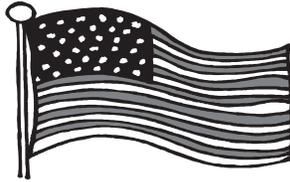


# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION



**FROM THE  
FIRST  
SELECTMAN  
870-3100**



Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is getting through the cold weather. Today I would like to continue my report on projects recently completed or underway in Town.

We received many questions about the work done at the land next to the High School (toward Route 83). This project, now completed, provides new multi-purpose fields to be shared by both school and recreation programs. This land, over 14 acres in size, was donated to the Town in 1996 by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Joffee with the stipulation that, if used for a park, the property would be named for Mrs. Joffee's parents, Abram and Rachel Schwartz. A plaque accomplishing this will be installed at the entrance to the property.

In the Longview section of Town an extensive renovation of roads has been completed. This work included grinding up the old road surface then resurfacing the roads, installation of curbing and installation of new catch basins.

In order to protect Crystal Lake from solid material washing into the lake from road drains, a new type of separator devices will be installed at key locations where drainage enters the lake. The first of these separator structures will be installed at the foot of Green Street, adjacent to the Town beach. Calculations to establish the expected flow for that location are currently being generated, and will be used to design a properly-sized device. The purchase of the separators will be funded by a State grant obtained through the efforts of Representative Ted Graziani.

The open space on Pinney Street (across from the Pinney House) will have walking paths constructed. The layout of these paths is currently in the design phase. This area will also be enhanced with trees which will be provided by Mr. Eric Santini. Future plans include construction of a nature walk closer to the Hockanum River.

Continuing on the subject of open space, I'm sure you know that the authorization for bonding to purchase development rights to working farms was passed at the November election. In 2008 we hope that this initiative will help us make significant strides toward keeping our farmland in production and out of development. It is also our intent to maintain funding for purchase of open space land in the upcoming budget for the coming fiscal year. Based on the overwhelming support of the farmland development rights proposal, it is clear that Ellington's residents are serious about maintaining the Town's rural character.

*Michael P. Stupinski*  
First Selectman

## The Ellington Connection Request for Input

We have received several suggestions from residents regarding the distribution of The Ellington Connection. Quarterly, we mail out 6,300 copies using a bulk mail permit. Once the newsletter is delivered to the printers, we post it on our website and send an email through our Auto-Mail distribution (approximately 825 recipients). Printing requires 2 weeks lead time. The following is a breakdown of costs:

\$2,298	Printing 16 page newsletter
\$ 870	Postage using Bulk Mail Permit
\$3,168	Total (not including staff time)

Some residents have suggested reducing or eliminating the paper copy thereby reducing production and mailing costs. In order to determine the cost savings, we need to know how many residents prefer to receive their copy of The Ellington Connection electronically. Some points to consider: We cannot adjust the postal route counts using the Bulk Mail Permit. If we mail to only selected residents (those who have expressed a desire to receive a paper copy), the per piece price would increase. In addition, this will also require us to establish and manage an address database which would entail monitoring when residents move in and out of Town and if a new resident wants a paper or electronic copy of The Ellington Connection. The cost of this function will also have to be evaluated.

Please let us know your preference for receiving The Ellington Connection:

- Paper Copy**
- Electronic Copy**
- Both Paper & Electronic Copies**

Our contact information:

US Mail: First Selectman's Office, PO Box 187,  
Ellington, CT 06029; or

Email: [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov); or

Telephone: 870-3100

Be sure to include your full name and address with your response. Look for a follow up article in the next edition of The Ellington Connection. Thank you in advance for your participation in this informal survey.

**Peter Michaud, Public Works Director**  
870-3140

### Christmas Trees



Christmas Trees will be picked up during the first two weeks of January. Please leave them at the curb, butt-end out and free of ornamentation and tree stands. If the trees are not cleaned, they will not be picked up. If residents prefer, they may bring them to the Town Garage any time and leave them by the red shed.

### Winter Sand

Sand is available to residents through the winter months. The pile is located at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street on the Firehouse side.

### Mailboxes

Public Works asks residents to make sure their mailboxes are securely fastened to the posts and that the post is not rotted. Mailboxes should be placed 12 inches behind the curb. A properly installed mailbox should not be affected by the impact of snow.

### Bulky Waste Pickup

Bulky waste includes scrap metal, white goods, appliances, aluminum, copper, brass, tools, water tanks, pipes, faucets, tires, rims, furniture, carpet, toys, toilets, sinks, tubs, mattresses, box springs, etc. Wood and carpet cannot exceed 4 ft in length. Carpet should be rolled and tied. No more than 2 cubic yards of bulky waste allowed per week. Please call **All American Waste 289-7850** to schedule a pick up.

### Snow Removal from Sidewalks:



Per Town Ordinance, homeowners are required to remove any snow or ice from sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours following the cessation of the fall of snow or ice. Failure to do so could result in a fine of \$75.

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

### Farmland Preservation

You have spoken!

The Ellington voters overwhelmingly supported bonding for working farmland preservation on the last election ballot.



The very high level of support is indicative of the desire of Ellington voters to preserve the rural character and agricultural history of the town. On behalf of the town and the Ellington Planning Department, I applaud the efforts of Alicia Betty and Lisa Bassani of the Trust for Public Land, volunteers James Gage and Dawn Bradshaw, and the Ellington voters for making this initiative a success. The town will now be building a decision making process by prioritizing criteria for farmland preservation options. I would very much encourage anyone with interest in preserving their farmland to contact me (870-3120 or [rphillips@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rphillips@ellington-ct.gov)) as soon as possible for more information.

### Plan of Conservation & Development

We are also closing in on the potential adoption of the new Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) for the Town. The POCD Committee expects to present the final draft to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) in January. Subsequent to PZC review, a Public Hearing will be scheduled to present the plan. I encourage interested individuals to attend any meeting of the PZC where the plan will be discussed; not only the Public Hearing. The plan also must be presented to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) for their endorsement. Subsequent to the plan adoption by the PZC, and endorsement by the BOS, Town regulations will be reviewed and amended where appropriate to facilitate the goals and strategies identified in the POCD.

The POCD, in its entirety, can be reviewed at the Ellington Library, Planning Department, or the Town Website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov) under Town News. You may also visit the website (under Town Services, Town Planner) for general information regarding the POCD, opportunities to volunteer for Town boards, or other information.

For additional information, contact: Robert A. Phillips, Town Planner at 860-870-3120.

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

### Real Estate/Personal Property Tax Bills

In January 2008, the second half of your real estate and/or personal property tax bill will be due if the total bill was greater than \$600. You have already received your payment stub in July 2007. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Interest is charged on all late payments at the rate of one and one half percent per month or fraction thereof, 18 percent per annum, from the due date of the tax as per Connecticut General Statute 12-146. There are no exceptions to this policy. If you cannot locate your January payment stub kindly contact the Tax Collector's office at 870-3113 to request a copy.

### Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Bills

The supplemental motor vehicle tax bills are mailed the last week in December. Supplemental bills are prorated to reflect the registration time of your vehicle after October 1, 2006 and before September 30, 2007. Vehicles that have been traded in will receive a prorated credit netted against the newer vehicle if the same plate is transferred.

### Motor Vehicle Tax Bills

If you are being billed for a motor vehicle which was sold, destroyed, stolen or removed from Connecticut, you must contact the Assessor's office. The Assessor's office is responsible for issuing credits and removing items from the tax rolls. YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF and must apply for credit within a limited time, so do not delay.

### Tax Bills Receipts for Income Tax Reporting

Please retain your tax receipts for income tax purposes. A payment history report may be obtained from the Tax Collector's office; a 50 cent per page copy fee will be charged. Information will not be provided over the phone. The Tax Collector's office operates on a fiscal year (July to June) rather than calendar year (January to December) These requests involve research into the prior fiscal year's records. Due to this, as well as the volume of requests, a report must be generated.



### Paying Tax Bills Online

The Tax Office now offers the option of paying taxes online, by visiting the Town of Ellington's website, [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov). Personal property and motor vehicle taxes can be paid by credit card or from an online checking account. Sallie Mae Solutions Inc., which handles these transactions, charges taxpayers a convenience fee. The fee is disclosed up front, and taxpayers have the opportunity to "back out" of the transaction. The Tax Collector's office will not be able to process credit card payments in the office.

## Save the Dates

It is Budget Season!

**April 8**

**Budget Public Hearing**

**8:00 PM**

**Ellington High School  
Auditorium**

**May 13**

**Annual**

**Town Budget Meeting**

**8:00 PM**

**Ellington High School**

## Budget

## Documents

Budget documents will be available for review at the Library, in the Town Clerk's Office and online at

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

Select: Town Services

Select: Finance

**Town of Ellington  
Mill Rate**

**24.5**

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library  
870-3160

### ELF—KEEPING TABS ON YOUR LIBRARY MATERIAL:

Library Elf is a web-based and email tool for library users to keep track of their library borrowings. Elf is like a personal assistant, whose task is to help with keeping track of what one has on loan from the library. Designed with the busy or avid library user in mind, Elf is ideal for patrons who borrow many items with various due dates and for families with multiple library cards. Elf makes it easier to keep track of what's due, overdue or ready for pickup from one or more library accounts. Users have the option to consolidate their library accounts into one account if they wish. This account is checked everyday and email notices are sent when items are coming due, overdue or when holds are ready for pickup. Visit the Hall Memorial Library website at [www.biblio.org/ellington](http://www.biblio.org/ellington), click on the link for Library Elf and sign up for this free service today.

**GOOD READS IN YOUR BOX:** "What should I read?" As library staff and booklovers ourselves, we know how much we appreciate book recommendations from trusted sources. That's why we've developed Good Reads - to help you find books you'll enjoy. With Good Reads, we've done the work for you. Here you'll find more than 20 e-newsletters highlighting titles in specific categories for readers of all ages. Subscribe to the categories of interest and on a regular basis you'll receive e-mail notification of new titles in those categories. And not just titles - we give you a peek at the book jacket, a brief description of each title and a direct link from the e-newsletter to the library catalog to place a hold on titles you'd like us to reserve for you. Prefer RSS-feed to e-mail? We do that, too. There is also a newsletter to keep you informed about news and events at the library. Visit the Hall Memorial Library website at [www.biblio.org/ellington](http://www.biblio.org/ellington), click on the link for Good Reads and sign up for this free service today.

Patricia Grundman, Children's Librarian  
870-3160

**BABIES & BOOKS PROGRAM** is specifically for children, 9 months to 2 ½ years old, and their parents. The purpose of this program is not only to familiarize the children with the library and with books, but as a model for their parents. There is time during the hour-long program, for the children to play and time for parents to mingle with other adults. Children's music plays in the background to add to everyone's enjoyment.

**2 ½ YEAR OLD STORY HOUR** is for children who are already 2 ½ years old. This weekly program meets for one half hour. Parents or caregivers are asked to attend with the child. In this setting, the children are familiarized with the Children's Librarian reading to them instead of their parents. The program is kept short to accommodate the attention span of the children. Movement activities, in which everyone participates, are enjoyed. There is usually a make-and-take activity as a reminder for the child about the story that was read.

**3 TO 5 YEAR OLD STORY HOUR** is offered to the children who are between the ages of three and five years of age. Again, the Children's Department strives to offer age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and movement activities for these children. This program runs about 45 minutes and the children attend without Mom or Dad. A viewing window is available for your use. Parents are asked to remain upstairs at the library during the program.

Look for the winter schedule of these and other library programs in upcoming editions of the local newspapers and on our website at: [www.biblio.org/ellington](http://www.biblio.org/ellington).

### Hall Memorial Library

#### Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10 am—8 pm  
Friday & Saturday 10 am—5 pm



#### SUNDAY HOURS

1 pm-5 pm

Visit the Library on line at  
[www.biblio.org/ellington](http://www.biblio.org/ellington)

### Friends of the Library

Many thanks to all those who baked the thousands of cookies for the annual Holiday Cookie Sale. The trays were all beautiful and sold out quickly.

The Friends of Hall Memorial Library, a not-for-profit organization, was established in 1986. Its purpose is to foster closer relations between the library and the citizens of Ellington, to promote knowledge of the functions, resources and needs of the library, and to co-operate with the Library Board of Directors and the Director in the development of the resources, facilities and programs.

Membership in the Friends of Hall Memorial Library is open to all interested people, businesses and organizations. Whether you're willing to volunteer your time and talents or your financial support, we invite you to become a Friend. Application forms are available at the library or on the webpage at

[www.biblio.org/ellington](http://www.biblio.org/ellington).

### Book Cellar

#### Hours:

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

Friends of Hall Memorial Library operate the Book Cellar in the Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street.

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

**Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Service Director**  
870-3130

**Women’s Center for Wellness  
Breast Health Program**

Wednesday, January 30 at 2:30 pm  
Senior Center

Kathy Porter, RN will give useful information on the importance of mammograms for senior women. She will also explain the new ACES program and our planned Breast Health & Wellness Day on March 1. Please call 870-3131 to RSVP.



**Starting January 24th...**

***Strengthening Families Program***

**For Parents and Youth (10 – 14 years old)**

Cost: \$25.00 (includes everything)

Location: Senior Center

**Help Your Youth:**

- Prepare for teen years
- Avoid problems with drugs and alcohol
- Strengthen family communication

**Join Us for Seven Sessions (once a week)**

- Family Discussions and games
- A meal (included in cost)
- Door Prizes
- Parent discussion
- Youth activities

**Parents/Caregivers will discuss:**

- What youth this age are like
- Making rules and consequences
- How to solve problems with youth
- Ways to show love and support

**Youth will learn to:**

- Handle frustration
- Resist peer pressure
- Appreciate parent/caregivers
- Get along with others

**Families will:**

- Have fun in activities and games
- Discuss what makes your family strong
- Solve problems together

**For more info or to register, contact Diane Lasher-Penti, LMFT at 870-3130 or dpenti@ellington-ct.gov**

**Programs from the  
North Central Area Agency on Aging**

Thursday, January 31 at 1:30 pm  
Senior Center

Maureen McIntire will present information on grant programs for home care, and other programs offered by the North Central Area on Aging. Refreshments served.

Call 870-3131 to register for this program.

**LifeLine Emergency Call System**

Thursday, February 7 at 1:30 pm  
Senior Center

Nancy Cucca from Eastern Connecticut Health Network/Rockville Hospital will give detailed information on how this systems works and cost. Refreshments served.

Call 870-3131 to register for this program.

**Women’s Breast Health & Wellness Day**

Saturday, March 1 ~ Time to be determined  
Women’s Center for Wellness in South Windsor

The ECHN Access Collaboration Education Screening program will be hosting this very important program for Ellington senior and disabled women who need extra help in getting screening mammograms. The Ellington Senior Center van will provide you with transportation to and from the Women’s Center for Wellness in South Windsor on 3/1/08—please call Anna Turner at 870-3131 for more details.

**Medicare Benefit for Oxygen Supplies**

Thursday, March 6 at 1:30 pm @ Senior Center

Jim McIluff from ProCaire will provide us with information on what Medicare will and will not pay for oxygen supplies. Refreshments served.

Call 870-3131 to register for this program.

**Access Energy Assistance  
Program**

If you need help in paying for heat in your home this winter, please contact the Ellington Human Services Office for details on income and asset guidelines. Call Anna Turner at 870-3131.





# ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2008 WINTER PROGRAM FLYER

**Address:**

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

**Email:** [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov)

**Office Hours :**

Monday 8:30 am-6 pm Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Phone:** (860) 870-3118

**Fax:** (860) 870-3198

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

## **General Information**

In the event of snow or bad weather, the Recreation Department will put all program cancellations on television. Tune into Channels 3, 30 and 8 to check if there is a cancellation which will be listed under 'Ellington Recreation Department'. We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements. **Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the first week of registration.**

**Registration:** All Registrations are currently being accepted in the Recreation Office by computer entry during regular office hours (see hours above) or through our online registration program via the Town's website ~ [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).

Signing up for programs online is simple, fast and convenient. The community can search for activities, view program details, schedules and availability, register in just minutes and pay online with a credit card, when and where it's most convenient for them. As an added convenience, registrants will receive an e-mail immediately following an online transaction to confirm their enrollment in a program.

Registering is EASY! To access the Recreation Department's online service, please visit the Town of Ellington's website at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov), select 'Town Services'; select 'Parks & Recreation' select 'Activenet' link or call 870-3118 for more information. Note: Not all Recreation Programs are available for online registration.

**Payment:** Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid in FULL. We accept cash and checks; make checks payable to the TOWN OF ELLINGTON. [Credit cards accepted for online registration only. Note: A service fee will be applied when using a credit card.]

- **Non-Residents:** Add \$5/program/participant. Not all programs are available for non-residents.
- **Refunds:** Refunds are given only prior to the start of classes or if we cancel the program. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a \$3 processing fee.

**ADA Statement:** The Recreation Department complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability. ADA requires that recreation programs be implemented in the most integrated setting possible, appropriate for each individual. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department regarding any accommodations needed to assist with participating in, and the enjoyment of, any program or event.

**Insurance:** All persons participating in Ellington Parks and Recreation Programs should carry their own personal health insurance. The Town of Ellington is not responsible for personal injuries. Participants in Recreation Department-sponsored programs do so at their own risk. Only those enrolled in the program may attend. Children will not be allowed in the classroom or gymnasium during adult programs, and siblings must remain seated and not disturb youth classes.

**Employment Opportunities:** The Recreation Department employs part-time personnel for various seasonal positions including Waterfront Staff, Day Camp Staff, Referees, Umpires and Instructors who can share their special skills with the community. Pick up an application at the Recreation Office, 31 Arbor Way.

**Program Sponsorship Information:** Each year brings larger enrollments in the Recreation Department programs and with that the need to ensure that staffing, equipment and maintenance aspects are in proper order. In order to maintain existing services and to continue fostering the successful Recreation Department/Ellington business Co-Op relationship, we are extending to each business within Ellington the opportunity to provide sponsorship to any of the Recreation Department's programs/teams. In return for providing sponsorship, the business will receive extended exposure within the community through the business name printed on the back of uniform t-shirts or through the printing of a business card that will be showcased on a program hand bill. One local business donation makes a huge difference and influence within the community. Sponsorship opportunities are available in the following areas: day camp, basketball, soccer or T-ball teams; athletic equipment, sports clinics, health & fitness, concerts, dance classes, mini programs, arts/photography, bus trips, adult programs, coaches education clinics and fundraiser assistance. If you have any questions or wish to discuss specific aspects of a sponsorship, please contact Bob Tedford at 870-3118 or via e-mail: [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov).

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.504	Wednesdays Jan. 2-April 30 (Closed 4/16/08)	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$10	EMS
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.503	Monday Evenings Jan. 7-June 9 (Closed Jan. 1; Feb.18; April 14; May 26)	7:15-9pm	Under 30	\$15	Middle School
	0205.504		5:30-7:15pm	Over 30		
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners (Indoor Lessons)  Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.40F	Session 1:Feb. 28; March 6,13,20	7:15-8:15pm	Adult Beginner	\$35	EHS or EMS
	0205.40M	Session 2: March 27; April 3,10,25	7:00-8:00pm	14 & up		
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate (Indoor Lessons)  Instructor: Rich Willis	0205.40F	TBD Program will be scheduled based on interest	8:00-9:00pm	Adult Intermediate	\$35	EHS or EMS
	0205.40M		8:00-9:00pm	14 & up		
Cardio Tennis Workouts  Involves increasing your heart rate up to 80 % of maximum and maintaining the rate for 30-45 minutes. Par-Q form will be required prior to the starting program.	0205.406	TBD Program will be scheduled based on interest  <b>(max enrollment 8)</b>	TBA	18 & up	\$30	Indoor Facility TBD
High School Tennis Players  (Players must provide their own racquet, sneakers and transportation to practices)	0301.101	Play begins in April; Practices will be held in Somers, CT	2:15pm	Grade 9-12  Boys & Girls	TBD	Somers Field Road Complex
Adult Competitive Basketball	0109.501	Play begins Jan. 3 Register at the Rec Dept.	7:30-10 pm	18+ up	Team Fee	Middle School
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.501	Monday Evenings Jan. 7 - April 7 (Closed: Jan. 21 and Feb. 18)	7:15-9:00pm	18+ up	\$12	Center School
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Jan. 2,9,16,23,30 Feb. 6,13,27 March 5,12,19	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$15	Windermere School

**Adult Flag Football:** The Recreation Department is taking registration from individuals interested in joining a Spring adult flag football league or informal scrimmages. Players must be 18 years of age or older. Projected start-up date is the last week of April 2008. Contact the Recreation Department at 870-3118 with name, address and phone if interested.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Indoor Tennis Lessons Instructor: Rich Willis	0508.40F 0508.40M	Session 1: Feb. 28; March 6, 13, 20 Session 2: March 27; April 3,10, 25	5-5:45pm	3-5 years	\$30	Windermere School
Pee Wee Indoor Tennis Lessons Instructor: Rich Willis	0509.40F 0509. 40M	Session 1: Feb. 28; March 6,13,20 Session 2: March 27; April 3, 10, 25	5:45-6:30pm	5-7 Years	\$30	Windermere School
Youth Indoor Tennis Lessons Instructor: Rich Willis	0510.40F 0510.40M	Session 1: Feb. 28; March 6,13,20 Session 2 : March 27; April 3,10,25	6:30-7:15pm	8-13 years	\$30	Windermere School
Youth INDOOR CO-ED Soccer	0301.101	Winter Session: Jan. 3,10,17,24; Feb. 7,14,21,28	5:30-6:30pm 6:30-7:30pm	7 & 8 grade 9-12 grade	\$12	Middle School
Youth INDOOR CO-ED Soccer	0301.102	Spring Session: March 6,13,20,27 April 3,10	5:45-6:45pm 6:45-8:00pm 8:00-9:15pm	Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$20	Middle School
Youth Volleyball (co-ed)	0120.402	Feb. 13,20,27 March 5,12,19	5:30-6:45pm	Grades 5 thru 8	\$18	Windermere School
MOM & ME YOGA NON-WALKERS	MOME.NW	Jan. 7,14,28; Feb. 4 Mondays	10:15am-11am	Non walkers	\$30	Hall Memorial Library
MOM & ME YOGA	MOME.101	Jan. 7,14,28;Feb. 4 Mondays	11:15am-12noon	Ages 1-3	\$30	Hall Memorial Library
KIDS YOGA	KID.YOGA2	Jan. 11,18,25; Feb. 1 Fridays	4-4:45pm	Ages 4 +	\$30	Hall Memorial Library
Music & Movement for Tots! Instructor: Jill Maznicki	0511.403 Class 1 0511.404 Class 2	Session # 2 Jan.10,17,24,31; Feb. 7,28; March 6, 13 Session # 3 Jan. 9,16,23,30; Feb.6,27; March 5,12	9:15-10am	Ages 1-3 years Min 6/ Max 10 per class	\$65	Arbor Commons 1

*Classes open to Ellington residents ONLY through Dec. 28;  
open to non-residents on a first-come, first-served basis after Dec. 28. **Non-residents add \$5.00***

### **Indoor Golf Lessons At Crystal Lake School**

Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth ( affiliated with Ellington Golf Center)

Ages: 13 - Adult

Fee: \$60.00 per session

Session # 1: Feb. 26; March 4,11,18,25 Code # 0606.GOLF1

Session # 2: March 12,19,26; April 2,9 Code # 0606.GOLF2

Beginner Class Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Intermediate Class Time: 7:30-8:30pm

Wear sneakers, all-purpose shoes. Mats and plastic golf balls will be provided.



ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Women's Self-Defense <sup>1</sup>	0503.WSD	January 24 & 31	7:00 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
Jukido <sup>2</sup>	0504.JUK3	Session: # 3 Jan. 3,10,17,24,31; Feb. 7,14,21,28	5:30-6:45 pm	6 & up	\$60 per session	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0504.JUK4	Session # 4 March 6,13,20, (27 site TBA) April 3,10,24; May 1				
Kokondo Karate <sup>3</sup>	0506.422	Session 2: Jan. 7,14,28; Feb. 4,11,25; March 3,10	7:15-8:00 pm	18 & up	\$56 per session	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0506.423	Session 3: March 17,24,31; April 7,21,28; May 1				
Adult Tap Dance Classes (Min. 8 to run classes)	0506. 422	Session 2: Jan. 7,14,28; Feb. 4,11,25; March 3,10	7:15-8:15 pm	18 & up	\$56 per session	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0506. 423	Session: 3 March 17, 24, 31; April 7,21,28; May 5,12				
Blood Borne Pathogens (Min. 6)	0505.443 0505.444	Session 1: Feb. 5 Session 2: Mar. 11	5:30-6:30pm	All Rec. Coaches	\$20.00	Arbor Commons 2
CPOHEART Child & Babysitting Safety Course  (we need 6 registered to run the classes)	1004.CPO4	Session 4: January 23 & 24	3-6pm	11-15 yrs Boys & Girls	\$45 per session	Arbor Commons 2
	1004.CPO5	Session 5: February 5 & 12	3-6pm			
	1004.CPO6	Session 6: February 21 & 22	1-4pm			
NYSCA Coaches Clinic Softball/Soccer Coaches	0507.403	Session 1: Feb 26	6pm-8:30pm	All Rec. Coaches	No Fee	Arbor Commons 2
	0507.404	Session 2: Feb. 28				

<sup>1</sup> **Women's Self-Defense:** Instructor Paul Ward who will teach and demonstrate self-defense techniques. Good program for mother/daughter! Designed to provide for instruction in the basic self-defense format that may help in day-to-day life. The program will cover many items that are acceptable and non-acceptable to being prepared for one's self-preservation!! Highlighting tips on things to avoid, misnomers on self-defense and what women can and "cannot" do!!

<sup>2</sup> **Jukido Jujitsu:** is a realistic approach to self-defense. Instructor Todd Sise is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt in Jukido Jujitsu and certified instructor of self-defense. Learn self-defense and self-esteem in a fun and relaxed environment from a well-established martial arts system!! No contracts, no hidden fees, no uniform requirements, join class at anytime during a session. Classes will accommodate all skill levels. Jukido is a Japanese style of Jujitsu. It is traditional in the sense the Jukido's techniques are drawn from many of the oldest martial arts in the world! Jukido emphasizes self defense through hard work, self-discipline and self-esteem. Jukido is a great family activity.

<sup>3</sup> **Kokondo Karate:** is a traditional style of karate with emphasis on realistic, practical self defense. Standard class consists of kihon (basics) , kata (forms), and self defense training. Classes are for men and women, adults and teens and are geared to all ability levels. The class is designed to help improve physical endurance and self confidence. The classes are a workout, but can be done by anyone. Instructor: sensei Paul Ward, 3rd degree black belt in Kokondo Karate and 4th degree in Jukido Jujitsu. Paul has trained for 25 years with Shihan Paul Arel, is a multiple regional Randori champion and is the youth coordinator for the International Kokondo Association.



## Ellington Little League Baseball

### 2008 Registration Information

To be eligible for the instructional program,  
a child must be 7 years of age prior to May 1, 2008



**Free Baseball Bash** for players 7—10 years old (prior to 5/1/07)

**Date:** March 22, 2008 **Time:** 9:30am-12noon **Place:** Ellington Middle School

Skills Clinic



Games

*Come and Join Us.....Parents Meeting, Wednesday, January 23,  
Hall Memorial Library 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 6:30-7:30pm.*

*Looking to share our ideas and get your feedback. Plenty of opportunities to help make a difference!*

### Little League Baseball Registration

<u>Sign Up Dates:</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb. 2 Saturday	9:00am—12 Noon	Ellington High School Cafeteria
Feb. 6 Wednesday	5:00pm—7:30pm	Ellington High School Cafeteria
Feb. 9 Saturday	9:00am—12 Noon	Ellington High School Cafeteria

**Note:** FIRST TIME PLAYERS must bring a BIRTH CERTIFICATE to registration!!

### Major League Tryout Dates

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1st Tryouts-Indoors Middle School March 27-Thursday</u>	<u>2nd Tryout-Outdoors Brookside Park March 29-Saturday</u>	<u>Rain Date Brookside Park March 30-Sunday</u>
12 yr olds	7:00-8:30pm	10:00-11:15am	1:00pm
11 yr olds	7:00-8:30pm	11:15-12:30pm	2:00pm
10 yr olds	5:30-7:00pm	12:30-2:00pm	3:15pm
13-14 yr olds	N/A	11:00-1:00pm	1:00pm

Effective in 2008, ALL 12 year olds will be selected for Majors unless the player and their family formally opt out wishing to play in Minors. Every player is strongly encouraged to participate in both tryout sessions.

### Instructional/Farm/Minor Leagues—No Tryouts

League Director & Coaches will place the players on teams.

The Ellington Little League Program is an all-volunteer organization governed by a 15-member Board of Directors. The league is affiliated with Little League, Inc. and follows the rules and guidelines set forth by the National Organization in Williamsport. We are not affiliated with the Ellington Recreation Department. *We are in need of Volunteers for help with field projects, coaching, registrations, web site updates, opening day activities and end of year picnic.*

If you have any questions, please contact: Jeff DeLand, League Director- 558-5692  
or email the league [ellingtonLL@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellingtonLL@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.eteamz.com/ELL](http://www.eteamz.com/ELL)

**WE NEED UMPIRES— Please contact [ellingtonLL@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellingtonLL@sbcglobal.net)**

**Boys Pre-Season Baseball Clinics:** Clinician Keith Tautkus, Varsity Baseball Coach @ EHS will conduct pre-season Baseball Clinics using a state of the art computer program to evaluate hitting, pitching, & techniques. Both clinics will be held at the Ellington High School, from 2 pm—4 pm. Fee: \$25. Register at Recreation Department. **Minimum 12; Maximum 15 to enroll per age group.**

Grades 3, 4 & 5

ID Code: 0506.101

February 20

Grades 6, 7, & 8

ID Code: 0506.102

February 21



# Ellington Little League Girls Softball

## 2008 Registration Information



### Softball Registration Dates

Dates	Time	Place
Sat., Feb. 2	9:00 am-12 noon	High School Cafeteria
Wed., Feb. 6	5:00 pm-7:30pm	High School Cafeteria
Sat., Feb. 9	9:00 am-12 noon	High School Cafeteria

**FEES:** \$55 ROOKIES (league age 7-8)  
 \$65 MINOR: (league ages 9-10)  
 \$75 MAJOR/ SENIOR: (league age 11-16)

Payable: **ELLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
 Families with two or more softball players will receive a \$15.00 fee credit.

First 50 girls registered will be entered in a drawing for a chance to WIN a **\*\*FREE\*\* 2008 Registration**

The fees that are listed not only cover the general operation of the league but are also designed to help support some specific capital improvements at the Brookside Park, Windermere School and Ellington High School facilities, in conjunction with the Town of Ellington's Recreation Department and Department of Public Works. All families are requested to participate in fundraising activities.

Registration forms will be mailed in mid-January to all returning players who are eligible for 2008. Parent/legal guardian must bring completed forms along with payment to one of the registration dates.

**First year players are required to provide an original Birth Certificate at time of registration.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Opening Day ~ April 26th**

### 2008 Softball Evaluation Clinic

#### League Age 9-12 ONLY

Saturday, March 22  
 Ellington High School

**Minors** 9-10 yr olds: 8:30 am —10:00 am  
**Majors** 11-12 yr olds: 10:30 am—12:00 pm

**Note:** All pitchers & catchers will be expected to stay until the end for a separate evaluation .

**Seniors** 13-16 yr olds: Evaluation date will be determined once registration is complete.

**Rookies** 7 & 8 year olds: **NO EVALUATION;** league coaches will select their teams.

**Come dressed appropriately with sneakers and your glove. No Bats are needed.**

#### **Important Information:**

- ♦ Players league age 9-12 may request to tryout to play in a higher division but **MUST** attend the evaluation clinics.
- ♦ A player's placement is based on league age, not grade level, as of December 31, 2007.
- ♦ Requests for team placement cannot be guaranteed.
- ♦ Placement is based on: Safety, Skill Level and Available Roster Space.
- ♦ Practices will begin sometime in early April depending on weather conditions and pre-season maintenance of the softball fields.

**Attention Parents & Coaches: Pre-Season Coaches Clinic is planned for a weekend date in April.**

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for:

- Umpiring Major League Games
- Coaching
- Registrations
- Concession Stand



If you are interested in helping out, please contact

**Lori Savino @ 871-7703**

Umpires are **NEEDED**, please contact  
**Bob Tedford @ 870-3118**



### Girls Softball Pre-Season Clinics

CT Bombers Clinic

Saturday, March 15th

@ Windermere Gymnasium

This Fundamentals Clinic is being offered to players ages 8-10.

Fee: \$10.00

*(Other clinics to be scheduled in February/March for all other age groups.)*

All clinics have limited space and registration will be offered during registration on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Don't Miss Out!!! Sign Up EARLY....**

## VACATION CAMP FOR CHILDREN Grades K-8

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**Full Day:** 8:30am - 3:00pm \$65.00 per child/per week (\$18 a day)

**Half Day:** 8:30am - 12 Noon \$48.00 per child/per week (\$12 a day)

**Before Camp Care:** 7:30am - 8:30am \$ 4.00 per day

**After Camp Care:** 3:00pm- 5:00pm \$ 7.00 per day

**Family Package: \* Full Day** \$ 3.00 per day/per child reduction

**Half Day** \$ 5.00 per day/per child reduction

\*Family deductions for 2nd and 3rd children in same household; Discounts do not apply to before and after care rates.

### FEBRUARY 2008 VACATION CAMP

**February 19,20,21,22  
Ellington Middle School**

The Recreation Department will sponsor the Winter vacation camp for children Grades K-8. The camp's daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events (science experiments), nature/hikes and possible sledding!!

Campers should bring outdoor clothing. Full Day campers should bring bagged lunch. Refreshments/drinks will be provided to all campers, both morning and afternoon.

See Camp fees above

Code ID # 1601.FVCP

### APRIL 2008 VACATION CAMP

**April 14,15,16,17,18  
Ellington Middle School**

The Recreation Department will sponsor the Spring vacation week camp for children Grades K-8. The camp's daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events (science experiments), nature/hikes.

Campers should bring outdoor clothing. Full Day campers should bring bagged lunch. Refreshments/drinks will be provided to all campers, both morning and afternoon.

See Camp fees above.

Code ID # 1601.AVCP



### Special Recreation Dept. Ski / Snowboard Trips! Mt. Southington Ski Area

Pre-registration required for all trips

**January 27, 2008 >> 11:00AM -5:00 PM (Saturday)**  
(depart Ellington 10:00 AM, arrive back 6:15 PM)

**February 29, 2008 >> 6:00pm -10:00 PM (Friday)**  
(depart Ellington 5:00 PM, arrive back 11:15 PM)

ID Code 0804.102

FREE SKIING FOR CHAPERONES

#### **Mt. Southington Ski Area Group Rates:**

**Bus Fee: to be added, will be approximately \$12 per person.**

	<u>Adults-Day</u> <u>(Ages 13 &amp; UP)</u>	<u>Youth-Day</u> <u>(Ages 6-12)</u>	<u>Fri. Night</u> <u>(Ages 6 &amp; UP)</u>
Lift only	\$31	\$27	\$20
Ski lift & lesson	\$50	\$45	\$37
Ski lift & Rental	\$55	\$51	\$39
Ski lift/Lesson/Rental	\$65	\$60	\$41
Snowboard Lift & Lesson	\$50	\$45	\$38
Snowboard Lift & Rental	\$60	\$55	\$44
Snowboard Lift/Lesson/ Rental	\$65	\$60	\$56

Please contact Recreation Dept @ 870-3118 for more information

#### Registration Information:

Registration begins immediately. In order for the program to be held a minimum of 30 skiers will be required to cover the expenses of the lift ticket and transportation. A final determination will be made 3 days prior to each printed date in regard to weather conditions and actual enrollment/paid registrants. **NO REFUNDS** (unless mitigating circumstances prevail). Fee cannot be prorated. Passes cannot be transferred to another skier or snowboarder. Pre-Registration is required at the Recreation Office (31 Arbor Way) and **FULL** payment is required at time of registration. Ages 7 to 11 require adult supervision. Minimum age for ski lessons: 7; minimum age for snowboard lessons: 9.



The Recreation Department will offer pre-season (indoor) and spring (outdoor) Lacrosse Programs for the following grade levels: Grade 3rd & 4th Boys /Girls; Grades 5th & 6th Boys/Girls and Grades 7th & 8th Boys/Girls. [Practice equipment will be available for use for a first-time participant.]

**The pre-season (indoor) clinic dates and times are as follows:**

**Dates:** Feb. 15,22,29; March 7      **Time:** 6:00-7:15pm    Boys Grades 3-8 ID 0501.402

**Location:** Ellington Middle School      7:30-8:45pm    Girls Grades 3-8 ID 0501.403

**Fee: \$20.00 includes T-shirt**

**Staff:** Experienced lacrosse coaches from both the travel and high school ranks.

**Spring 2008 Outdoor Season Registration:**

The Recreation Department must provide an accurate team enrollment numbers to league officials in order to become part of the league schedule. Pre-Registration is required by the first week of February in preparation for the spring outdoor season. Ellington will be entering teams in the area Lacrosse league and will be competing against Vernon, Granby, Somers, Tolland, etc.

**Fee: Girls/Boys: \$65.00 League Fee, which includes U.S. Lacrosse Membership**

*Payable to the Parks and Recreation Dept. at the time of registration*

**Equipment Package:** separate purchase information will be provided at time of registration.

**Coaches Clinics:** Individuals wishing to become assistant coaches in the 2008 Spring Program should contact Bob Tedford at 870-3118. Regular Pre-Season and Outdoor Season (weather permitting) will be from approximately late March through First week of June.

*Pre-Registration Required For All Programs & Clinics*

**Group Fitness Classes:** Pre-registration is required. Full payment is required at time of registration. No credits unless documented illness or mitigation circumstances.

**Town of Ellington Fitness Policy**

- All participants must complete registration forms and *A Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire*. A physicians referral may be required before participation.
- Children 14 years and older are welcome with a participating adult.

**Kripalu Yoga**

**Thursday Evenings**

**6:30 pm-8:00 pm**

**Hall Memorial Library**



An athletic flowing, challenging practice that emphasizes breath, core strength and concentration. Learn about the links between movement and breath, soothing poses, and flexibility and strength. This class brings health to the mind, body and spirit.

**Session #3:** ID Code 0119.40J

Jan. 3,10,17,24,31; Feb.7,14,21,28; March 6

**Fee:** \$70.00 per session (10 classes)

**Instructor:** Wayne Morganson

**Pilates**

**Monday Mornings**

**10:15 am-11:15 am**

**Hall Memorial Library**

With an emphasis on breath, core conditioning and body awareness, Pilates exercise is a safe and effective way to stretch, strengthen and streamline your body. The perfect complement to cardiovascular exercise. Bring a sticky mat, water bottle and stability ball.

**Session #3:** ID Code 0117.40J

Jan. 7,10,14,17,24,28,31

**Fee:**\$56.00

**Instructor:**

Jessica Pizano

**Fitness Fusion**

**Wednesday Evenings**

**7:30 pm -8:30 pm**

**Center School**



Lots of high-energy cardio intervals blended with multiple muscle group toning. Nearly a solid hour of continuous movement, this program is sure to build strength and improve endurance—with zero opportunity to get bored. All fitness levels welcome. Bring mat, water bottle, stability ball and two sets of dumbbells (5# and 8# OR 8# and 10#)

**Session #3:** ID Code 0118.FF3

Jan. 2,9,16,23,30 Fee: \$40.00

**Session #4:** ID Code 0118.FF4

Feb. 6,13,27;March 5,12,19,26; April 2,9

**Fee:** \$65.00

**Instructor:** Joanne Britton

## 2008 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer

The Recreation Department will offer an outdoor soccer program for boys and girls based on current CT Junior Soccer Association age/birth date guidelines. Based on enrollment and evaluation submittals of the respective coaches, teams may be formed in following age groups:



U-18 Boys and Girls  
U-16 Boys and Girls  
U-14 Boys and Girls  
U-12 Boys and Girls  
U-11 Boys and Girls  
U-10 Boys and Girls



### In- House Program

Ages: 4,5,6,7,8. All training sessions will be held in Ellington, starting date and time frame will be predicated on final enrollment. When registering your child please indicate which days are acceptable. Weeknights? Saturday or Saturday Mornings? ***In—House players do NOT need to submit a Birth Certificate or Picture.***

U-9 Boys and Girls (In House)  
U-8 Boys and Girls (In House)  
U-6 Boys and Girls (In House)

Placement will be determined by skill level, age compatibility and available roster space. The Recreation Department will make the final determination regarding a player's placement to a respective age level; a player may attend evaluation clinics at an age group higher than his/her current age, but cannot attend an evaluation clinic at a lower age division.

### Registration Guidelines

First year player must submit a copy of his/her birth certificate and a photo (1x2) for use on a player pass. Parent: If your child played CJSA in the Fall of 2007 you do not have to resubmit this documentation. If on file we will use the copy of your child's birth certificate when assembling a player pass. **Registration begins Feb. 1, 2008**

**Fees:** \$28 ~ Division 3, 4 or 5 rostered players  
\$23 ~ In-house program: ages 4 to 8 (non-CJSA)

The Northeast District offers different levels of play for various age groups:

### Special Indoor Evaluation Clinic Date:

**April 5th, 2008 @ EMS**

8:30-9:30am: U 10 Boys & Girls  
9:30-10:45am: U 12 Boys & Girls  
10:45-12noon: U 14 Boys & Girls

Players and/or Teams will be formed based on the Coaches evaluations relative to the final enrollment.

## Beginners Coaching Soccer Clinics

### **For individuals seeking to become coaches for the Spring & Fall Soccer Seasons**

Individuals seeking to enter the coaching ranks or just wishing to increase their knowledge of the game of soccer will now have that opportunity as the Recreation Department will offer a series of coaching clinics designed to assist the novice or intermediate with improving his/her grasp of the game of soccer. Three (3) clinics will be provided and the following curriculum will be covered.

- ***Session 1: Individual ball skills emphasizing ball control, dribbling, juggling and trapping.***
- ***Session 2: Advanced skills emphasizing passing, shooting and one on one defending.***
- ***Session 3: Practice drills to emphasize individual and team skills, games and drills to develop all aspects of play.***

Coordinating the clinics will be

**Mike Pantuosco & Derek Sullivan**

- ♦ Mr. Pantuosco has been active in the sport of soccer as a participant and coach for over 30 years. As a three-year member and starter on the Babson College squad, Mike had the good fortune of being on an NCAA Championship Team. Coach Pantuosco has a knack for teaching the finer points of the game.
- ♦ Mr. Sullivan former ALL-State soccer player from Ellington High and a 4-year member of the University of Connecticut Men's Soccer team, including serving as Captain in his Senior Year.

The clinics will be designed so coaches can adapt their practices to the age or grade level being taught at the time. Dates for the clinics are not finalized, pending final registration, however, mid-March is the target date. Contact the Recreation Office @ 870-3118 immediately to register.

**There is No Fee for the clinics.**



### CO-ED SOFTBALL

**INDOOR and OUTDOOR**  
**18 years of age and older**

Are you interested in playing Women's and/or Co-Ed Softball in Town?

Skill level or prior experience does NOT matter. The goal is to provide for a recreation opportunity and to have fun together. The possibility exists of providing some pre-season indoor practice times during the month of April.

Contact the Recreation Office 870-3118 or Recreation Director Bob Tedford  
e-mail: [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov)



**Ellington Recreation Department & Spare Time present...**

**Special After School  
Mini 6-Week Bowling Program  
Grades K-8**

**Session # 2 March 4,11,18,25; April 1,8 (Tuesdays)  
Session # 3 May 6,13,20,27; June 3,10 (Tuesdays)**

*Bus transportation provided to Vernon Lanes from the following schools: Center, Crystal Lake, Windermere and Ellington Middle Schools. Parents will be responsible for picking up their children at the Vernon Lanes.*

**Cost: \$65.00** includes 1-1/2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, transportation to Vernon Lanes and free pizza party on the last day.

*A separate flier will come home through the schools for registration.*

**Use the following ID Codes:** 0516.505 Center School  
0516.506 Windermere School (K-6)  
0516.507 Crystal Lake School  
0516.508 Middle School

**Boy's Informal Basketball  
Grades 9-12**

**Friday Evenings ~ 7:15-8:45pm  
Starts December 14 @ Center School  
Fee: \$15 ~ ID Code : 1119.BB9**

Pre-registration is required. Scrimmages are held in-house and attempts are underway to schedule games with surrounding towns.

**Girl's Informal Basketball  
Grades 9-12**

**Friday Evenings ~ 6:00-7:15pm  
Starts December 14 @ Center School  
Fee: \$15 ~ ID Code: 1119.GB9**

Scrimmages are held in-house and attempts are underway to schedule games with surrounding towns. Pre-Registration required.

**UNIFIED BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Program Dates: March 4,11,18,25; April 1,8,22,29; May 6  
Location: Ellington Middle School  
Time: 6:00—7:00 pm



The CT Wave unified basketball team/program is looking for participants for the 2008 season. This team/program is for children ages 8 to 16 with physical or mental challenges. If you are interested in registering your child or have questions please call **Cindy Malone @ (860) 875-5342**

**HOT SHOT BASKETBALL  
SHOOTING CONTEST**

**Saturday, December 29, 2007 1-4 pm Fee: \$5/player  
Ellington Middle School ~ Pre-register by 12/21/07**

Time Frame	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm
Age groups	9-10	11-12	13-15
ID Code	0802.401	0802.402	0802.403

Each player will have one minute to shoot from designated "hotspots" placed on one-half of the court. The contest challenges a player's speed, shooting, dribbling and rebounding ability. The top scorer moves on to the next level of the contest within Tolland County, and ultimately qualifies for State level qualification. Age corresponds to the age of the child on or before December 31, 2007.

**A Parent/Child portion will also be scheduled.**

**2008 DICK GUNN AND CLARE LANDMANN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

It's that special time of the youth basketball season when the Town of Ellington recognizes two long-time volunteers (Dick Gunn and Clare Landmann) for their many years of loyal support to the Town's recreation growth, from both a program and athletic facility standpoint. Tournament brackets will be posted on the Parks & Recreation website once the exact dates and time frames have been established. Even if you do NOT have a child that participates in any of the leagues, you WILL WANT to visit one or more of the games and witness the friendly but competitive nature of the teams involved.

**Volunteers** are being sought to help assist the Recreation Department with the 2008 Tournaments.

**Please call the Recreation Office @ 870-3118**



### FUNDRAISER BOSTON CELTICS TICKETS

Want to be in the “running” to WIN a pair of **BOSTON CELTICS** tickets?

Sunday, March 2, 2008  
**Celtics vs. Atlanta Hawks**  
TD Banknorth Garden  
Boston, MA

If the answer is yes, make sure you check out the Town’s Parks and Recreation website starting January 5, 2008, when “raffle” guidelines, fees and deadlines will be made available to the general public. In addition, a flier defining the raffle format will be distributed to each coach/parent within the Parks and Recreation Department’s youth and adult basketball programs. The Recreation Department has secured (2 pair/4 tickets) so there will be 2 winners!!!

The sole purpose for offering this opportunity is to provide additional funding to the Recreation Department's EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.



### TOWN OF ELLINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

**January 21**  
Martin Luther King Day

**February 18**  
Presidents’ Day

**March 21**  
Good Friday

Rubbish collection will NOT be delayed.

### Winter Weather Cancellations:

Town Office closings and meetings/program cancellations will be posted on the Town’s Website: [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov) under **Our Town News**. You can also check Channels 3 & 30 for cancellations.

The Senior Center follows the same procedures as Ellington Schools: if the schools are closed due to hazardous weather conditions, the Senior Center is closed; no van transportation service.

### 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

A copy of this newsletter is available online ~ log onto  
[www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov)

You can also sign up for **Auto-mail** to get the latest Town info via e-mail. You will receive timely information throughout the year regarding holiday trash delays, road closings, referendums hours, special events, etc. and the Ellington Connection. At any point you may unsubscribe from this service.

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