



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Winter 2008-2009

**Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman
870-3100**

Greetings,

The Thanksgiving holiday is now in the past, but its purpose should remain with us. This year, more than any year in recent history, economic conditions are particularly stressful. Sales are down for business owners, layoffs have put many out of a job, and work hours have been reduced for others.

Still, we should be thankful for what we do have and, although it may seem hard to do under present circumstances, we should reach out to help those even less fortunate, who need our assistance more than ever. One of the best indicators of the quality of a community is how well its members care for each other, and the Tri-Town community (Ellington, Tolland and Vernon) has always been a caring one.

For an increasing number of our people, depending on assistance for food, shelter, heat and various services has become an absolute necessity. At the same time, the level of State funding for programs providing such assistance is in jeopardy due to revenue shortfalls. I recognize, of course, that personal circumstances vary, and only you can determine how much help you can offer, but I ask that you consider carefully what you can do.

Some local organizations in Ellington through which you can help are: Ellington Junior Women's Club, Ellington Women's Club, American Legion Hatheway-Miller Post, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Post 10699, Crystal Lake Community Methodist Church Food Pantry, as well as our emergency services and their auxiliaries.

Organizations in the Tri-Town area include: Rockville Exchange Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Tri-Town Emergency Shelter, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Hockanum Industries, KIDSAFE, Connecticut Legal Services, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

The above is only a partial list, of course. Please reach out and help in some way, remembering that a little can go a long way this holiday season. Feel free to call the Human Services Office (870-3128) for contact information for the above civic organizations.

Michael P. Stupinski

**Peter Williams, WPCA
870-3124**

Non-Sewer Water Usage

Many residents have requested credit on your sewer bill for water that does not discharge to the sewer; i.e. lawn sprinklers and pools. At the June 17, 2008 Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) meeting, it was decided the best approach to the problem of residents having to pay for non-sewer water usage was to give the homeowner the option to install a deduct water meter. By having this type of meter installed, the water that is used for lawn sprinklers could then be deducted from their biannual sewer use bills.

The cost to change the computer billing program and to administer this solution is in excess of \$10,000 dollars. The WPCA is willing to advance this expense when an appropriate number of residents sign up for this credit. To date we have received 22 applications for this credit; this is well below the number needed to implement this program. The WPCA will continue to accept applications until February of 2009 in hopes that they can make a credit system work.

Credit application and work sheets for your use in determining if this credit will apply to you are available at the Town Hall Annex or on our website: ellington-ct.gov; select 'Town Services'; select 'WPCA'. If you determine the option of installing a deduct meter is one that you would use, please submit the application for credit to the WPCA (PO Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029) as soon as possible. When the appropriate numbers of users submit their application, the WPCA will proceed to set up this deduct meter option and advise you to have the plumbing at your home modified.



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.

Parking Ban:

Ellington residents are reminded that the Ordinance Concerning Parking on Public Highways within the Town of Ellington prohibits street parking during and after any period of snowfall or icy condition in order that the Department of Public Works will be able to safely and efficiently remove the hazards of snow and ice from the roads.

**Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer
870-3155**

Dog Licensing

Every Town is charged under Connecticut General Statutes with the responsibility of licensing dogs annually by July 1 and of conducting a diligent search thereafter for any unlicensed dogs. We need to be sure that all dogs are properly licensed as this provides a means of verifying compliance with the requirement for current rabies vaccinations.

Rabies vaccination of pets has become increasingly important with the high incidence of animal rabies in the State. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans. The fine for failure to vaccinate a dog or cat for Rabies is \$75.

The Ellington Animal Control Officer will begin a door-to-door search for unlicensed dogs. There is a \$136 per dog fine for failure to license dogs 6 months or older. To avoid this fine, you can obtain a dog license in the Town Clerk's Office. Please bring your certificates for rabies and spaying or neutering. The cost is \$19 for male/female dogs; \$8 for spayed/neutered dogs. A \$1 per month penalty will be added to the fee.

All dogs must wear a collar or harness. The license tag and rabies tag must be attached to such collar or harness. If the license becomes lost you must procure a new tag from the Town Clerk.

Cats

Ellington Animal Control does not pick up stray cats because there are no roaming laws in the State of Connecticut for cats. We do get involved with cats if there is an injured cat, or any cat that has bitten someone which must be quarantined. All cats must be vaccinated for rabies at three months of age.

Adopt-A-Pet

Animals that are available for adoption are listed at www.petfinder.com which is kept current and shows photos and description of each pet available. Fees for adoption: \$5 if the animal is already spayed or neutered or if it is adopted out of State; all others are \$50 which includes a voucher from the Animal Population Control Program and assists with the cost to spay or neuter and also for rabies and distemper vaccination. Potential adopters will be asked to fill out an application and if they rent, the landlord must be contacted before the animal can be adopted.

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

American Cancer Society

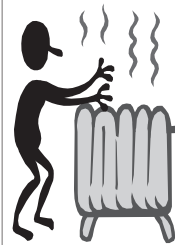
January 15, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Ellington Senior Center

Come and learn about the services from the American Society on support groups, education and transportation. Please call 870-3133 to RSVP by January 12 and/or set up transportation to attend event.

Energy Assistance Program



The Access Energy Assistance Program can help defray the cost of heating your home this winter. Eligibility is based on income and assets. Call Anna Turner at 870-3131 for details.

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

In January 2009, 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 2008. If you cannot locate your January payment stub kindly contact the Tax Collector's office at 870-3113 to request a copy.

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, 2007 and before September 30, 2008. Vehicles that have been traded-in will receive a prorated credit netted against the newer vehicle if the same plate is transferred.

Please retain your tax receipts for income tax purposes. A payment history report may be obtained from the Tax Collector's office; a \$.50 per page copy fee will be charged. Information will not be provided over the phone due to the research involved and volume of requests.

The Tax Office now offers the option of paying taxes online, by visiting the Town of Ellington's website, www.ellington-ct.gov. Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes can be paid by credit card or from an online checking account. The Tax Collector's office will not be able to process credit card payments in the office.

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

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

In early 2009, the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRA) will launch a single-stream recycling program using a separate rolling bin which will be collected using the automated system. Single-stream recycling means that residents can put all their recyclables into the same barrel, making it easier for people to recycling. Currently, recyclables delivered to CRRA are separated; however, CRRA has installed new sorting equipment to automatically separate the recyclables. Converting to single-stream is expected to have a significant positive impact on recycling and trash disposal. Using the larger barrels rather than the bins, people will be able to recycle more material. More recycling means less trash that the Town will have to pay for disposal and larger rebates from CRRA for the recyclables.

The new recycling containers will be distributed in mid- to late-January 2009.

Items currently accepted for curbside recycling:

Plastics 1 & 2 (PET/PETE/HDPE): Check for number code. Remove and discard caps, rinse. Do not crush, no larger than 1 gallon in size. Not included are Styrofoam, food wrap, toys, containers over 1 gallon.

Cardboard: Corrugated only, boxes must be flattened and cut into 3ft. x 3ft. squares and bundled. Not included: pizza boxes, shoe boxes, gift boxes.

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Junk Mail, Cereal-Type Boxes, White Office Paper/Shredded Office Paper: Place in paper bag or tie up in bundle and place on recycling bin. Not included: books, cards, gift wrap, plastic wrap.

Glass & Metal Cans: Rinse clean, discard lids. Labels and neck rings okay. Not included: scrap metal, pots and pans, drinking glasses, ceramics, mirrors.

Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes: rinse clean, up to 1 gallon in size.



You may bring the following items to the Town Garage, 21 Main Street, for recycling:

Waste Oil Antifreeze Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Computer Components: printers, monitors & hardware
Propane Tanks: 5 lb. and 20 lb. propane tanks
Vehicle Batteries: Car, boat and truck batteries,

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.

BULKY WASTE REMINDER

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

four (4) days in advance of your regular collection day, to schedule a pick-up.

All items for curbside should be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
870-3160

MURDER ON THE MENU MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Test your hidden sleuth as you read these culinary mysteries that promise to be deadly to the last bite! This four-part mystery discussion will feature:

A Catered Murder by Isis Crawford on March 3,
Fudge Cupcake Murder by Joanne Fluke on March 24,
Prime Cut by Diane Mott Davidson on April 7,
Dark Tort by Diane Mott Davidson on April 28.

Sessions will be led by scholar Lynn Faria and held in the McKnight Room from 7:30-9:00 pm. Copies of the books will be available at the library in February.



HISTORY OF TIN AND TOLL WARE

The next program sponsored jointly by the Library and the Ellington Historical Society will feature Jim Klopfer and items from his collection of tin and toll ware. Mr. Klopfer is an avid and knowledgeable collector of many types of antiques and his talks are always entertaining. Join us on Thursday, January 22, at 7:30 in the Upstairs Meeting Room for this free program.

2009 PICTURE PERFECT CALENDAR

The 2009 Picture Perfect Ellington calendar captures the beauty of Ellington landscapes. Copies are available for \$15.00; proceeds benefit the library. This year's pictures are so wonderful that the theme of landscapes will be continued for next year. Keep your cameras at the ready to capture that picture perfect moment.

ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

The gallery space in the main hallway of the library hosts exhibits of local artists each month. In January, the featured artist will be Shannon Callery. Shannon is an Ellington High graduate and will soon graduate from the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford as an art major. Of her work she says, "My work focuses on creating exotic hybrid flowers that are juxtaposed with their microscopic biological makeup. Colored lithographs and intaglio prints are my favorite mediums because of their technical processes and aesthetic appearance. I owe much credit to professors that have influenced my work beginning with Wendi Ciarci".

Works in all mediums are encouraged, including paintings, sketches, photography, needlework, quilting, etc. Contact Sue Phillips (870-3160) for more information about scheduling your exhibit.



DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

Great news! Our downloadable audiobook collection now contains 108 titles in MP3 format, meaning they are compatible with iPods. The entire collection contains 341 fiction and 181 nonfiction titles that may be played on your computer or portable audio device. To access this easy to use service, go to the library website at www.biblio.org/ellington, and click on the link. Want to try out the service but don't have an MP3 player? The library has two players that may be borrowed. Check it out!

www.biblio.org/ellington

TEEN CORNER

We had our first Young Adult Advisory Board meeting in November. These nine teens, ranging in ages from 7th to 11th grade, volunteer in the library each month outside of the monthly board meetings. They help design bulletin boards, work in the Children's Department, shelf read and do many things that need to be done. Here's a HUGE thank you to those teens for their willingness to volunteer.

We've got some things in the works for the next few months. Maybe... another "I Can't Knit" knitting class over February vacation?...a board game night?...a movie night? Keep your eye on the local papers for information about these events. We'll be having another YA book discussion on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. The book, "Z for Zachariah" by Robert C. O'Brien, features a 16 year old girl who is seemingly the last human left alive after a nuclear war. She's relieved to see a man arrive in her valley until she realizes...he may not be friendly. We'll have food, prizes, and lots of chances for you to talk at the discussion.

See YA around!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Library gratefully accept used books, videos, CDs and DVDs for their used book store, the Book Cellar. Items may be dropped off anytime. Also, if you are interested in joining the Friends and helping out with the Book Cellar or other Friends activities, pick up an application at the library or contact president, Mary Guth.

BOOK CELLAR HOURS

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

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Pre-School Story Hour: Registration for Pre-school Story Hours will be held beginning Saturday, January 17. Story hours offered will be as follows:

For 2 ½ year olds with an adult, story hours will be held on Fridays at 10:15 – 10:45;

For 3 to 5 year olds, story hours will be held on Tuesdays 10:15 – 11:00 or on Wednesdays 1:00 – 1:45.

Story Hours will begin February 3, 2009 and continue through April 17, 2009.

Babies & Books Program: The Babies & Books Program is offered for children 9 months to 2 ½ years old. This program will be held Mondays, February 2 through March 9.

Two sessions will be offered: 10:15 -11:15 and 11:30 – 12:30. Registration will begin on January 17.

Friendship Adventure: February 17 at 1:00 pm **Ronald McDonald** will be visiting the Hall Memorial Library with a "Friendship Adventure". Free tickets will be available to all children beginning February 9. Call 870-3160 to register.



For more information on these and other programs check out our website: www.biblio.org/ellington. Library programs are always free and open to all.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WINTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday	10AM-8PM
Friday-Saturday	10AM-5PM
Sunday	1PM-5PM

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

December 24	Close at 1 PM
December 25	Closed
December 26	Closed
December 31	Close at 1 PM
January 1	Closed
January 19	Closed

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2008-09 WINTER PROGRAMS

Address:

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

Email: recreation@ellington-ct.gov**Office Hours :**

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

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

Phone: (860) 870-3118**Fax:** (860) 870-3198**www.ellington-ct.gov****AED/ First Aid/ CPR****Register online:**

Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

Instructor: Allison Breen

The Recreation Department now has a certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow ALL Ellington Coaches, Athletic Officials, Program Instructors, and staff to register **FREE of charge**. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way.

- ◆ Tuesday January 27 5-10pm
- ◆ Tuesday February 10 5-10pm
- ◆ Thursday February 26 5-10pm
- ◆ Thursday March 12 5-10pm
- ◆ Tuesday April 7 5-10pm

Please understand that each coach is **REQUIRED** to complete this training. **We can only allow Six (6) coaches per class, so register early.**

2009 DICK GUNN & CLARE LANDMANN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS/JAMBOREES

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 & Jamboree schedule 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 2009 Tournaments/Jamborees.

Please call the Recreation Office @ 870-3118

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Hot Shot Basketball Shoot Contest	0802.401	Dec 29	1-2 PM	9-10	\$5	Middle School
	0802.402		2-3 PM	11-12 & 13-15	Per Player	

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, 2008. **Pre-register by 12/21/08**

Unified Basketball Program	No Code	Tentative March 2009 to May 2009	6-7 PM	8-16	No Fee	Middle School
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The CT Wave unified basketball team/program is looking for participants for the 2009 season. This team/program is for children ages 8 to 16 with physical or mental challenges. Registration/Questions: call **Cindy Malone @ (860) 875-5342**

Informal High School Basketball Boys & Girls	1119.BB9 1119.GB9	Friday Evenings November 2008 to March 2009	7-9 PM	Grades 9-12	\$15	Center School
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CIAC rules prohibit anyone playing on a high school team from participating in this program. Interested in competitive play? We anticipate forming a competitive team to play games with surrounding towns. Pre-registration is required. Scrimmages are held in-house and attempts are underway to schedule games with surrounding towns.

Travel Basketball Tournament: The Recreation Department will host an 8th Grade Boy's Basketball Tournament on Dec. 29th & 30th at the Ellington Middle School. Teams from surrounding towns will compete in the 2-night event. Schedule: Dec. 29th 6pm & 7:30pm first round games with Ellington playing @ 7:30pm; Dec. 30th; 6pm Consolation Game; 7:30pm Championship Game. A program brochure will be provided and anyone interested in placing an advertisement should contact Bob Tedford @ 870-3118 no later than December 23, 2008. A concession stand will be available.

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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.504	Wednesdays Jan. 7-April 29 (Closed 4/16/08)	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$10	Middle School
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.503	Monday Evenings Jan. 5-June 15 (Closed Jan.19;Feb.16;	7:15-9pm	Under 30	\$15	Middle School
	0205.504	April 20; May 26)	5:30-7:15pm	Over 30		
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners (Indoor Lessons)	0205.40J	Session 1:Jan.30; Feb 5,12,19 (26th makeup date)	8:15-9:15pm	Adult Beginner	\$35	Windermere School
	0205.40M	Session 2: March 6,13,20,27	8:15-9:15pm	14 & up		
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate (Indoor Lessons)	0205.40F	TBD	8:00-9:00pm	Adult Intermediate	\$35	Windermere School
	0205.40M	Program will be scheduled based on interest	8:00-9:00pm	14 & up		
Cardio Tennis Workouts	0205.406	TBD: Program will be scheduled based on interest (max enrollment 8)	TBA	18 & up	\$30	Indoor Facility Or School Facility
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.						
High School Tennis Players	0301.101	TBD	TBD	Grades 9-12	TBD	TBD
Players must provide their own racquet, sneakers and transportation to practices				Boys & Girls		
Adult Competitive Basketball	0109.501	Play begins Jan. 8 Register at Rec. Dept.	7:30-10 pm	18+ up	Team Fee	Middle School
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.501	Monday Evenings Jan. 5 - April 27 (Closed:Jan.19 &Feb.16)	7:15-9:00pm	18+ up	\$12	Center School
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Jan. 7,14,21,28 Feb. 4,11,18,25 March 4,11,18	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$15	Windermere School
Adult Tap Dance Classes Min: 8	0506.422J	Session 2: Jan 12,26; Feb 2,9,23; March 2	7:15-8:15pm	18& up	\$42	Windermere School Gymnasium
	0506.423M	Session 3: Mar.16,23,30; April 6,13			\$42	

Junior Olympics Tennis Skills Competition: Are you between the ages of 8 and 13? Do you think you can hit a tennis ball against a wall more than once? If you answered "yes", then you're ready to try our JUNIOR OLYMPICS RAPID RALLY TENNIS COMPETITION. "Participants serve low-compression tennis balls" and attempt to continue to hit the ball against a wall and above the NET line as many times as possible within a 30-second time period. Each participant competes one at a time against the clock. It is OKAY if the ball bounces more than one time or not all to continue the rally. Winners in each age group (Boys 8-9; 10-11;12-13) and Girls(8-9;10-11;12-13) advance to a Regional Junior Olympics competition. Date: Feb. 28 from 2PM-4PM @ Ellington Middle School. Fee: \$5.00

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ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Indoor Tennis Lessons	0508.40J 0508.40M	Session 1: Jan. 30;Feb. 5,12,19 (26th makeup date) Session 2:Mar. 6 ,13,20,27	5:30-6:15pm	3-5 years	\$35	Windermere School
Pee Wee Indoor Tennis Lessons	0509.40J 0509.40M	Session 1: Jan. 30; Feb. 5,12,19 (26th makeup date) Session 2: Mar. 6,13,20,27	6:15-7:00pm	5-7 Years	\$35	Windermere School
Youth Indoor Tennis Lessons	0510.40F 0510.40M	Session 1: Jan. 30; Feb. 5,12,19 (26th makeup date) Session 2 : Mar. 6,13,20,27	7:15-8:15pm	8-13 years	\$35	Windermere School
Youth INDOOR CO-ED Soccer	0301.WCE	Winter Session: Jan. 6,13,20,27; Feb. 3,10,24;Mar. 3,10	5:45-7:15pm	Grades 8-12	\$15	Middle School
Youth INDOOR CO-ED Soccer	0301.CES	Spring Session: March 12,19,26; April 2,9,16	6:00-7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm 8:00-9:15pm	Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$20	Middle School
Youth Volleyball (co-ed)	0120.YVB	Feb. 25;March 4,1,18	6-7:15pm	Grades 5 thru 8	\$15	Middle School
NYSCA Coaches Clinic Softball/Soccer Coaches	NYSC.A1 NYSC.A2	Session 1: Feb 5 Session 2: Feb. 12	6:30pm-8:30pm	All Rec. Coaches	No Fee	Arbor Commons 2
This program is available online WWW.NAYS.ORG/NYSCAONLINECLINICS						
Blood Borne Pathogens (Min. 6)	BBPT.101 BBPT.102	Session 1: Feb. 5 Session 2: Mar. 5	5:30-6:30pm	All Rec. Coaches	\$20	Arbor Commons 2
Indoor Golf Lessons (affiliated with Ellington Golf Center)	0606.GOLF1 0606.GOLF2	Session 1: Feb. 24; March 3,10,17 Session 2: March 24,31; April 7,14	Beginner: 6:30-7:30 pm Intermediate: 7:30-8:30 pm	13-Adult	\$65	Crystal Lake School
Wear sneakers, all-purpose shoes. Mats and plastic golf balls will be provided						
Women's Self-Defense	0503.WSD	February 5 & 26	7:00 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
Jukido	0504.JUK3 0504.JUK4	Session 3: Jan 8,15,22,29 Feb. 5,12,19,26 Session 4: Mar. 5,12,19,26 April 2,9,16,30	5:30-6:45pm	6 & up	\$60 \$60	Windermere School Gymnasium
Kokondo Karate	0506.422J 0506.423M	Session 2: Jan 8,15,22,29 Feb. 5,12,19,26 Session 3: Mar 5,12,19,26 April 2,9,16,30	7:15-8:00pm	18& up	\$56 \$56	Windermere School Gymnasium
Adult Co-ED SOFTBALL: Indoor & Outdoor 18 years of age and older: 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 preseason indoor practice times during the month of April. Contact the Recreation Office @ 870-3118 or Bob Tedford @ rtdford@ellington-ct.gov						

Ellington Little League Baseball

2009 Registration Information

To be eligible for the instructional program, a child must be 7 years of age prior to May 1, 2009

Little League Baseball Registration

<u>Sign Up Dates:</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb. 7 Saturday	9:00am—12 Noon	Ellington High School Cafeteria
Feb. 11 Wednesday	5:30pm—7:30pm	Ellington High School Cafeteria
Feb. 14 Saturday	9:00am—12 Noon	Ellington High School Cafeteria

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

Free Baseball Bash for players 7-10 years old (PRIOR TO 5/1/09)

Date: TBD **Time:** 9:30am-12noon **Place:** Ellington Middle School

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. ***Volunteers Needed:** help with field projects, coaching, registrations, web site updates, opening day activities and end of year picnic.*

Mt. Southington SKI

Pre-Registration required

January 18, 2009 11am-5pm

February 9, 2009 11am-5pm

{depart form Ellington 10am~ arrival back 6:15pm}

ID Code: 0804.SKI

**Ski Group Rates-Bus Fee to be added approximately
\$13.00 per person.**

	<u>Adults ~Day</u>	<u>Youth ~Day</u>
Lift Only	\$34	\$30
Ski Lift & Lesson	\$54	\$48
Ski Lift & Rental	\$58	\$54
Ski Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$65	\$60
Snowboard Lift & Lesson	\$55	\$50
Snowboard Lift & Rental	\$62	\$57
Snowboard Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$65	\$60

- ◆ Registration Information: registrations begin immediately. In order for the program to run we **will need 35 skiers** required to cover the expenses of the lift ticket and transportation. A final determination will be made 5 days prior to each printed date according to weather conditions and actual enrollment/paid registrations.
- ◆ **NO REFUNDS unless program is cancelled**
- ◆ Ages 11 and under require adult supervision. Minimum age for ski lessons 7yrs, Minimum age for snowboard lessons 9yrs.

X-Country Ski Lessons / Course

The Recreation Dept. will offer (weather and SNOW permitting!!) cross-country ski lessons and a local x-country course for Ellington residents.

A pre-season clinic will be offered at the end of December/early January, which will cover the following aspects: safety, type/style of skis/snowshoes, instruction on HOW to enjoy x-country skiing. If interested in being contacted with a firm date and time for the clinic, please contact the recreation office at 870-3118.

Introductory Soccer Coaches

In an attempt to provide a quality spring soccer program (for ages 4 through 2nd grade), pre-season coaches clinics have been scheduled on: dates to be announced.

Instructor/program Director Matt Maznicki is seeking new and returning coaches (youth and adult) that have an interest in teaching the basic components of the game of soccer. If interested, please contact Rec. Dept at 870-3118 or by calling **Matt Maznicki @ 896-0849.**

Off-Trail Update: Exactly 100 town residents responded to last month's request to complete a brief off-trails SURVEY, and the responses were VERY ENCOURAGING, to say the least!! "Safety" received the highest response, but overall it was very apparent that town residents would like to see NEW trails come to fruition!! A fair number of respondents offered to help with the maintenance component too!! If you were unable to respond previously or have just become aware of this issue, feel free to send your interest in an email to rtedford@ellington-ct.gov. Plans are underway to schedule a town organizational/informational meeting for sometime in January, check the town's parks and recreation web site for an update.

Softball Registration Dates

Dates	Time	Place
Sat., Feb. 7	9:00 am-12 noon	High School Cafeteria
Wed., Feb. 11	5:30 pm-7:30pm	High School Cafeteria
Sat., Feb. 14	9:00 am-12 noon	High School Cafeteria

FEES: \$60 ROOKIES (league age 7-8)
\$70 MINOR: (league ages 9-10)
\$80 MAJOR/ SENIOR: (league age 11-16)

Payable: **ELLINGTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LITTLE LEAGUE**
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** 2009 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 required to participate in fundraising activities.

Registration forms will be mailed in mid-January to all returning players who are eligible for 2009. 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 ~ May 2nd

2009 Softball Evaluation Clinic

League Age 9-12 ONLY

Saturday, March 21

Ellington High School

Possible makeup dates if necessary

Minors 9-10 yr olds

Majors 11-12 yr olds

Evaluation Mandatory for All

Minor & Major League players.

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 Dec. 31, 2008.
- ♦ 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/Year end picnic
- Concession Stand

If you are interested in helping out, please contact

Karen Conley @ 871-8549

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

Girls Softball Pre-Season Clinics CT Bombers Clinic

Date To Be Determined

@ 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 CAMPS FOR CHILDREN GRADES K-8

All Vacation Camps will be held at the Ellington Middle School

The Recreation Department will sponsor **Three Vacation Camps:** December, February & April 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!!

Vacation Camp Director: Christine Frank

Camp Hours of Operation for all 3 Camps

Full Day 8:30AM –3:00PM

Half Day 8:30AM-12NOON

Before Camp Care 7:30AM-8:30AM

After Camp Care 3:00PM-5:00PM

Camp Information

- Campers should bring outdoor clothing (boots, hats, mittens, snow pants) No child will be allowed to participate in any outdoor activities unless dressed appropriately!
- **All items should be labeled with the child's full name.**
- Full Day Campers should bring a bagged lunch and snack (if wanted).
- Refreshments/drinks will be provided to campers both in the morning and afternoons.

Payment

- Full payment is required at time of registration.
- Family deductions for 2nd and 3rd child in same household will be \$5.00 per child; this only pertains to full day/full week campers registered.
- Discounts **do not** apply to before and aftercare fees.

December Camp

December 29, 30, 31, 2008

Full Day/Full Week:

\$50.00
1st child

\$45.00
2nd & 3rd child
(or \$18 a day)

Half Day/ Full Week:

\$36.00
1st child

\$31.00
2nd & 3rd child
(or \$12 a day)

Before Care: \$4.00/day/child
After Care: \$7.00/day/child

February Camp

February 17, 18, 19, 20, 2009

Full Day/Full Week:

\$65.00
1st child

\$60.00
2nd & 3rd child
(or \$18 a day)

Half Day / Full Week:

\$48.00
1st child

\$43.00
2nd & 3rd child
(or \$12 a day)

Before Care \$4.00/day/per child
After Care \$7.00/day/per child

April Camp

April 20,21,22,23,24; 2009

Full Day/Full Week:

\$75.00
1st child

\$70.00
2nd & 3rd child
(or \$18 a day)

Half Day/Full Week:

\$60.00
1st child

\$55.00
2nd & 3rd child
(or \$12 a day)

Before Care: \$4.00 per day
After Care: \$7.00 per day

Girls & Boys Spring Lacrosse (Outdoor) Program

Early registration begins January 4 , 2009

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Teams for 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Registration must be received by January 31, 2009 in order to ensure proper roster size and number of teams needed.

Fee: \$70.00

The Lacrosse Association is in *Need of Volunteers* who have an interest in helping out with the scheduling meetings. In addition, we will also be holding a *coaching clinic* in February for anyone interested in helping coach in 2009. Those interested can contact Dave Giordano at

coachgiordano@gmail.com 280-7739 or
Bob Tedford at redford@ellington-ct.gov



Boys & Girls Lacrosse Clinic (Indoor) Program

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering TWO clinics this winter.

Intro Clinic for Grades 3-8– this clinic will be designed to help build the players basic fundamentals of throwing, catching, cradling and shooting. Players do not need equipment for this clinic, the equipment will be provided.

Dates: March 6 & 13 6-7:30pm

Fee: \$20.00

Intermediate Clinic– this clinic will be designed to enhance players knowledge of the game, by focusing on Offensive and Defensive strategies for the player. Players **MUST** have their own equipment and preferably be in 6th,7th & 8th grade.

Dates: March 6 & 13 7:30-9pm

Fee: \$20.00

Pre-Registration Required For All Programs & Clinics

Group Fitness Classes: Pre-registration is required. Full payment is required unless health or personal reasons dictate otherwise at time of registration. No credits unless documented illness or mitigating circumstances have been approved by the recreation department.

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

Time: 6:30-8pm
Ages: 14 & up
Code: 0119.40J9

Instructor:
Wayne Morganson

Session 2:
Jan. 8,15,22,29;
Feb. 5,12,19,26;
March 5,12,19

Fee: \$77.00—11 classes
or \$ 8 per class

Hall Memorial Library



Time: 7:30-8:30pm Ages: 14 & up
Code: ZUMBA.102

Instructor: Joanne Britton

Session 2:
Jan. 8,15,22,29;Feb. 5,12,19,26;
March 5,12,19

Zumba fitness combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations that allow participants to dance away their worries. It is based on the principle that a workout should be “fun and easy to do”. A fusion of Latin and international music along with dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting and effective fitness system.

Fee:\$77.00 - 11 classes or \$8/class
Center School

2009 Ellington Sprint Triathlon

.25 mile Swim, 12 mile Bike, 3.1 mile Run
July 12 or July 19

The Ellington Parks & Recreation Department and a few passionate Tri-athletes are developing the 1st Annual Ellington Triathlon to take place at Crystal Lake. The course will consist of 1/4 ~mile swim in Crystal Lake, a rolling 12~mile bike course in the country and a flat 3.1~mile run around the lake. We are looking to use the proceeds from the race to support a local charity in Ellington, CT. The cost of the race will be \$40 per Tri-athlete; light food, beverages and t-shirt will be included. We are trying to generate interest and an estimate of participation. If you have interest, please send a quick e-mail to ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net.

FEBRUARY FUN

**All activities will be held at the Hall Memorial Library
Conference Room (Main Floor)**

Fee: \$9 per person per program ~ Pre-Registration is required

Activity	Date	Time	Ages	Max
Be My Valentine!	Sat., Feb 14	10:30-11:30 am	3-10	20
Come and enjoy a fun hour of Valentine making for those you love. Cut, paste and design personalized unique Valentines to share with family and friends. Lots of great supplies provided, just bring your imagination.				
Princess Day	Tues., Feb 17	10:15-11:15 am	4-6	10
Come dressed in your favorite princess best! Listen to princess music as we will glitter, glue & decorate a magic wand. Every little princess needs a fabulous fruit loop necklace to make & take. Drop Off Optional.				
Snow Flake Fun	Tues., Feb 17	11:30-12:30 pm	4-8	10
Make a snowflake to take and decorate your home, and enjoy your own self made snow cone for a snack.				
Making Stepping Stones	Tues., Feb 17	3:30-4:30 pm	5-8	10
Step—Right—Up and come make a unique Stepping Stone! We will mix it up, handprint them, decorate any way you wish & maybe even give it to mom for a keepsake!				
Pokémon Tracing	Wed, Feb 18	10:15-11:15 pm	6-8	10
Do you dig Pokémon? Have you ever thought of designing your own? Come join all the Pokémon fans and share ideas on drawing & tracing them. Tracing paper, colored pencils and pics of Pokémon provided. Bring your creativity & imagination!				
These Programs are Drop-Off Optional				
Instructors: Jill Maznicki or Stacey Bogoslofski				
Fun with Foam	Wed., Feb 18	12:30-1:30 pm	4-8	10
Use foam stickies to make a great frame for your favorite photo—enjoy a snack with friends.				
Pirates Cove	Thurs., Feb 19	12:30-1:30 pm	4-8	10
Design your own sword ,go on a treasure hunt, and have a snack with your mates .				
On Top of Spaghetti	Thurs., Feb 19	10:15-11:15 am	3-5	9
Do you know how many shapes & sizes pasta comes in? Come find out! We will make patterns, separate into groups, glue and even string them. How about a taste at the end of class too? Yum!				
Board Game Mania	Fri., Feb 20	12:30-1:30 pm	4-8	20+
Chutes & Ladders, Candy Lane, Pictionary, Risk, Checkers & More!!! Snack Provided.				



**After School
Mini 6-Week
Bowling Program**

Grades K-6

**Session # 2
March 4,11,18;
April 1,8,15 2009**

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

Cost: \$65.00

Includes 1-1/2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, transportation to Spare Time Vernon Lanes and free pizza party on the last day.

*Note: A separate registration flier will come home through the schools for registration. All bowling registration forms and payment are to be returned to the **Ellington Recreation Department NOT your child's school.**

ID Codes:

- 0516.CEN Center School**
- 0516.WIN Windermere School (K-6)**
- 0516.CLS Crystal Lake School**

Exciting News

The Ellington Recreation Department is pleased to announce the expansion of the Early Childhood Department and Children's Programming. Our Town has had tremendous growth over the past five years and we are looking forward to serving the needs of our community. We are excited to announce that Stacey Bogoslofski (Early Childhood Professional), Tracy Thibert (Social Worker/Child Development Professional), and Jessica Salkeld (Early Childhood Paraprofessional) will be joining Jill Maznicki (Early Childhood Professional) and the rest of the Ellington Recreation Team to provide fun, educational, age appropriate and creative Early Childhood/Children's Programming. Please take a moment to review our program catalog, and as always, thank you for supporting and participating in recreation activities.

Pre-School Programs

ALL PROGRAMS HELD AT THE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY unless noted.

Fee: \$65 Residents
\$70 Non-Residents

Pre-registration is required prior to starting any recreation program.

Out-of-Town registrations will be welcomed after December 23rd, register on-line or at Rec. Dept.

Little Hands Art

Ages: 1-3 years

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Session 1: Fridays Jan. 23,30;
Feb. 6,13,27;March 6,13,20

Time: 10:15am-11am

This once a week hands-on class offers opportunities for children and caregivers to enjoy a story, engage in sensory exploration and participate in fun age appropriate "ART" activities. These activities facilitate language, new vocabulary and promote a strong base for learning. Dress for a mess (an old t-shirt or smock is suggested) Come join us for little hands fun!!!

Calling All Chefs

Ages 3-5 (Drop Off)

Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski

Jan.15,22,29; Feb.5,12,26;March 5,12

Session 1: at 10:15-11am

Session 2: 11:20am-12:05pm

Could your child be the next Emeril or Rachel Ray? Sign them up for this delicious class and find out! Each class your little chef will experience the joys of cooking! We will be making our very own homemade Ice Cream, Ants on a Log, Pizza English Muffins, Death by Chocolate and let's not forget the warm Monkey Bread! Any leftovers will be wrapped for home so the children can proudly share their creations with family! **Supplies Fee: \$5**

Moving with Mommy

Ages 1-3

Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski

Jan. 14,21,28; Feb. 4,11,25;

March 4,11 (Wednesdays)

Session 1: 10:15am-11am

Session 2: 11:20am-12:05pm

Enjoy adult company as you see your child learn to interact, socialize and wiggle to their favorite songs! We will start each class moving and grooving! Our circle time will consist of hula-hoops, tunnels, bright balls, beanbag songs, parachute play, musical instruments and so much more. Come ready for shaky-shakes and wiggles & giggles!!

Messy Marvin Mondays!

Ages 3-5 (Drop Off)

Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski

Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2,9,23;

March 2,9,16 (Mondays)

Session 1: 10:15am-11am

Session 2: 11:20am—2:05pm

Does your child just love hands on fun? Then this is the class for them. We will get creative with play dough, explore mixing paint and go ga-ga with glue! We will Zoommm...our cars into shaving cream and make our own "Monet's" with finger-paint! If you don't get dirty, you didn't have fun!

Music & Movement

Ages 1-3

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Time: 10:15am-11am site TBD

Session 1: Mondays~ Jan. 5,12,26; Feb. 2,9; March 2 & 9

Session 2: Thursdays~ Jan. 8,15,22, 29; Feb. 5,12,26; March 5

Come sing, dance, play, and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments. She is an experienced teacher with a degree specializing in Early Childhood Education. Jill will lead the class in finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities.

Adult participation required.

Mommy & Me Creative Program

Ages: 2-3

Instructor: Stacy Bogoslofski

10:15-11am or

11:20am—12:05pm

Session 1: Jan. 20,27; Feb.

3,10,24; March 2,9,16 (Tuesdays)

Session 2: Jan. 23,30; Feb. 6,13, 27; March 6,13,20 (Fridays)

This program is for children 2-4. Each week a different theme is introduced. Themed age-appropriate educational games & activities are incorporated as learning tools. Finger plays, Arts & Crafts, Short Stories, Show 'n Tell, Circle Time.

School Age Programs

ALL PROGRAMS HELD AT THE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY unless noted.

Pre-registration is required prior to starting any recreation program.

Out of Town Registrations will be welcomed after December 23rd, register on-line or at Rec. Dept.

Winter Art Program

Instructor: Jessica Salkeld

ALL CLASSES ARE FROM 3:30-4:30PM

Fee: \$45.00

A winter ART program for children enrolled at the Crystal Lake School in grades K through 4 will be offered on:

Jan. 13,20,27; Feb. 3,10,24 (GRADES K-4)

Jan. 15,22,29; Feb. 5,12,26 (GRADES 3 & 4)

Maximum class enrollment: 15

Pre-registration required at the Ellington Recreation Dept.
NO registrations will be accepted at the school.

3-D Art

(Drop Off)

Ages 4-6 years

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Tuesdays: Time: 4-4:45pm

Come release your creative energy in this once a week unique class. We will sculpt, build, paint, tape, glue and form unique creations using paper Mache, pipe cleaners, clay, recycled materials, and a whole lot of imagination.

Session 1: Jan. 6,13,20,27

Fee: \$35 residents

\$40 non-residents

Nature Nuts

Ages: 5-7

Instructor: Tracy Thibert

Mondays (Drop Off)

Time: 4-5pm ~ Fee: \$35.00

Is science your interest? Do you wonder about critters in your own back yard and around the world. Come join us in this informative, fun class to learn about animals, weather, rocks and more! We will conduct experiments, observe and document results, and learn fun facts with Mother Nature as a guide.

Session 1: Jan. 5,12,26; Feb. 2

Session 2: Feb. 9, 23; March 2,9

Maximum: 10 per session

Eye Spy Treasure Hunt

Ages: 9-13 years

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

February 17th

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Fee: \$8.00

Teams will find and use clues to track down the hidden treasure (i-tunes gift card). Your library knowledge and reading skills will lead you along through all departments until we discover the hidden location of our treasure. So turn on the brain power and join us for this competitive event!!

Maximum 20 (10 teams)

Junior Scrapbooking

Ages 5-7

Time:4-5pm Fee:\$35.00

Instructor: Tracy Thibert

Maximum per session 10

Session 1: Thursdays, January 8,15,22,29

Session 2: Thursdays, February 5,12,26; March 5

In this class boys & girls will use their skills to transform snap shots into memory pages. Cut, Crop, Write, Draw, Layout & Stick on scrap book materials too!! Each week they will change 4 or 5 themed snap shots into memory pages. Start gathering your photos now for this socially stimulating class. (Birthdays, family, friends, camping trips, etc.)

Calling All Chefs

(After School Program)

Ages K-2nd grade (Drop Off)

Instructor: Stacey Bogoslofski

Session 3: Jan.27; Feb. 3,10,24; March 3,10

(Tuesdays @ 3:45-4:30pm)

Location: Center School ~ Supplies Fee: \$5.00

Could your child be the next Emeril or Rachel Ray? Sign them up for this delicious class and find out! Each class your little chef will experience the joys of cooking! We will be making our very own homemade Ice Cream, Ants on a Log, Pizza English Muffins, Death by Chocolate and let's not forget the warm Monkey Bread!

Any leftovers will be wrapped for home so the children can proudly share their creations with family!

Ellington ARTS Council

Looking for something a little more creative to do with your free time? Are you or your child artistic, want to improve your skills, and feel you have little resources to do so? Creating an ARTS Council in Town would give everyone the opportunity to fine tune their skills or take up a new hobby! The Ellington Recreation Department is looking for your input and suggestions in hopes of generating interest in the Arts! The Recreation Department would like to generate interest in activities other than athletics for both children and adults. Some considerations are theatre, crafts, music, painting, drawing, and ceramics. We can't do it without your help!

Interested residents who would be willing to take a short survey can go to the Recreation Department website: www.ellington-ct.gov; select "Town Services"; select "Parks and Recreation" and follow the link for **Bringing the Arts to Ellington** to take the survey:

Without community support we will not be able to get these programs off the ground! Your input is important!

Survey
Link

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?
sm=fP5vvsqPGa5rn3Yv24IWUQ_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fP5vvsqPGa5rn3Yv24IWUQ_3d_3d)

Responses can also be e-mailed to rtdford@ellington-ct.gov

Winter Weather Cancellations:

Town Office closings and meetings/ program cancellations will be posted on the Town's Website:

www.ellington-ct.gov
under **Our Town News**.

You can also check Channels 3 & 30 for cancellations.

TOWN OF ELLINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

Dec. 24 Closed @ Noon
Dec. 25* Christmas Day
Dec. 26 Christmas Holiday
Jan. 1* New Years Day
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day
Feb 16 Presidents' Day

*Rubbish collection will be delayed one day for the Christmas Day and New Years Day holidays.

Blood Drive:

December 30, 2008 ~ 12:30 PM—6:00 PM

Ellington Ambulance Facility, 41 Maple Street (RT. 140)

This event will be held on the Red Cross Bus.

CALL 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543)

or sign up online @ www.bloodct.org

All donors will receive a free holiday T-Shirt

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

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.

If you would like to place an article in the Ellington Connection, contact Marie Sauvé in the First Selectman's Office @ 870-3100 or email msauve@ellington-ct.gov

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