



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Winter 2009-2010

Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman 860-870-3100

Volunteer Opportunities

High School Junior Sara Arbelaez has been working with Town personnel to develop a webpage on our website that would list community service opportunities in Ellington, that could be easily accessed by high school students or other residents. We are still in the planning stage on this project. Please watch our website for details.

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Also, if you or your organization has a need for volunteers and would like to use our website to post such volunteer opportunities, please contact Marie Sauvé in the First Selectman's Office; telephone: 860-870-3100 or email: msauve@ellington-ct.gov

Board/Commission Vacancies

Several vacancies exist on the following Boards/Commission:

- Design Review Board
- Board of Assessment Appeals Alternate
- Conservation Commission Alternate
- Economic Development Commission Alternate
- Human Services Commission
- Shared Services Commission

If you are interested in serving the Town, please call the First Selectman's Office (860-870-3100) to request a Statement of Interest Form or download the form from the website:

www.ellington-ct.gov
select:

Government
Boards & Commissions
Vacancies
Meetings are usually held
monthly in the evening.

Because of a December one publication deadline, I begin this column two days before Thanksgiving Day, nearly two weeks before actually becoming Ellington's First Selectman.

Thanks to the sufferance of current/retiring First Selectman Michael Stupinski, I am preparing. I've been shadowing him almost from the November 3rd election and hope to continue until becoming First Selectman on the first Monday in December; December 7 this year. I greatly appreciate his gracious mentoring.

The same election which brings me here removes other long serving public servants from Ellington government who chose not to run for re-election. Among them are four more that I've come to know well. I served on the Board of Education (BOE) for many years with Bill Harford (who was on the BOE when he recruited me for appointment to the BOE in 1994) and for the last eight years with Sean Millane. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) loses Peter Charter (a passionate Ellington native with fourteen years on the BOS) and Ann Harford (with four years on the BOS and many prior years on other Ellington boards/commissions, including a term as Chair of the BOE). We owe these people, and others unnamed herein who also served our community for the best of intentions, our gratitude and thanks for moving Ellington forward. There is a constant need for dedicated volunteers to re-supply the ranks of our elected and appointed boards and commissions; if **you** want to make a difference like these people have, please contact the Ellington Democratic Town Committee (Mark Leighton, Chairman), the Ellington Republican Town Committee (Robert Clements, Chairman), or e-mail (info@ellington-ct.gov) or call my office (860-870-3100) to express your interest.

There are also other ways to help our town. Through the generosity of resident Jack Cohen, our senior citizen center will be the beneficiary of his luck and directed donation when the town takes possession in the next several days of a new Chevrolet Malibu that he recently won in an American Legion statewide raffle. What a gift! Thank you Mr. Cohen.

On that good note, I conclude by extending best wishes and a healthy recovery from the holidays to all, and a warm thank you to the Ellington voters who elected me to this position.

Maurice Blanchette

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 for Public Works to be able to safely and efficiently remove the hazards of snow and ice from the roads.

Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer
860-870-3155

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 \$136.

The Ellington Animal Control Officer will begin a door-to-door search for unlicensed dogs. There is a \$75 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.

Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector
860-870-3113

Taxes Due

In January 2010, 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 2009. Taxes must be received or postmarked by Monday, February 1, 2010 to avoid interest charges. 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 Conn. Gen. 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 860-870-3113 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, 2008 and before September 30, 2009. Vehicles that have been traded in will receive a prorated credit netted against the newer vehicle if the same plate is transferred.

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 (860-870-3109). 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.

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 (Jan. to Dec.) 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.

Payment Options

The Tax Office 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. 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.

Rhonda McCarty, Assessor
860-8709-3109

REVALUATION 2010

State law requires that municipalities perform revaluations every five years. We are required to perform our revaluation for the **October 1, 2010 Grand List**. The purpose of a revaluation is to update property values to reflect the current fair market values as of the date of the revaluation. The intent is to ensure that all properties are fairly and equitably assessed. The Town of Ellington has contracted Vision Appraisal Technology, a Connecticut certified revaluation company, to assist our office in the performance of the revaluation.

INSPECTIONS – DATA COLLECTION:

We are required to physically inspect each property in Town. This phase of the project is already underway. Vision's data collectors began inspecting properties in the eastern section and will work their way across the town.

The data collectors have photo identification and their vehicles are registered with the Resident State Trooper's Office and the Assessor's Office. Homeowners are encouraged to ask for identification prior to admitting anyone into their homes. The data collectors will not enter a home unless a person 18 years or older is present. If a homeowner has a question as to the identity of the data collector, they may call the Assessor's Office at 860-870-3109 for further confirmation.

The inspections will involve measuring the exterior and interior of the building and collecting characteristics such as location, size, age, quality of construction and number of rooms. The entire inspection takes about 15 minutes. Two separate attempts will be made to enter each property. If no one is home on those occasions a letter will be sent to homeowners, near the end of the inspection phase of the project, to set up an appointment.

It is important to note that the accuracy of the data is central to the valuation process and your cooperation is crucial to the success of the project.

Homeowners are reminded that specific questions regarding current assessments should be directed to the Assessor's Office. Vision's data collectors are not Town employees and therefore are not prepared to answer questions concerning values.

You will be notified of your new assessed value in the late fall of 2010 and have the opportunity to discuss your new assessment with a member of the revaluation staff at that time. The tax bill that you receive in July 2011 will reflect your new assessment.

We will keep you informed on the progress of the revaluation in this newsletter and on the Assessor's page of the Town's website www.ellington-ct.gov. Vision Appraisal Technology has a website with a great deal of information relating to revaluation. Their website address is www.visionappraisal.com.

HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The homeowners' program allows a tax credit for qualifying individuals. To qualify the homeowner (or spouse, if domiciled together) must have been 65 years of age by the end of 2009, reside at the property and meet the income requirements*. Income is defined as adjusted gross income and tax exempt interest, plus any other income not included in the adjusted gross income. Totally disabled persons, regardless of age, are initially eligible for the program provided they have a Social Security Award letter specifying a date of entitlement during the current benefit year or a SSA-1099 with Medicare premiums.

Applications must be filed every two years. If you are currently on the program you will receive an application in February if it is your year to file.

The filing period for the homeowners' program is **February 1st through May 15th**. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office in February.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

Any person entitled to a veteran's exemption may also be entitled to additional exemptions if they meet the income requirements*. Applications must be filed every two years. If you are currently on this program you will receive an application in February if it is your year to file. The filing period for this program is between **February 1st and October 1st**. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office in February.

*Income requirements

To qualify for the 2009 benefit year the maximum income is \$39,500 for a married couple and \$32,300 for a single person.

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library
860-870-3160

BEAT THE BUG!

Has the dreaded flu hit your household? The library can help you weather the storm! Instead of dragging your sick children or exhausted self into the building, call before you come and we will gather a selection of items, check them out and bring them out to your car when you arrive. Call the Library at 870-3160 to try out this new service or for more information.

NEW LOAN PERIODS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Effective February 1, the loan periods for some library materials will change. As requested by many patrons, DVDs will be checked out for 7 days. And, in an effort to be consistent with surrounding libraries and make your inter-library borrowing easier, regular adult fiction and nonfiction, children's fiction and nonfiction, and audiobooks will circulate for 21 days. New books, non-fiction DVDs, videos, music CDs and magazines will still go out for 14 days.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

THANKS TO THE COOKIE BAKERS

Many thanks to those who contributed cookies for the Friends annual holiday cookie sale. The assortment was wonderful and the platters flew out of the Library.

REMODELED BOOK CELLAR

The Friends recently remodeled their Book Cellar used book store, adding better lighting, sturdy new shelving and fresh paint. Visit soon to see the new surroundings and to shop for bargains. Winter hours are:

Monday	6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday	2:30 PM-4:30 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM-12 NOON
Sunday	1:00 PM-3:00 PM

YOUNG ADULT STUFF

The young adults at the Hall Memorial Library have partnered with the library interns from Ellington High School to travel to Boston on January 16th to attend the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for the teens to meet publishers, peek at upcoming trends in the library world, view new technology and be immersed in all things book related!

On February 18th, the teen advisory board will be hosting a young adult author, Chris Wylie, author of *The Purloined Boy*. Mr. Wylie writes under the pseudonym Mortimus Clay. He'll be reading from his book and will talk to teens about the craft of writing. We'll have copies of the book available for him to sign. The program will start at 6:30 p.m.

This is a terrific kick-off for a new group at the Hall Memorial Library, the Young Adult Creative Writing Group. Interested teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come to the first session on Thursday, February 25th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. If this group is successful, the young adult advisory board is planning on publishing a teen literary magazine which will feature not only fiction but poetry, song lyrics, fanfiction, art, and photography created by teens.

Finally, come out and show your support of teen happenings at the library by buying some sweet treats from us on Thursday, January 21st and continuing until the goodies are gone. The young adult advisory group will be having a bake sale to raise money for their May 1st trip to New York City. This year we plan on visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art and, time permitting, the Central Park Zoo. Last year's trip to NYC was highly successful and our teens are looking forward to this year's trip. The library will make available to the general public any remaining seats on a first come, first serve basis. More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

www.biblio.org/ellington

Children's Library Programs

TELEBRATION took place this past November. Telebration is an international celebration of storytelling. The Hall Memorial Library had two storytellers, Maude Carpenter and Chris Rothe, came to the library on Thursday, November 19. The library then invited area preschools to attend. Preschool of the Arts, Little House in the Country, and Center School's Preschool all brought children for an opportunity to hear stories, meet puppets, and sing songs. There were about 95 in attendance. What a great time we had!

The first Saturday of December, along with all of the Winterfest activities, the Hall Memorial Library sponsored another successful Christmas Ornament Workshop. Eighty-two children attended between 10:00 - 12:30, each making four ornaments that they could use to decorate their homes for the holidays. The Children's Department wishes to thank library staff, board members, and especially, a great group of teens who helped with this year's program. Without all of those helping hands, this workshop could not take place. THANK YOU!!

Babies & Books and Preschool Story Hours will begin new sessions possibly the last week of January 2010 or the first week of February. At the time of this publication, exact days and times had not been decided. Please consult local newspapers for that information or call the library at 860-870-3160.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 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 18 Closed

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

What You Need to Know About the US Census

January 28[@] 1:30 pm at the Senior Center

Please join Jim Palma from the US Census Bureau to learn more about the 2010 Census and the important role you play in participating in this program. Refreshments served. Call 860-870-3131 to register to attend.

Social Security/"Extra Help" Program

February 16[@] 12:30 pm at the Senior Center

Join Robert Rodriguez from the Social Security Administration for information on the program that could help lower the cost of your Medicare Part D prescription medication program. This is a lunch and learn program—lunch at 12:30 pm and presentation at 1:00 pm. Call 860-870-3131 to register to attend by February 11.

Fall Prevention—Why Every Step Counts!

March 9[@] 2:00 pm at the Senior Center

Healthy, helpful, useful fall prevention information will be shared with us by Karri Redinger/Occupational Therapist from Woodlake At Tolland. Refreshments served. Call 860-870-3131 to register to attend.

Positive Energy

A "Supply Only" Company for Electricity

March 23 @ 2:00 pm at the Senior Center

Positive Energy is not a utility company but a supplier of electricity. Customers might save up to 20% on their electric bill. Join Alison Hyjack from Positive Energy to learn if this is a good option for you—bring your current electric bill so that you can understand the billing process as Alison does the presentation. Call 860-870-3131 by March 19 to register to attend this program. Refreshments served.

**American Parkinson Disease Association
Support Group**

Meets at the Ellington Senior Center the 3rd Friday of every month at 10:00 am.

Please join us for support, conversation, education & refreshments! For more information call Anna Turner at 860-870-3131.

George Fetko, Director of Public Works
860-870-3140

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.

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
860-289-7850

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

The following items can be brought to the Town Garage, 21 Main Street:

- ◆ Waste Oil
- ◆ Antifreeze
- ◆ Vehicle Batteries
- ◆ Propane Tanks—5 lbs. & 20 lbs.
- ◆ Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- ◆ Car, boat and truck batteries
- ◆ Computer components

Please bring during office hours
(M-F 8AM-3:30PM)
and sign items in.

Items to be placed in RECYCLING CART: Picked-up *every other week*

- ◆ Newspaper/Magazines/Catalogs
- ◆ Corrugated Cardboard – place loose in cart, flatten and cut boxes to fit into cart.
- ◆ **New item!** Boxboard (food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- ◆ Office paper/junk mail
- ◆ Shredded paper – bagged in paper bag only.
- ◆ Glass food and beverage containers – rinsed clean.
- ◆ Metal food and beverage containers – rinsed clean.
- ◆ Aluminum foil and trays.
- ◆ PET plastic containers with #1 on bottom, up to 1 gal. in size – rinsed clean.
- ◆ HDPE plastic with #2 on bottom, **New! Now accepting containers up to 2.5 gal. in size.**
- ◆ Milk cartons/juice boxes – rinsed clean

Material Not Accepted

- ◆ Plastic bags
- ◆ Food contaminated items, Pizza boxes
- ◆ Motor oil or anti-freeze bottles
- ◆ Window glass, auto glass, drinking glasses
- ◆ Pots and pans, Dishes, Pyrex, Ceramics
- ◆ Flower pots
- ◆ Styrofoam
- ◆ Light bulbs
- ◆ Paint cans
- ◆ Coat hangers
- ◆ #3 thru #7 plastics
- ◆ Containers that contained hazardous materials

Note: Plastics #3 through #7 will be recyclable after an upgrade to the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority facility is completed in 2010. For more information check their website at www.crra.org. Also, check our website, www.ellington-ct.gov for updates.

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

Town of Ellington 2010 Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar

Recyclables are collected every other week. Shaded weeks = pick up weeks

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D = one day delay for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day Holidays

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

Report Cards. Thinking back over your educational career, what images do these two words bring to your mind? For some, it may represent deserved recognition of hard work and success. For others, it might be the catalyst for a period of reflection, resulting in renewed efforts to achieve one's potential during the next marking period. I have been told that for a few, it presents a challenge in which one uses all of one's ingenuity to keep the results from his or her parents. That can present itself as "the high school computer system was attacked by a serious virus and they may not be able to print report cards for several months." (*True Story*)

Schools and school districts also receive report cards. In Connecticut, the annual Strategic School Profile is often referred to as the State's report card as it presents the results of a variety of data for every public school and school district in the State. District data is often presented in comparison to other districts and the State average. In addition to the State comparison, Ellington is compared to all PreK-12 districts in the State (there are 110 such districts) as well as the schools in our District Reference Group (DRG). By law, these results are presented at the first Board of Education meeting in November. They are also posted on our district website as well as that of the Connecticut State Department of Education.

What are the significant findings of the 2008-2009 Strategic School Profile for the Ellington Public Schools? The major findings are:

- ◆ District enrollment continues to increase
- ◆ Class sizes are growing larger
- ◆ District indicators of student need are increasing
- ◆ Student achievement continues to be very strong
- ◆ Expenditures per pupil are less in ALL categories than State, PreK-12 or District Reference Group comparisons

The most significant issue facing the Ellington Schools continues to be increasing enrollment. During the past nine years, district enrollment has increased by 425 students. This is larger than the current enrollment at Center School. Future enrollment projections, which have always been conservative, project an additional 244 students in the next ten years. This rapid growth in enrollment is creating larger class sizes at the elementary and intermediate level that will inevitably move to the middle and high schools.

Indicators of district need are also increasing, although not as quickly as the enrollment increase. Among these increasing need indicators are: students qualifying for free/reduced lunch; students not fluent in English; and students receiving special education services.

Each of these factors has an impact upon the educational process and creates a demand for appropriate services.

A positive aspect of the Strategic School Profile is the result of student achievement as measured by standardized testing. Standardized testing such as the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Advanced Placement Examinations (AP), are important, even if they represent only a small portion of the totality of student achievement measures.

Overall, we are pleased that the performance of the students in the Ellington Public Schools is quite strong on these measures. However, as each assessment measures multiple domains and content strands within each domain, the results must be intensely analyzed and appropriate curricular and instructional needs must be addressed. In most areas our students do quite well. In some, their results are outstanding, and in some, continued work needs to be done. The Ellington Public Schools District Instructional Plan, which is focused upon increasing student achievement in reading and mathematics, is the result of our analysis of student achievement data. You may find this important document on our district website.

The results of this year's Strategic School Profile clearly shows that the Ellington Public Schools spend less money per pupil on all areas reported than the average of all Prek-12 districts, our District Reference Group, and the State of Connecticut. Those areas of comparison are: Instructional Staff and Services; Instructional Supplies and Equipment; Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services; Student Support Services; Administration and Support Services; Plant Operation and Maintenance; Transportation; Land, Buildings and Debt Service; and Other.

So what is my assessment of our report card? It affirms much of the good work done to support the continued academic achievement of our students. It also assists us in providing additional data to develop and modify curriculum, instruction and assessment so that ALL students will succeed. It highlights some of the challenges that will confront the Board of Education and the citizens of Ellington in the near future. It also provides evidence that the efforts of the Board of Education, the Board of Finance, and the Board of Selectmen to provide the best for our students, at the most reasonable cost, has and is, being successful. For more information on the Strategic School Profile please visit our district website at www.ellingtonschools.org.

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2009-10 WINTER PROGRAMS

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

- ◆ Saturday December 19 10am – 3pm
- ◆ Monday January 4 5pm –10pm
- ◆ Saturday January 9 5pm– 10pm

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

2010 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 2010 Tournaments/Jamborees.

Please call the Recreation Office @ 860-870-3118

Basketball

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.50310	Monday Evenings Jan. 4-June 7	5:30-7:30PM	Under 30	\$15	Windermere School Until Mid-March
	0205.50410	(Closed ~ Jan 18; Feb 15; Apr 19; May 31)		Over 30	\$15	
Unified Basketball Program	No Code	March 2010 ~ May 2010	6-7 PM	TBD	No Fee	Middle School
Informal High School Basketball Boys & Girls*	1119.BB9 1119.GB9	Dec 2009 ~ March 2010	7-9 PM	Grades 9-12	TBD	Center School

* 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. 28th & 29th at the Ellington Middle School. Teams from South Windsor, Colchester and Vernon will compete along with the host team, Ellington will compete in the 2-night event. A program brochure will be provided and anyone interested in placing an advertisement should contact Bob Tedford @860- 870-3118 no later than December 23, 2009. A concession stand will be available.

Schedule:
Dec. 28th ~ 6pm & 7:30pm
 First Round Games with Ellington playing @ 7:30pm
Dec. 29th ~ 6pm
 Consolation Game
 7:30pm Championship Game.

ADULTS

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.50410	Wednesdays Jan. 6-April 28 (Closed)	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$10	Middle School
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners (Indoor Lessons)	0205.40F10	Session 1: Feb 24; March 3,10,17	6:30-9:30pm	Adult Beginner 14 & up	\$35	Windermere School
Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate (Indoor Lessons)	0205.40F	Session 1: Feb 24; March 3,10,17	6:30-9:30pm	Adult Intermediate 14 & up	\$35	Windermere School
Cardio Tennis Workouts	0205.406	Session 1: Feb 24; March 3,10,17 (max enrollment 8)	6:30-9:30pm	18 & up	\$30	Indoor Facility Or School Facility
High School Tennis Players	0301.101	Week of : March 1 & 8, 2010	TBD	Grades 9-12 Boys & Girls	TBD	TBD
Players must provide their own racquet, sneakers and transportation to practices						
Adult Competitive Basketball	0109.501	Play begins Jan. 7 Register at Rec Dept.	7:30-10 pm	18+ up	Team Fee	Windermere School
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.J2010	Tuesday Evenings Jan. 5 through March 30	7:30-9:15pm	18+ up	\$12	Center School
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Jan. 6,13,20,27 Feb. 3,10,24 March 3,10,17,31	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$15	Windermere School

**Wish for What you Want
Freedom from Back Pain***

**January 14 or March 18
6:30-8:30pm ~ \$45 for each class**

**Hall Memorial Library
ID Code: WWW.102**

www.altmd.com/specialists/paul-recker

*Part of the Educated Back Series, developed by Kitty Breen, founder of the Alexander Back and Chronic Pain Center, Cambridge, MA.

A two-hour introductory course on the Alexander Technique, an educational method shown to have long-term benefits for people with back pain. Join Paul Recker to learn how daily stresses, postures and habits lead many of us to unconsciously misalign the entire working mechanics of the body. Eighty percent of back pain is caused by this poor body use. If you experience back pain, learn to use your back as intended and educate yourself out of pain. We'll identify our unique postural sets, gain insight into sleeping distortions which contribute to pain, learn to engage gravity correctly to avoid compression and observe how even the way to breathe can cause or eliminate pain. Finally, we'll rediscover the pinky finger as one of the back's best friend! Fee includes an additional one hour private lesson with the instructor.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Indoor Tennis Lessons	0508.40J10	Session 3: Feb. 22; March 1,8,15	5:30-6:15pm	3-5 years	\$30	Crystal Lake School
Pee Wee Indoor Tennis Lessons	0509.40J10	Session 3: Feb 22; March 1,8,15	6:15-7:00pm	5-7 Years	\$30	Crystal Lake School
Youth Indoor Tennis Lessons	0510.40F10	Session 3: Feb 22; March 1,8,15	7-8pm	8-13 years	\$30	Crystal Lake School
Youth INDOOR CO-ED Soccer	0301.WCE10	Winter Session: Jan. 12,19,26 Feb. 2,9,16,23;Mar:2	5:45-7:15pm	Grades 8-12	\$15	Middle School
Youth INDOOR CO-ED Soccer	0301.CES10	Spring Session: March 19,26; April 9,16	6:00-7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm 8:00-9:15pm	Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$15	Middle School
Youth Volleyball (co-ed)	0120.YVB10	Jan. 13,20,27; Feb. 3,10,24; March 3	6-7:15pm	Grades 5 thru 8	\$15	Crystal Lake School
NYSCA Coaches Clinic Softball/Soccer Coaches	NYSC.A110	Session 1: Feb 4	6:30pm-8:30pm	All Rec. Coaches	No Fee	Arbor Commons 2
	NYSC.A210	Session 2: Feb. 11				
This program is available online WWW.NAYS.ORG/NYSCAONLINECLINICS						
Quick Start Tennis	QUIC.TEN	Session 1: Tuesdays Feb. 2,9,23; Mar. 1,8 Session 2: Thursdays Jan.28; Feb. 4,11,25; Mar 4	3:30-4:30pm	Grades K-4	\$35	Center School
Indoor Golf Lessons (affiliated with Ellington Golf Center)	0606.GOLF3	Session 1: Feb. 23; March 2,9,16	6:30-7:30 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	Adult Women's Adult Co-ED	\$60	Crystal Lake School
	Wear sneakers, all-purpose shoes. Mats and plastic golf balls will be provided					
Women's Self-Defense	0503.WSD10	To be determined	7:00 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
Jukido	0504.JUK310	Session 3: Jan 7,14,21,28 Feb. 4,11	5:30-6:45pm	6 & up	\$45	Windermere School
	0504.JUK410	Session 4: Mar. 4,11,18 April 1,8			\$45	Gymnasium

<p style="text-align:center;"><u>Tennis Night In America</u></p> <p style="text-align:center;">Games, Demonstrations and Spring and Summer 2010 Lesson Sign -Up</p> <p style="text-align:center;">Saturday, February 27th ~ 12noon– 2pm</p>	<p>Come sign your kids and yourself up for QickStart Tennis, Jr. Team Tennis, Adult Team Tennis and other clinics offered through the Ellington Recreation Dept. Take part in game and clinic demonstrations and get a prize for signing up in this event co-sponsored by the USTA in advance of their 2nd Annual Tennis Night in America on March 1st.</p>
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Mt. Southington SKI

Pre-Registration required

January 29 5:00pm– 10:00pm
 February 6 & 13 11:00am– 5:00pm
 {depart form Ellington 10:00am ~ arrival back 6:15pm}

Register at Recreation Department Only!

<u>Ski Group Rates</u>	<u>Adults/Day</u>	<u>Youth/Day</u>
Lift Only	\$36	\$32
Ski Lift & Lesson	\$60	\$54
Ski Lift & Rental	\$62	\$56
Ski Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$65	\$60
Snowboard Lift & Lesson	\$60	\$55
Snowboard Lift & Rental	\$62	\$57
Snowboard Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$65	\$60

Bus Fee to be added approximately \$20 per person

♦ Registration Information: Registration begin immediately. In order for the program to run we will **need 35 skiers** 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 7years, Minimum age for snowboard lessons is 9 years old.

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.

Ellington Little League Baseball

2010 Registration Information

Registration Forms can be downloaded from the Ellington Little League site:

<http://www.eteamz.com/ELL/handouts/>

To be eligible for the instructional program, a child must be 7 years of age prior to May 1, 2010

Little League Baseball Registration

<u>Sign Up Dates:</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 30 Saturday	8:30am-12:30pm	Ellington Middle School Cafeteria
Feb. 3 Wednesday	5:00pm- 8:00pm	Ellington Middle School Cafeteria
Feb. 6 Saturday	8:30am -12:30pm	Ellington Middle School Cafeteria

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

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

Date: March 20 **Time:** 9:30am-12noon **Place:** Ellington Middle School
 Free Skills Clinic-Games

Volunteers Needed: Questions Please contact Dan Okun 860-836-1013

Major League

Tryouts

March 26
 March 28
 March 29

12 year olds MUST ATTEND tryout sessions.

Dates & times available on website :
eteamz.com/ELL

The Ellington Little League Program is an all-volunteer organization . The league is affiliated with Little League, Inc. and follows the rules and guidelines set forth by the National Organization in Williamsport. ***Ellington Little League is not affiliated with the Ellington Recreation Department.***

Contacts: Rich Della Penna Instructional League (7 & 8 yrs).....860-871-6392
 Doug Pearce Junior/Senior League (13-16 yrs)... 860-995-7937
 Dan Okun Major League.....860-836-1013
 Paul Stein Farm& Minor League Director.....860-875-1539

Softball Registration Dates

Dates	Time	Place
Sat., Jan. 30	8:30 am-12:30pm	Middle School Cafeteria
Wed., Feb. 3	5:00 pm-8:00pm	Middle School Cafeteria
Sat., Feb. 6	8:30 am-12:30pm	Middle School Cafeteria

Registration forms will be mailed in mid-January to all returning players who are eligible for 2010. Parent/legal guardian must bring completed forms along with payment to one of the registration dates.

League Age is player's age as of Dec. 31, 2009

- ◆ **Rookies** (league age 7-8) - maybe 6 if child has played at least one year of T-Ball
- ◆ **Minors** (league age 9-10)
- ◆ **Majors** (league age 11-12)
- ◆ **Seniors** (league age 13-16)

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

First 50 girls registered will be entered in a drawing for a chance to WIN a

FREE 2010 Registration

SAVE THE DATE: Opening Day ~ May 1

Important Information

- ◆ **All Minor and Major League Players will be evaluated at an evaluation clinic in March.**
- ◆ **Pre-Season Player Clinics will be scheduled in February/March, before the evaluation clinic. All Clinics have limited space- signups will be offered during registration on a first-come, first-serve basis.**
- ◆ **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.**

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Umpiring Minor & Major League Games
- ◆ Coaching
- ◆ Registrations/Year end picnic
- ◆ Concession Stand

If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Karen Conley @ 860-871-8549**

Ellington Soccer Fund Raising

Please consider purchasing any of the listed items in order to support the Town of Ellington Soccer Program. 100% of the profits will go towards the Recreation Division and Travel Team Soccer needs, specifically for replacing equipment and upgrading uniforms. We are also looking for parent volunteers to sell below items for a 2 hour time block each during the soccer games and practices. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Bob Tedford at 870-3118.

The following items are available at the Recreation Dept:

Ellington Athletics Purple Wrist Band_____	\$ 2
Ellington Soccer Ball Magnet_____	\$ 3
Water Bottle (Ellington Soccer)_____	\$ 4
Coffee Mug (Ellington Soccer)_____	\$ 4
Fleece Earband (Ellington Soccer)_____	\$ 9
Fleece Hat (Ellington Soccer)_____	\$10
Kelme sling bag (Black w/Ellington Soccer)_____	\$16
Grey Fleece Blanket (Ellington Soccer in Purple)___	\$20
Umbrella (purple and white)_____	\$20

The following items are available through **order only:**

<u>Long Sleeve T-shirt</u>	<u>Short Sleeve T-shirt</u>
Youth \$12	Youth \$9
Adult \$15	Adult \$10

Crew Neck Sweatshirt

Youth \$17
Adult \$15

<u>Hooded Sweatshirt</u>
Youth & Adult \$25

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 28,29,30,31

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

**DEADLINE DATE to
determine if the camp will
operate: December 21, 2009**

February Camp

February 16,17,18,19

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

**DEADLINE DATE to
determine if the camp will
operate: February 5, 2010**

April Camp

April 19,20,21,22,23

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

**DEADLINE DATE to
determine if the camp will
operate: April 12, 2010**

**Girls & Boys Spring Lacrosse
(Outdoor) Program**

Early registration begins January 4, 2010

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, 2010 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 2010. Those interested can contact Dave Giordano at

coachgiordano@gmail.com 860-280-7739 or
Bob Tedford at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov



**Boys & Girls Lacrosse Clinic
(Indoor) Program**

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering TWO clinics in 2010.

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 5 & 12 ~ 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: 5 & 12 ~ 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: 6:30-7:45pm

Ages: 14 & up

Code: 0119.40J10

Instructor:
Wayne Morganson

Session 2:
Jan. 7,14,21,28
Feb. 4,11,18,25
March 4,11,

Fee:
\$80—10 classes or
\$ 9 per class

Location
Hall Memorial Library



Instructors: Joanne Britton & Tressa Giordano

Time: 7:30-8:30pm Ages: 14 & up

Session 3: Jan. 5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28; Feb.2,4 **Code:** ZUMBA.SES3
Session 2: Feb. 9,11,16,18,23,25; March 2,4,9,11 **Code:** ZUMBA.SES4

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: \$80.00 for 10 classes per session or \$10 for walk-ins
Location: Ellington Middle School



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

Grades K-6

**Session # 2
March 4, 11, 18;
April 1, 8, 15 2010**

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:

**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**

2010 Ellington Sprint Triathlon

.25 mile Swim, 12 mile Bike, 3.1 mile Run

July 11th

or

Rain Date:

July 18th

The Ellington Parks & Recreation Department and a few more passionate Tri-athletes will be hosting the 2nd Annual Ellington Triathlon at Crystal Lake. The 1st Annual event in 2009 was a huge success and we look forward to another great triathlon with added improvements. The course will consist of 1/4-mile swim in Crystal Lake, a rolling 13-mile bike course in the country and a moderately flat 3.1-mile run around the lake. This is a fairly challenging course; however, that is what makes the sport of triathlon so much fun! Again, the proceeds from the 2010 Ellington Triathlon will support the Fuel Fund Charity in Ellington. We raised \$2,500 for the charity in 2009.

The cost of the race will be \$60 per Tri-athlete; snacks, beverages, race bag, t-shirt, water bottle and other items will be included.

Any local businesses looking to support the race or match a donation, please contact us at ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in July! Registration will open March 1, 2010 via www.ellingtontriathlon.com; which will direct you to the Ellington Park & Recreation registration.

Mad Science

Class	Code	Dates	Times
Mad Science @ Crystal Lake School	MAD.CLSW	Tuesdays: Feb. 2– Mar. 23	3:30 pm -4:30 pm
Mad Science @ Center School	MAD.CENW	Mondays: Feb.1-Mar 22	3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Topics will include the glow show”, dry ice capades, ph factor, slime time, lab works, junior reactors, super sticky stuff, and chem in the flash.

Movie Nights for Grades K-4

Come Join your friends in your community for a fun filled night to watch
“UP“

March 19, 2010 @ 6:30-8:30pm @ Center School

Fees: \$ 4.00 per person at the Rec Dept;
\$ 5.00 per person at the door!
\$20.00 family max; Ages 2 and Under are Free of Charge

Refreshments Available

Little Hands Art

Ages: 2-3 years
 Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Session 1: Fridays ~
 Jan. 15,29; Feb. 12,26; March 5,12,19,26* (*make up date)
Time: 11:30am—12:30pm
Fee: \$65 Resident
\$70 Non-Resident
Site: Hall Memorial Library

Come join us to release that creative energy, we will explore colors, texture and fun painting techniques, sponges, brushes, fingers and so much more!! Enjoy a messy age appropriate art project with that special little person in your life. Maximum enrollment: 10

Calling All Chefs

Ages 4-6 (Drop Off)
 Instructor: Jessica Salkeld

Session 1: Tuesdays ~
 Jan.19; Feb.9,23;March 2,9,16,23,30
Time: 10:15-11:00am
Fee: \$65 Resident; \$70 Non-Resident

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!

Note: Supplies Fee: \$5

Music & Movement

Ages 1-3
 Instructor: Jill Maznicki
 Site: Hall Memorial Library

Session 3: Wednesdays,~
 Jan. 6,13,20,27; Feb. 3,10,24; March 3
Session 4: Thursdays~
 Jan. 7,14,21,28;
 Feb. 4,11,25; March 4
Time: 10:15am-11am

Fee: \$65 Resident; \$70 Non
 Come sing, dance, play, and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments. Jill will lead the class in finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities.
Adult participation required.

Art Classes

Instructor: Jessica Salkeld

Hall Memorial Library

Ages: 4-6 years

Time: 10:15am-11:00am

Session 2:

January 13,20; February 3, 24; March 3,10,17,31

Crystal Lake School
Afterschool Program

Grades K-3rd

Time: 3:45-4:30pm

Session 2:

January 13, 20; February 3,24; March 3,10,17,31

Fees: \$65 Resident
\$70 Non-Resident

Ellington Arts Council

The Ellington Recreation Department is looking for your input and suggestions in hopes of creating an ARTS Council. The Recreation Department would like to generate interest in artistic activities for both youth and adults. Some considerations are theatre, crafts, music, painting, drawing, jewelry/beading and ceramics. But, we can't do it without your help! Please complete the interest/registration section and mail in today! Without community support we will not be able to get these programs off the ground.

What could we do?It's up to you!

- ▣ *Talent Show?* ▣ *Theatre Workshop?* ▣ *Summer Art s Camp?* ▣ *Music?*
- ▣ *Dance?* ▣ *Fair on the Green?* ▣ *Town-wide musical?* ▣ *Arts & Crafts*

INTEREST INVENTORY:

*Please mail your tax deductible donation and/or Interest Inventory to:
 Ellington Recreation, 31 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187, 31 Ellington CT 06029*

E-mail your questions, suggestions to rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address _____

INTERESTS: ▣ Volunteer ▣ Special Events ▣ Fundraising ▣ Other

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS:

- ▣ \$10 ▣ \$25 ▣ \$50 ▣ \$100 ▣ \$ _____ OTHER

2010 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer Fees: \$28.00 (U18 - U9)

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

- U-18 Boys and Girls ~ Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-16 Boys and Girls ~ Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-14 Boys and Girls ~ Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
- U-12 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (8 vs. 8) on the playing field
- U-11 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (8 vs. 8) on the playing field
- U-10 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field
- U-9 Boys and Girls ~ Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field

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.

DEADLINE FOR PLAYERS TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR FALL 2009 TEAM ROSTERED SPOT IS APRIL 1, 2010. IF A REGISTRATION FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE THE PLACEMENT WILL BE BASED AS "AS AVAILABLE" AND/OR THROUGH THE 2 EVALUATION CLINICS THAT ARE SCHEDULED.

Spring Soccer Age Groups CT Junior Soccer Association

Birth Date Guidelines

Age Groups
for Seasonal Year
Sept 1, 2009
to Aug 31, 2010

- U-19 Players born 8/1/90 and younger
- U-18 Players born 8/1/91 and younger
- U-17 Players born 8/1/92 and younger
- U-16 Players born 8/1/93 and younger
- U-15 Players born 8/1/94 and younger
- U-14 Players born 8/1/95 and younger
- U-13 Players born 8/1/96 and younger
- U-12 Players born 8/1/97 and younger
- U-11 Players born 8/1/98 and younger
- U-10 Players born 8/1/99 and younger
- U-9 Players born 8/1/00 and younger
- U-8 Players born 8/1/01 and younger

Calling All Parents, College/High School Students and Coaches **In-House Spring Soccer Program Ages 4—8 years Boys & Girls**

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering the Spring Soccer Clinic for children again this coming April 2010. Due to positively growing numbers of children interested in this Sport of Soccer, we will NEED YOUR HELP. Even if you have never played, coached or watched soccer, your participation is vital to this program. In conjunction with the Recreation Department, Spring Soccer Clinic Coordinator, Matt Maznicki, will be offering a FREE Coach's Clinic, in order to assist in helping you grow to love the game of soccer. Not only will you enjoy yourselves, the smiles on the children's faces are worth every minute you put into this program.

Ages 4, 5, and 6 will be coached on one night. Ages 7 & 8 will be coached on a different night. Both clinics will be held at the Ellington Middle School. There will be a new format this year also. Depending on how many teams are formed there will be "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another team in a scrimmage/match. This cannot be successful without your help and volunteer time. So please contact the Recreation Department or Coordinator Matt Maznicki at mattmaznicki@comcast.net

Please note, the quantity of volunteers will determine how many children will be accepted into this program.

Ages 4-6

Mondays: April 19, 26;
May 3, 10, 17, 24;
June 7, 14

Time Frame: 5:30-6:45pm

Location:
Ellington Middle School
Soccer Field

Ages 7 & 8

Wednesdays: April 21, 28;
May 5, 12, 19, 26;
June 2, 9

ELLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM Registration Form

REGISTRATION DATE: _____ Program: _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Complete for Child Registration ONLY: School: _____ Grade: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Asthma Glasses Contact Lenses Braces Arthritis Knee Problem Back Problem Hypertension Osteoporosis

Medical Concerns: _____

Current if Checked: Tetanus Diphtheria Polio

Physician Name: _____ Physician Phone: _____ Hospital Preference: _____

Dentist Name: _____ Dentist Phone: _____ Insurance Co: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (OTHER THAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS IF FOR CHILD REGISTRATION)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION - optional

In all cases requiring emergency treatment and in the event that I am unable to respond, I hereby give my permission to the Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission/Department staff and the Town of Ellington or his/her designee to select a Physician for treatment, or for treatment of the registered child, if I cannot be reached. I further authorize the physician to proceed with an examination, investigation, and hospitalization, necessary treatment of any injury and/or illness, and operation if needed. I also understand that the Town of Ellington does not provide accident or health insurance.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION FOR CHILD REGISTRATION: Lives with: Mother Father Both Parents

Father/Guardian: _____ Mother/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

I have reviewed the above information and deemed it to be true and accurate. I hereby agree to participate in the above indicated program, or give my permission for the registered child to participate in the above indicated program, through the Town of Ellington Parks and Recreation Department.

SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

FEE: _____ TOTAL PAID: _____ DATE PAID: _____ CASH CHECK #: _____ REC'D BY: _____

The Fair on the Green Returns!

Join the friends of Ellington Tennis, Rise Above, and other local groups as they bring back...

The Fair on the Green on Saturday, May 8th , 2010

This year's event will include a craft fair. Local kids entertainment, a business expo, a car show, the first Taste of Ellington featuring local eateries, and an art show.

For more information e-mail ellingtonfair@snet.net ~ call: 860.462.3627
Or visit www.friendsofellingtontennis.usta.com.

Legal Notices

The Town of Ellington has begun printing Legal Notices in the Reminder News, which represents a significant savings in printing costs. In the event that the circulation date of the Reminder News does not meet the statutory time requirements, the notice will be printed in the Journal Inquirer.

Blood Drive

Monday, February 1, 2010

1:00 PM—5:45 PM.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints
2 Maple Street, Ellington, CT**

**CALL 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543)
or sign up online @ www.bloodct.org**

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 @ 860-870-3100 or email msauve@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/
WFSB 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
Jan. 1* New Years Day
Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day
Feb 15 Presidents' Day

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

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

Town Hall
55 Main Street
P O Box 187
Ellington, CT 06029

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