards improvisation, thus giving each pass at a tune somewhat of a new flavor while still keeping true to the original melodies. Let the Survivors entertain you with trumpet, saxes, piano, guitar, bass, and drums!

July 21  
6:00 - 7:30 PM



The music of **The Twangtown Paramours** has been called "Sophisticated Americana", and is a hybrid of the Nashville and Austin music scenes. Although the duo of Mike T. Lewis and MaryBeth Zamer hail from Nashville (hence the name, Twangtown), they are not actually paramours. They're married. They were twice named finalists in Texas's prestigious Kerrville New Folk Contest and are winners of the Wildflower Arts and Music Festival Contest. Their latest studio album was released last July, debuted at #2 on the Folk DJ Chart, and was included in yearly top 10 radio lists on WFUV in New York and WDCB in Chicago. Their songs can be heard on over 70 Americana, Folk and independent Country radio stations worldwide.

July 7  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**St. Luke's Steele Band** Under the direction of coach/arranger Debby Teason and assistant director Donna Johnson, the Band has gained a reputation as one of the area's most exciting performing ensembles. The band's achievements were recognized in 2003 by an Artist's Award from the Arts Council of Greater New Haven.. In 2008 they performed with tenor pan virtuoso Liam Teague for a standing-room-only crowd in New Haven, and April 2009 featured a joint concert with the renowned Positive Vibrations Youth Steel Orchestra from Washington DC. Their repertoire includes soca and calypso, reggae, classical, sacred, jazz, popular and island folk music.

July 28  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Off the Clock** Rob Thomas and "Off the Clock" bring their band of acoustic rock with rich vocal harmonies back for the 5th straight year. Come out and sing along to the sounds of the 60's, 70's and beyond. The group has built a large repertoire of classics from artists such as CSN, The Eagles, James Taylor, Neil Young, the Beatles, Steve Miller, The WHO, Incubus, Stone Temple Pilots, U2 and Pearl Jam. The band has been playing since 2000, including private parties, clubs and theaters throughout CT and Western Mass. Visit their website at <http://www.offtheclockband.com>

July 14  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Paul Recker & Jim Harkins** Paul Recker, an accomplished guitarist, engaging singer and frequent guest at the Arbor Park series is teaming up with Coventry musician, Jim Harkins. Jim is known for his rhythmical guitar style, combining bass with chords for full-sounding, 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!

August 4  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**2013 Day Trips!** 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 in Tolland. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. More info on the Town website!

Trip	Code	Dates	Depart	Return	Fee
New York City - a day on your own	NYC.TRPO	12/7/2013	7:00 am	10:30 pm	\$45
Newport Day trip and "Waterfire" experience in the evening in Providence.	NEWPORT.TRIP	8/10/2013	10:00 am	12:00 am	\$40



# 2013 SUMMER CAMP

## Ellington's Ultimate 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



Program	Hours	Fees
Full Day	8:30 am- 2:30 pm	\$75 per child/week (\$15/day)
Half Day Mornings	8:30 am - Noon	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Half Day Afternoons	Noon - 3:30 pm	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Before Camp	7:30 am - 8:30 am	\$15 per child/week (\$3/day)
After Camp	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$35 per child/week (\$7/day)

Registration has begun online and in the office. Full-Day Campers need to bring lunch and a water bottle. Snacks will be provided.  
*Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full/day/full week camper) for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> children in the same household.*

Activity Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1: June 24-28</b>	Campardy	<b>Minute to Win It Tuesdays</b> the gym will be transformed into a <i>Minute to Win It</i> game room with a morning and afternoon challenge.	<b>Crafty Corner/ Movie Wednesdays</b> campers will be able to work on an exciting craft in the morning to take home and then in the afternoon take a break from the sun to watch a movie.	Dr. Seuss	<b>Wet and Wild Pizza Party Fridays</b> There will be a pizza party (additional cost per camper) and an afternoon of water activities. (weather permitting.)
<b>Week 2: July 1-5</b> <i>No camp July 4</i>	Olympics			NO CAMP! Happy July 4!	
<b>Week 3: July 8-12</b>	Myth Busters			All Ball	
<b>Week 4: July 15-19</b>	Brainteasers			Wacky Sports	
<b>Week 5: July 22-26</b>	Goonies			Pay it Forward	
<b>Week 6: July 29 - August 2</b>	Team Building			Who Dun It?	
<b>Week 7: August 5-9</b>	Campers Choice Day			Fiesta	
<b>Week 8: August 12-16</b>	Twin-kle Day	Sports Day	Pajama Day	Wacky Hair Day	Ellington's Got Talent

- **Campardy:** An introduction to camp and expectations. Time to meet the staff and volunteers and get to know each other.
- **Dr. Seuss:** Campers will enjoy some classic stories from our favorite cat and experiment with some crazy Ooblek.
- **Olympics:** Michael Phelps has nothing on our camp athletes. Compete with your team to see who will win the gold.
- **Myth Busters:** What kind of experiments can the crazy scientist come up with? See if we can make soda explode or turn milk into a work of art!
- **All Ball:** We all know the traditional basketball, baseball, football and volleyball but what happens when you play baseball with a kickball? Come join us at camp and find out!
- **Brainteasers:** Time to turn those brains back on (at least for a day). Can you solve the puzzles that are hanging around camp? Come test your brainpower.
- **Wacky Sports:** Taking a turn away from the traditional sports we are used to and putting a new wacky spin on our games. Think you can handle it?
- **Goonies:** Go on an epic hunt for One-Eyed Willie's Treasure.
- **Pay it Forward:** Do you enjoy helping others? Come spend the day having fun and making new friends. We will work together to make our community a better place to be.
- **Team Building:** What do you think you and your team can accomplish together? Come to camp and challenge the other teams to the human detangle, group sit and puzzles. Does your team have what it takes?
- **Who Dun It?** It will be a day full of mysteries and clues. Can you figure out who dun it before it is too late?
- **Campers Choice Day:** Campers will get to choose everything today. Their counselors, the games they play, even what we have for snack!
- **Fiesta:** Come to camp and enjoy full-day fiesta. Take a turn at the piñata and see what crazy crafts we can make. Sombreros are always welcome!
- **Twin-kle Day:** Who is your twin going to be for the day?
- **Sports Day:** Red Sox or Yankees? Come to camp in your favorite sports teams' apparel. All sports welcome!
- **Pajama Day:** Wear your favorite pajamas to camp and get ready for an all day slumber party!
- **Wacky Hair Day:** How crazy can you make that hair? Come see how creative your counselors can be with their hair!
- **Ellington's Got Talent:** We will close our summer camp program with our annual talent show.

**Anticipated Field Trips:** The staff is working to try to create some great field trip experiences including a Rock Cats baseball game, bowling, miniature golf, blueberry picking and movie days. Further information will be provided.

### Per Ellington Town Ordinances

- ⇒ Pets, including but not limited to dogs and horses, are not allowed in Town parks or recreation areas. 
- ⇒ No person shall have in his or her possession or consume any alcoholic beverage in any recreational area, and no person shall enter any recreational area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Violations of these ordinances could result in a fine. Town Ordinances can be found on the Town website under *Government; Town Code, Ordinances and Regulations.*

*Thank you for adhering to the rules!*

### Ellington Farmers' Market

*Local and Fresh...  
Our Community at its Best*



**Arbor Park**  
(Main Street)



Summer Market is open  
**9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
every Saturday!

Questions: Contact Dianne Trueb at  
[www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com)

<http://www.facebook.com/ellingtonfarmersmarket/>

**LITTER ~ Please pick it up!** The community of Ellington has long been known as a 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 (DPW) maintains the many parks and school fields throughout Town. In doing so, we have seen an increase in the amount of litter left behind by the users of the facilities. Per Town Ordinance "No person shall leave any refuse or trash in any recreational area except in receptacles provided for that purpose. Where no receptacles are provided, all such refuse or trash shall be properly disposed of outside the recreational areas."



The DPW would like to **thank the many users of our facilities that pick up after themselves helping to keep Ellington beautiful.** We ask that the other users assist all of us who do collect and dispose of litter within our parks and play areas to join in by disposing of your litter.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- May 27**            **Memorial Day\***
- July 4**            **Independence Day\***
- September 2**   **Labor Day\***

\* There will be a **one day delay** in trash collection for these holidays.

**The Library will also be closed on Sunday May 26 and will suspend Sunday hours for the summer beginning then.**

Mark your calendar for the **175th Anniversary of the Four Town Fair**

September 12, 13, 14 & 15  
COME ONE, COME ALL!  
56 Egypt Road, Somers, CT  
<http://www.fourtownfair.com>

Fair Hours	
Thursday	4:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 7:30 pm

### Town Hall Hours

**Monday**

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Friday**

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### Town Boards and Commissions

**Vacancies exist on the following boards and commissions:**

- Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee
- Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of the Pinney House
- Board of Assessment Appeals Alternate
- Conservation Commission Alternate
- Economic Development Commission Alternate
- Ethics Commission
- Inland Wetlands Agency Alternate

To be considered, please complete and return a Statement of Interest form available on the Town website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov); select *Government; Boards & Commissions; Vacancies.* Or call the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100 to request that a form be mailed to you. You must be a registered voter in Ellington to serve.

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