



# THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Fall 2008

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

As we leave summer for autumn, I would like to give you an explanation for some of the work that you may have seen recently, as well as an update on upcoming projects.

There is good news and bad news about the Windermere Avenue Bridge over the Hockanum River. The project is underway and the sewer line, which would have obstructed the bridge work, will have been relocated by the time you read this article. Unfortunately, the culverts for the new bridge design will not be delivered until October. Since the Fisheries Division of the Department of Environmental Protection will not allow work in the river from the end of September through the beginning of June, installation work on the actual replacement of the bridge will not resume until June 2009. Until then we will have to continue with single-lane traffic on the bridge.

As I write this, the Connecticut Water Company is completing installation of new water mains on Upper Butcher Road and sections of Ellington Avenue and Mountain Street. Shortly, we will begin grinding up and then repaving the surface of the sections of these roads that have been disturbed.

The first two of the devices to separate contaminants from road drainage into Crystal Lake are expected to be delivered soon. Due to the need for modifications to the existing drainage system to connect to them, it isn't clear yet whether or not installation of both devices will be completed this year.

Design work on the roundabout to be constructed at the Five Corners is progressing nicely. The Connecticut Department of Transportation plans are available for review at the Public Works Facility, in my office and on our website. Construction of the roundabout remains on schedule for 2010.

*Michael P. Stupinski*

## 2008 Wall of Honor Recipient Dorothy Block Cohen

The Board of Selectmen selected **Dorothy Block Cohen** as the 2008 Wall of Honor Recipient in recognition as the Town's Historian. Mrs. Cohen spear-headed an interest in the early history of Ellington, and with the contributions of an imposing group of Ellington residents, produced a book, *Ellington: Chronicles of Change*; depicting various subjects, such as the frontier, homesteaders, mills, churches and schools.

Mrs. Cohen's research help lay the foundation for the land surveyors to create a 3'x6' "Proprietor's Map". Both the book and the map are displayed at the Hall Memorial Library.

Dorothy Block Cohen settled in Ellington over 56 years ago where she and her husband David raised their three children, Jonathan, Sanford and Harris. She served on various boards and commissions and was an active member of the Ellington Historical Society.

Dorothy Block Cohen was officially recognized and her name unveiled on the Wall of Honor at a public ceremony on September 6.

## Election Day November 4

Polls will be open

6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

District 1:  
Ellington High School

District 2:  
Crystal Lake School

See Page 2 for more election information.

### REMINDER...

check the batteries in your  
**SMOKE &  
CARBON MONOXIDE  
DETECTORS.**

And remind others  
to do the same.



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**Registrar of Voters  
870-3107**

The upcoming presidential election is slated for **November 4, 2008**. Our main objective before the election is to familiarize those who have not voted on the new machines and new voter registration. Our new fall office hours are posted on the town website. During those hours, voters who haven't used the new machines are encouraged to stop by for a demonstration. There will also be trained personnel to assist you on Election Day.

To register to become a voter in Ellington or to change your voting information (i.e. address, name or party affiliation), please call 870-3107 or pick up a voter registration card at our office, the library or the Town Clerk's Office. You may also get an application online from the Secretary of the State's website, [www.sots.state.ct.us](http://www.sots.state.ct.us). Return the cards to the Registrar of Voters, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029.

The **LAST DAY** to register in person for the presidential election is October 28, 2008; October 21, 2008 for mail-in, postmarked forms. Those persons seeking to vote in the election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained after October 28, 2008, may register to vote up to 12:00 noon on November 3, 2008. The following voter making sessions have been scheduled:

**VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS**

Date	Time	Location
September 30	9:00 AM—5:00 PM	Town Hall
October 18	10:00 AM—2:00 PM	Hall Memorial Library
October 28	9:00 AM—8:00 PM	Town Hall

Please check the newspaper for any changes or additional registration sessions. You are also encouraged to register during regular office hours or by mail.

All of this information and more is available on the town's website, [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov); select "Town Services"; select "Registrar of Voters".

*Susan Luginbuhl*  
Democratic Registrar of Voters

*Wanda DeLand*  
Republican Registrar of Voters

**The following information was prepared by  
Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk ~ 870-3105**

**Ballot Question for November 4, 2008**

At their August 18, 2008 meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to add the following question to the November 4, 2008 ballot:

“Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate \$2,000,000 for acquisition by the town of one or more parcels of land, or of easements or other interests or rights related thereto, for municipal purposes and open space, and authorize the issue of bonds, notes and other obligations to finance the portion of the appropriation not defrayed by grants?”

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office beginning October 3, 2008 for registered voters who will not be in Ellington on November 4<sup>th</sup> during voting hours. Any qualified voter unable to vote due to the following reasons may obtain an Absentee Ballot:

- ♦ Illness or physical disability
- ♦ Absence from town during all election hours
- ♦ Religious beliefs forbidding secular activity on election day
- ♦ Serving as an election official at a polling place other than their own
- ♦ Active service in the Armed Forces

An application for an Absentee Ballot **MUST** be completed before a ballot can be issued. As of October 3, ballots can be given to a voter in person in our office or can be mailed to the voter upon receipt of the application. (Ballots cannot be given to anyone other than the voter in person.)

Applications can be downloaded from our website: [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov). You can also pick up an application at anytime in the Town Clerk's office or call us and we will mail you an application (870-3105). The Town Clerk must receive the voted ballot back by Election Day in order for the vote to count.

Debbie Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator  
870-3130

### Tips on Parenting Tweens and Teens in Today's World

Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 PM  
Ellington High School Auditorium

The Ellington Drug Abuse Prevention Council's parent group, The Parent Connection, will sponsor Psychologist, Columnist, and Author *Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D.* The title of his talk will be *Tips on Parenting Tweens and Teens in Today's World*.

Dr. Wolf is a well-known speaker and has written five books on parenting. He is a frequent contributor to parenting magazines and currently writes a bi-weekly column on parenting teenagers for the Toronto Globe. He was featured on a PBS Television special on tweens last fall. He is known for his humor and wit.

A \$5.00 donation is requested at the door and will go to the Ellington Safe Graduation Committee. For more information, contact Deborah Stauffer, Ellington Youth Services, at [dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov) or call 860-870-3130 or visit our NEW website at

<http://bethechange.ellington-ct.gov>

Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director  
870-3130



Check out our new website for up-to-date information on programs, services and lots of other great information!

<http://youth.ellington-ct.gov>

### Coming soon—Halloween Happenings

A fun evening of trick or treating, crafts and games for families with children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

If anyone interested in volunteering for this event please call 870-3130 or email

[dpenti@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:dpenti@ellington-ct.gov)

We need your help in the continuing this great program.

## ANNUAL ELLINGTON SENIOR RESIDENTS FLU SHOT CLINIC

October 14 ~ 9AM—11:30 AM

Ellington Middle School

By appointment only

**Must pre-register to get your flu shot;  
NO walk-ins accepted.**

Cost: \$32 cash or  
Medicare Card or

Anthem Blue Cross Card or ConnectiCare  
Card or HealthNet Card or Aetna Card

Call 870-3133 to schedule your  
appointment. Call 870-3137 to set up a  
ride on the Senior Center Van.

Ann Turner, Elderly Outreach  
870-3131

### Fire Safety Issues:

Thursday, October 2 at 12:30 pm at the Ellington Senior Center. Deputy Fire Marshal James S. York, III will give a presentation on important fire safety issues. This is a lunch & learn program. To RSVP for this free program, call 870-3131 by September 30.

### Medicare Advantage Plans:

Friday, October 31 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Ellington Senior Center. Join us to learn about changes for the Medicare Part D. Light refreshments served. **To RSVP for this program, call 870-3131.** Transportation will be available; call the Senior Center at 870-3137.

### Services for Hearing Impaired:

Monday, November 3 at 12:30 pm at the Ellington Senior Center. Presentation on coping with hearing loss, information on hearing aids and legislative advocacy. This is a lunch & learn program. To RSVP for this free program, call 870-3131 by October 30.

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

### **AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION**

By this time all residents (excluding those who reside in condominiums) should have received their new trash bins as part of the conversion to the automated trash collection system. The trash bins are the property of All American Waste and they will be responsible for maintenance. If your bin gets damaged, please call them at 289-7850. Watch for notification for a special pick-up for old trash cans.

Within the next few months, the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority will launch a single-stream recycling program using a separate rolling bin which will be collected using the automated system. Residents will be notified once the details are finalized.

### **BULKY WASTE REMINDER**

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

### **MAILBOXES**

Please check your mailboxes and poles before the cold weather returns. Replace rotted poles and loose boxes to make sure they can withstand the weight of the snow. The Town only replaces mailboxes that are struck by the plow, not those knocked off by the weight of the snow.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

If you missed the Ellington Household Hazardous Waste Day, Ellington residents may attend any of the drop-off locations listed below. The collections are held on

#### **Saturdays from 8:00 am–1:00 pm.**

September 27	West Hartford DPW, Oakwood Avenue
October 4	Middletown, Lawrence School, Mile Lane
October 11	South Windsor High School, 161 Nevers Road
October 18	East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin Street
October 25	Hartford WPCF, 240 Brainard Road
October 26	Bloomfield, Synagogue, 180 Still Road
November 1	Windsor Locks DPW, 6 Stanton Road

To learn more, visit [www.themdc.com](http://www.themdc.com)

### **Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area**

#### **Hours of Operation**

#### **September**

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### **October, November**

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

#### **CLOSED ON HOLIDAY WEEKENDS**

**CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2008 @ 4 PM**

**Items accepted:** leaves, brush, firewood, trunks of trees.

**Items not accepted:** Construction materials, grass clippings and tree stumps. GreenCycle (860.674.8855) on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps.

**Proof of residency is required.**

### **Bagged Leaves Pick Up** **November 17-21, 2008**

Town of Ellington picks up leaves once a year in November. **PAPER bags must be used.** Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up. Leaves can also be brought to the Hoffman Road Drop Off Area. Plastic bags must be emptied.

#### **Items Accepted:**

Household chemicals/cleaners, garage and workshop chemicals, pool chemicals, paint and paint thinner, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers.

**Ellington Residents** may dispose of the following items at the Town Garage on a continuous basis: Fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, waste oil and oil filters, antifreeze, computers and computer monitors, car batteries.



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

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION** As you may know, the Town of Ellington passed a two million dollar (\$2,000,000) farmland preservation bond measure in November 2007 in an effort to help permanently protect the town's remaining valuable farmland. Most of our remaining farmland on the western side of town contains prime agricultural soils, as defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and is not protected from development. This farmland defines our historical town character and provides local produce, as well as other community benefits. Without some form of protection, this valuable resource will likely continue to be lost to development. For this reason we wish to ask all farm landowners, who are the critical piece of this puzzle, to consider selling their development rights.

Development rights are one part of a property owner's bundle of rights. Put simply, the value of development rights can be thought of as the monetary difference between residential or commercial development value and the current agricultural land value. This monetary difference is based on fair market appraisals and would be paid to the landowner in exchange for an agricultural easement placed over the land. The revenue from this transaction can be utilized for anything the landowner desires, including re-investment back into the farm operation. The property owner retains ownership of the land under this agricultural easement as well as any existing buildings that may be on the property. The property may be sold, inherited or transferred, but the development restriction continues to apply to all future landowners. Likewise, the restricted land could then be made more affordable to local farmers and sold to them to increase their holdings.

The residents of the Town have indicated that protecting farmland is a priority. Some farmers have expressed the need for surety that the land they farm under lease will not be sold to development so they can stay in business. You, the landowner, are the critical piece to helping our farmers and farming community to continue to be viable. To that end, we would be very interested in meeting with you and your family to discuss conservation options for your land including the sale of development rights under the new Town program. Contact Robert Phillips, Town Planner, 870-3120 or [rphillips@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rphillips@ellington-ct.gov) to learn more.

**DOG LICENSE REMINDER** Dog license renewals were due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$1.00 per month penalty after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Each Town is charged under Connecticut State Statute with the responsibility of licensing dogs annually by July 1 and of conducting a diligent search thereafter for any unlicensed dogs. If you do not license your dog, the Animal Control Officer will begin issuing fines in September.

Please remember to bring your rabies vaccination certificate to the Town Clerk's Office (870-3105) when licensing your dog; or if renewing by mail (PO Box 187), please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tags.

**Rhonda McCarty, Assessor**  
870-3109

### **VETERAN'S EXEMPTION**

To qualify for a veteran's exemption, an individual must have served during a period of war or recognized military conflict and been honorably discharged. Discharge papers (DD214) must be put on file in the Town Clerk's office by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE**

Any active member of the armed forces may be eligible for an exemption. Contact the Assessor's Office for further information or visit the Assessor's page on the Town website—[www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).

### **DISABLED OR BLIND EXEMPTIONS**

Qualifying persons should file for blind or Social Security disability exemptions on or before October 1st.

### **AMBULATORY VEHICLES**

Any owner of a motor vehicle that has been specially equipped to accommodate a handicapped driver or passenger may be eligible for a handicapped exemption. Contact our office prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> for eligibility requirements.

### **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Business Personal Property Declaration Forms will be mailed in September. Horses and unregistered motor vehicles are considered Personal Property and must also be declared. These forms must be completed and returned to our office on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to report business personal property by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will result in a 25% penalty.

### **FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE**

Applications for classification of land as farm, forest or open space must be submitted to our office between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. If the ownership of the property has changed a new application must be made in the new owner's name during this period to receive the designation.



# ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2008 FALL PROGRAM

**Address:**

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ADULT SPORTS

PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Men's Volleyball	0101.MVB	Thursdays Starting Oct 16	7:30-9:30 pm	18 + up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
Women's Volleyball	0102.WVB	Wednesdays Starting Oct. 15	7:00-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
Co-Ed Volleyball	0103.CVB	Wednesdays Starting Sept. 10	7:30-9:30 pm	18+ up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Middle School
Men's Informal Basketball (2 locations)	0104.MIB5	Monday Evenings Sept. 8 thru June 2009	5:30-7:30 pm	Over 30	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Resident	Middle School
	0104.MIB7		7:30-9:00pm	Under 30		
Adult Tennis Lessons Ages 15 and up	Tennis. AB Tennis. AI	Saturday Mornings Sept. 13,20,27; Oct. 4	9am-10am 10am-11am	Beginner Intermediate	\$25 per session	Brookside Park Inst. E. Uthgenannt
Cardio Adult Tennis	CARDIO.1	Saturday Mornings Sept. 13,20,27; Oct. 4 Inst. Rich Willis	11am-12noon	All Levels	\$20	Brookside Park
Adult Competitive Basketball	0109.ACB	First Week of Dec. Thursday Evenings	7:15-9:30 pm	18+ up	Team Fee \$480.00	Middle School
Women's Informal Basketball	0110.WIB	Monday Evenings Oct. 6th -April 6th,2009	7:30-9:00 pm	18+ up	\$20 Resident \$25 Non-Residents	Center School
Informal Soccer Sunday	0111.ISS	Sunday Mornings Ongoing till end of Nov.	9:00-11:30 am	18+ up	N/A	Brookside Park
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.AIS	Starting Oct. 15-April, 09	7:00-9:30pm.	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School
Adult Badminton Instruction Available	0113.BDM	Sept. 23,30;Oct. 7,21,28	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$20 Residents \$25 Non-Residents	Windermere School Gym
Eastern Connecticut Women's Soccer Club	0115.401	Sunday Sept.7 -Nov. 9	9-10:30am	23 & up	Sponsors Fees	Brookside Park

## ADULT &amp; CHILDREN MINI-PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Adult Karate	KARATE.S01 KARATE.S02	Session 1: Sept.:4,11,18, 25; Oct. 2,9 Session 2: Oct. 16,23,30; Nov. 6,13,20	6:45-7:45pm	18 & up	\$45 per session	Windermere Gym
Women's Self-Defense	WMEN.SD	Oct. 16 & 23	7:15-8:45pm	12 + up	N/A	Windermere School Inst.: Todd Sise
Jukido  All Skill Levels	JUKIDO.S01 JUKIDO.S02	Session 1: Sept. 4,11,18,25; Oct. 2,9 Session 2: Oct. 16,23,30; Nov. 6,13,20	5:45 -6:45 pm	6 + up	\$45 per session	Windermere School Gym
Adult Tap Dance	0506.TAP	Session 1: Sept. 22,29; Oct. 6,20,27; Nov. 3,10,17,24; Dec. 1	7:15-8:15pm	18 & up	\$70	Windermere Inst. Tressa Giordano
Community Holiday Chorale	0510.401	To be determined by interest	Evening/ Weekends	ALL	N/A	Varies
Youth Informal Volleyball	0120.401	Sept. 26; Oct. 3,10,17,24	6:00-7:15 pm	Grades 5-12	\$10	Ellington Middle School
NYSCA Coaches Clinic	0507.401 0507.402	Sept. 25th Oct. 2nd	6:30-8:30pm	18 & up	\$25	Arbor Commons 2
MAD SCIENCE Crystal Lake	MAD.CLS	Wednesday Afternoons Oct. 15,22,29; Nov.5,12,19; Dec. 10	3:30-4:30pm	Grades 1-4	\$89	Crystal Lake School
Soccer/ Basketball Officials' Clinic	Contact Recreation Department 870-3118	September/October	TBD	14 and up	N/A	Ellington High School
MAD SCIENCE Center School	MAD.CEN	Monday Afternoons Oct. 20,27; Nov.3, 10, 17,24; Dec. 1.	3:30-4:30pm	Grades 1-4	\$89	Center School
Little Ones Divine Signs	LODS.F01	Tuesdays: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9, Jan. 13	6:15-7:45pm	6:15- 7:45pm	\$20 per class	Hall Memorial Library
Little Ones Divine Sign will teach your little ones to communicate before they have words. Learning to sign your baby is simple and you can learn all you need to know in one 90 minute session. Learn tips and techniques, 50 common signs, activities to promote verbal language, and receive a baby signing dictionary!! Geared toward adults but babies welcome (non-mobile, please!)						



**TEEN NIGHTS****Hall Memorial Library****6:30 pm—8:30 pm**

The Recreation Department and the Hall Memorial Library staff have teamed up to offer TEEN NIGHTS starting this Fall.

- ◆ October 24 : 7th & 8th graders
- ◆ November 7 : 9th - 12th grade
- ◆ November 14 : 7th & 8th graders
- ◆ November 21 : 9th - 12th grade

From a conceptual standpoint the TEEN NIGHTS will provide Town children with a passive recreation setting, and to have fun at the same time. Video equipment, game equipment and televisions will be set up around the perimeter of a designated room, allowing teens to socialize around them.

Refreshments will be provided and additional volunteer adult supervision is welcome, but more importantly, donated or "borrowed" equipment is being sought in a proactive attempt to be prepared for a large turnout/interest level.

To seek additional information regarding the program, contact either Bob Tedford at the Recreation Department 870-3118 or Sue Phillips at the Hall Memorial Library at 870-3160.

*Pre-Registration at the Recreation Department Office is required 48 hours prior to each program date.*

**Ellington's "OWN" Ultimate Frisbee**

Ellington Ultimate is ON! The Recreation Department will continue a NEW program that started this spring in the form of Ultimate Frisbee. Come join one of America's fastest growing sports! This is a field sport similar to soccer except played with a Frisbee. Ultimate is a great way to get in shape and have some fun. Open to residents of all surrounding towns.

**ADULT Program:** High School—Grand Masters (50 and above)  
Program is held at Windermere, Mondays and Fridays from 5:30pm-dark

**YOUTH Program:** Saturday, September 13; 10 am at Windermere School

**Pre-registration is REQUIRED at Recreation Office**

For more information : <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ellingtonultimate> - or - contact Karl at [ksneubec@firehousemail.com](mailto:ksneubec@firehousemail.com)

**Music & Movement for Tots**

A wonderful group experience for children **ages 1-3 years**. Come sing, dance, play and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments. The program will be conducted by Ellington's own, Jill Maznicki. She is an experienced teacher with a degree specializing in Early Childhood Education. Jill will lead the class in finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities. **Adult participation required.**

**Registration open to Ellington residents ONLY through Sept.17; Non-residents after Sept.17th. (NON-RESIDENTS + \$5.00)**

Session 1: Sept. 24; Oct. 1,8,15,22,29; Nov. 5,12 (Wednesday)

CODE # MNM.WED1

Session 2 : Sept. 25; Oct. 2,9,16,23,30; Nov. 6,13 (Thursday)

CODE # MNM.THR2

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am Location: Hall Memorial Library

Fee: \$60 Resident \$65 Non-Resident

Class Maximum enrollment =10 per class

**INDOOR PEE WEE SPORTS**

Designed for children turning 3 or 4 in 2008, an INDOOR pee wee multi-sports mini program. Instructor: Jill Maznicki, will allow for exercise and the ability to work on one's motor skills...with the help from a parent, if interest warrants. Activities include, but not limited to: basketball, parachute, indoor tennis (quick start program), T-ball, indoor soccer, etc.

Dates: November 3,10,17,24 / ID Code: INPW.SPT

Time: 9:30am-10:15am or 4pm-4:45pm

Fee: \$25.00

Maximum 10 per class

**Little Girls Hair Bow Craft Classes**

Come learn how to make fashionable hair bows for that special little girl in your life. Tressa Giordano will walk you through step by step. These bows are perfect for fine and thin hair and are perfect for **ages 2 through 7**. Choose from a variety of ribbons, colors, patters and creative embellishments. This class will include instruction and all your materials...you will leave with 4 hair clips. The October class will focus on basic hair bow colors, patterns and a Halloween themed bow. The November class will focus on Autumn and Holiday themed creations.

**Dates: October 8 / ID Code: LGHB.OCT Time : 6-7:30pm Fee: \$20.00 per session includes supplies.**

**November 5 / ID Code: LGHB.NOV Minimum of 8 per class to run. Location: TBD**

## PRE-SCHOOL - TEEN PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Youth Co-ed Informal Basketball	ICED.BB1	Mondays, Sept. 15,22,29;Oct. 6,20	5:30-7:15pm	3-4 Grade 5-6 Grade 7-8 Grade	\$5	Windermere School
Pre-School Fall Soccer	PRE-FS3	Sept. 13,20,27; Oct. 4,11,18,25	11:00-Noon	3 years as of 12/31/08	\$15	Brookside Park
<b>The point of emphasis for this pre-school activity will be a concentration on developing motor skills, the preliminary aspects of soccer skills and having FUN!! Coaches needed!</b>						
Teeny-weeny Pee Wee Youth Tennis	0508.TWY 0509.PWE 0509.YTN	Sept. 19, 26; Oct.3,10 Sept. 19, 26; Oct.3,10 Sept. 19,26; Oct. 3, 10	4:45-5:30pm 5:30-6:15pm 6:15-7:00pm	3-5 years 5-7 years 8-12 years	\$25 per session	Brookside Park
Fall is for Friends	FIFF.101	Sept. 22,29; Oct. 6,20,27; Nov. 3,10,17	10:15-11:15am	20months to 42 months	\$60	Hall Memorial Library Children's Room
Instructor: Jenna Rodriguez	FIFF.102		11:15am-12:15pm			
This 8 week class is a child and caregiver interactive curriculum. Each week we will read a book, sing songs, make a craft play games and create an activity. The theme will focus around the fall season. <b>Parent participation required. Maximum 10 per class.</b>						
Art Bazaar	ART.BAZ	Sept. 24; Oct. 1,8,15,22,29; Nov. 5,12,19	10:15am-11:15am	Ages 24 mo to 48 months Parent participation required	\$70	Hall Memorial Library Children's Room
We will paint, glue, use chalk, markers, play-dough and explore with recycled art and much more!!! <b>MESSY is the word, so wear a smock!! Parent participation required. Maximum 10 per class.</b>						
After School Bowling Program	0516.401 0516.402	Oct. 8,15,22,29; Nov.5,12	4:00-6:00pm 3:00-5:30pm	Grades K-4 Grades 5-8	\$65	Spare Time "Vernon Lanes"
Informal Co-ed Basketball	ICED.BB2	Oct. 3,10,17,24 Nov. 7,14,21	7-9 pm	Grades 9-12	\$5	Center School
Vacation Week Camp Programs	DEC.CAMP FEB.CAMP APR.CAMP	December 29, 30, 31 February 17, 18, 19, 20 April 20,21, 22, 23, 24	8:30am-3:00pm*	Grades K-7	TBD	Ellington Middle School
<b>*Before Care: 7:30—8:30am; After Care: 3-5pm will be offered</b> An updated schedule and fee structure will be made available on the town website; <b><u><a href="http://www.ellington-ct.gov">www.ellington-ct.gov</a></u></b> , starting in early October.						

**SANTA LETTERS:**

Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Post Office in Santa's Mail Box starting **NOVEMBER 28!**  
**DECEMBER 12** is the last day to drop off letters in order for Santa to provide a timely response.

**Please make sure your letter is addressed to Santa and you put your name and return address on the envelope!**

**FALL SOCCER 2008**

The Recreation Department's FALL 2008 Soccer Program encompasses children ages 4 through 14. The Instructional Program is held on Saturday mornings only. The Recreation Division Program includes grades 3-8. Most Travel Team selections have been completed and teams in the U-10, U-12 and U-14 age groups will compete versus surrounding towns. Registration closed September 5; however, if you are interested in registering your child, call the Recreation Office to see if any openings exists—870-3118.

**Fees: \$22.00 Instructional / \$24.00 Recreational Division.**

**Dear Soccer participant, enthusiast, spectator!!!**

Each year brings larger program enrollments and the need to ensure that staffing, equipment and maintenance are appropriate. In order to maintain existing services and to continue fostering successful youth programs we are asking for active volunteer participation from parents, teenagers and the community.

**Coaches' Needed!** Coaches are needed at all levels, and a coaches' clinic will be provided along with CPR/FIRSTAID/AED training, which can be registered for by e-mailing [Ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto:Ellington.safety@yahoo.com).

**Referees Wanted!** Recruiting new officials and/or individuals interested in becoming an official. Great part-time income! Must be 14 years of age at the time of the clinic.

**Fundraising:** The Recreation Department welcomes community support. The ability to keep the entire soccer program cost effective and at the same time provide appropriate equipment, uniforms and field equipment, is based on receiving support from members of the community. The Recreation Department has an updated inventory of soccer items that are available for sale: coffee/tea mugs, water bottles, fleece blankets, wrist bands, umbrellas, kelme bags, fleece hat, fleece ear bands, and soccer magnets. Crew sweatshirts and t-shirts forms will be given to each head coach for distribution to all parents/guardians.

**ELLINGTON TRAILS**

The Ellington Recreation Department is looking for your input and suggestions in hopes of generating interest in off-road trails. Trails like these provide a safe environment where people of all ages can walk, jog, or ride their bikes without the hassles of the road. Interested residents who would be willing to take a short survey can go to the Recreation Department website: [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov); select "Town Services"; select "Parks and Recreation" and follow the link for **Ellington Trails** to consider the following questions:

Would you be willing to support these trails? How often would you take advantage of the trails? What is your average length for a walk? Do you find road use to be difficult? Would you be willing to assist in upkeep? Would you be willing to meet with town officials to discuss the possibilities?

These responses will help us gauge if Ellington residents would support and use these trails. Your input is important!

**Responses can also be e-mailed to [rtdford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtdford@ellington-ct.gov)**

**TENNIS RECREATION  
COACH WORKSHOP**

Anyone interested in learning the basics of coaching and teaching tennis or seeking a refresher on more current methods and effective tools, should attend a Recreation Coach Workshop.

Taught by a specially trained, certified teaching profession this active 6-hour session covers:

- > Games and drills every coach should know.
- > The games—based approach to coaching
- > Teaching large groups
- > Implementing effective team practices

Date: Saturday, September 20 @ Brookside Park

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Cost: \$30.00

To register contact the Recreation Office @ 870-3118 or Jim Maitland @ 860-462-3627

**HOT SHOT BASKETBALL SHOOTING CONTEST**

**AT THE ELLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Date: December 29 / ID Code: HOT.SHOT**

Each player will have one-minute to shoot from designated "hotspots" placed on one-half of the court. The contest challenges a players speed, shooting, dribbling and rebounding ability. The top scorer moves on to the next level of the contest within Tolland County, and ultimately qualifies for State level qualification. Age corresponds to the age of the child on or before December 31, 2008.

**Pre-Registration required no later than December 21**

**Boys & Girls**

**Age groups:**

9-10 ID Code: 0802.401  
11-12 ID Code: 0802.402  
13-15 ID Code: 0802.403

**Fee: \$5 per player**

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

**Holiday Themed Programs @ Hall Memorial Library**

Get aboard the Ellington Express  
Join us for a series of Holiday themed and  
age appropriate programs for the entire family.

Date	Event	Time	I.D. Code
October 25	Haunted Depot	2:00—4: 00 pm	HOLP.101C
November 15	Cornucopia Corner	2:00—4: 00 pm	HOLP.101C
December 13	Snowflake Station	2:00—4:00 pm	HOLP.101S

Come enjoy music, games, arts and crafts!!

**COST FOR EACH EVENT: \$10.00 FAMILY FEE  
\$3.00 INDIVIDUAL FEE**

**Let's Help Our Park!!!**

Wouldn't it be nice to see an enhanced playground system become a reality at Brookside park, OR even better yet, become a volunteer to help assist in this worthwhile project!!!

There is a distinct need for an expansion to take place at the playground with the expanded use of Brookside park by the residents of Ellington becoming a daily occurrence. The Town of Ellington has provided a limited but fair funding component, however additional volunteer support and some fundraising will be required in order to complete the project in a timely manner.

**Mission Statement:**

The Recreation Department, along with a group of involved residents, anticipates a 2-phase plan to transform the playground into a place where children and families want to play, meet friends, and share good times.

**Phase 1 and 2:**

In October it is anticipated that PHASE 1 will begin, inclusive but not limited to the following: a new sand area, trees for shade and a climber. However, we are looking to the community for additional support to meet the goal of \$5,000 (which will go along with the current amount of \$8,000.00) which will allow PHASE-2 to take place in the spring of 2009; consideration is being given to purchasing a larger climber, activity panels on the small climber, as well as some additional free standing double rockers and a climbing wall of sorts.

**Fundraising Possibilities:**

Please be on the lookout (Town of Ellington website: Parks and Recreation) for upcoming fundraising activities such as an art show on the green, on-line pampered chef fundraiser, possible BUY-A-BRICK and more!!!

Thank you to all those individual and businesses that have previously contributed so generously. All donations are tax deductible and can be made to the Recreation Department, PO Box 187, Ellington, CT. 06029.

Help make the Brookside Park playground a better place to play!

**Wish for What you Want**

**Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27**

6:30-7:30pm \$20  
Hall Memorial Library  
ID Code: WWW.101

The Alexander Technique is a step-by-step approach to learning to live in the present moment and experience the mind/body unity, in order to know yourself and how you do what you do. In this introduction to the Technique, we will explore how your reactions and your ability to not react, affect how you do everyday activities such as sitting, standing and walking, as well as how you manage stress and pain. The observable signs of improved functioning are better breathing, improved vocal quality and light and easy movement. You can breathe better and move with lightness and ease by learning to not interfere with your ability to do what you want to do.

Instructor Paul Recker, an Ellington resident and well-known musician has been studying the Alexander Technique for almost ten years.

**Outdoor Pee Wee Sports**

Sept. 22,29; Oct.6, 20  
Location : Brookside Park  
Time: 9:30am-10:15am  
ID Code: OPWS.101

Designed for children turning 3 or 4 of age during 2008, an outdoor pee wee multi-sports mini program will be offered.

Instructor: Jill Maznicki, this program will allow for exercise (that energy release!!) and the ability to work on one's motor skills...with help from a parent, if interest warrants. Activities will include but not limited to :soccer, T-ball, tennis (new quick start program) combined with fun relay-style games to teach basic skills.

Fee: \$25.00 Maximum enrollment: 10

### Town of Ellington Fitness Policy

- **Group Exercise Classes and Weight Training times are subject to cancellation due to Board of Education activities.**
- **Programs will not be held on the following dates due to closure of Ellington Public Schools Oct. 13,14; Nov. 4,11,26,27,28; Dec. 24,25,26; Jan. 1,2,16,19; Feb. 17,18,19,20; April 10,20,21,22,23,24,; May 25.**
- **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.**
- **Pre-registration is required. Full Payment is required at time of registration. Fees may be pro-rated. No credits unless documented illness or mitigating circumstances.**

### Kripalu Yoga

Thursday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm @ Hall Memorial Library

**Session 1:** Sept. 4,11,18,25 Oct. 2,9,16,23,30  
Nov. 6,13,20; Dec. 4,11,18

**ID Code: 0119.401 Fee: \$105.00 for 15 classes or \$8.00 per class if registering for individual classes.**

Strengthen and tone muscles, increase flexibility, release stress and learn to relax. **Instructor Wayne Morganson** is a multi-certified instructor at a fraction of the studio rates. Please bring a mat, towel, or small blanket and wear loose fitting clothing. Come see for yourself why millions of Americans practice Yoga regularly.

### WEIGHT TRAINING FACILITY

Open Monday & Thursday nights @ Ellington High School

**Session 1-Mondays: Oct. 20,27;Nov. 10,17,24/Code: WHTF.MO1**  
**Session 2-Thursday: Oct. 23,30;Nov. 6,13,20/Code: WHTF.TH2**

**Time: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Fee: \$35**

The newly renovated facility located at Ellington High School features a complete line of new equipment including: A Smith machine, squat and hack squat racks, calf, bicep and triceps machines, lat pull down machines, as well as adjustable benches and an array of dumbbells.

The facility will be staffed by a Recreation Supervisor who will conduct orientations and facilitate proper care and use of equipment.

**WHY WEIGHT TRAIN?** Weight training can be an important component of your fitness program, regardless of your age or gender. Weight training increases fitness by: increasing muscle strength & endurance, enhancing the cardiovascular system, increasing flexibility, maintaining the body's fat within acceptable limits

**Orientation available by appointment 3-5 maximum class**

**Personal Trainer available to provide IDEAS to  
enhance your program  
Fees: \$25/session/class**

**Check the website for details [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov)**

**Saturday hours starting December 6**

### ZUMBA –FITNESS

Thursdays 7:30-8:30 PM  
@ Center School

**Session 1: Sept. 18,25; Oct. 2,9,16,23,30;  
Nov. 6,13,20**

**ID Code: ZUMBA.101 Fee: \$70.00 for all  
10 classes or \$8.00 per class if registering  
for individual classes.**

Zumba fuses hypnotic musical rhythms and tantalizing moves to create a dynamic workout system designed to be FUN and EASY TO DO! The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and International zest into the mix and you've got ZUMBA! Bring a water bottle. Equipment may be kept at Center School.

**Instructor: Joanne Britton**  
**[www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com)**

### WEIGHT TRAINING FACILITY

**High School Students Only**

**Students ages 14-18**

**Fridays from 7-9 pm.**

Oct. 17,24; Nov. 7,14,21

Cost: \$15.00

ID Code: WHTF.HSS

- ♦ Develop a workout plan
- ♦ Achieve your strength or toning goals
- ♦ Prevent and/or rehabilitate sports injuries.

What are you waiting for?



## Recreational League Basketball for Grades 3-8

**Registration: October 2-December 2, 2008**

### Recreation League Team Selection Policy:

- Games played on Saturdays and/or Weeknights; times and locations pending final enrollment.
- Team Selection: All players will be reselected each athletic season for the Recreation Division League.
- Team Placement Requests: All requests to have a player either removed or placed on a certain team MUST be made in WRITING at least 2 days prior to the actual league draft.
  - A Parent/Guardian may request that their child be placed on a certain team, but only due to extreme hardship, such as: transportation, personal issues. Requests are not guaranteed.
  - A written request is required if a parent/guardian wishes to have their child move up one division. Placement is based on: safety, skill level and available roster space.

### Recreation League Evaluation Clinic Dates

**Saturday, December 6, 2008**

Boys @ Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time	Girls @ Windermere School	ID Code	Time
3rd & 4th grade	1104.101	8:30 am- 9:45 am	3rd & 4th grade	1107.101	8:30 am- 9:30 am
5th & 6th grade	1105.101	10:00 am-11:15 am	5th & 6th grade	1108.101	9:45 am-10:45 am
7th & 8th grade	1106.101	11:15 am-12:30 pm	7th & 8th grade	1109.101	10:45 am-12Noon

### Boys & Girls Instructional Youth Basketball: Ages 4 years-2nd Graders

**Saturday Mornings @ the Ellington Middle School**

*Parent Volunteers are needed in order to provide a better Coach to Player ratio.*

**Registration: October 2-December 2**

**Program Dates: Dec. 13,20; Jan. 3,10,17,24,31; Feb. 7**

**Fees: \$30/1 child; \$45/2 children; \$62/3 or more children**

Boys & Girls @ Ellington Middle School	ID Code	Time
2nd graders (as of 12/31/08)	1110.101	8:30am- 9:30 am
1st graders	1111.101	9:30am-10:30 am
Kindergarten	1112.101	10:30am-11:30 am
4 Year olds	1113.101	11:30a.m.-12:15pm

All Youth Basketball Registration will be taken during **Regular Office Hours:**  
**Monday: 8:30 am-6pm; Tuesdays-Thursdays: 8:30am-4:00pm; Fridays 8:30 am-1:30 pm**

**BASKETBALL OFFICIALS:** The Recreation Department is providing a mandatory pre-season basketball official's clinic, a combined classroom and floor mechanics format, to all youth and adults ages 14 and up. The Central Connecticut Board (#6) of approved (IAABO) basketball officials organization will be providing clinicians/rule interpreters for the classes. The classes are slated to be held between the last week of October to the first week of December. Pre-registration by calling the Recreation Office at 870-3118.

**Travel Basketball Information**

**To be eligible for selection a player MUST attend a minimum of 2 tryouts.**

**Travel Team Tryout Policy:** The Travel Teams will be registered for boys and girls in grades: 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, provided enough players are registered to provide recreation division teams. A player selected to a travel team may choose to play on a recreation team as well, but is NOT required to play both. (Parents: If a decision is made to have your child compete on both a recreation and travel team, please keep in mind that the participating player MUST complete his/her commitment to the recreation team. Failure to do so may result in removal from the travel team. Consider the weekly practice schedule along with the game schedule before making a final decision, which has a **deadline of November 30.**

**Travel Team TRYOUTS will be held between October 16 and November 12. An updated schedule will be distributed through the public schools, media outlets, and our website [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).**

<u>Boys Travel ID Code</u>	
5-6th Grade	1114.101
7th Grade	1115.101
8th Grade	1116.101

<u>Girls Travel ID Code</u>	
5-6th Grade	1117.101
7-8th Grade	1118.101

**Travel Team Fee:**  
**\$135 includes Board Officials, Timers, Scorers and Custodial Fees. Plus each player must submit a separate check to the Coach in the amount of \$25 for the uniform. The Coach will return the check once the complete uniform is returned at the end of season.**

**Lacrosse Clinics**

**Boys, Grades 5-8**

**Date:** To Be Determined  
**Time:** Weeknight and/or Saturday TBA  
**Place:** Windermere Field  
**Fee:** \$25

**ID Code:** 0501.401

An informal Youth (Boys) Lacrosse Program will be offered for individuals entering 5th & 6th grades or 7th & 8th grades for the Fall 2008.

A mini-game schedule will be held versus teams from Vernon, Tolland, South Windsor, Somers and Granby. One weeknight game and possibly a Saturday game, starting the second week of September.

Registration will be open until rosters are completed and space remains available.

Pre-registration require by Sept. 15, 2008

**Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**

**First Aid**  
**CPR Training**

The Recreation Department has a certified CPR/AED/First Aid instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled (see below) 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.

- September 15:** 5:00 pm—10:00 pm
- September 27:** 8:30 am—12 noon; 1:00—3:00pm
- October 11:** 8:00 am— 2:00 pm
- October 20:** 5:00 pm—10:00 pm
- November 1:** 8:00 am— 2:00 pm
- November 17:** 5:00 pm—10:00 pm
- December 29:** 4:00 pm— 9:00 pm

Please understand that **each coach is required to complete this training.** We can only allow 6 coaches per class, so early registration is important. Thank you in advance.

**Register online at [Ellington.safety@yahoo.com](mailto:Ellington.safety@yahoo.com)**

The Town of Ellington reserves the right to readjust the scheduled use of facilities and may implement a specific time frame/pre-registration format, on a weekly basis. Further, the Town of Ellington reserves the right to reduce or revamp the Fitness Center's hours based on the actual number of registrations and payments received. Revenue collected for the operation of the Center will cover the costs of staffing the facility and contributing toward the upkeep of the equipment.

## WINTERFEST 2008

### Ellington Winterfest to Celebrate 5th Anniversary !

The Ellington Winterfest Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Torchlight Parade will be held on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** between 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Church Street gazebo and green bordering Main Street and RT. 140. In commemoration of the **Winterfest's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer is expected to make an appearance, along with Frosty the Snowman and Mrs. and Mrs. Santa Claus. There will be plenty of activity at different venues around the Town Green, during the course of the day and evening, as well as the night before on December 5; The Ellington Singers will again present their lively concert of Christmas music at Hall Memorial Library.

Also, this year, Ellington Congregational Church will invite you to participate in a "Gingerbread House Baking Contest"; so get those baking pans, icing, and your imagination ready! Entries will be available to be viewed at the church on Saturday, December 6. The contest is open to everyone, and there will be prizes! The official rules, entry form, and contact information are available on the website—[www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).

The Winterfest Committee is looking forward to celebrating the 5th Anniversary of this annual holiday event with the community in a special way. If you would like to contribute or participate in any way, please leave a message for Winterfest Chairman, Ellen Karadimas, at 875-3885, or write to P.O. Box 282, Ellington, CT 06029. Thank you!

### Blood Drives:

•**September 30, 2008 ~ 1 PM—6 PM**

Lee's Auto Ranch, 171 West Road (RT 83), Ellington, CT

•**October 14, 2008 ~ 1 PM—6PM**

Windermere School, Abbott Road, Ellington, CT

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

**or sign up online @ [www.bloodct.org](http://www.bloodct.org)**

A copy of this newsletter is available online ~ log onto

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

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

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

## FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday  
until **October 11**

@ Arbor Park (Main Street)  
**9 AM—12:30 PM Rain or Shine**

## TOWN OF ELLINGTON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

**Oct. 13 Columbus Day Holiday**  
**Nov. 11 Veterans' Day Holiday**  
**Nov. 26 Closed @ Noon**  
**Nov. 27\* Thanksgiving Day**  
**Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Holiday**  
**Dec. 24 Closed @ Noon**  
**Dec. 25\* Christmas Day**  
**Jan. 1\* New Years Day**

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

## 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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