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It's time for **Trash Talk**. In the last several months it has been stated in public meetings and in newspaper articles that the Town has a trash collection fee problem. There is some truth to that, but the problem easily gets exaggerated out of perspective. First, the simple facts.

The rules for dealing with solid waste are covered by Ellington Ordinance #149. With few exceptions, the Town contracts, and pays, for **residential unit** curbside collection and disposal of solid waste, including regular solid waste (once a week), recyclable waste (once every two weeks) and bulky waste (on call). For the same residential units, the Town also provides locations for the drop-off of specialty items, including hazardous materials. The cost to the Town next fiscal year is estimated at \$1,371,286 for the roughly 4,900 qualifying addresses. Of that, the cost of curbside pickup alone is estimated at \$609,000, or roughly \$125 per residential unit; years ago the Board of Selectmen decided to cover this particular cost with a once-a-year fee levied in November to the owners of those properties. Via this fee, you and I directly pay less than half of the total cost of collection and disposal of our solid waste; the rest is paid from the general fund. If the Board of Selectmen were to remove this fee, every Ellington taxpayer would have to pay about half a mill more in property taxes.

Residences of four or more distinct living units and all nonresidential units or establishments do not qualify for the above program. Those owners have to provide their own collection and disposal of all solid waste through Town-approved contractors, 100% at their own cost.

For all the years that the residential unit curbside pickup fee (currently \$125 per year) has been in effect, the total accumulated delinquent payments up to August 28, 2014 totaled \$51,588.44. Interest owed on that amount was \$19,984.61; interest is charged on delinquent amounts at the State approved rate of 1.5% per month, which certainly provides incentive to pay on time. The Town may not get the money owed on time, but it eventually gets all of it, with interest, at last resort when ownership changes. In fairness to all who timely pay their fair share, the Town recently started collection against the most egregious delinquents; the collection cost is added to the amount owed. **Property owners should note that this yearly trash collection fee is not billed to, nor paid by, their mortgage bank.** If you aren't sure you're paid up, call the Tax and Revenue Office at (860) 870-3113 and ask. Or, visit my office to see the delinquent list; this is open to anybody who wants to see it.

Towns deal with trash in different ways, but the cost of collection and disposal is high for everyone; of course, it would be even more costly to pick it off our roads and for residents to pick it off their properties if improperly and illegally dumped. To show how far people will go to get rid of waste, in April a Town employee caught a man from Newington transferring bulky waste from his vehicle into a dumpster behind Ellington Town Hall, during business hours! When challenged, he returned the stuff to his vehicle, but he heard from one of our resident State Troopers. To protect ourselves and our environment, we must properly deal with trash.

Maurice Blanchette

Wall of Honor Nominee Applications due by July 1, 2015

The Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park, serves as a tribute to deserving citizens for exceptional contributions to the Town of Ellington, as noted in the Ellington Wall of Honor Policy.

If you wish to nominate a candidate for this honor, please visit our website at ellington-ct.gov; select "Our Town"; Select "Wall of Honor" for a copy of the policy and the application or contact the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100.

Deadline for submission is July 1, 2015. Please note that if you submitted an application in 2012, 2013 or 2014 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2015.

The recipient's name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 12, 2015 at 4:00 pm prior to the Fire Department Parade.

**From the Desk of the Superintendent of Schools
Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent**

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How does one say thank you? Examples from around the world might sound like: *Gracias* (Spain), *Grazie* (Italy), *Arigato* (Japan), *Go raibh mile maith agat* (Ireland), *Thoinsks Moite* (Australia), *Merci* (France), *Danke* (Germany), or *Mahalo* (Hawaii).

Many people express their gratitude in writing by sending thank-you cards, notes or letters. Some use cards with the appropriate sentiment provided and sign their name, while others prefer blank cards and author their own words of gratitude. The use of the handwritten thank-you letter appears to be a bygone tradition. My father-in-law was a master of that genre. The time he spent writing his letters must have allowed him ample opportunity to refine his prose, add some humor, and make the contents personal for the recipient and to say thank-you in a most meaningful way.

I've sent many expressions of thanks via e-mail and a number by text message. I'm sure many people have used Twitter, Facebook and other social media to convey their gratitude. I don't believe I'll be doing that soon.

A thank-you can be musical. Artists such as Abba, Bon Jovi, Jay-Z, Shania Twain, The Beatles, and many others have all recorded excellent "Thank You" songs. A step back in time reveals Bob Hope and "Thanks for the Memory". For some reason, I have always enjoyed Wayne Newton's version of "Danke Schoen".

A thank-you does not have to be verbal. It can be a gesture, such as a high five, a pat on the back, a tip of the cap, a thumbs-up, a handshake, a hug, or one of my grandson's favorites – knuckles! I believe that a thank-you can be expressed with a smile, a nod of the head, or just a knowing look.

Why this long preface on how to say thank you? The answer is quite obvious – I need to say thank you. In my last opportunity to issue something From the Desk of the Superintendent, I would be grossly negligent if I did not acknowledge what an honor and privilege it has been to hold the position of Superintendent of the Ellington Public Schools and to attempt to say thank you to the members of this community who deserve more praise than I am capable of delivering.

Any thank you to the Ellington Educational Community must obviously start with the students. I do not know who instituted the district motto, "Where Children Come First", but it is certainly incumbent upon all of us to bring

that motto to life each and every day. If I ever had the talent to write a book, I could certainly fill chapter upon chapter with wonderful and sometimes hilarious interactions with our students. Over the years, I have shared many of these student interactions with staff, family and friends. They made me laugh then, they make me laugh now, and I assume they will keep me smiling well into the future. It doesn't get any better than walking through an elementary school with so many smiling faces greeting you with a high five and "Hi, Big Cheese". Thank you!

Student achievement, in the widest sense of the term, is the focus of our daily work. I commend and thank our students for all of their efforts in this regard. I have had the privilege to witness outstanding achievement by so many students across a variety of venues. There were Commended Merit Scholars, AP Scholars, Class Scholars, subject-specific award recipients, All-Conference and All-State winners, league and state champions, music award recipients, outstanding achievements in drama, as well as exceptional individual and group accomplishments. From elementary through high school the list of student accomplishments is most impressive. Thank you!

However, of even more value, I have seen our students in the role of respectful champions and gracious losers. I have seen their collaboration and teamwork. I have witnessed their competitive spirit. I have developed great respect for their appreciation and support of diversity and have learned much from their example. Thank you!

I thank our parents for the support and encouragement you provide not only for your students, but for other students as well. I thank you for your support of our staff as they work with your children so that they may realize their full potential. I thank you for sharing your child's learning and life with us. Thank you! (I guess I should also apologize for all of those early morning phone calls).

I thank all of the members of our staff for their work on behalf of our students. Each of you (administrator, teacher, paraprofessional, administrative assistant, bookkeeper, custodian, maintenance, food service worker, van driver) perform different roles but with essentially the same purpose. You provide the conditions that promote the highest levels of achievement for our students. If I ever were to write a book, (which I am incapable of doing), there would certainly be numerous stories and anecdotes of members of the Ellington staff who went above and beyond, repeatedly, on behalf of students. In addition, you

have helped parents and your colleagues in ways too numerous to recount but most important to be mentioned. This is a phenomenal educational community and you are certainly a big part of what makes it so. Thank you!

I thank the many employees of the Town of Ellington whose work often impacts and assists the mission of the Board of Education. Your professionalism, insight, cooperation and caring, in so many ways, certainly benefits our students and staff and that work is appreciated. Thank you!

I thank the many volunteers who serve on town boards and agencies. The members of groups such as the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Permanent Building Committee, and so many others serve this community in an exemplary manner. I sometimes think of these local servants as invisible, as so few citizens attend their meetings. Yet, when one travels throughout this wonderful community, the evidence of their outstanding work is readily visible. It is no accident that this is a wonderful community in which to live and to work. Rather, it is the result of planning, commitment and focus by those who willingly serve this community on behalf of their neighbors. Thank you!

I have often stated both within this community and around the State that in coming to Ellington, I came to "Superintendent's Heaven". A large portion of that statement stems from what I have written above. Another major component of that belief stems from the work of the members of the Ellington Board of Education. They, too, are among that dedicated group of citizen volunteers whose ongoing work often goes unnoticed, but whose impact is immense. This community is truly blessed to have such intelligent, thoughtful, committed and caring adults who work with little recognition to create the best educational programs possible for the students in this community. For me personally, they have been supportive and encouraging, which is certainly appreciated. In addition, amidst the work, we have shared some humor and some laughs. Thank you!

I close by quoting a mentor and former principal who often stated, "Never has one man been indebted to so many people!" I now understand what he meant. So, with Wayne Newton on vocals, I offer a warm smile, a knowing look of gratitude, definitely a high five, followed by knuckles as I say "Thank you"!

Stephen C. Cullinan

Ellington Public Schools
Where Children Come First

Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector
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News from the Tax Office

The budget process is underway. Tax bills will be mailed at the end of June. Taxes are due on July 1, payable by August 3; and again on January 1, payable by February 1. 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 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 return envelope provided. 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 3. 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 ellington-ct.gov.

Payment Due Calendar

July	Real Estate 1st installment; Personal Property 1st installment; Motor Vehicle single payment
October	Sewer Usage Fee
November	Trash Collection (Refuse) Fee
January	Real Estate 2nd installment; Personal Property 2nd installment; Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax only if applicable
April	Sewer Usage Fee
June	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee

Cindy Roman, Assessor

(860) 870-3109 email: assessor@ellington-ct.gov

Revaluation 2015

State law requires that municipalities perform revaluations every five years. The Town is required to perform a revaluation for the October 1, 2015 Grand List. The purpose of a revaluation is to update property values to reflect the current fair market values as of the date of the revaluation. The intent is to insure that all properties are fairly and equitably assessed. The Town has contracted with Vision Government Solutions, Inc., a Connecticut certified revaluation company, to assist in this process.

In Ellington, the revaluation project is well under way. For most taxpayers, the work being performed is going unnoticed because it is not a requirement that each property be physically inspected, as was done for the 2010 revaluation. It is required that inspections be performed on properties for which a building permit has been issued (as is customary) and properties that have recently sold. The inspection takes approximately 10 minutes; the inspectors will have photo identification badges and are registered with the Resident State Troopers' Office. The data collectors will not enter a home unless a person 18 years of age or older is present. If a homeowner has a question regarding the identity of a data collector, please call the Assessor's Office at (860) 870-3109 for confirmation.

Homeowners will be notified of the new assessed value of their property in the late fall of 2015 and will have the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with a representative of Vision Government Solutions, Inc. The tax bill homeowners will receive in July of 2016 will reflect the new assessment.

Additional information regarding the revaluation process is available on the website at ellington-ct.gov.

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk

(860) 870-3105 email: townclerk@ellington-ct.gov

June is Dog Licensing Month!

2015 Dog Registration Guidelines

Connecticut law requires all dogs, age 6 months or older, be registered in the office of the Town Clerk.

2015 dog licenses must be purchased between June 1 & June 30. (All 2014 licenses expire on June 30, 2015)



For your convenience, use our on-line dog registration: go to the Town website at ellington-ct.gov: select Town Services; Town Clerk; Dog Licensing

The license(s) will be mailed to you at no extra cost.

- A rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.
- Spaying or neutering certificates must be presented unless already on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Fee Schedule - Male or Female Dogs

Neutered or Spayed	\$ 8
Not Neutered or Spayed (unaltered)	\$19

After June 30, a late fee of \$1/per month is due along with the 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 tag and license to be returned to you. Mail to: Town Clerk, Town of Ellington, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 870-3105 or email us at townclerk@ellington-ct.gov.

Anna Turner, MSW, Elderly Outreach Caseworker

(860) 870-3131 email: aturner@ellington-ct.gov

TRIAD Ice Cream Social ~ June 4 at 1:30 pm

Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street

Please join us for an informative presentation by **CT Community Care, Inc.** on **"Taking Care of Yourself as a Caregiver"**. Enjoy making your own sundae. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center or call (860) 870-3133. We look forward to having you join us!



SNAP Application Assistance: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is one of the most efficient and effective anti-hunger programs in the nation (previously "food stamps"). SNAP helps people buy the foods that they need and that they choose. To (1) learn the household income guidelines for SNAP, (2) learn what you must bring to

the appointment and, (3) set up an appointment to complete an application, please call (860) 870-3128 before June 17. A representative from FOODSHARE will be at the Human Services office on **Monday, June 22 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm.**

Renters' Rebate Program: The Human Services Office is taking applications for the State of CT Renters' Rebate program for eligible persons over age 65 or totally disabled adults who rented in Ellington in year 2014. To be considered eligible, the applicant must have a 2014 income of less than \$34,600 for a single person and less than \$42,200 for a married couple. Applicants must provide proof of 2014 income, rental expenses, heat, water and electrical expenses.

The last day to complete an application is **October 1, 2015**. If you have questions or wish to set up an appointment, please call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 or the Human Services Office at (860) 870-3128.

Tim Webb, Director of Public Works /WPCA Administrator
(860) 870-3140 email: twebb@ellington-ct.gov

Recycling: It's Good for Ellington!

Do you know what can be recycled from within your household trash? Many families put forth a great effort to recycle as much as possible. The Department of Public Works (DPW) monitors the community's household trash disposal and the overall impact that the cost of disposing it has on our taxes. Do you know that many new items are now allowed to be recycled? Please take a moment and scan through the list below to see what you can now recycle with your bi-weekly collection.



Items to Recycle

- cans
- glass containers
- plastic containers up to 3 gallons in size
- food grade containers #1-7
- newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines
- home computer paper
- telephone and hard cover books
- corrugated cardboard, boxboard, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, shirt cardboard, toilet paper and paper towel cardboard rolls [pizza boxes not accepted]
- milk and juice boxes up to one gallon in size
- foil trays
- plastic toys
- laundry baskets
- large plastic storage containers

If you have any questions regarding recycling or would like another container, please call the DPW at (860) 870-3140.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Proof of residency is required.

Items accepted: leaves, brush, firewood, tree trunks

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

Hours of Operation May and June
 Closed May 23 and July 4

Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

July, August and September
 Closed September 5

Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



Department of Public Works (DPW)
 Invites you to attend an
Open House
Thursday May 21, 2015
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
21 Main Street

Join us for a tour, meet the staff, learn about the vehicles, equipment and functions of Ellington's DPW! Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at (860) 870-3140.



Need a Bulky Waste pick-up?

For information regarding acceptable items and to schedule a pick-up call **All American Waste** four days prior to your regular trash collection day at **(860) 289-7850**.

Your Town Garage Accepts the Following Items

The following items may be brought to the Town Garage,
 21 Main Street (Proof of residency is required)
 Monday through Friday, year-round
ONLY between the hours of 6:30 am-3:30 pm*
 *Closed Fridays at 1pm from June 5 through October 2

cell phones	waste oil and antifreeze
all batteries	propane tanks - 5 lbs. & 20 lbs.
televisions/electronics	computer components
small appliances	fluorescent light bulbs

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Mid North East Recycling Operating Committee (MidNEROC)

Household Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility
 located at **57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT**

MidNEROC Hours of Operation:

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

on the first and third Saturday of the month from

April 18 to November 7

(Closed July 4 and September 5)

Open Thursday - October 1 from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm
 For questions regarding acceptable materials, visit the Town website at ellington-ct.gov or call the DPW at (860) 870-3140 or MidNEROC at (860) 684-3163.

(860) 870-3160

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library

website: library.ellington-ct.gov

email: hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov

Hall Memorial Library Hours

(See page 20 or the website for holiday closures)

Monday - Thursday	10:00 am	8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am	5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am	5:00 pm
Saturday (July 11-August 30)	10:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm	5:00 pm
Sunday (beginning May 31)	Library Closed	

Book Cellar Summer Hours (June - September)

Monday	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Thursday	2:30 pm	4:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am	12:00 pm



Summer Events at the Library

Vanessa Fasanella: <i>Cigar-Box Purses*</i>	Tuesday June 2	6:00 pm
Fred Bird: <i>Getting the Most from Your Point and Shoot Camera</i>	Tuesday June 9	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: Ashly Cruz International Cabaret*	Friday June 12	7:00 pm
Town-wide Photo Scanning Day	Saturday June 13	10 am to 5 pm
Mike Urban: <i>New England Diner Cookbook: Classic and Creative Recipes from the Finest Roadside Eateries</i>	Tuesday June 23	6:30 pm
Shaun Roche: <i>How to Attract Hummingbirds, Songbirds and Butterflies to Your Garden</i>	Tuesday July 7	6:30 pm
Dr. Joseph Prichard: <i>Pet Safety</i>	Tuesday August 25	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: Performer TBD*	Friday September 11	7:00 pm
Michael Savenelli: <i>Identity Theft and Fraud Workshop</i>	Tuesday September 15	6:30 pm

*Program has limited seating, so register early!

Summer Movies!

Enjoy our air conditioning this summer while watching some fan favorites! **All films will begin promptly at their scheduled times.** We're looking for your suggestions - what films would you like to see this summer? Jot down your ideas, give them to any staff member and we'll try to show the films you request.

Still Alice	May 27 May 28	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
American Sniper	June 3 June 4	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
McFarland USA	June 10 June 11	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Elsa & Fred	June 17 June 18	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Kinky Boots	June 24 June 25	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Life of a King	July 1 July 2	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Land Ho!	July 8 July 9	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	July 14 (both shows on the same day!)	1:00 pm 6:30 pm

Film series will be on hiatus from July 15 to August 11. Showings will resume on August 12 at 6:30 pm with a movie yet to be decided. Films are subject to change. Check on the Library's website library.ellington-ct.gov or call us at (860) 870-3160 for updates.

Photo Scanning Day - Saturday, June 13

Featuring Photographer, Fred Bird

In conjunction with the Oral History Project, a Town-wide Photo Scanning Day will be held to both assist in preserving your photographs digitally and to augment the Library's collection of historic photos. Local photographer Fred Bird will be available all day on Saturday, June 13 to help you learn how to scan your pictures. Fifteen minute appointments will be available throughout the day; sign up online or call the Library for assistance in registering. We ask that you bring a maximum of four pictures to be scanned and that you allow the Library to use the images. We are particularly interested in photographs that relate to the Town's history. **You must pre-register to participate!**

Support for this project is provided by the CT State Library (CSL) and the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Summer Reading Fun for Grown-ups! The kids don't have to have all the fun - there is a summer reading program for adults too! "Escape the Ordinary"; be part of the reading fun and win prizes.
All summer reading programs funded by the Friends of the Library.

Pat Grundman, Children's Librarian(860) 870-3160 email: pgrundman@biblio.org

Summer Reading: It's already the middle of May, and you know what that means? Summer time is right around the corner. YEH! This summer the Library has lots of very special activities to keep children of all ages busy and reading to their hearts content! *"Every Hero Has a Story"* is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Preschool children, ages 3 through 5 years, will have a hands-on activity game as a way to keep track of all the books read to them. Children who have already completed Kindergarten to 5th grade have a different variety of programs and incentives to encourage their summer reading. There will be magic shows, animal programs and lots of crafts. For children who enjoy creating their own stories, there is a mystery writing workshop taking place over three weeks, under a local author's direction. Also, look for two classroom visitors, possibly in "superhero" costumes, during the month of June. We're going to have a great summer!! Come join us!

Nutmeg Book Award: Beginning the first day of May, your Library will have ten new titles for you to read and vote on, for the 2016 Intermediate Nutmeg Book Award. The titles of these great reads cannot be given out until May 1st, however, be assured that the Hall Memorial Library Children's Department will have multiple copies of each title, ready for check out. There are Nutmeg Award Nominees for children in grades 2-3 and a separate group of nominees for children in grades 4-6. Get reading!!

Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs: And since we're on the topic of reading, every other Saturday children 5 to 12 years old can come to the Children's Department to meet some very extraordinary dogs. These dogs are trained to listen to children read, among other things. They are great listeners!! Children are asked to bring a story or book from home that they are familiar with to share with the dog of their choice. Sometimes, they may get to read to two different dogs. Each child is given 10 to 15 minutes of reading time. Parents are asked to wait in the Library during the program. Online registration is recommended; walk-ins are accepted. Go to library.ellington-ct.gov, click on Event Calendar, find the date of Read-To-The-Dogs that you want, and click on the "sign-in hand". The Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs are very friendly and well behaved. You'll love them.

State-wide Union Catalog and Interlibrary Program: Whether placed by you from home or by staff members at the Library, most of our interlibrary loan transactions are filled using the Bibliomation Evergreen system. And it works great! But sometimes, there is that hard-to-find title that is not in the Bibliomation catalog. For those transactions, we use the ReQuest system to access the State-wide union catalog. This system is due for an upgrade, however, so it will be unavailable after May 1, and will return in its new format sometime in the fall. In the meantime, continue to use the Bibliomation system as always. And if you need something not in that system, give us a call and we will do our best to locate it for you.

Young Adults! YA Stuff!

It's baaaaack! Summer reading ramps up for teens on Monday, July 6th. We have some super fun things planned for you, like prizes, candy, crafts and programs just for teens. No younger siblings. No parents. Just teens. Ever want to learn how to make some awesomely delicious chocolate truffles? We have a chocolatier coming! Need a place to hide your valuables? We have a book-safe making artist coming! Stop in at the Library when you get out of school and pick up a calendar so you don't miss out. Oh, and don't forget to look at all the gift baskets that will be going home with some of you! Earn tickets all summer long by reading, or coming to a teen program, or who knows what else? That's what the calendar will tell you. See YA over the summer!

We want your old cake pans! Once upon a time, your daughter just had to have a Fairy Princess Castle Cake for her 6th birthday. So you bought a very special pan with which to make the cake of her dreams. The next year she was into trucks, so the Fairy Princess Castle Cake Pan was relegated to the back of your already over-stuffed cabinet. Wouldn't you like to get that pan out of your house and into the hands of someone who could really use it? If so, we can help! We would like to start a collection of novelty Cake Pans to lend, just as we lend books, DVDs and other items. Help make Ellington's Cake Dreams come true by donating your gently used character or novelty cake pans to the library. Thank you!



Museum Pass Program: For many years the Library has offered passes to local museums and attractions. These membership passes are funded by the Friends of the Library, and the actual membership pass was circulated for three days. Some passes allow free admission while others provide for a discount to the admission fee, all determined by each museum. Beginning in July, this program will be stepped up a notch and become an online resource. The new system will allow you to use your Hall Memorial Library card to reserve and print out an admission pass to these museums. You can reserve a pass either by venue or date. You will no longer have to come to the library to borrow an **actual** pass. Watch for this great new program on our website.

HOOPLA Digital: Recently, the Library began providing a digital download program for movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. This is a subscription service, with the initial offering being funded by the Friends of the Library. Now it's evaluation time, to determine if we continue. Tell us what you think! Did you use it? Did you like it? Suggestions? Drop a line to hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov to let us know.

Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT, Youth Services Director

(860) 870-3130

email: youthservices@ellington-ct.govwebsite: youth.ellington-ct.gov

Program	Description	Date(s)/Time	Grade/Fall 2015	Location/Fee
 Safety Town	Safety Town is an interactive program (2 hours per day) that expands children's knowledge of safety.	Outdoor Safety: July 6 through 10 Safety Town: July 13-17 9:00 - 11:00 am	Children entering kindergarten	Center School \$25 per week
 1-2-3 I Am Me Summer!	A six week program that focuses on making friends, teamwork, communication, listening, handling emotions and building confidence. There will be games, learning and hands-on activities.	Begins the week of June 29 Visit our website for desired grade with dates/times.	K through 4 th Grade	31 Arbor Way \$25
Think Good. Feel Good. Be Good.	The program will help the student gain an understanding of anxiety and learn effective ways to help manage it through practical exercises, ideas to use for home and strategies for developing calming skills.	Wednesday Evenings July 1 - August 5 5:30 – 7:30 pm	6 th through 8 th grade	31 Arbor Way \$25 Contact Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT to register.
Finding the Leader in ME!	A program designed to help students discover their inner leader. Ellington High School student leaders lead this fun-filled group to explore effective leader habits.	July 27 through July 31 9 am – 12:00 pm	5 th and 6 th grade	Center School No fee
 Community Theatre Presents Suessical	Youth Services, Recreation Department. and Arts from the Hearts present Ellington Community Theatre. Please visit our website or artsfromtheheart.net to register.	Registration deadline is June 1 Performances July 24 and 25	Children entering 3 rd grade through adult	High School Auditorium Fee: see website
 Journalme art	You will create a unique book using mixed media, painting, drawing and collages. These activities will help you build self-confidence as you draw about what makes you awesome.	Monday-Thursday July 13 - 23 10 am – 12:00 pm July 10, 17, 24, 31 9:30 – 11:00 am	4 th & 5 th grade 1 st & 2 nd grade	31 Arbor Way \$25 31 Arbor Way \$15
 Discover Art	Explore the fun of making art! Join the art club to try new things and receive guidance in sketching, painting, print making, watercolors and much more. All skill levels are welcomed!	June 29, 30, July 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 10 am – 12:00 pm July 27, 28, 29, 30, August 3, 4, 5, 6 10 am – 12:00 pm	3 rd and 4 th grade 6 th through 8 th grade	31 Arbor Way \$25 (all supplies included)
 Summer Fitness Challenge	A summer of indoor and outdoor exercise. Workouts customized to your fitness level. Perfect for any fitness level, no judgment, just FUN!	June Session June 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 2:15 – 3:15 pm August Session August 4, 11, 18 8:30 am – 9:30 am August 6, 13, 20 5:30 – 6:30 pm	9 th through 12 th grade	31 Arbor Way \$25 for 6 classes or \$5 per drop in
Bike Rodeo Family Bicycle Safety Day 	Bring your children, their bikes and their helmets for free safety checks and hands-on bike riding activities to teach and promote bike safety with Resident State Troopers & Pedal Power of Vernon.	Saturday, June 13 9:00 – 11:00 am Pre-registration required	All ages	EVFD Parking Lot 29 Main Street No Fee

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director

(860) 870-3133

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website: seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov

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Have you seen all that is going on at the Ellington Senior Center? Be sure to check your *Journal Inquirer* insert monthly (both subscribers and non-subscribers) for the Ellington Senior Center’s newsletter, the “*Maple Street Monthly*.” Stop in or visit us online at seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov for a complete list of daily/weekly programs, trips, additional special events, the Maple Street Kitchen menu, the *Maple Street Monthly* and more!

Programs	Date/Time	Description	Fee
Talking Purely Economics	Wednesday May 27 10:30 am	A question and answer session on issues such as National Debt, The Effect of the European’s Economy, Taxation and the Outlook for Banks.	Free Sign Up Requested
Introduction to Jyoti Meditation	Mondays June 1 and 8 3:00 pm	Explore the benefits of meditation, as instructed by Clare Vidich, Director, Kirpal Meditation Center, Science of Spirituality.	Free Sign Up Requested
Richie’s Dance Party!	Tuesday June 2 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Come and dance the afternoon away with friends and Richie Mitnik on keyboard. Fee includes entertainment and light refreshments.	\$3 per person at the door
The Effects of Vitamin D Presented by Dr. Swamy	Wednesday June 10 11:00 am	Join Dr. Gayethri Swamy for a discussion on the important role of Vitamin D.	Free Sign Up Requested
“Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks,” Presented by Dr. Laurie Brown, DVM	Wednesday June 24 1:00 pm	Learn about the advances in veterinary medicine and pet care that make it easier than ever to take care of our pets as they age and we age with them.	Free Sign Up Requested
Summer Concert Fundraiser “Dukes of Hazardville”	Monday June 29 5:00 - 7:00 pm	We kick off the summer with this local band, playing songs to listen to and dance to! Fun for all ages! Concessions available courtesy of the Men’s Club and others. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Center.	\$8 in advance \$10 at the door
AARP Smart Driver Class	Thursday July 16 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Cash or check made payable to AARP is due at class. Pre-registration is required by calling the Senior Center.	AARP: \$15 Non-AARP: \$20
Summer Concert Fundraiser “Whiskey Rebels Trio”	Monday July 27 5:00 - 7:00 pm	The summer fun continues with more great live music with concessions available courtesy of the Men’s Club and others. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Center.	\$8 in advance \$10 at the door
Summer Concert Fundraiser “Rob Thomas”	Monday August 24 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Local musician Rob Thomas performs “light rock” songs from the 60’s through 80’s. Concessions available courtesy of the Men’s Club and others. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Center.	\$8 in advance \$10 at the door

Trip Information

The Senior Center offers a variety of day trips, overnight trips and cruises. Information can be found at the Senior Center and on the website at seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov. If you see a trip you are interested in, please be sure to sign up on one of the two sign-up dates, or as soon as possible, as some trips fill up quickly!



Maple Street Kitchen

“Home cooked” lunches are generally served on Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon.

Monthly menus can be found at the Senior Center and on the website at seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov.



Robert Tedford, Director of RecreationPhone: (860) 870-3118 Fax: (860) 870-3198 email: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov website: parkrec.ellington-ct.gov**Registration Process**

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

- Go to parkrec.ellington-ct.gov
- Click on "Register Online"
- Select "click here" for Active-net Online Registration!
- Select "create an account" or "sign in" if you have an account to register for programs.

(Remember to add family members to your account).

If you don't have access to a computer, assistance in setting up an account is available 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 from home.

Find us at [facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec](https://www.facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec)
"Like" us on facebook and get up-to-the-minute information about the great programs Parks and Recreation has to offer!


Office Hours

Monday 8:30 am-6 pm Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm
 Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Address: 31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187
Email: recreation@ellington-ct.gov

AED / FIRST AID / CPR

Register by email only at
Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

Location: 31 Arbor Way No Fee

Instructors: Allison Breen and Kristen Wasielewski

The Recreation Department has two certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructors 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 get certified. **Please understand that each coach is required to complete this training.** Only six coaches are allowed per class, so register early. You are required to stay the entire time in order to receive your certification. You are welcome to bring a snack/dinner with you. Wear comfortable clothing.

Saturday	June 13	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday	June 30	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Wednesday	July 8	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday	July 25	9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ellington Roadrunners Youth Football and Cheerleading
 including Ellington, Somers, East Windsor
Boys & Girls ages 6 to 13 (as of 7/1/15)

For more information contact:

Ellington Roadrunners

P.O. Box 501, Ellington, CT 06029

Email: David Race at admin@ellingtonroadrunners.com

Website: ellingtonroadrunners.com

Excellence in Baseball is our Goal!
Come play with the best!

**Cressotti Baseball School**

and the Recreation Department present
 Summer Baseball for ages 7-12 years old

Dates: July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

9:00 am -12:00 pm at Brookside Park

Cost: \$105 Code: CRESS.BBALL6

Bring your own glove, bat, snack and water bottle daily.

Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic for ages 4-6 years old

Dates: July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

9:00 am - 10:15 am at Brookside Park

Cost: \$55 Code: CRESS.TEBAL6

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

Email: cressottibaseball@cox.net

Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon
Sunday, July 12, 2015

The 2015 Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants.

Sign up online through the
 Triathlon website at ellingtontriathlon.com or
 through our website parkrec.ellington-ct.gov

\$70 per participant.

Our team is looking for volunteers; please send an email 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!



- ♦ 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 6, 7, 13, 14
 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Full Season:

June 20-August 16
 Weekdays: 12:00 pm-6:30 pm
 Weekends: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

The 2015 Swim Lessons Schedule can be found on page 12.

Residents Daily Fee:

\$5.00 Adult 18 & up
 \$3.00 Child 6-17 years
 Children under 5 are free
 \$1.00 Senior Citizens

Non-Resident Daily Fees:

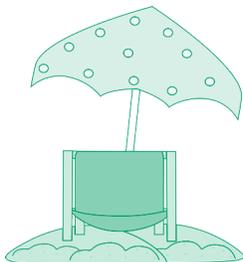
\$10.00 Adult 18 & up
 \$5.00 Child 6-17 years
 Children under 5 are free
 \$1.00 Senior Citizens



**BEACH PASSES ON SALE
 Ellington Residents Only**

\$45.00 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 ~ 2015 Swim Lesson Information

The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering the *American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels Swimming Lessons* program at the Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years to Adult. This program 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 program** includes training in basic water safety, 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, use Check Call Care in an emergency, dive

(Level 3 continued next column)

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 22 - July 2 Classes held Monday - Thursday No Class on Fridays	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 -12:00 pm	Pre School Age 4/5	Pre School Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	1	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	
Session Two	Time	Level	Level
July 6 - July 16 Classes held Monday - Thursday No Class on Fridays	9:00 - 9:40 am	Guard Start	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 -12:00 pm	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	3	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	1	
Session Three	Time	Level	Level
July 20 - July 30 Classes held Monday-Thursday No Class on Fridays	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 -12:00 pm	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	2	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	1	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	



Swim Class Registration

Registrations are currently being accepted at the Recreation Office or you may also register online through the website at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov. Classes 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. A parent required to participate with each child participating in the Adult/Child Aquatics Level 1 program. We need a minimum of 5 to run a swim lesson level. If we do not meet the minimum we may cancel that level or move your child to another level at a different time frame.

Adults and/or Special needs individuals interested in classes please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation (860) 870-3118.

Swim Lesson Fees: 2 week sessions
No Class on Fridays
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

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 the time of registration.

Introduction to Sailing at 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. Fee: \$10 per session: Limit 1 session per person.

Code: SAIL.LAKE15 - Instructor: Walt Moody

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



*Program Note: Grade eligibility based on the 2014-2015 school year

Course Name	Course #	Dates Monday - Friday	Time	Ages/Grades	Fee	Location
Volleyball 	SSA.81988	7/6-7/10	9 am-1 pm	Grades 2-5*	\$119	Middle School
	SSA.81989	7/6-7/10	9 am-1 pm	Grades 6-9*	\$119	Middle School

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 	SSA.81984	7/13-7/17	9 am-12 pm	Ages 7-12	\$115	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 Super Bowl.

Multi-Sport: (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Flag Football)	SSA.81987	7/20-7/24	9 am-1 pm	Ages 7-10	\$119	Middle School
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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)	SSA.81985	7/20-7/24	9 am-9:50 am	Ages 3-4	\$69	Middle School
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The essentials of soccer and basketball are introduced in a fun and safe environment with lots of encouragement. Children will learn balance, body movement, hand/eye coordination, and skill development through a series of sport-specific games tailored to their attention spans. Our staff are trained to handle the specific needs of these young athletes.

Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)	SSA81986	7/20-7/24	10 am-1 pm	Ages 4-7	\$115	Middle School
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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 	SSA82074	7/13-7/16 Rain Date 7/17	5:30-7:00 pm	Grades K-2*	\$79	Brookside Park
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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>Outdoor Golf Lessons & Camps</p> <p>Ellington Golf Center 125 West Rd</p> <p>Fee: \$65/session</p> <p>Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth</p> <p>e-mail: Jwadsworth50@comcast.net</p>	Session Youth Y2: June 2, 9, 16, 23 Session Youth Y7 :July 7, 14, 21, 28 Session Youth Y4: August 4, 11, 18, 25	GOLF.JUNEY2 GOLF.JUNEY7 GOLF.AUGY4	6 pm-7 pm 6 pm-7 pm 6 pm-7 pm	Youth ages 6 - 9
	Session Teens T2: June 2, 9, 16, 23 Session Teens T7: July 7, 14, 21,28 Session TeensT4: August 4, 11, 18, 25	GOLF.JULYT2 GOLF.JULYT7 GOLF:AUGT4	7 pm-8 pm 7 pm-8 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Teens ages 10 - 13
	Session ADULTCO: June 4, 11, 18, 25	GOLF.JUN527W	6 pm-7 pm	Adult Co-Ed Class
	Session ADULTJ: July 2, 9, 16, 23	GOLF.JUL324CD	6 pm-7 pm	Adult Co-Ed Class
	Session ADULT A: August 6, 13, 20, 27	GOLF.JUL3121W	6 pm-7 pm	Adult Co-Ed Class

Program	ID Code	Dates	Times	Age/ Grades	Fee	Location
Program Note: Grade is based on the 2014-2015 school year						
High School Girls Summer Soccer League	3001.HSG15	Informal league schedule in addition to a limited pre-season (mid-June). Matches: 3rd week of June through 1st week of August	Evenings: Dates to be determined	Designed for girls entering grades 9-12	\$35	Brookside Park
Co-ed Men's and Women's Volleyball	3002.CEV15	Beginning June 2015	Wednesdays 6 pm - 8 pm	Adults	No Fee	Brookside Park
Youth Volleyball	0120.YVB15	Beginning June 2015	Thursdays 6 pm - 8 pm	Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	No Fee	Brookside Park
Adult Informal Outdoor Basketball	3003.AIB15	June 2015	Mondays 5 pm - 8 pm	Adult	No Fee	Brookside Park
Lacrosse Camp Boys & Girls	2015.LAX14K2 2015.LAX1434 2015.LAX1456 2015.LAX1478	July 14, 15, 16	5:30 pm-7 pm Grades 3-8 5:00 pm - 7 pm	Grades K-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	K-2 \$25 Grades 3-8 \$35	Ellington High School
Jukido Instructor: Paul Ward	SUMER.JUK15	session 1: May 7, 14, 21, 28 session 2: June 4, 11, 18, 25 session 3: July 9, 16, 23, 30 session 4: Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27	5:30 pm -6:45 pm	Ages 6 and up	\$24 per session or \$6 per class walk-in	Vernon Community Bldg 375 Hartford Turnpike
UK International Soccer Camp	UKSC.62226 UKSC.81822	June 22 - June 26 August 17 -August 21	4:30 pm-5:30 pm 6:00 pm-7:30 pm 4:30 pm-7:30 pm	Ages: 3-4 5-6 7-16	\$55 \$70 \$109	Brookside Park
Youth Basketball Clinics	YBBC.GD14S YBBC.GD58S	July 15, 22, 29 August 5	5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Grades 1-4 Grades 5-8	\$15 \$15	Brookside Park
Basketball Camp	2015.BB14G24 2015.BB58G58	July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 (snack/drink provided)	8:00 am-11:00 am 11:30 am-2:30 pm	Grades 2-4 Grades 5-8	\$80 \$80	Middle School
	NO CODE	June 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 July 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Ages 16 years and up	\$8 class/or payment plan punch card	Ellington Senior Center

Program	ID Code	Dates	Times	Ages 1st day of session	Fee	Location
Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons	TINY.TTTX TINY.TTTY TINY.TTTZ	Session X: June 9, 11, 16, 18 Session Y: June 23, 25, 30, July 2 Session Z: July 7, 9, 14, 16	5:30-6:00 pm	4-6 years	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Pee Wee Tennis Lessons	PEE.PWEX PEE.PWEY PEE.PWEZ	Session X: June 9, 11, 16, 18 Session Y: June 23, 25, 30, July 2 Session Z: July 7, 9, 14, 16	6:00-6:45 pm	7-9 years	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Youth Beginner Tennis Lessons	YUTH.TENX YUTH.TENY YUTH.TENZ	Session X: June 9,11,16,18 Session Y: June 23,25,30,July 2 Session Z: July 7,9,14,16	6:45-7:45 pm	10-16 years	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons	ADTT.SESG ADTT.SESH	Session GB15: June 16, 18, 23, 25 Session HB15: July 2, 9, 16, 23	6:00-7:00 pm	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
Adult Intermediate Tennis Lessons	ADLT.JUNE ADIT.JULY	Session GI: June 16, 18, 23, 25 Session HI: July 2, 9, 16, 23	7:00-8:00 pm	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
Adult Cardio Tennis	ACTN.MAY ACTN.JULY	Session G: May 27; June 3, 10, 17 Session H: July 1, 8, 15, 22	9:00-10:00 am	Adult	\$30 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St

USTA Junior Team Tennis ~ June 29 - August 9, 2015

Teams in three age groups (18U, 14U, and 10U) work on a higher level of development and play and compete against teams from Western Massachusetts in official USTA leagues. All teams end the season with a weekend tournament in Forest Park, Springfield, MA. 18U and 14U tournaments are August 8-9. The dates for the 10U tournament will be announced once determined.



18U and 14U teams also have the opportunity to take part in an optional trip to Cape Cod the weekend of August 8 and 9, 2015 for fun, sun, and tennis on the Cape. Additional charges are associated with this trip.

- **18 and Under Team (18U):** Must be 18 or younger as of September 1, 2015. Practice is twice a week throughout season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 – 12:30*) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week.
- **14 and Under Team (14U):** Must be 14 or younger as of September 1, 2015. Practice is twice a week throughout season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 – 2:00*) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week.
- **10 and Under Team (10U):** Must be 10 or younger as of September 1, 2015. Practice is 1-2 times a week throughout season (typically early afternoon*) with 1 weeknight match per week.

*subject to confirmation based on player availability

Sign-ups solely for Ellington residents will be conducted June 5 through June 19. After that, sign-ups are open to all area players June 20-June 28. Join us for a weekend of Tennis July 31-August 2nd in Newport, RI. If you have any questions contact Jim Maitland (860) 462-3627

Team	Membership Status	Fee
U18 and U14 Ellington Resident	Current USTA Member	\$130
	New USTA Membership	\$150
U18 and U14 Non Resident	Current USTA Member	\$140
	New USTA Membership	\$160
U10		\$75

Soccer Travel Teams

Registration begins May 15, 2015. 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 13 June 15 June 22 & 23	9:00 am - 10:00 am 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
U 8, 9, 10 Boys	June 13 June 14 June 20 June 27	9:00 am - 10:15 am 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm 9:00 am - 10:15 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am
U-11, 12 Boys	June 13 June 20 June 27 June 28	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm 9:00 am - 10:30 am 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
U-11, 12 Girls	June 13 June 15 June 22 & 23	10:00 am - 11:00 am 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
U-13, 14 Boys	June 12 June 16 June 20 June 29	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm 9:00 am - 10:15 am 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
U-13, 14 Girls	June 13 June 15	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Boys & Girls Soccer
Travel Division Levels**

▪ Division 3, 4, 5	U12 and U14
▪ Division 4, 5	U10 and U9
<i>Division 3 High level experience</i>	
<i>Division 4 Competitive Level</i>	
<i>Division 5 Recreational, yet competitive</i>	

Fee: \$75.00

The current Parks & Recreation Commission policy holds the following provision: Players that are selected to travel soccer teams for the fall 2015 season in Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2016, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2016 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 to attend a minimum of two evaluation sessions. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during practices or matches.

CJSA Northeast District Roster Travel Team Guidelines

- A player's age group is determined as of August 1 preceding the beginning of the seasonal year of September 1.
- **To be considered for selection to a travel team, player must attend a minimum of 2 evaluation clinics.**
- Travel team rosters will be determined by Administration.
- 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 his/her birth certificate and a **1" x 1" photo** (for player pass purposes).
- 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 CJSA age relevant guidelines.
- Effective October 9, 2013 the Parks & Recreation Commission revamped the eligibility guidelines for qualifying for a travel soccer team, effective for Fall 2014.
- All participants must attend age appropriate evaluation sessions and **may no longer** attend an age group higher than his/her CJSA age dictates. *Example: U10 players may not attend a U 11-12 evaluation.*

**Travel Team Soccer
Age Groups for Seasonal Year
September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016**



U-14	Players born 8/1/01 and younger
U-13	Players born 8/1/02 and younger
U-12	Players born 8/1/03 and younger
U-11	Players born 8/1/04 and younger
U-10	Players born 8/1/05 and younger
U-9	Players born 8/1/06 and younger
U-8	Players born 8/1/07 and younger



Let's Gogh Art Summer Fun!

July 6 - 10 Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Ellington Middle School

Ages: 5-12 Fee: \$125.00

Campers use an amazing variety of art materials, textures and techniques while experimenting with clay, paints, ceramic and fabric art, wood, oil pastels, stenciling, collage, decoupage and more! Bring an over-sized old t-shirt to wear as a smock, a nut-free snack and a drink each day.

2015 IN-HOUSE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS: Deadline is August 28

ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 8/28/2015 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 is the recreation/travel level). 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, he/she will be assigned to a D-5 team unless an opening exists at a higher level.

Grade Levels	ID Code	Start Date	Times	Location
RECREATION FALL INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER FEE: \$32.00				
3 & 4 years old boys & girls	90034.1026	September 12	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.1026	September 12	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.1026	September 12	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.1026	September 12	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.B0YS3	September 8	5:00-6:15 pm	Brookside Park
3 rd & 4 th grade girls	90034.GIRS3	September 8	5:00-6:15 pm	Brookside Park
5 th & 6 th grade boys	9056.B0YS56	5 th & 6 th grade girls	9056.GIRLS56	No Evaluations
7 th & 8 th grade boys	9078.B0YS78	7 th & 8 th grade girls	9078.GIRLS78	No Evaluations



UPPER 90 SOCCER SCHOOL

**For Boys & Girls Entering grades K-8
June 29 through July 2 ~ Brookside Park
(Rain date July 3rd)**



This camp is for players who want to improve their soccer skills, work hard, make new friends and have fun! Campers will participate in drills to develop their individual skills and play in small-sided games to improve offensive and defensive team tactics. Camp counselors and coaches will consist of current and former college and high school players.

MINI-KICKERS
Entering Grades K-2
Cost is \$55
Time: 9:00 am-10: 30 am

KICKERS
Entering Grades 3-8
Cost is \$100
Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Director and head coach: Melissa Morgan-Hostetler:

- Current head coach at Ellington High School with over 20 years High School experience
- 2003 CT Girls Soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year
- 2005 CT High School Coaches Association Outstanding Coach of the Year
- CT certified teacher and coach
- First Aid and CPR certified

Snack will be provided, but campers may bring a snack from home.

BRING: WATER – CLEATS – SHIN GUARDS

All campers will receive a camp t-shirt.

Out of town registrations welcome!



Community Gardens at the Batz Property: In addition to the already-established family garden plots on the Batz property, the Recreation Department has created space for a **children's garden**. The children's garden will serve as an educational component of farming, with qualified and trained individuals providing support and recommendations. Anyone interested in becoming part of this exciting project, contact the Recreation Department 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. 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.

<p>Off the Clock June 21 6:00 - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Rob Thomas and <i>Off the Clock</i> bring their band of acoustic rock with rich vocal harmonies back for the 7th 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 offtheclockband.com.</p>
<p>Kenn Morr Band June 28 6:00 - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Singer/songwriter <i>Kenn Morr</i> is celebrating the release of his 9th album "Afterimage". 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 everyone.</p>
<p>Concord Street Brass July 12 6:00-7:30 pm</p>	<p>An enjoyable evening with a well-known brass quintet, with 2 trumpets, 1 French horn, 1 trombone and 1 tuba. You can expect a wide variety of styles of music, including classical, Dixieland, Big Band, Jazz, Pop and Patriotic music. The Concord Street Brass has a goal of demonstrating what a small ensemble can do in an open air venue!!</p>
<p>DriveTime Band July 19 6:00-7:30 pm</p>	<p>DriveTime is the CT party band!!! We perform an entertaining mix of classic rock, soul, funk and upbeat blues for your dancing pleasure. Sometimes a bit of magic happens when the right musicians find their way onto a stage together. The DriveTime Party Band is comprised of seasoned pros, entertainers who share their love of making music with audiences who know immediately that something very special is happening onstage. Michael Yost, bandleader, who grew up in Ellington is an accomplished musician!</p>
<p>Summit Studios Jazz Ensemble July 26 6:00-7:30 pm</p>	<p>This talented and experienced group of musicians from Summit Studios will be performing classic jazz standards from the 20s to the 70s!! Featured will be: Anthony DeDominicas on vocals, Dennis Baraw on Bass, Justin Vendette on Piano, Andre Foote on Trumpet and Jody Hagenow on Drums! From: ELLA to Ellington...you will be sure to recognize your favorites.</p>
<p>Cover 2 Cover August 2 6:00-7:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Cover 2 Cover</i> is one of CT's most recognized bands playing all the hits from 60's, 70's, 80's and more. You will hear the sounds of Chicago, Van Morrison, Elvis, Elton John, Billy Joel, The Beatles...and more. <i>Cover 2 Cover</i> is one of Connecticut's most enjoyable bands for all ages and has been entertaining throughout CT and MA, as well as being a perennial favorite on Block Island!</p>
<p>Paul Recker & Jim Harkins August 9 6:00 - 7:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Paul Recker</i>, an accomplished guitarist, engaging singer and frequent guest at the Arbor Park series is teaming up with Coventry musician, <i>Jim Harkins</i>. 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!</p>

2015 Day Trip



This trip is being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland and Willington. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. The pick-up location for all those 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. For more information visit our website at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 870-3118.

Trip	Code	Dates	Time	Location	Fee
New York Yankees Game at Yankee Stadium Bronx, NY	YANKEES.905	Saturday September 5 1:05 pm game	Depart: 9:00 am Return: 2 hours after game ends	Commuter Lot off I-84 Exit 68 Tolland	\$90

2015 SUMMER CAMP

Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!

Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 years old as of 12/31/14)

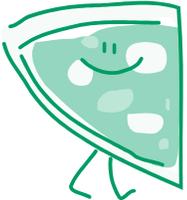
Campers must be potty-trained (*Strictly Enforced*) Location: Center School, 49 Main Street

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 2nd and 3rd children in the same household.*



Program	Hours	Fees
Full Day	8:30 am- 2:30 pm	\$80 per child/week (\$16/day)
Half Day Mornings	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Half Day Afternoons	12:00 pm - 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)



Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1: June 24, 25, 26	Campardy: An introduction to camp and a time to meet the staff and volunteers and get to know one another	Backyard Sports: Bringing back some of the classic backyard games for the day.		Do you want to build a Snowman? Have a snowball fight in the summer, or try to build the best snowman!	Wet & Wild Pizza Party: Compete against other camp teams to see who's the best!
Week 2: June 29, 30 July 1	Team Building: Compete against other camp teams to see who's the best of the best!	Garden Gnomes: Come start your very own plant at the day camp greenhouse!		No Camp July 2nd	No Camp July 3rd
Week 3: July 6-10	Minute to Win It	Summer Olympics: Can you compete for the gold?	Crafty Corner/ Movie Madness Campers will have the opportunity to create an exciting craft (morning & afternoon sessions).	Day at the Beach: Camp will become a place for fun in the sun at our own private beach.	
Week 4: July 13-17	Summer in Paris: Campers will try to construct the Eiffel Tower using only marshmallows & toothpicks.	Sports Day: Wear your favorite team apparel to camp.		Ellington Pride: Dress in your best Ellington apparel to show your camp pride!	
Week 5: July 20-24	Dance Party: Come to camp and dance your way through the games and activities.	Minute to Win It	There will be a morning movie and afternoon movie viewing tentatively at the Hall Memorial Library.	Clue Day: Play a life size game of clue with your group to see who stole the birthday cake!	
Week 6: July 27-31	Brainteasers: Time to turn those brains back on. Can you solve the puzzles that are hanging around camp?	Halloween Day: Wear your favorite costume and see how many treats you can get today!	Campers will need to be signed up at the camp to attend movie sessions.	Twin-kle Day: Who is your twin going to be for the day?	
Week 7: August 3-7	Pajama Day 	Tough Camper Compete in the obstacle course relay to see if you are tough enough.		Spa & Relaxation: A day to take a deep breath and relax.	
Week 8: August 10-14	"Who-dun-it?" A day full of mysteries and clues.	Minute to Win It		Myth Busters: What kind of experiments can the crazy scientists come up with?	

Wet & Wild Pizza Party: Pizza party and afternoon water activities every Friday.

There is a small additional cost per camper for the pizza party. Money is collected at camp.

Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal
(860) 870-3126 alawrence@ellington-ct.gov

Gasoline is NOT Your Friend!

The Danger: A single gallon of gasoline has the explosive force of twenty sticks of dynamite! We depend on our gasoline-powered engines to enhance our lives. But gasoline is also highly volatile, extremely flammable, and highly toxic and is perhaps the most dangerous product commonly found around the home. With a flash point of minus 45 degrees, gasoline is constantly producing vapor which can ignite or explode. Worse, vapor density makes it three to four times heavier than air, causing vapors to accumulate in low places which sparks and flames can easily ignite. It is explosive under pressure. Inhaling gasoline vapors can cause lung and central nervous system damage. Even a small gasoline spill can contaminate surface and ground water, including drinking water wells.

Safe Usage: Never smoke around gasoline. Avoid breathing the vapors when fueling your vehicle or small engines and never fuel a small engine that is hot. Never siphon gasoline using your mouth (can be fatal). Handle gasoline only in a well ventilated area outside of any building or confined space; never handle near any open flame or potential for spark, including static electricity. The potential for a static spark is the reason that all vehicles are required to be shut down while fueling. Never fill your portable container while it is in a vehicle; always place it on the ground first.

Safe Storage: The less gasoline you have around, the safer you'll be. Use only self-venting portable containers approved by a nationally recognized testing lab (Underwriters Laboratories, UL, etc.) and always leave an air space for expansion as the cold fuel warms to ambient temperatures. Containers should be clearly labeled and fitted with a spout for pouring without spilling. Never store gasoline in glass jars or plastic milk jugs; these can break or deteriorate causing a spill thus allowing explosive vapors to migrate to an ignition source. Keep containers out of direct sunlight and tightly closed because of gasoline's potential for rapid vaporization. Never store inside the residence or an attached garage.

Safe Clean-Up of Spills: Minor spills (a few ounces) should be absorbed with sawdust, paper or rags. However, be very certain to properly dispose of that material. Left in a pile they can spontaneously combust. Spread them out in the open air so that as the gasoline decomposes and creates heat (an exothermic reaction) it will dissipate and prevent the temperature of the materials from rising to their ignition temperatures. Larger spills should be handled by immediately summoning the fire department. Gasoline moves quickly through the soil and into groundwater, so store as far away and down slope from your drinking water well as possible. Occasionally, check for leaks from fuel tanks, engines, and storage containers.

Safe Disposal: Buy what you need and use it up. Left over six months, gas can go stale and should not be used. It can be disposed of by taking it in an approved container to the Town's household hazardous waste collection center which is the Mid North East Recycling Operation located at 57 Hancock Rd., Willington, CT. The phone is: (860) 684-3163.



Summer Market

Saturdays 9 am to 12:00 pm
 May 9 through October 17
 Arbor Park, Main Street
 Over 35 vendors, weekly themes
 and entertainment.

Contact: Dianne Trueb (860) 872-0121
 Email: ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com
 Visit our website at
ellingtonfarmersmarket.com
 We're blogging at
ellingtonfarmersmarket.wordpress.com

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

Holiday Schedule

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

Friday, July 3 - **Independence Day***

Monday, September 7 - **Labor Day***

The Library will also be closed

Saturday, July 4

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

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