



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Winter 2013-2014

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

## Update for New Senior Center and the November 5 Election

First, an update on the new Senior Center for those who are curious but don't have a direct contact involved in the process; *note that I write this just after Thanksgiving Day. IF* things go just right, it's expected that the move out of the old Church Street Senior Center will start immediately after Christmas Day and there will be a 'soft start' in the new Senior Center on Maple Street on January 6; 'soft start' means the continuation of the existing programs at the new location. A lot has to happen in between.

Some work will continue at the new site into the spring, when the grounds will be landscaped with grass, shrubs and trees for an attractive appearance. A public Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, April 5, 2014. For monthly updates, see the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov), select "Newsletters" in the left tabulation, click on Senior Center Town Crier, and click on the latest edition of the Newsletter. For faster news about changes, click on "Our Town News" mid-page at the [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov) Town website. If you just can't wait, check with a spry senior who stays on top of all this.

**November 5 Election Update:** Regardless of political affiliation, we should thank all candidates who ran to serve in Ellington Town government as volunteers. Running for election can be a demanding and humbling experience, and they are the bedrock of small-town government who deserve the gratitude of the public.

Following are the successful candidates:

**Board of Selectmen:** Leo Miller, Theodore Graziani (*Resigned after election. Ellington Democratic Town Committee nominated, and Board of Selectmen approved, Melinda Ferry as replacement*), John Turner, Ronald Stomberg, James Prichard, Lori Spielman

**Board of Finance:** Mark Joyse, Barry Pinto, Richard Cleary

**Board of Education:** Gary Blanchette, Michael Purcaro, Kristen Picard-Wambolt, Daniel Keune, Ann Marie Hayes

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** William Hogan, Ricci Hirth, Robert Hoffman, Arlo Hoffman

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Robert Sandberg, Kenneth Braga

**Library Board of Directors:** Richard Petrucci, C. Peter Nickerson, Janet Wieliczka

And thank you to Ellington voters for re-electing me.

*Happy and Safe*

*Holidays to All*

*Maurice Blanchette*

## Snow Removal from Sidewalks



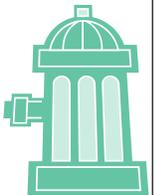
Per Town Ordinance, homeowners are required to remove any snow or ice from sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours following the cessation of the fall of snow or ice. Failure to do so is subject to a fine.

## Parking Ban



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, while said highways are hazardous to traffic. This will allow the Department of Public Works to be able to safely and efficiently remove the hazards of snow and ice from the roads. Violation of this ordinance will result in the removal of the vehicle at the owner's expense and may result in a fine.

## Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants



Residents are asked to clear any snow from fire hydrants on your property or nearby. Open a path to the hydrant and clear an area all around the hydrant. All fire hydrants should have a reflective pole marker. If the one near you does not, please call the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department at (860) 870-3190 and leave a message with the specific location of the fire hydrant.

For winter safety tips, see message from the **911 Municipal Coordinator** on Page 20.

## Town of Ellington 2014 Trash &amp; 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, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day Holidays; When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there is no delay in the collection schedule.  
All items for curbside pickup must be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

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

### Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste!

The Town of Ellington has contracted with **MidNEROC**  
[*Mid North East Recycling Operating Committee*]  
to handle disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Location: **57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT**  
Telephone: (860) 684-3163

There is no longer a HHW Day in Ellington. Ellington residents may bring residential quantities of HHW to the MidNEROC facility. There is no charge at the facility. **Please bring proof of residency.**

**Some Accepted Materials:** mercury thermometers and thermostats, dry cleaning fluid, fluorescent bulbs, arts and crafts supplies, rechargeable batteries, general purpose cleaners, aerosol cans with hazardous content, drain cleaners, metal polishers, floor cleaners, oven cleaners, wax and polishes, tile cleaners, toilet cleaners, gasoline, fire starters, engine/radiator flushes, chemistry kits, oil based paints, rust preventative, wood preservative, lead based paint, solvents, degreasers, wood strippers, paint thinner, fertilizers with pesticides and herbicides, muriatic acid, insect spray, pool chemicals and more.

**Materials Not Accepted:** medications, asbestos, explosives, fireworks, ammunition and latex paint. **Note:** All leftover latex paint may be disposed of in your regular household trash. First harden or dry it by removing the lid and placing the can in a safe, well-ventilated area.

#### MidNEROC Hours:

9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
on the first and third Saturday of the month  
from mid-April to early November.

The facility is closed the first Saturday of July and September

**Items Accepted at the Public Works Facility (Shed), 21 Main Street:** Car batteries, waste oil, antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, computer components, electronics, car and lawn mower batteries. Proof of residency will be required and will be verified by the Department of Public Works staff.

**Weekday Shed hours:** Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 3:30 pm  
The Shed will be open Saturday, January 11 and Saturday, January 18  
from 9:00 am to noon

**For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (860) 870-3140 or visit our website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov)**

### Christmas Tree Pick-up

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, 21 Main Street, any time and leave them by the grey shed.

### Winter Sand Available

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

**Cindy Roman, Assessor**  
(860) 870-3109

### HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The Homeowners' Tax Relief 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 2013, 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 and it is your year to file, an application will be mailed to you. The filing period for the Homeowners' Program is February 1 through May 15. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2014.

### ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S 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 and it is your year to file, an application will be mailed to you. The filing period for this program is between February 1 and October 1. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2014.

\*Income requirements:

To qualify for the 2013 benefit year the maximum income is:

\$41,600 for a married couple  
\$34,100 for a single person.

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

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM  
Friday-Saturday 10AM-5PM  
Sunday 1PM-5PM  
See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.

All Library programs are free and open to all. Watch the library's website for other upcoming events and movie listings! Contact the library at (860) 870-3160 or [hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov).

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What programs/speakers/authors/classes would you be interested in seeing at the library? Please let anyone on the staff know your ideas for interesting, entertaining, and/or educational programs – we want your input!



### CONSUMER REPORTS ONLINE:

Cell phones, TVs, tablets, blu-ray players...all popular items on holiday shopping lists. But so many choices! How do you choose the best product? Consult Consumer Reports Online! Consumer Reports publishes reviews and compares consumer products and services based on reporting and results from its in-house testing laboratory and survey research center. This popular service is accessible to you for free with your library card. Visit the library website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) and click on the "Resources" tab.

### PLEASE HANDLE DVDs WITH CARE:

The library is working to build a quality collection of DVDs for your watching pleasure. New releases are generally available within days of being released. Staff members are always on the lookout for other interesting titles, and take suggestions. And we get some great donations, too. DVDs are fragile and are easily damaged. Fingerprints and scratches can cause a DVD to become unplayable. Please handle them with care!



### VALUELINE.COM:

For those of you who manage your own stocks and investments, the library has long subscribed to the Value Line Investment Survey. Value Line provides unbiased investment research for stocks, mutual funds, options, convertibles, and ETFs. This and other Value Line publications have now gone online. The library will be offering a free remote-access trial for the month of January to judge your interest in this product. The link will be on the main page of the library website. Check it out and let us know what you think.

### Upcoming Programs

Classic Diners of Connecticut ( <i>Garrison Leykam</i> )	January 15	6:30 pm
The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County & Other Stories ( <i>Vicki Graw</i> )	January 23	7:00 pm
Laughter Yoga ( <i>Laura Le</i> ) To be held at the Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street	January 28	2:00 pm
Valentine's Day Fondue and Chocolate* ( <i>Chef Ray</i> )	January 29	6:30 pm
They Called Me Lizzie: From Slavery to the White House ( <i>Stephanie Jackson</i> )	February 12	6:30 pm
The Curse of Big-Time Gambling's Seduction of a Small New England Town ( <i>Robert Steele</i> )	February 27	7:00 pm
Women's History Month - Celebrating 300 Years of Connecticut Women ( <i>Bambi Mroz</i> )	March 12	6:30 pm
Polymer Clay Bead-Making* ( <i>Laurie Lynne</i> )	March 26	6:30 pm
Researching Your Historic House ( <i>Marian Pierre-Louis</i> ) [rescheduled from an earlier date]	April 2	6:30 pm
How to Pay for College ( <i>Craig Brietsprecher</i> )	April 9	6:30 pm
*Limited seating so register early!		

*These events are made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. All programs require online registration at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call the Library at (860) 870-3160 for assistance. All programs are held at the Library, 93 Main Street, unless otherwise noted.*

### NEW! PASS TO OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE:

Thanks to the *Friends of the Library*, we now have a pass to Old Sturbridge Village! The pass allows 50% off regular daytime admission for up to four visitors. This and 18 other passes are available for borrowing for up to 3 days with your library card. Passes may be reserved 24 hours in advance of checkout. To see the brochure listing all passes, visit the library website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov).

**CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT NEWS**



**Library Cards:** As we begin a new year, the Hall Memorial Library Children's Department encourages all children, ages five years and older, to get their own library card. Of course, you will need Mom or Dad's permission to do that. Then you can check out any materials in the library yourself, with your own library card. That includes all of the wonderful books full of stories that you might want to read, and puppets, and CD's with music, and read-a-longs that include a book and a cassette or a CD, and videos, and play away views, too. The public library is a wonderful place. Come check us out!!

**Babies and Books:** For children 9 months to 2½ years old, the popular Babies and Books program will resume January 13 through February 10, 2014. The library will be closed January 20. This four week session is for babies and their parents or caregivers. Registration will begin January 2. Two time slots will be offered: 10:15-11:15, and 11:30-12:30. There will be 15 minutes of reading, singing and movement activities, as well as 45 minutes of play. Toys are provided.



**Preschool Story Hours:** Preschool story hours will begin in February (dates/times to be announced) for children ages 2½ years old-with an adult, and 3-5 years old-without an adult.

**Chess:** In January, we're planning a special program for children who play chess or for those who would like to learn. Sound like fun? We are very excited to be able to offer this new event. Plans are in the making so keep your eyes open for more details. Information will be in the local newspapers as well as on the library website: [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov).

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY:**

Though any day is a great day to take your child to the library -- and we know you do -- mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 1** and plan to visit us for what we promise will be a special library day that's a whole lot of fun for you and your family!

**EARLY LITERACY COMPUTER STATIONS GETTING A FACELIFT:**

For the past three years the Children's Department has had two AWE Early Literacy Stations programmed with educational games of all kinds for children ages 2 to 10 years old. These were made possible through a generous grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. During December 2013, these computers will be given an upgrade, with additional games, bells and whistles. We hope that your children will continue to enjoy all the learning provided through these fun filled games and activities.

**YA STUFF**

**Young Adult Advisory Board:** We have three new members and they are settling in and getting comfortable with the group. Fund-raising ideas for our trip to New York City and community involvement lead the discussion at the monthly meetings, followed with lively book discussions on books the board members choose each month. These teens give their time freely, coming in to shelf read, design displays, and help choose books for the young adult section. We are very thankful for them!

**The Scribblers** is Hall Memorial Library's young adult creative writing group for students in grades 7-12. We meet once a month on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. At these meetings, everyone is given the chance to improve their writing skills, share ideas with the group, and try new ways of expressing themselves through the written word. Refreshments are provided.



**Movie Dates and Times (Films to be announced)**

Wednesday	January 8	6:30 pm
Thursday	January 9	1:00 pm
Wednesday	January 22	6:30 pm
Thursday	January 23	1:00 pm
Wednesday	February 5	6:30 pm
Thursday	February 6	1:00 pm
Wednesday	February 19	6:30 pm
Thursday	February 20	1:00 pm
Wednesday	March 5	6:30 pm
Thursday	March 6	1:00 pm
Wednesday	March 19	6:30 pm
Thursday	March 20	1:00 pm
Thursday	March 27	6:30 pm
Thursday	April 3	1:00 pm



*Please note that the afternoon movies will now be shown on Thursdays instead of Fridays.*

*All films start promptly at their scheduled time.*

Watch the events board at the Library, visit the website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3160 for movie announcements.

**WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS/CANCELLATIONS:**

Library closings or program cancellations due to winter weather conditions will be posted on the library website and also on Channel 3 WFSB. Remember that the library does not follow the school closing policy. Call to confirm.

**BOOK CELLAR HOURS:**

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

A gift certificate to the Book Cellar makes a great gift! Available in any denomination.

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

**A**s we move through the school year, I thought it appropriate to provide a community update on the school building projects as well as to provide information on three recent positive developments. I am pleased to inform you that the construction portions of both the Windermere School and the Crystal Lake School projects have received approval from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services to go to bid. Bid documents were released by the Town of Ellington on November 26, 2013 with a closing date of January 8, 2014. Ellington's Permanent Building Committee is scheduled to meet on January 14, 2014 when it is expected that a contractor will be selected. Depending upon factors such as the weather, it is anticipated that construction at Crystal Lake School will begin this spring. Site work at Windermere School will commence this summer, while interior work at Windermere School will be scheduled for the summer of 2015. It is anticipated that both projects will be completed by August 2016.

The Crystal Lake School project is planned to occur in three phases. As stated above, the first phase will commence in the spring of 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in December 2014. Phase One will include the construction of the new classroom wing of the school, including a portion of the new library/media center and administrative offices, the new entrance and parking lot off South Street as well as significant site work. All abatement of hazardous materials will occur during non-school time starting in the summer of 2014. Included in the schedule for the summer of 2014 is site trenching for new sanitary lines from the school to Sandy Beach Road which will necessitate closing Crystal Lake School for most of the summer. Once Phase One is completed, Crystal Lake students in kindergarten through grade 4 will be transitioned to the new wing of the school in January of 2015.

Phase Two of the Crystal Lake School project is scheduled to occur from January 2015 through August 2015. This portion of the project will include renovation of the existing classroom wing, converting the current kindergarten and library/media center to the cafeteria and kitchen, renovation of the music room and some work in the gymnasium.

The final phase of the project will occur between September 2015 and August 2016. Phase Three includes renovation of the current cafeteria for use as an art room, renovation of the staff lounge, the math intervention room, lockers as well as the remainder of the library/media center.

Along with each interior phase there is corresponding site work related to parking, playgrounds and fields. Completion of both projects is anticipated for the start of the 2016-2017 school year. There will be no change in grade configuration of any Ellington school for the 2014-2015 school year. Depending upon successful adherence to the construction schedule some transition to new grade configurations could begin in 2015-2016. Each phase of the project will require adjustments by students, staff and the community which may be annoying or irritating at times. The benefit for our students, however, will certainly outweigh the inconveniences to get there.

There is a long way to go to complete this work authorized by the citizens of Ellington. There are also numerous people involved in the process who certainly deserve our thanks. The members of the Permanent Building Committee, the Board of Education, the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen, members of various town boards and agencies as well as local town officials, school administrators and staff have all contributed to our progress to date and I am confident that, with their continued participation and support, these projects will be successfully completed.

In a previous edition of this column I informed the public of the major security upgrades that were in the process of being installed across the district. Among those upgrades are: installation of surveillance cameras, and a scan-card access control and keyless entry system; installation of shades on classroom doors and building windows; conversion and repair of existing classroom door locksets and existing exterior door hardware; installation of security fencing around school generators and utility connections; installation of safety related signage; and installation of fire door panic release systems. I also stated that the district had applied to the State of Connecticut for a security grant to help offset our costs of \$275,412. I am pleased to inform you that the Ellington Public Schools have been named as a recipient of a State security grant in the amount of \$169,983. For all grants of this nature the State uses the same reimbursement percentage for towns that is in place for building projects. Financial assistance in the completion of this important work is certainly appreciated.

I also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that the Ellington Public Schools also made application to the State of Connecticut for a technology grant in the amount of \$359,775. At the end of November, Governor Malloy announced the recipients of those grants. I am pleased to again inform you that the Ellington Public Schools was named as a technology grant recipient in the amount of \$206,871.

Funds from this grant will be used to provide some of the technology required to implement the new Smarter Balanced Assessments that are required in the spring of 2015. A major portion of these new assessments is computer adaptive and thus the grant will certainly assist the Ellington Schools in providing requisite technology, not only for these assessments, but more importantly for curricular and instructional purposes.

Finally, on November 4, 2013 the College Board announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Advanced Placement Access and Student Performance. I am pleased to inform you that the Ellington Public School District is one of eighteen districts in Connecticut that met the criteria to be placed on the AP Honor Roll this year. This is the second consecutive year that the Ellington Public Schools have earned this recognition. This honor recognizes increased access to Advanced Placement courses while simultaneously maintaining or improving the percentage of exams scoring 3 or higher. Inclusion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of AP data from 2011 through 2013. Recognition such as this is the result of excellent planning and initiatives from a number of staff members as well as the hard work and commitment of an increasing number of students each year. I am most proud of those efforts and the ongoing achievement of our students.

*Stephen C. Cullinan*

**Ellington Public Schools  
Where Children Come First**

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

**Medicare Savings Program (MSP)**

This program can help low income persons on Medicare Part A & B to reduce the cost of prescription medications; have Medicare Part B premiums returned to your monthly Social Security check; and eliminate the “donut hole”. Income limits: single person can earn up to \$2,356.68 per month; couples can earn up to \$3,180.78 per month. Contact Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 to set up an appointment to complete the application. The Medicare Savings Program is administered by the State of CT Department of Social Services

**The Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety Program is welcoming new members for our planning committee.** Please contact Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 if you are interested in being part of our Senior Safety team!

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

**January 1, 2014 Taxes Due**

The second installment of real estate and/or personal property tax becomes due and payable on January 1, 2014 and becomes delinquent after February 3, 2014. Interest is charged on all late payments at the rate of one and one half percent per month from the due date of January 1<sup>st</sup> as per Connecticut General Statute 12-146. If you have misplaced your tax bill please contact the Tax Collector’s Office at (860) 870-3113 or [taxcollector@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:taxcollector@ellington-ct.gov) to request a copy.

The supplemental motor vehicle tax bills will be mailed the last week in December. Supplemental bills are prorated to reflect the registration time of your vehicle after October 1, 2012 and before September 30, 2013. 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 at (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 (January to December). These requests involve research into the prior fiscal year’s records. Due to this, as well as the volume of requests, a report must be generated.

The Tax Collector’s Office offers the option of paying taxes online. By visiting the Town of Ellington’s website, [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov), real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes can be paid with a credit/debit card or from an online checking account. Invoice Cloud will charge taxpayers a convenience fee: electronic check fee is \$0.95; credit/debit card fee of up to 2.95%. Please note that credit/debit cards are NOT accepted in the Tax Collector’s Office.

**Town Mailing Requirements**

Please use the assigned Post Office Box numbers when sending mail to Town Offices and the Library.

Town Hall Offices	P.O. Box 187
Tax Department	P.O. Box 158
Hall Memorial Library	P.O. Box 280

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



**The new Senior Center at 40 Maple Street will open its doors on Monday, January 6, 2014!**

There will be an informal open house on this day to celebrate! Please join us to take a tour. Come welcome back old friends and meet some new ones.

### Registration Days for All Programs

Registration for **all** programs for the 2014 calendar year will be held during the week of January 6-9. There will be door prizes and goodies to all who register during this week! Information on classes, as well as an opportunity to meet the instructors, will be ongoing during Registration Days. You will have an opportunity to learn about and register for some of our new programs. Here are some of the new classes: *Zumba® Fitness; 1 on 1 Computer Help with Bill C.; Simple Circuit Training (levels 1 and 2); Tap Dancing; Water Color Instruction; Oil Painting Instruction and the Basics of Microsoft Office.*

### Ellington Senior Center 2014 Trip Schedule:

Below is a *partial list* of some of the great trips we have planned for 2014. For more information, or to sign up, please stop in or call the Ellington Senior Center. Please note that payment is due in full at sign up for all day trips. For multi-day trips, a deposit is due and insurance is available only at sign up. We hope you can join us!

Trip	Date(s)	Cost per person	Sign up by:
Andy Cooney's Dublin Irish Cabaret at Chez Josef, Agawam, MA	3/4/14	\$79	2/4/14
Boston Flower & Garden Show and Quincy Market	3/13/14	\$58	2/12/14
Parker's Maple Barn & Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory Mason, NH	4/9/14	\$71	3/9/14
Brighton Beach "Little Russia", Coney Island, NY	5/15/14	\$78	4/15/14
Nubble Lighthouse Cruise, Downeast Clambake, Strawberry Banke, Ogunquit, ME	6/9 - 6/11/14	\$389 Double Occupancy	4/21/14
Twin Lobsters with the Edwards Twins at the Hu Ke Lau Chicopee, MA	7/9/14	\$83	6/8/14

### Community Development (860) 870-3132 Ellington, Somers and Suffield Homeowners

The Town of Ellington has received a grant for \$450,000 from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to make no-interest loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties in Ellington, Somers and Suffield. To be eligible, the owners must meet low/moderate income limits (see below). Owner/occupants of 1-4 family buildings with low/moderate income tenants may also qualify. The program funds repairs to bring the property up to health and safety standards.

#### How to Apply

The application is available at either the First Selectman's Office or the Community Development Office on the top floor of Town Hall, 55 Main Street. It's also available on the Town's website at [Ellington-ct.gov](http://Ellington-ct.gov); click on "Our Town". Call the Community Development Office at (860) 870-3132 any Tuesday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. If you leave a message, your call will be returned. Applications can be received and returned by mail.

#### Who is Eligible

All Ellington, Suffield and Somers homeowners with incomes below the following limits are eligible.

#### Income Limits by Family Size

1	2	3	4
\$45,500	\$52,000	\$58,500	\$65,000
5	6	7	8
\$70,200	\$75,400	\$80,600	\$85,800

#### Type of Assistance

- **Financial Assistance** - No-interest deferred payment loans, which do not have to be repaid as long as the applicant lives in the home. Grants will be provided for eligible lead paint and asbestos related work. When the home is sold in the future, in most cases the loan must be repaid to the Town.
- **Technical Assistance** - A Rehabilitation Specialist will inspect the home with the owner and help determine the scope of work to be done. He will also assist the homeowner with hiring a contractor and will monitor work to be done and issue payments.

*People requesting translation services or needing special assistance will be accommodated.*



The Town Of Ellington complies with all Civil Rights and Fair Housing laws.



**Ellington Youth Services**  
 Phone: (860) 870-3130  
 email: [dpenti@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:dpenti@ellington-ct.gov)  
[youth.ellington-ct.gov](http://youth.ellington-ct.gov)



*Do you wish you had more patience with your children?  
 Do you nag, scold or punish more than you would like?  
 Do you sometimes think there must be a better way?*

**Ruth Ettenberg Freeman, LCSW**  
**Positive Parenting Workshop Series**  
**For Parents of Children 2 to 12 years old**

Dates:	February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13 (March 20 snow date)
Time:	6:00 pm to 7:45 pm
Location:	Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street

Ruth Ettenberg Freeman, LCSW, will present a six week workshop series on Positive Parenting for parents with children ages 2 to 12. She will cover parenting styles and behaviors as well as discipline and communication methods that will help decrease conflict and increase cooperation in families. Ruth has been teaching parenting skills to parents for over 28 years. Visit Ruth's website at [positiveparentingct.com](http://positiveparentingct.com).

For more information visit our website at [bethechange.ellington-ct.gov](http://bethechange.ellington-ct.gov) under Parent Connection Events or call Ellington Youth Services at (860) 870-3130 to reserve your spot and child care. All presentations are free of charge. Attendance is not required for all workshop dates but is recommended.

**What About The Boys?**

A book discussion will take place for those adults interested in learning how to help boys get the tools they need to succeed. The book that will be discussed is *Masterminds and Wingmen* by Rosalind Wiseman. She is the author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes* and is an internationally recognized expert on children, parenting, bullying, social justice, and ethical leadership. A limited supply of her book is available for free. The book discussion dates are to be announced. Please contact Debbie Stauffer, Ellington Youth Services, at [dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3130 for more information and to receive a copy of the book.

**Meditation for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Look out for our upcoming class coming in February 2014! Your youth will learn relaxation techniques to help them focus, fall asleep faster, calm their minds and much, much more!

*The Ellington Board of Education Special Services  
 Department in collaboration with  
 Ellington Youth Services is sponsoring:*

**Parent Discussion - A Family Guide**  
**A journey through the special education process and the  
 essential role of parents:**

Families, teachers and administrators working together for the success of the child

**Wednesday, January 15 ~ 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at  
 Windermere School Media Center, 2 Abbott Road**

I am concerned my child has learning or emotional disability. What should I do? Understanding the SRBI process and initial referral for special education services. Please join us for an engaging informal discussion and snack.

**For more information please contact**  
**Diane Lasher-Penti (860) 870-3130 or**  
**Kristy LaPorte (860) 896-2300**

**HANDLECARE**  
prescription drug safety

Mark Your Calendars!

Ellington Youth Services and  
 Ellington Resident State  
 Troopers' Office are sponsoring a

**Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

**Saturday, January 25, 2014 - 9 am to 12:00 noon at**

**Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office (33 Arbor Way)**

Residents are asked to bring in old and unused prescription drugs so they can be disposed of in the proper manner. **No syringes will be accepted.** Please keep our environment and our youth safe and drop off your medications.

**For more information, contact**  
**Ellington Youth Services at (860) 870-3130**

**Rise Above and Opening Knight**

**Players** will host the

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Small Town Big Talent**

**Community Variety Show**

**Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm**

**Ellington High School Auditorium, 37 Maple Street**

**Open Auditions** will be held on

Tuesday, January 28 and Wednesday, January 29

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Ellington High School Auditorium.  
 Community members of any age with any kind of talent are encouraged to attend the auditions!

Questions? Please email Megan at  
[BigTalent2014@gmail.com](mailto:BigTalent2014@gmail.com).



**Strengthening Families – Inside and Out**

January 22 and 29 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
 Windermere School, 2 Abbott Road

This 2-day program for parents and their youth (grades 3 to 6) will help you learn how to work together as a family to feel fit and strong – inside and out. You will also learn relaxing techniques and skills for better health and positive attitude. This is a FREE program! More information coming soon!

## ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2013-14 WINTER PROGRAMS

**Address:**

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

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

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

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

**Phone:** (860) 870-3118**Fax:** (860) 870-3198**[ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov)**

### AED/ First Aid/ CPR

**Register via email:**[Ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto:Ellington.safety@yahoo.com)**Instructor:** Allison Breen

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

Monday, January 6      5:00 pm -10:00 pm

Monday, February 3      5:00 pm -10:00 pm

Monday, March 3      5:00 pm -10:00 pm

Each coach is **REQUIRED** to complete this training. We can only allow **six (6)** coaches per class, so register early. When you register, please leave your **full name, phone number and what class you wish to attend and sport you are coaching**. Allison Breen will contact you to confirm your registration.

### 2014 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. The Tournament and Jamboree schedule is tentatively scheduled between the 2nd and 3rd week of March and 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 this event. **Please call the Recreation Office @ (860) 870-3118.**

<b>Basketball CLASS</b>	<b>ID CODE</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>AGES</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>Men's Informal Basketball</b>	0205.50314	Monday Evenings January 6 to June 2 <i>(Closed Jan 20; Feb 17; April 14, May 26)</i>	5:30-9:00 pm	Under 30	\$10	Windermere School
	0205.50414			Over 30		
<b>Unified Basketball Program</b>  dskewes@comcast.net	No Code	April through May  Coordinator: Kim Skewes (860) 875-3707	5:45-7:15 pm	TBD	small fee applies	Middle School
<b>Informal High School Basketball Boys &amp; Girls*</b>	1119.BB912 W13 <hr/> 1119.BGS912 W13	December 14, 2013 to March 6, 2014 <i>(Registration is ongoing)</i>	Varied Time Slots	Grades 9-12	\$60	Site Varies

\* 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

8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament  
December 27 & 28  
Ellington Middle School  
Teams from South Windsor, Avon and Farmington will compete along with the Ellington Recreation as the host team.

**December 27**  
6:00 pm & 7:30 pm  
First Round Games with Ellington playing @ 7:30 pm

**December 28**  
6:00 pm Consolation Game  
7:30 pm Championship Game

A program brochure will be provided and anyone interested in placing an advertisement should contact Bob Tedford at (860) 870-3118 no later than December 21, 2013. A concession stand will be available.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGE/GRADE	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Volleyball Co-Ed</b>	2014.CVB1	Wednesdays: January 8 - April 2	7:30-9:00 pm	Ages 18 & up	\$10	Middle School
<b>Youth Volleyball Co-Ed</b>	2014.YCEVB	Fridays Tentative Start Date: February 21	6:00-7:15 pm	Grades 5-8	\$15	Middle School
<b>Youth Indoor Soccer Co-Ed</b>	2014.CES14	Spring Session: April 3, 4, 10	7:00-8:30 pm	Grades 5-8	\$15	Crystal Lake School
<b>Women's Informal Basketball</b>	2014.W18	Tuesday Evenings January through March	7:30-9:15 pm	Ages 18 & up	\$12	Center School
<b>Jukido</b>	2014.JUK1015	Session 15: Thursdays January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20	5:30-6:30 pm	Ages 6 & up	\$52 Per session	Vernon Community Building 375 Hartford Turnpike
<b>NYSCA Coaches Clinic Softball/Soccer/Football Coaches</b>	No Code	This is an online program for all sports	N/A	All Recreation Coaches	\$25	Online Program
This program is available online at <a href="http://NAYS.ORG/NYSOCAONLINECLINICS">NAYS.ORG/NYSOCAONLINECLINICS</a>						
<b>Babysitter Safety Course 101</b> Min 8/Max 20 per session	BAB.SITW13  BAB.SITW14	February 26 & 27  April 23 & 24	3:30-5:30 pm	Ages 10-15 years old	\$45	Windermere School Cafeteria

**Babysitter Safety Course is a new 4-hour program:** This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Basic first-aid and obstructed airway management for conscious choking adult/child and infant. Other topics: hand-washing, diapering, bottle-feeding, personal safety, interview skills and much more. Bring a snack each day.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGE/GRADE	FEE	LOCATION
<b>After School Mini 6-Week Bowling Program</b>  Bus Transportation provided to Spare Time Lanes from Center School, Crystal Lake School and Windermere School	<b>0516.CEN123</b> Center School <b>0516.WINK43</b> Windermere School (K-4) <b>0516.WIN563</b> Windermere Grades 5-6 <b>0516.CLS13</b> Crystal Lake School	Mondays  Session # 2 February 24 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4:00-6:00 pm	Grades K-4	\$65  All bowling forms are to be returned to the Recreation Department, NOT your child's school. Thank you!	Vernon Spare Time Bowling  350 Talcottville Road, Vernon
		Makeup date April 7  	3:00-5:00 pm	Grades 5-6		

Parents will be responsible for picking up their children at the Spare Time Vernon Lanes. Includes 1-1/2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, transportation to Spare Time Vernon Lanes and free pizza party on the last day.

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>USTA10 Tennis</b> Max 8	USTA.10	Session J: To be announced (TBA)	TBA	Grades K-4	\$35	TBA
<b>Tiny Tot Indoor Tennis Lessons</b> Max 8	TINY.TTTW14	Mondays: March 10, 17, 24, 31	5:30-6:00 pm	3-5 years	\$40	Crystal Lake School
<b>Pee Wee Indoor Tennis Lessons</b> Max 8	PEE.PWEW14	Mondays: March 10, 17, 24, 31	6:15-6:45 pm	5-7 Years	\$40	Crystal Lake School
<b>Youth Indoor Tennis Lessons</b> Max 8	YOUTH.TNW14	Mondays: March 10, 17, 24, 31	6:45-7:45 pm	8-13 years	\$40	Crystal Lake School
<b>High School Tennis Players Boys &amp; Girls</b>	EHST.TENN14	Tentative: 2nd Week in March	3:00-4:30 pm	Grades 9-12	\$45	TBD
<b>Players must provide their own racquet, sneakers &amp; transportation to practices</b>						
<b>Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners (Indoor Lessons)</b>	2013.40W14	Wednesdays: April 2, 9, 16, 23	7:00 pm	Adult Beginner 14 & up	\$35	Crystal Lake School
<b>Indoor Golf Lessons (affiliated with Ellington Golf Center)</b>	2014.GOLFO	Session: Wednesdays March 12, 19; April 2, 9 Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth	6:30-7:30 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	Adult Co-ED	\$60	Crystal Lake School
<b>Wear sneakers, all-purpose shoes. Mats and plastic golf balls will be provided</b>						
<b>Women's Self-Defense</b>	2014.WSDG	March 7	7:00 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
<b>Cross-Country Ski Lessons/ Course</b>	Weather and SNOW permitting, the Recreation Department will offer cross-country ski lessons and a local cross-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 cross-country skiing. If interested in being contacted with a firm date and time for the clinic, please call the Recreation Office at (860) 870-3118.					
<b>Ellington Recreation Hiking Club</b>	This group takes a HIKE every Tuesday; a new site each week and site notification is made the Monday prior (via email). Meet at Arbor Park on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office, 31 Arbor Way. Eligibility: Adults 18 year of age and over. Bring: water, snack, wear proper footwear and dress appropriately for the weather conditions.					

2014

Seasonal  
Employment

Applications for seasonal employment will be available January 5, 2014 for those interested in applying for the following positions within the Recreation Department:

- ASA (Softball Umpire)
- WSI and LGT Lifeguards
- Day Camp Counselor
- USSF (Soccer) Official
- Youth Lacrosse Official
- Special Event Instructors
- Site Supervisors

Please contact the Recreation Office at (860) 870-3118 or [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov) to obtain an application form.

**2014 Ellington Sprint Triathlon**

**1/4 Mile Swim ~ 12 Mile Bike ~ 3.1 Mile Run**

**July 13 or Rain Date: July 20**

**Fee: \$70.00 (pre-registration required)**



The Ellington Parks & Recreation Department and a few more passionate Tri-athletes will be hosting the **6th Annual Ellington Triathlon** at Crystal Lake. The 5th Annual event in 2013 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 12-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! Each race registrant will receive snacks, beverages, race bag, t-shirt and a water bottle.

**Registration will open March 1, 2014 - June 1, 2014 at [ellingtontriathlon.com](http://ellingtontriathlon.com)**

which will direct you to the Ellington Parks & Recreation registration.

Again, the proceeds from the 2014 Ellington Triathlon will support local charities in Ellington.

Any local businesses looking to support the race or match a donation, please contact us at [ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net](mailto:ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net).

**Volunteers are being sought to provide assistance on the EVENT DAY.**  
Contact us at [ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net](mailto:ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net)

# 2014 Ellington Girls Softball League Registration

Register online at [ellingtongirlssoftball.org](http://ellingtongirlssoftball.org)

Select "Register Online" tab on left of Home Page. You will also be able to register for player clinics at this time.

**Softball Registration dates for new players:**

Dates	Time	Place
Saturday, February 1	9 am-12 noon	Middle School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 8	9 am-12 noon	Middle School Cafeteria

**First year players** are required to provide an **original** birth certificate and parent/guardian must show their driver's license at time of registration.

**Returning Players:** Online registration will be open for 2 weeks from **January 22 - February 15, 2014**. A \$10.00 late fee will be added on to registrations submitted after February 14, 2014.

**League Age & Fees**

League	Age As of 12/31/13	Fee + \$25 refundable concession deposit and any optional clinic fees.
Rookies	6 to 8*	\$60
Minors	9 to 10	\$70
Majors	11 to 12	\$80
Seniors	13 to 16	\$80

*\*may be 6 years old if child has played at least one year of T-Ball*

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Practices will begin sometime in early April depending on weather/field conditions.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- ◆ Umpiring Minor & Major League Games
- ◆ Coaching
- ◆ Opening Day Apparel Sales/ and year-end picnic
- ◆ Concession Stand

Volunteers must attend one of the registration sessions if you are a League Volunteer who has regular contact with players. Please complete a Little League Volunteer Application (which can be found on our website under the Registration Tab at top of the page, and bring it along with your driver's license (we will need to make a copy of your license).

Contact:

Keith Jarvis at [jarviskeith67@yahoo.com](mailto:jarviskeith67@yahoo.com)  
or Jim Lavey at [lavey@snet.net](mailto:lavey@snet.net)

**Ellington Girls Softball League is not affiliated with the Ellington Recreation Department.** The Ellington Girls Softball League Program is an all-volunteer organization. For more information, visit [ellingtongirlssoftball.org](http://ellingtongirlssoftball.org)

## 2014 Ellington Little League Baseball

Players Ages 6 years-16 years (as of April 30, 2014)

Online registration: [ellingtonll.org](http://ellingtonll.org)

Online registration open from January 29 - February 28, 2014

**Returning Players** ~ Requested to Register Online

### Registration Dates for New Players to Little League Baseball

#### Ages 6 & Up

Dates	Time	Location
Saturday, February 1	9 am-Noon	Middle School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 8	9 am-Noon	Middle School Cafeteria

First time players must bring a **birth certificate** to registration

### Volunteers Managers & Coaches

**Managers and coaches** are selected for all divisions and teams. Please complete volunteer application on website by 2/25/14.

#### Coaches/Players Clinic(s)

Dates will be posted on Little League website

**Volunteers Needed:** Contact Jim Laughlan (860) 558-5334, Division Contact (below) or any Board of Director Member.

### Umpires

All interested umpires (adults and children age 13 & up) including returning umpires, must complete an application on website. Training will be provided!

### Ellington Little League Baseball Fees & Contacts

Division	Ages	Fees*	Contact	Telephone #
T-Ball	6	\$50	Pat Sgarlata	860-871-8841
Instructional	7-8	\$65	Pat Sgarlata	860-871-8841
Farm/Minors	8-11	\$95	Chris Sivo	860-872-4668
Majors	10-12	\$95	Matt Trottier	860-454-8325
Junior/Senior	13-16	\$105	Jim Laughlan	860-558-5334

\*\$5 family discount for second family member and \$30 family discount for three or more family members.

**Note:** all fees require an additional \$35 family concession stand deposit - refundable upon serving in the concession stand.

### Evaluations for Little League Baseball to be held in March 2014

Date and location to be posted on website at  
**Ellingtonll.org**  
(Age as of April 30, 2014)

<b>Age 8</b>	Evaluations to determine placement if placed in Instructional League or Farm League. Optional: Player may choose to remain in Instructional League. Number of spots in Farm League subject to availability.
<b>Age 9</b>	Evaluations required for placement in the Farm League or Minor League; Player must attend one evaluation; two preferred.
<b>Ages 13-15</b>	Evaluations required for placement on Junior league team.

**Major League Tryouts  
to be held in March 2014 - Date and location  
to be posted on website at  
Ellingtonll.org  
(Age as of April 30, 2014)**

<b>Ages 10-12</b>	All non-returning major league players ages 10, 11 & 12 must attend Major League tryouts to be eligible for Major League draft. All 12-year-olds will play in Majors unless a special waiver is granted.
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### FREE BASEBALL BASH! Skills Clinic & Games

For Players 7-10  
years old  
(as of 4/30/2014)

**Date: March 22, 2014, Time: 9:00 am-11:30 am**  
**Place: Ellington Middle School**



Ellington Little League is not affiliated with the Ellington Recreation Department. 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, including the April 30th age cutoff date.

## VACATION CAMPS FOR CHILDREN GRADES K-8

The Recreation Department will sponsor *Two Vacation Camps*: December & April for children Grades K-8. The daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events, science experiments, nature/hikes and possibly sledding!!

**All Vacation Camps will be held at Ellington Middle School**

### Payment

- Full payment is required at time of registration.
- Family deductions for 2nd and 3rd child in same household will be \$5 per child; this only pertains to full day/full week campers registered.
- Discounts **do not** apply to before and after-care fees.

### 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.

Camps		Full Day/ Full Week 8:30 AM –3:00 PM	Half Day/ Full Week 8:30 AM-12 NOON	Before-Care: 7:30 AM-8:30 AM After-Care 3:00 PM-5:00 PM	DEADLINE DATE to register for camp
December Camp	December 27, 30, 31	\$54.00 1st child	\$36.00 1st child	Before-Care: \$4.00/day/child	12/15/2013
		\$49.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$18 a day)	\$31.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$12 a day)	After-Care: \$7.00/day/child	
April Camp	April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	\$90.00 1st child	\$60.00 1st child	Before-Care: \$4.00 per day	4/5/2014
		\$85.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$18 a day)	\$55.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$12 a day)	After-Care: \$7.00 per day	

## Day Trips 2014

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington and Windham. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department.

*The pick-up/drop-off locations will be the commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on the bus. Refer to the Town website for more details at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).*

Trip	Code	Dates	Time	Location	Fee	Notes
<b>Boston for the Day</b>	BSFD.TRIP14	Saturday March 15, 2014	Depart: 7:30 am Return: 6:00 pm	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$32 per person	Fee includes transportation only
<b>Day in New York City</b>	DNYC.TRIP14	Saturday, April 5, 2014	Depart 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	\$45 per person	Fee includes transportation only
<b>Bronx Zoo</b>	BRONX.ZOO14	Saturday, May 17, 2014	Depart: 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	<i>commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68</i>	TBD	Fee includes transportation only



### Girls & Boys Spring Lacrosse

REGISTRATION STARTED:

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Outdoor Program

March 14 to June 14, 2014

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Teams for 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Registration must be received by January 25, 2014 in order to ensure proper roster size and number of teams needed.

*Requests to move up a level must be in writing to the Recreation Department prior to January 31, 2014.*

#### Travel League Fees: Bantam-\$75; Juniors-\$85; Seniors-\$95

Families with 3 or more participants will receive a \$10 family discount. Additional fees will be required for both boys and girls uniforms.

#### Lacrosse Equipment Required:

Girls	Stick, goggles, mouth guard and cleats
Boys	Helmet (black), mouth guard, shoulder & elbow pads, cleats, athletic supporter, rib protector and regulation stick

#### Season Practice Schedules:

Bantams Practice 2-3 days per week

Juniors and Seniors Practice 3-5 days per week

**Note: Travel is required for Lacrosse within Connecticut and Massachusetts.**

#### Divisional Placement: Requirements for teams are as follows:

##### **Bantam Program Grades 3 & 4**

Girls minimum: 8; maximum: 25

Boys minimum: 15; maximum: 25

##### **Juniors Program Grades 5 & 6**

Girls minimum: 15; maximum: 25

Boys minimum: 15; maximum: 25

##### **Seniors Program Grades 7 & 8**

Girls minimum: 15; maximum: 25

Boys minimum: 15; maximum: 25

The Lacrosse Association is in *need of volunteers* who have an interest in helping out with practices or coaching. If you are interested in coaching, contact

Bob Tedford at [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov)

**Please attend the Coaches Meeting on January 25, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Recreation Office.**

***Pre-Registration Required For  
All Programs & Clinics***

### Boys & Girls Lacrosse Clinics Program

#### Intro Clinic for Grades K-2

Saturday Program ~ April 26 - May 24, 2014

9:00 am-10:00 am at Ellington High School

Cost: \$25 per player

This clinic will be designed to introduce kids to Lacrosse. Basic fundamentals of throwing, catching, cradling and shooting will be covered. Players do not need equipment for this clinic; the equipment will be provided.

#### New This Year!

**Boys Lightning Team:** Based on interest we may form a Lightning Team for 1st and 2nd grade boys. This Lightning team would be in addition to the Instructional Program, and will give boys an opportunity to learn fundamentals of the game in a safe and fun environment. Teams would practice and play games 1 or 2 times per week. Games will be against other Lightning teams from surrounding towns. If interested, register through Activenet **CODE: LIGHT.TEAM**

#### 2014 Guidelines:

**January 24, 2014 is the deadline** to register in order to ensure team placement, provided the minimum and maximum enrollment figures have been met; if that has occurred a "wait list" will be kept in order to determine if and when openings do exist.

**2014 playing time guidelines:** The boys and girls Lacrosse programs will be considered "TRAVEL" programs during the 2014 season. Current Town of Ellington policy requires each player to receive a minimum of 25% playing time, per game; however, it is anticipated that every attempt will be made to increase playing time percentage over the course of the regular season.

**Evaluation Session:** The Recreation Department reserves the right to establish/schedule three evaluation sessions (based on enrollment) in order to provide/select balanced teams and assign teams to the appropriate levels of competition; Bantam, Junior and Senior levels. It will be required that each player attend at least 2 of the 3 evaluation sessions. Time and location will be determined after registration closes.

**Mandatory Parents Meeting:** This is a mandatory parents meeting to review season expectations, costs, fundraising and rule changes for 2014. **Date: March 24 at 6:30 pm at Ellington High School.**

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
ZUMBA®  Instructors: Tressa Giordano & Joanne Britton	NO CODE 	Tuesdays & Thursdays Starting:  January 2, 2014 through June 5, 2014	7:30-8:30 pm	Adults (14 +)	\$40 Pre-paid Punch Card worth 8 classes or \$8.00 Walk- In Fee at the Door	Ellington Middle School

Classes will follow the Ellington Public Schools Calendar; NO Classes on Vacation Days or School Cancellation Days. Zumba® Fitness is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose. Bring a water bottle and towel.

ZUMBA KIDS®  Instructor: Tressa Giordano	ZUMBA.KID6 	Tuesdays February 4, 11, 25, March 4	6:45-7:15 pm	Ages 7-11 Boys & Girls	\$30 per session	To be determined
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The Zumba® Kids program is the ultimate dance-fitness party for your Zumba® fans ages 7-11, where they can play it loud & rock with friends to their own rules! This program features age-appropriate music and moves that get kids movin' to the beat. It's all about feeling fearless on the dance floor, reinforcing the idea that it's okay to just be yourself and dance like no one's watching! Come in comfortable clothing and sneakers. Bring a water bottle.

<b>Total Body Blast</b>  Instructor: Ginny Hogan	NO CODE  Registration Required at the First Class	January 20, 22, 27, 29  February 5, 10, 12, 17, 20, 24, 26  March 3, 5, 10, 13, 17	6:00-7:00 pm	14 years and up	\$40 for a Pre- Paid Punch Card/8 classes \$5 per class pre- payment or \$7 walk-in fee	Hall Memorial Library
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Join us for a moderate to intense circuit workout that targets all the major muscle groups and includes cardio. Workouts vary each session and use such equipment as resistance bands, hand weights, medicine balls, jump ropes, kettle bells, stability balls, TRX, etc. Modifications will be made to suit all abilities. Bring an exercise mat, big ball and hand-weights, if you have them.

<b>American Red Cross Lifeguard Course and Waterfront Course</b>  Min 5/Max 10 Participants	LGT.WFT14 	May 24, 25 June 7, 8 Plus 1 additional date to be announced	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Must be 15 years of age by June 8, 2014 to register	\$300 Resident  \$350 non-resident	Crystal Lake Beach & Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
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Teach participants the knowledge and skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies both in the pool and at a waterfront environment. Registration deadline is May 1, 2014. Please bring swim suit and towel to all classes plus lunch and water. Note: This class certifies you as an American Red Cross Lifeguard. There is no guarantee that at the completion of this course you will be hired as an employee at the Crystal Lake Sandy Beach facility.

<b>Tabata Bootcamp™</b>  Instructor: Ginny Hogan  Minimum 10 Participants	Tabata Bootcamp™ is the most cutting-edge approach to hit the fitness industry. It's a revolution in small group training that combines High Intensity Interval Training exercise, sound nutrition and the latest in behavioral science. Participants in the short-duration workouts burn an average of 5 times more calories AFTER their exercise is over. In addition to focusing on creating positive, healthy habits, Tabata Bootcamp™ provides around the clock support with an advanced members website, and individual assessments through the trainer and online self-tracking tools. Participants must attend a free one-hour orientation class prior to the 8-week session. Enrollment is open in order to determine interest. If interested, email <a href="mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov">recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov</a> with your name, email address and phone number. Need 10 participants to schedule program.					
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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
<b>Little Hands</b> Instructor: Jill Maznicki	LITT.HAND5	Session M: Mondays January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10 (makeup dates March 17 ) Adult participation required	9:15- 10:00 am	1-3 years old  Max: 8	\$65 Resident; \$70 Non- Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
<b>Little Hands</b> Instructor: Jill Maznicki	LITT.HAND7	Session T: Tuesdays January 7, 14, 28; February 4, 11, 25, March 4, 11 (makeup dates March 18 ) Adult participation required	9:15- 10:00 am	1-3 years old  Max: 8	\$65 Resident; \$70 Non- Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse

Chase away those long winter days with this hands-on sensory art experience! Children will use their senses to create art using edible media such as yogurt, pudding, crackers, Cool Whip, Cheerios; along with markers, paints, crayons, PlayDoh and more! Play time with friends is a must and a portion of class time will be set aside for children to interact with others and make new friends. Dress for mess!

<b>Music &amp; Movement</b>  Instructor: Jill Maznicki	MNM.THURS8	Session 8: Thursdays January 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27 (makeup dates: March 6)	10:15- 11:00 am	1-3 years old  Max: 10	\$65 Resident \$70 Non- Resident	Hall Memorial Library
	MNM.WEDS9	Session 9: Wednesdays January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 19, 26 (makeup dates: March 5)	10:15- 11:00 am	1-3 years old  Max: 10	\$65 Resident \$70 Non- Resident	Hall Memorial Library

Come sing, dance, play and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments, finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities. Adult participation is required.

<b>Pee-Wee Cheer</b>  Instructor: Jill Maznicki	PEWE.CHERS	Session Sat: Saturdays January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8 (makeup date: February 22)	9:00- 10:00 am	4-6 years  Max: 8	\$65 Resident \$70 Non- Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
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Cheer is a great sport to make friends and stay fit! This class will teach the fundamentals then build them into cheers. Improve balance, coordination, body awareness and have fun moving to music as a team! Dress in sneakers and bring water bottle.

<b>Mommy &amp; Me Playhouse</b>  Instructor: Jill Maznicki	MOM.ME	Session 1: Fridays January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21, 28 (make up date March 7)	9:15- 10:00 am	1-3 Years  Max: 8	\$65 Resident \$70 Non- Resident	Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
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T.G.I.F.!!! Long winter days have you feeling cooped up? Come join us for indoor fun with friends. Age appropriate activities including, easel art, block building, parachute play, sensory tables, ball pit, music to inspire in a room designed especially for your little ones.

**2014 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer ~ Fee: \$30.00 (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 below). 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 (11vs. 11) or Small sided (6 vs.6) on the playing field
- U-12 Boys and Girls Small sided (8 vs. 8) or (11 vs. 11) 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 players' 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.

The deadline for players to register in order to RETAIN his/her FALL 2013 roster placement is **APRIL 8, 2014**. Registration forms received after that date will be placed in the 'as available' file until final registrations/two evaluations have been completed. It is important to note that the Spring 2014 Season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on 'actual enrollment' as of April 8, 2014. Since Spring Soccer is considered an off-season sport, roster size and team alignment may be adjusted in order to provide a roster placement for all registrants. If a player wishes to attend an evaluation session in order to (1) qualify for a specific age group/level or, (2) is a new player that was not rostered in the Fall of 2013, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form so an accurate accounting may be kept.

Soccer 2013-2014 Seasonal Year Age Groups Guidelines												
Age Group	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
U-8	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005
U-9	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004
U-10	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
U-11	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002
U-12	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001
U-14	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
U-15	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999



**Evaluation Dates:**

**Friday, April 11  
6:00-7:15 pm**

**Saturday, April 12  
9:00 am-10:15 am**

**at Brookside Park**

***In-House Spring Soccer Program ~ Ages 4-8 years Boys & Girls***

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering a Spring Soccer Clinic for children in April 2014. Due to the growing number 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, we 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 yourself, 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 and 8 will be coached on a different night. Depending on how many teams are formed, there will be a "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another team in a scrimmage/match. This cannot be successful without your help and volunteer time; contact the Recreation Department at [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov) or [rtdford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtdford@ellington-ct.gov).

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

**Ages 4-6**  
Mondays  
April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19;  
June 2 makeup date

Time: 5:30-6:45 pm  
Location: Middle School Soccer Field  
Fee: \$25

**Ages 7 & 8**  
Wednesdays  
April 23; 30; May 7, 14, 21  
May 28 makeup date

**John Turner, 911 Municipal Coordinator, (860) 870-3190**

As winter closes in on Ellington, there are steps that can be taken to assist emergency services workers to provide efficient service to our residents.

- First and most importantly, make sure your house number is posted in a manner that is clearly visible from the street and properly identifies the residence or access driveway.
- Completely clear all of your driveway and sidewalk areas from snow and ice accumulations and apply sand for traction if necessary. Keep a small container of sand near the entrance steps in case responders need to provide additional traction for a stretcher or equipment.
- Have your heating sources serviced so they are ready to provide a season of safe and efficient service.
- Make sure your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors have working batteries and are tested.
- Remove snow and ice from around all neighborhood fire hydrants.

**In an emergency, response time is critical!** Being able to quickly find a location, having a clear access to the residence and being able to have fire hydrants available for immediate use saves time for the responders.

*Stay safe all season long!*

**Sergeant Sweeney, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor, (860) 875-1522**

**W**ith the winter season upon us, the Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office reminds residents to be extra cautious while driving in inclement weather. Reducing your vehicle speed, keeping distance between vehicles, and conducting preventative maintenance to your car will help keep you, your family, and your vehicle safe this winter season. Operators and homeowners should be mindful of the following: Under CT General Statute 14-252a and 13b-221, it is the responsibility of the operator of a vehicle to remove any accumulated ice/snow from the vehicle. Also, depositing of snow onto a roadway is unlawful. Failure to abide by these statutes is punishable by fines. Town ordinances are also enforceable under CT General Statute 7-148. Failure of homeowners to remove snow from a sidewalk in front of their homes within 24 hours is subject to a fine.

**Please have an enjoyable and safe Christmas and Holiday season.**

**Winter Weather Cancellations**

Town Office closings and meetings/program cancellations will be posted on the Town website:

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

Also check WFSB - Channel 3 for cancellations

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Town Hall Offices and the Library will be closed as follows:

December 24	Town Hall closes at Noon Library closes at 1:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Holiday *
December 31	Library closes at 1:00 p.m. Town Hall will be open.
January 1	New Year's Holiday*
January 20	M.L. King, Jr. Day
February 17	Presidents' Day

\*There will be a **one day delay** in trash collection on the dates indicated.

**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



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