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# First Selectman's Corner

Fall has arrived and as I near the end of my first year, I think of how nervous I was to step into the very important position of First Selectman. My transition was made easy by the many department heads who helped to guide me through the nuances of Town government. I have really enjoyed my first year and look forward to 2017.

I continue to host a monthly TV show on CVC, Community Voice Channel, and people seem to like it. I try to be as informative as possible and have had several guests, including Dianne Trueb who spoke about the Farmers' Market and Tim Webb, Director of Public Works. The show can always be viewed on the Town website and on our Facebook page @townofellington. I encourage people to tune in and let me know what you think or send along some ideas or names of people you would like to hear from.



I am very pleased to announce the addition of Joy Hollister as Ellington's new Human Services Director. Joy began her position on October 3rd and has quickly become acclimated to her new role. Joy is a highly-qualified individual with many years of experience in the Human

Services field, including her work as Director of Human Services for the town of Cromwell and as a Social Worker for the town of Vernon. Joy holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Springfield College and is a Licensed Master Social Worker. Welcome to Ellington, Joy!



Lori Spielman  
First Selectman

You may have noticed the recent improvements to the landscaping of the round-about island at Five Corners. The Public Works staff pulled out all of the messy shrubbery and weeds and reconstructed the area with stone and two large planting beds, which will be filled with annuals next spring, providing lots of color to the island. Thanks Public Works!

The Fireman's Carnival was a great success this year. Our volunteer firemen do a terrific job organizing both the parade and the carnival and I appreciate all the work they do.

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## SELECTMAN'S CORNER ... continued from page 1

This year, we added another name to the Wall of Honor. Mr. Alfred Schindler, a well-respected surveyor in Town, was honored for his many years of dedicated service to the Town. Alfred E. Schindler has been a great contributor to the history of Ellington through his comprehensive mapping, working intensively with Mark Hoffman and Dorothy B. Cohen to produce the original Proprietor's Map of Ellington. I am proud to have an original copy of this map hanging in my office.

A priority of mine this past year was to bring more attention to the issue of crumbling foundations by offering Ellington High School as a meeting space for people from our Town and other towns. State and local leaders were in attendance to answer questions, and at one meeting, representatives from the Canadian Coalition attended and spoke about how they are dealing with the same issue. I have been attending meetings at the State Capitol and working with other towns to put together regulations to help the affected homeowners. It is a very difficult and concerning issue – one I do not take lightly.

Recently, I was able to attend an Open House at Dymotek, a local business in Town and I toured the new LuAnn's Bakery and Café located on Route 83, which will be a real "treat" when it opens! I have been attending the Crystal Lake Association meetings as they discuss issues related to the Crystal Lake dam. I participated in several Emergency Management drills and recently attended a 2-day seminar on drone training for the purpose of Emergency Management sponsored by both Ellington and Vernon.

With winter fast approaching, I have been working with the Winterfest volunteer committee to put together a wonderful celebration of the season. It will be held on December 3. Please look for more information within this publication, on the Town website and on Facebook. In addition to Winterfest, we have launched a Holiday Lighting Contest for Ellington residents with prizes awarded for the best displays. See page 35. Special thanks to Kloter Farms for sponsoring this event!

I hope everyone likes our new magazine format. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Respectfully,  
Lori L. Spielman  
First Selectman

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This is a Town-wide holiday event held to foster community involvement and spirit! There will be a tree-lighting ceremony, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, a Torchlight parade, musical performances by school students, and much more. Come and enjoy the festivities!

The schedule of events will be posted on the Town's website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov). If you would like to contribute or participate in Winterfest, please contact Ellen Karadimas, Chairman, (860) 875-3885 or write to her at P.O. Box 282, Ellington, CT 06029

## Winter Weather Cancellations & Delays



### Weather related

- Town office closings • Delayed openings
- Meeting cancellations • Program cancellations

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## Ellington \$148,500

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## Ellington \$249,900

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## Ellington \$139,900

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## Town Clerk's Office



The Tolland County Town Clerks met in the meeting room of the Ellington Town Hall on Wednesday October 26th to discuss the 2017 State Clerks' conference which will be held in Westbrook, CT. Tolland County is the host county for the event.

Towns attending were Ellington, Stafford, Vernon, Bolton, Hebron, Columbia, Willington, Tolland and Coventry.

Diane McKeegan  
Town Clerk

## Ellington Facilities & Parks

**Arbor Commons Community Rooms:** These rooms are located within the Parks and Recreation Department office complex. These rooms are used for meetings as well as small group programs.

**Arbor Park:** Arbor Park is located on Main Street in the heart of town. Arbor Park offers a nice area to walk.

**Batz Property:** Located at 97 Shenipsit Street, Batz Property is 44.86 acres of mixed forest-wild flowers and grassy parking lot. This is the location of the community garden club.

**Brookside Park:** Brookside Park is located on Route 140 approximately 2 miles from the center of town. This facility has baseball, softball, soccer & football fields. There are also tennis courts, a safe structured playground, a volleyball court and a covered pavilion. Brookside Park Pavilion can be rented for small gatherings.

**Ellington School Facilities:** The Recreation Department utilizes the Ellington Public Schools as often as possible for many programs. The schools offer use of gym space for such activities as basketball, volleyball, as well as other indoor programs. The schools also allow space usage for softball and baseball fields during the season.

**Sandy Beach:** Sandy Beach is located on Crystal Lake on Route 140 in the northern end of town. Our beach offers swimming and sunbathing opportunities on hot summer days.

**Schwartz Park:** Schwartz Park is located at Ellington High School at 37 Maple Street.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 860-870-3118.



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# Town of Ellington Employees Celebrate Years of Service Milestones

The Town of Ellington Employee Recognition Program was developed for the purpose of recognizing contributions made by persons employed by the Town for periods of significant years and beyond. This program was developed by the Board of Selectmen and this is the twenty-ninth such annual event. We are very pleased to acknowledge the following Town of Ellington employees for the unique contributions that they each have made to the Town of Ellington.

## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

**John T. Barth**, Police Officer  
**Francie L. Berger**,  
Program/Reference Librarian  
**Edward "Joe" Decker**, Police Officer/  
Police Support Administrator  
**Tina Modzelewski**, Administrative  
Secretary  
**Timothy M. Webb**, Director of Public  
Works/WPCA Administrator

## 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Kimberly A. Bechard**, Assessor

**Richard M. Daugherty**, Maintainer I  
**Benjamin C. Pare**, Maintainer I  
**Dawn Stavens**, Tax Clerk

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Leonard P. Descheneaux, Sr.**, Foreman

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Lisa T. Giaquinto**, Library Assistant II  
**Erin J. Graziani**, Senior Center Director  
**Barbara Murdach**, Animal Control Officer

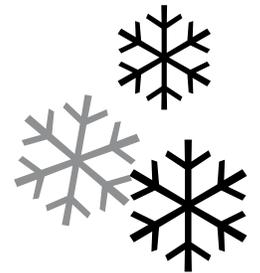
## Elderly Outreach - Winter Heating Assistance

**Anna L. Turner, MSW**  
Elderly Outreach Social Worker  
aturner@ellington-ct.gov (860) 870-3131

### Winter Heating Assistance Program:

The Town of Ellington Human Services Office is taking applications for the CT Energy Assistance

Program/Low Income Home Energy Assistance program to help qualified low income/low asset households pay for some of their winter heating cost. For more information on income and asset guidelines, and to schedule an appointment to apply for benefits please call Human Services at 860-870-3128, or Elderly Outreach 860-870-3131.



## 911

John Turner, 911 Municipal Coordinator  
(860) 870-3190 / email: jturner@ellington-ct.gov

As winter closes in, 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.

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# Assessor's Office

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**Additional Veterans' Exemptions:** An additional exemption may be available for those veterans who meet the above

income requirements. Applications for this program must be filed between February 1 and October 1, 2017. Both of these programs require applications to be filed every two years. If you are currently on one or both of these programs and it is your year to refile, applications will be mailed to you February 1. Forms will be available after February 1 in the Assessor's Office. For questions or help completing the forms, contact the Assessor's Office or Anna Turner with Human Services at 860-870-3131.

**Residential Defective Concrete Issues:** Public Act 16-45, An Act Concerning Concrete Foundations, was passed in May 2016 at the last legislative session. Effective for October 1, 2016, Section 2(a) provides that "any owner of a residential building who has obtained a written evaluation from a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of the general

statutes indicating that the foundation of such residential building was made with defective concrete may provide a copy of such evaluation to the assessor and request a reassessment of the residential building by the assessor." Additional provisions in the legislation, and other important information concerning defective concrete can also be found at the Department of Consumer Protection website at [ct.gov/dcp](http://ct.gov/dcp). If you believe your property suffers from defective concrete issues, the Town of Ellington recommends that you consult a professional, licensed engineer as required by the new legislation. We also recommend you contact the Department of Consumer Protection. All documentation, such as insurance claims and reports, claim to Dept. of Consumer Protection, contractor's quotes and pictures are helpful. Please visit our webpage to review the application process and other pertinent information.

# Ellington High School Athletic Department

**Tim McCluskey, Athletic Director**

## Ellington High School Girls' Cross Country Team

Mid-October brought the start of the high school sports tournament season. The Ellington High School Girls' Cross Country Team started off with a bang. The girls swept both the regular season and NCCC Championship meet. Lia Guerette and Jenni Giacalone led the Knights finishing in the top four. Jenni put in a lot of hard work in the off-season, recording her best finish at the meet in her four-year career. Kate Bonanno, Allison Hill, Lauren Martino, Kate Walder and Bella Boone rounded out the top seven for the Knights. On the boys' side, Tom Arbeiter and David Clavet paced Ellington to a second place finish. This was another great season for Coach Flamino and his team!



Photo credit: Aaron Flamino

# Tax and Revenue Collector



**Ann Marie Conti**

Just a reminder to all persons liable to pay trash collection fees, the last day to pay without penalty is Thursday, December 1, 2016. Please visit the website to pay online at [Ellington-ct.gov](http://Ellington-ct.gov) or mail your payment to:

Town of Ellington

P.O. Box 158

Ellington, CT 06029-0158

If you have any questions, please call the Tax and Revenue Collector's office at (860) 870-3113.

# American Public Works Association New England Chapter



Taylor Olson, Tim Webb and Kevin Gambacorta  
of the Public Works Department



Tim Webb is named  
2016 NEAPWA Chapter Member of the Year

A very successful National APWA Public Works Expo (PWX) was held in Minneapolis, MN in August of 2016. The PWX is a great professional learning opportunity for all members of the public works community. We wanted to congratulate Kevin Gambacorta and Taylor Olson who received full scholarships to attend the conference. The NEAPWA Chapter offers the opportunity for scholarships each year. Kevin and Taylor wrote very thoughtful essays regarding their public works careers and were chosen as this year's scholarship recipients.

A few excerpts from their essays:

"I am always striving to do my best and looking for ways to improve and grow the department. I want to identify and understand the current and future needs of the Town of

Ellington. It is my desire to be a leader that provides direction and motivation but is willing to listen and take advice."

~ Taylor Olson, Lead Mechanic

"Through hard work and great opportunities, I have been able to advance my position from Laborer 1 to Assistant Foreman in twelve years. I work in the town where I was born and would someday love to be the Public Works Director in my town."

~ Kevin Gambacorta, Assistant Foreman

The chapter also wanted to congratulate Tim Webb, the Public Works Director in the Town of Ellington, for being honored with the 2016 NEAPWA Chapter Member of the Year award.

*Great job Town of Ellington!*

## Ellington Volunteer Fire Department

### Station 243 at 6 Nutmeg Drive

The new sign is out in front of Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) Station 243. A dedication ceremony was held at the new firehouse on April 30th. Members of the EVFD

Station 243 Committee donated over 990 hours of volunteer time, working tirelessly, night and day, to get the building ready for the firefighters, their apparatus and their equipment. All of this general and specialized donated labor significantly reduced

the cost to the Town for the preparation of the building. The EVFD Station 243 Committee and all those who helped can be very proud of everything they did to bring essential services to the residents of Ellington. The new sign is a perfect touch!

## Ellington Ethics Commission

Ellington Ethics Commission

Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Chairman

The Ethics Commission was established to promote and affirm the ethical behavior of the Town's boards, commissions, employees, and officials, both elected and appointed. The Commission operates under a Code of Ethics that was approved by the Board of Selectmen in January 2014. The Commission is available to receive inquiries and requests for advisory opinions submitted from town officials, employees, consultants or residents regarding possible code violations. The procedure for submitting a complaint is outlined in the Code of Ethics which can be found on the Town website on the Ethics Commission page. The "Ethics Complaint

Form" is also available on the website or may be obtained through the Town Clerk's Office. The Commission is also charged with disseminating informational and educational materials to enhance public awareness of the Code of Ethics.

The Commission consists of five members who serve staggered terms of four years. Vacancies are filled by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the Ellington Town Charter. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected annually. Currently the Commission meets quarterly over the course of the year and is served by five residents of the town. The members are Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Chairman; J. Wiley Dumas, Vice Chairman; and members Grace Boucher, Derek Reed and Charles McCleary.

# Measuring What Makes Life Worthwhile

**Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent**  
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Chip Conley states, *“The companies we admire are like the people we admire: resilient, authentic, personable, collaborative, ambitious, and humble.”*

Conley is an American hotelier, hospitality entrepreneur, author and speaker. In a 2010 TED Talk, he addresses the concept of measuring what makes life worthwhile. He shares his journey as a learner, influenced by diverse experiences and interactions with others, from a hotel maid to Abraham Maslow to the former King of Bhutan. He explores society’s reluctance to measure life’s intangibles, such as wisdom, satisfaction and happiness.

Conley believes great organizations create the conditions that promote life’s intangibles by allocating time and resources to support their attainment. In an organization, one way to consider how intangibles are valued is to examine how an individual spends his or her time each day.

Ellington Public Schools (EPS) believes that how students spend their time demonstrates what we value. We have identified four areas of focus for the 2016-2017 school year: Mastery-Based Learning, Equitable Opportunities, Innovative Practices, and the focus of this piece, Personalized Learning. We believe that creating opportunities for students to spend their time on learning that reflects their interests promotes higher levels of engagement and personalization. When learning is personalized, it becomes meaningful and authentic while creating the conditions for intangibles such as happiness.

Personalized learning is student-driven: students engage in relevant and rigorous challenges that provide multiple pathways to demonstrate learning. In EPS, examples of personalized learning may be found through Genius Hour and Makerspace activities.

Genius Hour: During Genius Hour, students follow individual interests and passions and demonstrate their learning in effective and unique ways.

One student’s passion was acting, which led her to wonder about the different languages actors speak. The student posed the question, “How can I teach myself French?” The student used Genius Hour classroom time to watch videos in French, read a book about the French language, and to practice speaking French. The student then taught her peers some of the French she had learned.

Another student revealed that her father had been diagnosed with diabetes. In an effort to understand the disease and be part of her dad’s “diabetes journey,” the student researched the disease and talked to other adults with the condition. She reported her findings and learning to her classmates.

A student had been studying and practicing the art of tap dancing. She wanted to dispel the notion to her classmates that such an activity was “frivolous” so she took it upon herself to create a WeVideo on tap dancing and taught the class basic steps. They, in turn, recognized the difficulty and athleticism embraced by the art of tap dancing.

MakerSpace: Makerspaces are specifically designed physical locations where students gather to share resources and knowledge, work on projects, solve problems and construct structures. Makerspaces have been created at all three elementary schools as a first step toward creating them throughout the district.

Elementary students have enthusiastically participated in The Pipe Cleaner Structure Challenge. Students collaboratively created a structure made of pipe cleaners that could hold at least ten marbles standing at least three inches off the table. Students were provided limited resources and time. They developed and sketched out a draft of their plan. Students were required to reflect upon their structure, whether it was successful or not, and make redesign recommendations.

Students have also participated in The Boat Challenge. Elementary students, working in teams, were required to design a boat that would float and hold weight. Teams competed to determine which boat could hold the most weight and therefore, who engineered the sturdiest boat. In this challenge, students were allowed to design, test out their boat, redesign, and then re-test. Students found that many different designs worked, yet all successful designs had similar and effective construction structures.

And here is what happens when elementary students eventually enter Ellington High School: Recently, EHS students won first place at UConn’s ECE Physics cardboard boat race at Avery Point. To view a YouTube video commemorating the experience, search EHS H Block ECE Physics Race.

Not a day goes by in the Ellington Public Schools where students do not have an opportunity to follow their passions, to work in teams, to solve problems, and to personalize their learning. In fact, student pictures and videos are regularly posted on our award winning newly redesigned website ([www.ellingtonpublicschools.org](http://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org)) illustrating the talents of EPS students.

What makes life worthwhile and how do you measure it?

In Ellington, it is experiencing happiness and satisfaction by personalizing your life’s journey with other co-creators of society. It was Cat Stevens who once sang,

*“You can do what you want  
The opportunity’s on  
And if you find a new way  
Then you can do it today*

*Well, if you want to sing out, sing out  
And if you want to be free, be free  
‘Cause there’s a million things to be  
You know that there are  
You know that there are  
You know that there are”*

In the Ellington Public Schools, it is the students who count - their passion, interests, and happiness. You know that it does when we provide time and opportunities for personalized learning. You know that it does, you know that it does...



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## Conservation Commission

### Ellington Planning Department



Ellington has teamed up with Eversource to bring you Home Energy Solutions, an Energize Connecticut(SM) program

designed to save you money and reduce energy needs. A certified and insured contractor is available to visit your home to evaluate energy use and make on-the-spot improvements that will lower your energy bills. During the visit, the average household receives about \$1,000 of products and services for just \$124.

And, after the visit, most customers save about \$200 every year by reducing energy consumption. Residential customers

meeting income-eligibility requirements may qualify for assistance.

Also, participating in Home Energy Solutions during 2016 makes Ellington eligible for grants to pursue energy-saving projects. Plus, for every Home Energy Solutions visit, our partnering contractors (Aiello Home Services, Energy Efficiencies Solutions, and Fox Heating) will donate \$25 to the Ellington Fuel Bank.

To learn more or schedule a Home Energy Solutions appointment please call 877-947-3873 or visit [EnergizeCT.com/HES](http://EnergizeCT.com/HES).

## Connecticut Emergency Preparedness Mobile Application

**CT Prepares**  
**Download it today!**

The Connecticut Emergency Preparedness Mobile Application will allow Connecticut residents to access emergency information and alerts on the go in the event of an emergency. Connecticut residents are able to create interactive emergency kits, customize family communication plans, and view preparation guides on what to do in an emergency all from their mobile device.

The Emergency Preparedness Mobile Application integrates with a phone's text messaging, email, and social

networking, allowing residents to inform family members when they are safe. Real-time notifications can be sent directly to the device providing up-to-the-minute information for residents. Links to emergency needs such as shelters, food, and assistance will be at hand.

The application will allow users to:

- Create interactive checklist
- Prepare a family plan
- Notify emergency personnel
- View preparation guides for different emergencies
- Sign up for alerts

- Contact family members
- View emergency news and events
- Locate emergency services
- View weather





# Ellington Parks & Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation website: [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)

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

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday's 8:30 am-6:00 pm / Tues-Thurs 8:30 am-4:00 pm / Friday's 8:30 am-1:30 pm

## RECREATION NEWS

### *A note from the Recreation Director, Bob Tedford*

As we head toward the holidays, we are in the midst of registering for winter programs, all of which you will find in this edition of Ellington Events. In addition to information related to upcoming programs, you will find 'early bird notices' regarding timelines for registering for spring lacrosse, baseball, softball and soccer. Please take special note of the information and deadlines that pertain to the youth lacrosse program, as each town is required to provide the league with a list of team entries by the first week of February; thus we need to provide an accurate picture of the number of teams we expect to field in 2017.

Volunteer coaches are always needed, especially in the youth basketball program, grades 1-8. If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer coach and would like to attend a coach's clinic, as well as a CPR/AED/First Aid class, please contact: [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov).

Speaking of volunteer support, the Town of Ellington continues in an effort to develop and maintain specific passive recreation trails, specifically the Hockanum River Trails and the Batz property. The short and long term goals are simple: maintain and make accessible all properties under the jurisdiction of the Town. If you have an interest (be it 2 hours, a half-day, etc.) in becoming part of the 'parks crew' that provides periodic low-key maintenance, please contact me at 860-870-3118. If you have any questions or suggestions relative to existing programs or an idea for a new program, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Department has a registration process for all recreational programs/camps through our Activenet On-Line Program. The process for online registration is easy and convenient for all. The process involves following these simple steps:

- Go to our website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)
- Click the blue Activenet Registration button on the bottom of the page; click ActiveNet
- Select "Sign in" if you have an account or select "Create an Account" to set one up

It is imperative that an adult household member set up the family account. The advantage to setting up an account is the convenience of registering for recreational programs and camps at your leisure. You will need an e-mail address to set up your account, a password, and dates of birth for all family members. (Remember to add family members to your account). If you don't have access to a computer, we can assist in setting up your account at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. In-office online registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering at home. We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes that do not meet minimum requirements. Ellington residents are given preference for all programs during the first week of registration. If you have any questions or problems, "please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation.

In the event of inclement weather, the Parks and Recreation Department will list program cancellations on television. Tune in to Channels 3, 30 and 8 to check if there is a cancellation. Cancellations will be listed under "Ellington Recreation Department."

**ADA:** The Town of Ellington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. If you or a family member need special assistance, please make us aware of your needs at the time of registration.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:** If a need arises, please make a confidential inquiry to Bob Tedford, Recreation Director at [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov).

**PAYMENT:** Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid. We accept cash, checks, American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card

**REFUNDS:** Requests for refunds must be in writing prior to the program starting.

## ELLINGTON HIKING CLUB

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 Tuesday mornings at 9 am. Projected Dates: November –December weather permitting. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office, 31 Arbor Way. Eligibility: Adults 18 years of age and over. Bring: water, snack, and sunscreen, bug spray and wear proper footwear!

## CROSS-COUNTRY SKI LESSONS/ COURSE

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 or early January, which will cover the following aspects: safety, type/style of skis, snowshoes, and 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.

## 2016 HUNTER K. GIROUX MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2016 Holiday Travel Basketball Tournament is named for the late Hunter K. Giroux, a former coach on the recreational and travel level, as well as an invaluable member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Naming the tournament after Hunter is a fitting tribute to his contributions over the past 20 years to the Town's athletic programs. Hunter's energy and zeal for competition, and his caring and supportive approach to every athlete regardless of ability, were genuine trademarks. Please try to catch a game. The level of play in the 8th grade division is worth the price of admission!

The Tournament Awards will include:

Hunter K. Giroux Team Sportsmanship Award

Hunter K. Giroux All-Tournament Team

Hunter K. Giroux All Defensive Team Award

Check the website in early November for an updated schedule at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament - Teams from throughout the region are expected to participate.

Location: Ellington Middle School, 46 Middle Butcher Road  
Concessions will be available.

December 28 6:00 pm First Round Games  
Ellington playing at 7:30 pm

December 29 4:00 pm Consolation Game  
6:00 pm Championship Game

To place an advertisement in the program brochure, please contact Bob Tedford at (860) 870-3118 no later than December 19, 2016. All proceeds will benefit Ellington Recreation Programming.

## INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

Ages/Grades: 4 years – 2nd grade

Days: Saturdays

Dates: December 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11



Location: Ellington Middle School Gymnasium

Fee: \$35/1child; \$50/2 children; \$62/3 or more in family

Registration Period: through December 1, 2016

This program is co-ed and is run by Parent Volunteer Coaches.

The program meets Saturday mornings for (8 weeks) this program is a learning instructional program based on the skills and drills of youth basketball.

Time Frames

8:30 am-9:30 am 2nd graders code: BBALL.second16

9:30 am-10:30 am 1st graders code: BBALL.first16

10:30 am-11:30 am Kindergarten code: BBALL.kind16

11:30 am -12:00 pm 4 year olds code: BBALL.4years16

## RECREATION LEAGUE BASKETBALL GRADES 3-8

Registration through noon on December 1, 2016

Recreational League Fees: \$75/1 child; \$115/2 children; \$145/3 or more children

All Youth Basketball Registrations will be taken during regular office hours.



## RECREATION LEAGUE TEAM SELECTION POLICY:

Games played on Saturdays and/or weeknights; times and locations pending final enrollment.

Team Selection: All players will be re-evaluated 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 of December 3, 2016.

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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 BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS**

Saturday, December 3, 2016

BOYS – location: Ellington Middle School

Grades 3 & 4: 8:30 am-9:45 am code: 1104.WT16

Grades 5 & 6: 10:00 am-11:15 am code: 1105.WT16

Grades 7 & 8: 11:30 am-12:45 pm code: 1106.WT16

GIRLS – location: Windermere School

Grades 3 & 4: 8:30 am-9:30 am code: 1107.WT16

Grades 5 & 6: 9:45 am-10:45 am code: 1108.WT16

Grades 7 & 8: 11:00 am-12:00 pm code: 1109.WT16

### **INFORMAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 9-12\***

Registration Period: November 1, 2016 – December 5, 2016

Program Dates: December 5, 2016– March 4, 2017

\*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.

Fee: \$75

Code:1119.BB912W16

Code:1119.BGS91216

Location: Site Varies

### **2017 DICK GUNN AND CLARE LANDMANN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS/JAMBOREES**

It's that special time of the youth basketball season when the Town recognizes two long-time volunteers for their many years of loyal support to the Town's recreation growth, from both a program and athletic facility standpoint. The Tournament-Jamboree is tentatively scheduled between the 2nd and 3rd week of March. Dates will be posted on the Parks & Recreation website. Visit one or more of the games and witness the friendly yet competitive nature of the teams involved. Volunteers are being sought to help assist with this event. Please call (860) 870-3118, if you would like to volunteer.

### **UNIFIED BASKETBALL (SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM)**

Code: UNIFIED.BBK617

Session 1: 5:45-6:30 pm Grades K-6th

Code: UNIFIED.BB71217

Session 2: 6:30-7:15 pm Grades 7th-12th

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: March -June

Fee: \$25

Location: Ellington Middle School

American Heart Association FA/CPR/AED Coaches Certification Register on the Adult Programs page at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov) under CPR & FA - Click on "Register Here"

Location: 31 Arbor Way Fee: NA

The Recreation Department has two certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructors, Allison Breen & Kristen Wasielewski, on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow all Ellington coaches, athletic officials, program instructors, and staff of Ellington Recreation-sponsored sports and activities to get certified. Please understand that each coach is required to complete this training. Only six coaches are allowed per class. You are required to stay the entire time in order to receive your certification.

Time: 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

2016 Dates Available

Wednesday, November 30

Monday, December 5

Wednesday, December 21

2017 Dates Available

Wednesday, January 11

Monday, January 30

Monday, February 6

Wednesday, February 22

### **REQUIRED PRE-SEASON COACHES CLINIC**

Date to be determined. Refer to website for dates.

Location: 31 Arbor Way

Time: 7 pm-9 pm

The Recreation Department, in an attempt to provide support services to all Town of Ellington Coaches, has designed a pre-season coaches clinic that will discuss the very important aspects of coaching today's youth. Please visit our website for more details about the topics that will be covered at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov). Head coaches, as well as assistant coaches, are expected to pre-register by emailing Bob Tedford at [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) or Mary Bartley: [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov).

## **ADULT SPORTS/PROGRAMS**

### **ADULT INFORMAL BASKETBALL**

Monday Evenings at Windermere School

Program is currently in session. New participants are welcome.

Age: over 30 ~ Time: 5:30-7:15 pm

Age: under 30 ~ Time: 7:15-9:00 pm

Pre-registration is mandatory before participating.

Program schedule follows the Ellington Public School calendar.

Fees: \$20 Resident/ \$25 Non- Resident (\$10/\$15 as of January 3, 2017)

### **ADULT CO-ED INFORMAL VOLLEYBALL**

Day: Wednesday Evenings

Program is currently in session. New participants are welcome.

Ages: 18 and up

Time: 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Location: Ellington Middle School  
Fee: \$25 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident (\$10/\$15 as of January 4, 2017)

### **MEN'S INFORMAL VOLLEYBALL**

Day: Thursday Evenings  
Dates to be determined after November 10  
Ages: 18 and up  
Time: 7:15 pm-9:00 pm  
Location: Ellington Middle School  
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

### **ADULT TENNIS LESSONS (INDOOR)**

Instructor: Rich Willis  
Day: Wednesdays and Fridays  
Dates: March 1, 3, 8, and 10  
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Location: Crystal Lake School  
Fee: \$40  
Code: Tennis.Indoor31

### **PICKLEBALL**

Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Players use oversized ping pong paddles and a wiffle ball that moves slower than a tennis ball. The game is played on a badminton-size court that is divided by a 34-inch high net and the size of the court makes playing the game easier for baby-boomers and active seniors. Pickleball can be played as a singles or doubles game. Register online through Activenet.  
Fee: \$5  
Dates and times will be confirmed once the combined recreation and school (winter schedules) are complete.  
Code: PICKLE.W16

### **KOKONDO KARATE**

Instructor: Paul Ward  
Day: Thursdays  
Ages 14 years and Up  
Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike RT 30 Vernon  
Session 3: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; January 5  
Code: KARATE.W163  
Session 4: January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16  
Code: KARATE.W164  
Session 5: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6  
Code: KARATE.S175  
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Fee: \$42 per session / \$6 walk in fee on site only

## **ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS**

### **GINNY'S FITNESS FOR LONGEVITY**

Instructor: Ginny Hogan  
Day: Mondays and Wednesdays  
Start Date: Program is currently in session; new participants are welcome  
Ages: 18 and up

Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

Location: Center School

Fee: \$40 Pre-Paid Punch card for 8 classes or \$7 walk-in fee  
Are you looking for a supportive exercise group and an instructor who cares about your results? Look no further than Ginny Hogan's Fitness for Longevity. Join a group of motivated women for workouts that are fun, varied, appropriately challenging, and effective. Workouts includes strength training: cardio, balance, and stretching and are custom designed for all levels.  
Email: [fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com](mailto:fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com) or call (860) 463-3238.  
Programs are open to residents and non-residents. All you need is an exercise mat, water bottle, foam roller and sense of fun. Classes will follow the Ellington Public Schools calendar. No classes when school is closed.

### **ZUMBA®**

Instructors: Tressa Giordano and Joanne Britton  
Days: Tuesday and Thursday Evenings  
Ages: 16 and up  
Program is currently in session. New participants are welcome.  
Time: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Location: Ellington Senior Center 40 Maple Street  
Fee: \$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes available at location site or \$8 Walk-in fee  
Classes will follow the Ellington Public School Calendar. No classes on vacation or school cancellation days. Perfect for everybody and every body! Each class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low intensity and high intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness-cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Instructors contact: [joannebritton.zumba.com](http://joannebritton.zumba.com) and [tressag.zumba.com](http://tressag.zumba.com).

### **LETTERS TO SANTA**

Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Ellington Post Office in Santa's Mail Box starting November 26 through December 14, 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 that your name and return address appear on the envelope.

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### YOUTH AND ADULT (INDOOR GOLF LESSONS)

If interested in a pre-season (March 2017) series of 4 indoor lessons please email your contact information to recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov.

### WOMEN'S INFORMAL BASKETBALL AND ADULT INDOOR SOCCER

If interest warrants and gymnasium space becomes available, adult women's informal basketball and adult indoor soccer (weeknights) may be offered on a limited basis. Contact recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov with your contact information and program of interest.

### VACATION CAMPS

December Break

Grades: K -8th grade

Dates: December 28, 29, 30

Time: 7:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: Ellington Middle School

Code: DEC.CAMP2016

### APRIL BREAK

Grades: K-8th grade

Dates: April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

7:30 am-5:00 pm

Location: Ellington Middle School

Check the website for more information.

Code: APRIL.CAMP2017

### GIRLS AND BOYS SPRING LACROSSE OUTDOOR PROGRAM

March 13, 2017 to June 12, 2017

The Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Teams for grades: 1st through 8th. Registration must be received by January 25, 2017 so we can determine number of teams and roster size.

New information: We anticipate the CT Youth Lacrosse League will move to a U-based system for deciding teams. The following chart will help determine who is eligible for which team. Birth certificates are required before the start of the season.

CVYL Division	New Birthday range for 2017 season	New USL age designation	Old Grade based designation
Senior	March 1, 2002-Aug 31, 2004	14U	8th & 7th
Junior	Sept 1, 2004 – Aug 31, 2006	12U	6th & 5th
Bantam	Sept 1, 2006 – Aug 31, 2008	10U	4th & 3rd
Lightning	Sept 1, 2008 – Aug 31, 2010	8U	2nd & 1st

### COACHING POSITIONS

Those individuals interested in applying for coaching positions must do so by January 25, 2017. Questions, please email Bob Tedford at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.

### TRAVEL GUIDELINES

2017 playing time guidelines: The boys and girls Lacrosse

programs will be considered "travel" programs during the 2017 season. Current Town 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 two 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 1 of the 2 evaluation sessions. Time and location will be determined after registration closes.

**Mandatory Parents Meeting:** There will be mandatory parents/players meeting in March to review details and season expectations, costs, fundraising and rule changes for 2017. Date and Time TBA.

### LACROSSE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Girls: Stick, goggles, mouth guard and cleats

Boys: Helmet (black), mouth guard, shoulder and elbow pads, cleats, athletic supporter, gloves and regulation stick.

Season Practice Schedules:

Lightning's practice 1-2 days per week

Bantams practice 2-3 days per week

Juniors and Seniors practice 3-5 days per week

Fees (Families with 3 or more participants will receive a \$10 family discount per child.)

Lightning Program: \$45

Bantam Program: \$95

Junior Program: \$105

Seniors Program: \$115

### BOYS AND GIRLS LACROSSE CLINICS PROGRAM INTRO CLINIC FOR GRADES K-2

Saturday Program - April 22 - May 20, 2017

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.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FOR TOTS

(Adult participation is required)

Instructor: Jill Maznicki

Winter Session JW

Day: Wednesdays

Jan. 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1.

(Make-up dates March 8, 15)

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am

Location: Hall Memorial Library

Min: 6 Max: 10

Fees: \$75 Residents / \$80 Non-Resident

Spring Session MW  
Day: Wednesdays  
March 22, 29 April 5, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17  
(Make-up dates May 24, 31)

Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am  
Location: Hall Memorial Library  
Min: 6 Max: 10  
Fees: \$75 Residents / \$80 Non-Resident  
Winter Session JT

Day: Thursdays  
January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23,  
March 2

(Make-up dates March 9, 16)  
Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am  
Location: Hall Memorial Library  
Min: 6 Max: 10  
Fees: \$75 Resident / \$80 Non- Resident  
Spring Session MT

Day: Thursdays  
March 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18  
(Make-up dates May 25, June 1)  
Time: 10:15 am-11:00 am  
Location: Hall Memorial Library  
Min: 6 Max: 10  
Fees: \$75 Resident / \$80 Non- Resident

#### **YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAMS**

Instructor: Gary Marquez  
Tiny Tot Tennis  
Day: Mondays  
Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27  
Ages: 3-5 years old  
Location: Crystal Lake School  
Time: 5:30 pm-6:00 pm  
Fee: \$40  
Code: TINY.TTTW17

#### **PEE WEE TENNIS**

Day: Mondays  
Dates: March 6, 13, 20, and 27  
Ages: 5-7 years old  
Location: Crystal Lake School  
Time: 6:15 pm-7:00 pm  
Fee: \$40  
Code: PEE.PWEW17

#### **YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS**

Day: Mondays  
Dates: March 6, 13, 20, and 27  
Ages: 8-13 years old  
Location: Crystal Lake School  
Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Fee: \$40  
Code: YOTH.TNW17

#### **HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PRE-SEASON CLINICS**

Week of March 13, 2017  
Check website for further details  
Fee: \$55

#### **YOUTH PROGRAMS /SPORTS**

Jukido - All skill levels welcome  
Instructor: Paul Ward  
Days: Thursdays  
AGES: 6 years old and up  
Time: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm  
Fee: \$42 per session/walk in fee  
\$6.00 per class on site only  
Session 3: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;  
January 5

Code: 0504.JUKW163  
Session 4: January 12, 19, 26;  
February 2, 9, 16  
Code: 0504.JUKW164  
Session 5: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6  
Code: 0504.JUKS175  
Location: 375 Hartford Turnpike RT 30  
Vernon

#### **YOUTH COED INFORMAL VOLLEY-BALL**

Instructor: Allison Huie  
Day: Wednesday  
Grades: 5-8  
Location: Ellington Middle School  
Start: March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5  
Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm  
Code: YOUTH.COEDVB  
Fee: \$20  
Min: 8 Max: 16

#### **AFTER SCHOOL MINI 6-WEEK BOWLING PROGRAM**

Windermere School Students Only!  
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Time Vernon 350 Talcottville Road Vernon  
From Windermere School  
Day: Mondays Spring session  
Dates: March 6, 13, and 27  
April 3, 17, 24  
Make-up date May 1st  
Grades K-6  
4:00-6:00 pm  
Fee: \$75.00  
All bowling forms are to be returned  
to the Recreation Department, not  
your child's school. Thank you!

#### **DAY TRIPS**

These trips are being offered in Mansfield,  
Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, and  
Willington. Please register at your local

Recreation Department. The departure  
location for all trips is the Commuter  
Lot off I-84 - Exit 68, by the Dunkin  
Donuts off 195 in Tolland. Return times  
are approximate. No alcohol or glass items  
allowed on bus. Limited number of tickets  
per town per trip; register early! Check  
the website regarding what fees cover at  
parkrec.ellington-ct.gov

#### **A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY**

December 10, 2016  
Enjoy a day in the Big Apple with friends  
and family. Get a jump start on your  
holiday shopping, visit the museums, see  
a Broadway show or just enjoy the sights  
of the city. Bus drop-offs/pick-ups in New  
York City will be determined by the  
driver on the day of the trip.  
Date: Saturday, December 10  
Reg Deadline: Friday, November 25  
Departure Time: 7:00 am  
Return Time: 10:30 pm  
Fee: \$52 per person (includes bus trans-  
portation only)

#### **A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN BOSTON - March 25, 2017**

Plan a fun day in Boston! We'll take  
you to Boston, drop you off at several  
locations and pick you up at a pre-deter-  
mined location at the end of the day. The  
bus will drop off at the following locations  
and public transportation is available  
for many others; info can be found at  
www.mbta.com

- Boston Flower Show: Held at the Seaport  
World Trade Center, this year's theme is  
Superheroes of the Garden! For more info  
and to purchase tickets, check out <http://www.bostonflowershow.com>
- Boston Science Museum: Trip-goers can  
easily spend an entire day exploring this  
museum. For more info about exhibits and  
special events and to purchase advance  
tickets, check out [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)
- Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall:  
Trip-goers can walk around, shop and get  
great food at this historic area in Boston.  
More information can be found at  
[www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com)  
Date: Saturday, March 25  
Register by Friday, March 10

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## PARKS AND RECREATION ... continued from page 17

Departure Time: 7:00 am  
Return Time: 7:00 pm  
Fee: \$40 per person (includes bus transportation only)

### WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR 2017 TRIPS!

#### A Day on Your Own in New York City's Lower Manhattan

April 22, 2017

Date: Saturday, April 22

Register by April 8

Departure Time: 7:00 am

Return time: 10:00 pm

Fee: \$50 per person (includes bus transportation only)

#### Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers Baseball Game - June 10, 2017

Fenway Park in Boston, MA

Fee: \$99 per person (transportation and game ticket)

Seating location: Bleachers

Watch the website for more details.

Includes games on the bus ride and a cookout prior to game time.

### SPRING SOCCER 2017

In-House Soccer Program – Coed, Ages 4-8

The Recreation Department will be offering a Spring Soccer Clinic for children in April 2017. Due to the growing number of children interested in the sport of soccer, we 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 Coaches 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

CODE: INHSE.SOC4617

Day: Mondays

Dates: April 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22

June 5 makeup date

Time: 5:30-6:45 pm

Location: Middle School Soccer Field

Fee: \$35

Ages 7 and 8

CODE: INHSE.SOC7817

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

May 31 makeup date

Time: 5:30-6:45 pm

Location: Middle School Soccer Field

Fee: \$35

### 2017 SPRING OUTDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

Fee: \$35.00 (U8- U15)

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 on our website). 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 2016 roster placement is April 10, 2017. 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 2017 season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on 'actual enrollment' as of April 10, 2017. 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 2016, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form. The current Parks & Recreation Commission policy holds the following provision: Players that are selected to travel soccer teams for the fall 2016 season in Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2017, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2017 schedule. Players, where eligible, who wish to receive a rating (spring soccer evaluations) in order to move up a division, must attend a minimum of one spring evaluation.

Evaluation Dates

Evaluations will be held at Brookside Park

Monday, April 17 - 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

Tuesday, April 18 - 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

Boys and Girls Soccer Travel Division Levels and Travel Team Soccer Age Groups for Seasonal fall 2016 through spring 2017 may be found on our website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

### ELLINGTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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

First year players are required to provide an original birth certificate and parent/guardian must show their driver's license at time of registration. Online registration begins December 1. Check the website for details.

Registration Dates

Dates	Time	Location
Saturday, January 2	9 am – Noon	Middle School – Cafeteria
Saturday, February 4	9 am – Noon	Middle School – Cafeteria

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.

League Age and Fees may be found on the website.

Contacts: Keith Jarvis at [egspresident1@gmail.com](mailto:egspresident1@gmail.com) –

Andrew McCoy at [amccoy2@gmail.com](mailto:amccoy2@gmail.com)

### ELLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

2017 Spring Registration Information

Players Ages 6 – 16 years (as of August 31, 2017) - [ellingtonll.org](http://ellingtonll.org)

Returning Players – Online registration is requested at [ellingtonll.org](http://ellingtonll.org) – registration will be open from January 27, 2017 through February 28, 2017

New Player Registration

Dates	Time	Location
Sat. Jan 28	9 am – noon	Middle School – cafeteria
Sat. Feb 4	9 am – noon	Middle School – cafeteria

NOTE: FIRST TIME PLAYERS must bring a BIRTH CERTIFICATE to registration (Ages 6 and up)

The Ellington Little League Program is an all-volunteer organization. The league is affiliated with Little League, International and follows the rules and guidelines set forth by the National Organization in Williamsport. The revised age chart, divisions and fees are posted on the Ellington Little League website.

\*\$10 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 that is refundable upon serving in the concession stand.

Volunteers Needed in Many Areas! – Ellington Little League is looking for volunteers for coaching and Board of Director positions. Please contact Derek Baehre – (860) 716-8469 / [dbaehre01@hotmail.com](mailto:dbaehre01@hotmail.com) or any BOD member – BOD members contact information can be found at <http://www.ellingtonll.org>.

#### Evaluations

Juniors, Major, Minor, and Farm League tryouts will be held in March 2017 – Descriptions, dates and locations to be posted on website - [ellingtonll.org](http://ellingtonll.org).

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

Coaches/Players Clinic(s) – Multiple clinics will be available to both players and coaches over the winter. Details of these programs will be posted on the Ellington Little League website <http://www.ellingtonll.org>.

### 2017 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for seasonal employment will be available January 10, 2017 for those interested in applying for the following positions within the Recreation Department. Please contact the Recreation Office at (860) 870-3118 or [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov) to obtain an application form.

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

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of Ellington Events  
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or call 860.338.3038.



# Ellington Winter Farmer's Market

Dianne Trueb, Market Master



Adorable participants in the Annual Halloween Pet Parade at the Farmers' Market.

The 5th winter season of the Ellington Farmers' Market kicks off on Saturday November 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the YMCA, 11 Pinney Street. The winter market organizers credit its success to

a following of customers who are now embracing "clean" eating and have made a commitment to support local food growers and entrepreneurs. The Market, held every other Saturday through March, is a wonderful example of two organizations, the Ellington Farmers' Market Association and the Indian Valley YMCA working together to provide a community supported event. The market hosts twenty-five vendors bringing locally produced foods including produce, dairy, beef, seafood, pork, poultry, lamb, as well as a wide variety of baked goods, cheeses, greens, honey, specialty sauces, soups and ready to eat items along with selected artisan wares. The Market will host a "Holiday Extravaganza" market on Saturday December 17th, adding additional vendors bringing a wide variety of local holiday products and gifts.

Email:  
ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.  
Visit our website at  
ellingtonfarmersmarket.com.

We're blogging at [ellingtonfarmersmarket.wordpress.com](http://ellingtonfarmersmarket.wordpress.com).



## Emergency Management

Joe Palombizio, Director

**Preparing For An Emergency:** Many times residents will ask, "What type of emergency should I prepare for?" The correct answer is all types of emergencies. FEMA lists the following types of incidents that could cause an emergency situation; fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, terrorism, massive power outage, hurricane, mud slide, medical disease, human initiated incident or a hazmat incident. A review of data for Ellington found that in the last 10 to 12 years, emergency incidents were primarily initiated by severe weather; snow, wind, and ice. The following steps should be reviewed to prepare for an emergency that could include evacuation. After reading the following steps, rate yourself for Preparedness:  I am prepared  I am somewhat prepared  I'm in trouble, and could have a problem

**Paperwork / phone numbers:** Have the following contact information readily accessible: fire department, police, ambulance, American Red Cross, school, daycare, eldercare, doctor(s), hospital, employer's emergency number, insurance policy numbers, medical card I.D. numbers, a list of required medications and their dosages, veterinarian emergency phone number, and phone numbers of friends and relatives who could render assistance.

**Personal Asset Listing:** Gather photos and appraisal information on valuable items such as real estate, vehicles, jewelry, video/TV/photo equipment, art and antiques, unique furniture, collectibles, crystal pieces and clothing apparel such as furs and leather items.

**Supply Kit:** Prepare a readily accessible supply kit. Supplies should last for at least three days. Items should be stored in airtight plastic bags. Try to store things in one or two containers. Backpacks, duffel bags and small unused garbage cans work well. Regularly replace items that expire. Water in plastic jugs or other covered containers. Plan on 1 gallon per person/per day for drinking. Plan on extra for pets.

**Emergency light sources:** battery-powered lanterns and flashlights, fresh batteries. Battery powered radio, blankets and extra clothes, small tool kit (wrenches, screwdrivers).

**Nonperishable food:** canned meats, vegetables, fruits, juices, a manual can opener, pet food. Small supply of cash

**First Aid Kit:** sterile bandages, aspirin, cough syrup, antacid, tweezers, scissors, thermometer, iodine, hydrogen peroxide and other supplies.

If you need to evacuate, make sure pets wear a collar with ID tags, in the event you become separated from your pet.

**Travel:** In the event an emergency incident creates a road blockage, are you familiar with several routes from your home to get to medical help, main roads and major highways?

Can you direct a friend or relative coming to help you, around a road blockage to get to your home?

**Well, how did you do?** If you did not rate yourself as “I am prepared”, please, for the sake of you and your family, get started!

## Emergency & Community Alerts Powered by Everbridge

Joe Palombizio, Emergency Management Director

### ABOUT THE ALERTS

Get emergency alerts and optional community alerts by signing up for the Town of Ellington's Emergency and Community Alerts program. This provides a means for Town officials to notify you by phone, email, SMS TXT, and/or TTY/TDD, as elected by you. You create and control your enrollment profile, and your information is protected by a username and a password that you create. Using your username and your password, you may change or even delete your profile at any time. Town officials will be able to notify you directly of emergencies, with requirements or recommendations for residents and property owners; this can be used for Town-wide or localized emergencies. If you so select, this will also provide a way for various Town Department officials to notify you of important new information such as Town program delays or cancellations, unanticipated closures or re-locations, limited opportunities, etc.

Powered by Everbridge, this system broadcasts messages at exceptionally high speed (thousands of calls per minute), going through your contact paths until it gets feedback that someone at your end has acknowledged receipt of the message. Ellington relies on you to supply the necessary information. If you don't enroll, you will not receive the alerts.

### HOW TO SIGN-UP

**First Step:** Visit the Sign Up website on Everbridge. Click on Sign Up and then construct your profile with, at minimum, the following: Create and enter a username (at least 6 characters long, with letters and/or numbers). Create and enter a password (at least 8 characters, with both letters and numbers). Pick a security question and enter answer. Review and check “I accept the terms of use.” Type code shown into the field provided. Click on Submit at bottom right of page (if unacceptable entries exist, they will flag in red at top of page) to advance to next page.

**Second Step:** Check all the important community alerts of which you want to be alerted. Complete the About You section (continuing into Special Needs and Volunteer sections if you so check). Enter Ellington Community Alerts Locations You Care About, with up to 5 different locations (postal code limited to 06029). Click on Next at bottom right of page.

**Third Step:** Fill in the How to Contact You section with phone numbers (include area code), email addresses, etc., and list

order of contact both for Emergencies and for Community Alerts. Click on Submit at bottom of page.

**Final Step:** After viewing your profile and making any needed edits, click on Log Out at top of page after Welcome (your name), completing the sign-up process. You can then terminate your session.

### ASSISTANCE

If you need help to sign-up or to change your information, you can contact Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street, or by phone at (860) 870-3160 for dates/times of group sessions (up to 10 per session). The Library and the Ellington Senior Center located at 40 Maple Street will also provide one-on-one support, on request. Please call the Senior Center at (860) 870-3133. Registration is required for either group or one-on-one sessions. Call or visit to register.

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Phone: 860-870-3130

Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director

dpenti@ellington-ct.gov

Tressa Giordano, Youth Program Coordinator

tgiordano@ellington-ct.gov

Deborah Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator

dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov

### SAVE THE DATES FOR RISE ABOVE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallery Night: Saturday, February 11

Small Town Big Talent Show: Saturday, April 1

### INSIDE & OUT INFANT/TODDLER/PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUPS

Join us for socialization, arts & crafts, discovery, creating, snacks, stories, singing and lots of fun. Parent participation is required.

Wednesday and/or Friday classes offered. Non-residents are welcome. Classes are held at the Old Crystal Lake School House from 9 am-10 am.

Winter Session 1: Wednesdays-Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22.

Fridays- Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24.

Winter Session 2:

Wednesdays- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5.

Fridays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 1, 7.

Register at youth.ellington-ct.gov. \$18 for Residents, \$23 for non-residents.

### LITTLE HANDS ART & DISCOVERY FOR AGE 1-3

Come join us and release that creative energy! We will explore colors, texture and fun painting techniques with sponges, brushes, fingers and so much more! Enjoy a fun age-appropriate art project, yummy snack, story and songs and meet new friends with that special little person in your life. Adult participation is required. Classes are held at the Old Crystal Lake School House from 9 am-10 am.

Non Residents are welcome.

Winter Session 1: Thursdays Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.

Winter Session 2: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6.  
\$18 for Residents, \$23 for non-residents.

### PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Email Tressa Giordano at tgiordano@ellington-ct.gov if you'd like to attend. This peer led group serves as a networking and support system for parents who have children with special needs such as ADD/ADHD, autism, learning disabilities, anxiety etc. The group meets monthly and occasionally invites speakers to join us.

### SOCIAL MEDIA TRENDS TAKING OVER OUR TEENS

Please join us for an informative parent talk. Officer Tina Roy from South Windsor will team up with Ellington Troopers to take a look into some of the current trending apps that are kids are using on their devices. Dangers of social media platforms including Instagram, Snap Chat and Photo Vaults will be explained and discussed. Suggestions on how to keep your children safe and ways to safeguard and navigate social media will be shared. Don't let your child know more than you when it comes to social media; it can be a dangerous cyber world out there! Suggested audience is middle school and high school parents.

Non-residents are welcome.

Wednesday January 25 from 7:30 pm-9 pm at 31 Arbor Way. Email Tressa Giordano at tgiordano@ellington-ct.gov if you'd like to attend.

### PARENT SURVEY

The staff at Ellington Youth Services wants to hear from you about your interests and concerns regarding your children. Please take a few moments to take our Parent Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJHCJZX>. We would love to hear from you so that we can provide programs for your family. The survey will be available online until the end of December. After you complete the survey, you will receive instructions on how to enter into a drawing for a \$50 Big Y Gift Card; there will be three winners drawn.

### DECIDE TO BE KIND

The Decide to Be Kind campaign continues to encourage kindness in our community, in particular through social media, sportsmanship, mental health awareness and cultural diversity. Over the past year community members have participated in our events and shown us ways they have experienced kindness. The Decide to Be Kind Community Committee is excited to announce a KINDNESS COUNTS VIDEO CONTEST through the end of December 2016. You are invited to submit a one minute or less video telling us what kindness means to you or some form of kindness that you received or gave away to someone. Please submit your video in Mp4 format to Debbie Stauffer



Decide to Be Kind Poster Contest Winner  
Photo by Deb Stauffer

at Ellington Youth Services at [dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov). Written parental permission for anyone under 18 is required to post the video or portions of it on our YouTube Channel, website or Facebook page. Two \$50 Visa Gift Cards will be awarded, one for a youth and one for an adult. Visit the website at [decidetobekind.com](http://decidetobekind.com) for more information on the Decide to Be Kind campaign and the contest. Every video should include your name, email address and phone number. The contest ends December 31.

**STOP THE STIGMA - Relieving Stress through Laughter**

Youth Services is sponsoring a Stop the Stigma series and is happy to present Stop the Stigma: Let's Talk about Relieving Stress through Laughter with Robert Rivest on Thursday evening, January 19, 2017 at the Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

There are positive ways to relieve stress and anxiety and laughter is a big one. Robert Rivest is an internationally admired performer and teacher. In addition to being a renowned comic mime artist, he is also an accomplished health, literacy and stress relief educator, a gifted mindfulness teacher, a certified laughter yoga master trainer and an engaging public speaker. Join us for a night of learning how laughter can help us relax.

**STOP THE STIGMA - The Teen Brain and Risk-Taking**

In March, Youth Services will present Stop the Stigma: Let's Talk about The Teen Brain and Risk-Taking with Dr. Ruth Potee on Thursday evening, March 9, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Ellington Middle School. Come learn more about the teen and tween brain and what parents and the community can do to keep our teens safer and healthier. Dr. Potee practices family medicine in Greenfield, Massachusetts. She is the Chair of the Healthcare Solutions Opioid Task Force of Franklin County. Dr. Potee has addressed professional and community audiences throughout New England. Admission is free for the speaker series.

# Town of Ellington DIRECTORY

55 Main Street, P.O. Box 187  
Ellington, CT 06029

Animal Control	(860) 870-3155
Assessor's Office	(860) 870-3109
Building Department	(860) 870-3124
Emergency Services (Non-emergency)	
Crystal Lake Fire Department	(860) 870-3174
Ellington Volunteer Fire Department	(860) 870-3190
Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps	(860) 870-3170
Emergency Management	(860) 870-3182
Finance Department	(860) 870-3115
Fire Marshal	(860) 870-3126
First Selectman's Office	(860) 870-3100
Human Services	(860) 870-3128
Housing Rehabilitation	(860) 870-3132
Library (Hall Memorial)	(860) 870-3160
Police (non-emergency)	(860) 870-3154
Public Works	(860) 870-3140
Recreation Department	(860) 870-3118
Registrars of Voters	(860) 870-3107
Senior Center	(860) 870-3133
Tax and Revenue Collector	(860) 870-3113
Trash (Bulky Pick-up) All American Waste	(860) 289-7850
Town Clerk	(860) 870-3105
Town Planner	(860) 870-3120
Youth Services	(860) 870-3130

# Ellington Resident State Trooper's Office



**Sergeant Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor**

## **HAVE UNWANTED MEDICATIONS? STOP BY THE MEDICATION COLLECTION BOX!**

Ellington now has a medication collection box. The box is secured in the lobby of the Resident State Troopers' Office, 33 Arbor Way, and is accessible any time the department is open. No questions asked; just drop the unwanted medications in and they will be safely and securely destroyed.

## **WHAT CAN BE DISCARDED IN THE MEDICATION COLLECTION BOX?**

- Over-the-counter medications · Prescription medications · Medication samples
- Medication for household pets · Medication lotions or ointments

## **WHAT CANNOT BE DISCARDED IN THE MEDICATION COLLECTION BOX?**

- Needles or other "sharps" · Hazardous waste
- Thermometers · Personal care products (shampoo)

If you have any questions, contact the Resident State Troopers' Office at (860) 870-3154.

## Department of Public Works

Timothy Webb,  
Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator  
(860) 870-3140 email: [twebb@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:twebb@ellington-ct.gov)

### WINTER REMINDERS!



Loading plow trucks for de-icing of roads during snow event.  
*Photo credit: Fred Bird Photography*

**SECURE YOUR MAILBOX** – Residents are asked to make sure their mailboxes are secured and sturdy before the winter snow begins. Mailboxes damaged by snow load will not be repaired by the Town.

**WINTER SAND** – Sand will be available to residents throughout the winter months. The pile is located at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street on the Firehouse house. This is for residents only; no contractors.

**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 trees are not cleaned, they will not be picked up. If residents prefer, trees may be dropped off at any time by the recycling shed at the Town Garage on 21 Main Street.

**HOFFMAN ROAD BRUSH DROP OFF** – The brush drop off center will be open Saturdays 9-4 and Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 until December 3, 2016. It will be closed Thanksgiving Day and weekend. Items accepted are leaves, brush, firewood and tree trunks. You may call Harvest New England at (860) 871-7442 for items not accepted at this drop off center. Grass clippings are not accepted.

**RECYCLE SHED AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** - Currently the MIDNEROC collection center in Willington is closed for the winter to open again in Mid-April 2017. The Town's recycling shed at 21 Main Street continues to be open during working hours Monday-Friday 7:00 am – 3:30 pm. There will be two Saturdays January 7 and January 14, 2017 that the shed will be open from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The following items are accepted at the Public Works shed: batteries, waste oil, antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, computer components, and electronics. Paint is NOT accepted at this location.

**TEXTILE RECYCLING** – The Town now has a box for textile recycling located at the Town Garage. Usable as well as non-usable clothing items are accepted.

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# The Write Stuff

## THE VIENNA™ COLLECTION

4 STYLES

19 COLORS

### A-D. VIENNA™ COLLECTION

Executive metal pen  
Classic push action retractable  
Teardrop grippers for writing comfort  
Silver accents and decorative bands  
Silver engraved imprint

Engraving Area: Barrel 1-3/4" x 1/4"

#### A. 628 VIENNA™

Gleaming corporate colors  
Mechanical pencil and sets are available  
Blue (default) or black ink



ANTIFRAUD INK  
(BLACK INK ONLY)

AS LOW AS \$1.54 EA.

#### B. 629 VIENNA™ RHINE

Soft brushed fashion forward colors  
Blue (default) or black ink



ANTIFRAUD INK  
(BLACK INK ONLY)

AS LOW AS \$1.56 EA.

#### C. 630 VIENNA™ VIBE

Vibrant, brushed brights  
Black ink



ANTIFRAUD INK

AS LOW AS \$1.56 EA.

#### D. NEW! 636 VIENNA™ STYLUS

2-in-1 Executive metal pen with stylus tip  
Pen tip retracts into stylus  
Stylus for use on all touchscreen devices  
Blue (default) or black ink



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Also accepted are shoes, belts, handbags, stuffed animals; all must be bagged and put into the container.

**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 hydrants should have a reflective pole marker. If the hydrant 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.

**SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS** – Homeowners are re-quired 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, per Town Ordinance. 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 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.

## Ellington Historical Society

### Nellie McKnight Museum

The Ellington Historical Society was fortunate to have recently acquired on eBay eight diaries of Charles A. Price, who lived in Ellington from his birth in 1857 to his death in 1939. The diaries cover the years from 1917 to 1933, although several years are missing. They are now in the Archives of the Nellie McKnight Museum.

At the time of his death, Charles Price was called one of Ellington's "most prominent citizens." He was a farmer and devoted horseman who owned a large farm in the western section of town, but later moved to a house on Maple Street. The house was demolished when the addition to the Hall Memorial Library was built in the 1990s. Price was also a member of the Ellington Grange and was the Town Assessor for thirty years until his retirement in the 1930s.

The Historical Society also owns a scrapbook compiled by Price's wife, Mary Louise Hancock Price. It contains newspaper clippings about her family, friends, and local events from 1899 to 1950. The scrapbook, along with the diaries, photographs of Charles Price and his house and family, is a valuable resource for those interested in learning about life in Ellington in the early 20th century.

The Charles Price scrapbook and diaries, as well as photos of the family from our museum archives, are on display at the Nellie McKnight Museum. The museum will be open from 2:00 – 7:00 for the town Winterfest celebration to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. We are closed for tours for the season but will open again on Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 beginning the first week of May 2017.

Contact us through our website: [ellingtonhistsoc.org](http://ellingtonhistsoc.org) or by calling 860-875-7160 for further information about our organization and activities.



## Ellington 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

### Holiday Schedule

**Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:**

Wednesday, November 23 – Close at noon

Thursday, November 24\* and Friday November 25\*,  
Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, December 26 – Christmas Day (observed)

Monday, January 2\* – New Year's Day (observed)

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 20 – Presidents' Day

\*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for these holidays. Check the Hall Memorial Library website for closing dates at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov).

# A History of the Batz Property



Kiosk located on the Batz property was built as Jordan Reed's Eagle Scout project. This kiosk will hold a map of trails and a history of the Batz property.



Jordan Reed and his helpers work on the new kiosk.

## By Jordan Reed

Charles Felix Batz was born on June 15, 1894, to parents Frank and Emma Batz. He was born in Ellington, Connecticut and lived here his entire life. He was born in a house across the street from where the Batz Property is now. A few months after his birth he moved into the house on Batz Property. When Charles Batz was an adult, he headed off to fight in World War I. During the battles Batz was part of, he earned himself the nickname of "Mysterious" for his ability to avoid being hit by enemy fire while being a messenger. He encountered many hardships while at war. Things like suffering from the stressful conditions of battle and hearing men moaning from injuries from the battlefield were most prominent in his memory when recalling his time as a soldier. Armistice Day was one of the memories from that time that Charles would look back on happily. After the war, Batz returned to his home in Ellington to a quieter life, one filled with farming. The Batz Property

was Charles Batz's farm where he worked as a dairy farmer. He decided he wanted to be a farmer as a young man. Originally he was going to become a carpenter and work with his father but he decided that farming was what he preferred and started his farm with seven cows that were on the property. At first he would make and sell butter to customers.

Charles Batz was also an active member of his community. He held such positions as Assistant Registrar and Registrar of Voters. Batz also served on the Board of Tax Review and as a Justice of the Peace. While in the post of Community Service Chairman he was instrumental in getting Ellington its first Fire Department.

After living a long and impactful life, Charles F. Batz passed away in 1993 at the age of 99. Along with his two sisters Emma and Jenny, he had decided to donate the Property to the Town of Ellington. He detailed in his will that the land

was never to be developed. As the plaque on the property says, they "left this land that they loved for future generations to enjoy. The land enriched their lives and it was their hope that it will enrich yours as well."

Jordan Reed, Boy Scout Troop 7, is pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout. Jordan has participated in scouting throughout his life which began in South Windsor, then Georgia, then Singapore and on to Ellington. Jordan comes from a family of scouting with his two older brothers both earning Eagle Scout status and his parents Mark and Jennifer involved as leaders. Jordan also has three sisters. His purpose in pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout is to learn and implement leadership skills and to contribute to his community. Jordan's Eagle Scout project was to build an information kiosk on the Batz property.

## Ellington Senior Center

**Erin Graziani, Director**

40 Maple Street

Website: [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov) Phone: 860-870-3133

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

In addition to our many regularly scheduled programs, a variety of classes, guest entertainers and other special events are scheduled monthly. Please stop in to get your copy of our monthly newsletter or check out our website to see what is offered! Listed below is the weekly schedule of events.

Be sure to stay tuned to local television stations for delays and closings due to weather, or visit our website to subscribe to text and email alerts.

**November 28 at 2:00 pm:** Together with Musical Insights, we welcome back Ashly Cruz and "Songs of the Holiday Season."

Tickets in advance: Residents \$5; Non-residents: \$6

**December 2 at 7:00 pm:** Join the Ellington Singers at Hall Memorial Library for Winterfest 2016.

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**December 8 at 12:30 pm:** We will be serving our traditional pot roast Holiday Dinner. Pick up our flyer for details.

### ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

\*Call or visit our website for additional details, including schedule and/or fees.

#### **Mondays** 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

10:00 am-1:00 pm Chess Mates

11:30 am-Intermediate Line Dancing with Nicole\*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Community Café Lunch\*

1:00 pm-2:15 pm Easy Line Dancing with Amelia

1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:1 Computer Training with Bill\*

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Needle Crafts

1:15 pm-2:45 pm Board Games

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Yoga\*

3:00 pm-4:30 pm Musical Insights\*

#### **Tuesdays** 8:30 am– 4:00 pm

9:00 am-12:00 pm Bridge

9:30 am-11:45 am Adult Coloring

10:00 am-10:45 am Chair Exercises\*

11:00 am-11:45 am Simple Circuit Fitness for Active Adults\*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Community Café Lunch\*

12:30 pm-2:00 pm Blood Pressure & Diabetic Screening\*

1:00 pm-4:00 pm Dominoes

6:00 pm-9:00 pm Setback

#### **Wednesdays** 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

9:00 am-3:00 pm Podiatry Clinic\* (1st Wednesday)

9:00 am-10:00 am Ellington Men's Club\* (1st Wednesday)

9:30 am-12:00 pm Cut Ups Carving Club

10:00 am-11:30 am Ellington Singers\*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Maple Street Kitchen lunch\*

1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:1 Computer Help with Bill\*

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Shuffleboard

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Yoga\*

#### **Thursdays** 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

9:30 am-11:45 am Sew and So

10:00 am-10:45 am Chair Exercise Class\*

11:00 am-11:45 am Simple Circuit Fitness for Active Adults\*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Maple Street Kitchen lunch\*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm Memories & Creative Writing\*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm Ballroom, Polka & Fun Dancing

1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:1 Computer Training with Bill\*

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group\*

(1st Thursday of the month)

2:30 pm-3:15 pm Chair Yoga\*

#### **Fridays** 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

9:00 am-12:00 pm Wii Bowling

11:00 am-12:00 pm Tai Chi\*



Seniors enjoy Wii Bowling

#### **Saturdays**

7:00 pm -10:00 pm Setback

6:30 pm-10:00 pm Open Billiards

#### **Daily Programs**

Weekday Walking Club / Horseshoes / Open Billiards

Library / Le Petite Café / Just Visiting

**Lunch Programs:** Senior Community Café Meals are offered through CRT's Elderly Nutrition Program on Mondays and Tuesdays at 12:00 pm to persons 60 years of age or older and their spouses. Donation is \$2.50. The Maple Street Kitchen serves home-cooked meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12 pm for a \$3.50 donation. Reservations for both programs must be made a minimum of 2 days in advance by calling the center or signing up at the front desk.

**Transportation Services:** Transportation is available to Ellington residents for medical, social and nutritional programs by calling the Transportation Line Monday-Friday, 9 am-12 pm, 860-870-3137.

**Trips and Cruises:** The following trips are currently being offered. Stop in or visit online for full details and trip policies.

**January 28,** "Salem Cross Inn & Sleigh Ride"

**March 23,** "Jersey Boys" at the Bushnell. Payment due by January 6, unless sold out sooner.

**April 5,** "The Foursome" at Newport Playhouse

California Coastal Highway, **August 19-27, 2017.** San Francisco, Solvang, Hearst Castle, Los Angeles, San Diego. \$3,599 pp double. Escorted Cruise to the British Isles, **May 21-June 3, 2017.** England Scotland, Ireland, Channel Islands. Starts at \$2,799 pp. twin, includes air.

Transatlantic Cruise including Spain & Canary Islands, Oct.19-**Nov. 3, 2017.** Cruise Barcelona, Cartagena, Malaga, Tenerife. Starts at \$2,499 pp. twin, includes air.

Caribbean and the Panama Canal (New Locks!)

**November 10-20, 2017.** Princess Cays – Cartagena, Colombia – Colon, Panama & Partial Transit of Panama Canal – Limon, Costa Rica – Grand Cayman. Starts at \$1,849 pp twin, includes air.

**The Ellington Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee** welcomes all to join us at our...

**Wreaths across America Ceremony**

Saturday, December 17, 2016, 12:00 Noon  
Ellington Center Cemetery, 95 Maple Street,  
Ellington, CT

If you would like to participate or sponsor a wreath please contact Wilson Flynn at [wdfpf45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wdfpf45@sbcglobal.net) or (860) 896-9053.

For 2016, the goal is to make it personal by reaching out to local communities to help place wreaths on the graves of local veterans.

There are more than 450 veterans buried at Ellington Center Cemetery, and we are looking for local organizations that can help honor these veterans, as each \$15 donation places a wreath. Additionally, the Patriotic Committee has a fundraising group ID CT0039; for every 2 wreaths purchased, 1 is awarded to Ellington at no charge. If you wish to honor a fallen service member by purchasing a \$15 wreath, contact Wreaths across America at (877) 385-9504 or visit the website at [WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org) using sponsor ID. CT0039 and location ID. CTECCE and your order will be delivered with the Town order. The wreaths will be presented during the Ellington Center Cemetery Ceremony.

From 1992 to 2006 the annual tradition of placing wreaths to honor the fallen was conducted at Arlington National Cemetery, largely unknown by the general public except for visitors to those hallowed grounds. In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths across America to continue and expand this effort and support other groups who wanted to do the same. This non-profit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

In 2015, Wreaths across America placed over 900,000 wreaths at more than 1,100 participating locations across the country (Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, 9/11 Sites, Pearl Harbor) and beyond. This was accomplished with help from 2,047 fund-raising groups,



corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. Their annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world's largest veteran's parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran's homes and communities all along the way turning the eyes of the country towards the cemeteries and promoting veteran awareness during the holidays and all year long.

**Veterans Remembrance Tree Program:** Wreaths across America established the Veterans Remembrance Tree Program as another way to remember and honor our veterans. The Remembrance Tree Program gives them a living memorial for their loved one. Each family can contact us and give information on their loved one. Our dog tag machine allows the families of the veteran to customize their message for the tag. The family is taken out to the balsam tip land to find a tree that will become their living memorial to their loved one, where they can place the tag on the trunk of an evergreen tree of their choosing.

If you are unable to join us in person, we can place the tag for you and email a photo of your tag's placement on the tree. Tags will be placed on a first come, first serve basis. "We created the Veteran Remembrance Tree Program because we wanted to find a way to recognize the fallen soldiers and their families in a more permanent way," explains Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths across America. "This endless forest is a truly visual representation of our unwavering commitment to our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach and to recognize our fallen soldiers and families this year and for many years to come." This program is open to all families who have had a loved one in the military. It is FREE to participate in this program. For more information, please call: 1-877-385-9504 or email: [dogtags@wreathscrossamerica.org](mailto:dogtags@wreathscrossamerica.org). Dedicate a living memorial for a veteran who has passed. Please keep your submission limited to 5 lines with 15 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation).

## Hall Memorial Library

**Susan Phillips, Director**

93 Main Street (860) 870-3160

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

Hours Monday – Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday – Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

*Check the Library website for holiday closing dates.*

New Resources at the Library: With the new budget year came two new electronic resources at the Library. "Fold3" is a digital collection of original military records, diaries, personal accounts and photos of men and women who served in defense of their country dating from the Revolutionary War. Supplied by Ancestry.com, this

wonderful genealogical resource is available in the Library on our computers or yours. The name Fold3 refers to the traditional flag folding ceremony that takes place at the burial of a veteran. A great new resource for fiction-lovers is "ESequels." ESequels is current and

complete so you can find the newest title by your favorite author or spot a title that you may have missed.

It lists the most popular series so you can discover a new author or rediscover an enjoyable series of years past.

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It also indexes character, location and subject as well as author and title so you can identify a series by whatever you remember about it. It includes brief annotations that describe each title without “giving away” any surprise endings. And last, but most important for some readers, eSequels lists the novels in the correct reading sequence so you can begin at the beginning rather than blunder into the middle of Act III. This database is available in the EResources section of our webpage at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov).

**Apply For A U.S. Passport At HML:** The Hall Memorial Library has been designated by the U.S. Department of State as a U.S. Passport Application Acceptance facility. Within the next few weeks, those seeking to apply for a new U.S. passport will be able to bring the appropriate paperwork and documents to the library for confirmation and submittal of their applications. Assistance in obtaining the application forms and notary services are also available. Appointments are required. Call the Library Director at 860-870-3160.

**Inter-Library Borrowing And Delivery:** The inter-library borrowing and delivery system that we all enjoy (and take for granted in Connecticut) was created 42 years ago by some broad-minded librarians and legislators, who worked to expand access to library materials to all state residents. “borrowIT CT” (formerly known as Connecticard) is a cooperative program among public libraries in Connecticut that allows a resident of any town in the state who holds a valid borrower card issued by their home library to use that card to borrow materials from any of the 192 public libraries participating in the program. Using your Ellington library card, you may borrow any of the materials that participating libraries lend to their local borrowers. Please remember that borrowIT CT loans are governed by the same circulation rules and policies that govern loans to resident card holders and those rules may be different from ours. Please check these rules to avoid any unwanted fines or charges. Materials borrowed through borrowIT CT may be returned to any borrowIT CT library for delivery by “deliverIT CT” (formerly known as Connecticard) to the lending library. Please remember that materials borrowed on your library card are your responsibility until they are received back in the lending library.

**Blu-Rays at the Library:** We are venturing into the world of Blu-Ray. Movies in this format will be available in the DVD section in the coming months, and will be clearly marked with labels to make them easy to find. The collection is currently small, consisting mostly of donations. More are always welcomed!

**What's All the Hoopla?** And if you are into streaming, remember our great offerings from HOOPLA. This free-to-you source includes movies, TV shows, and music (whole albums), as well as eBooks, comics and eAudiobooks for all ages. You can stream titles instantly through your desktop browser or the mobile app. If you use the mobile app, you can also download titles to your device for offline playback later, where Wi-Fi may be unavailable.

Titles are automatically returned and removed from your device at the end of the lending period. And there is a new Hoopla Kids Mode, the gateway setting for accessing everything in this multi-format, children's digital media experience. It's the place where you and your kids are able to discover all the great hoopla kids' content in one place.

**Save The Date - Minigolf@the Library!** Our second annual Minigolf@the Library fundraiser for the Friends of the Library will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2017, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. We are thrilled to welcome Kloter Farms as the Flagship Sponsor of this event once again. Prices will remain the same as our 2016 event: golf costs are free for under age 5; \$3 for ages 5-12; \$5 for adults; and \$15 for a family 4-pack, with food available at a very reasonable cost. At our last event, 40 local businesses and individuals contributed to provide fun for over 300 adults and children! Everyone had a terrific time playing Minigolf, having their faces painted, watching our magicians, entering the teacup raffle, and grabbing lunch at our food court. If you were here in 2016, we hope you'll join us again; if you missed our first event, please come in out of the cold, have some fun, and help support your library! Fair warning to all patrons – the library will be a very chaotic place on February 4, and parking will be difficult, so if you would like to check out books or movies that day, you may want to consider visiting us to pick up your items on Friday, February 3 instead.

**Coolnerd Kiosk Update:** In the last newsletter we told you about this exciting new technology that will make the process of downloading eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music to a variety of devices much simpler. While we had planned to have our Kiosk up and running by late August, we have run into a few technical glitches, so have delayed the introduction of this unit until we are absolutely sure that it is working perfectly. Please watch our website for the latest news on this great new product.

## TEEN STUFF

### Author Visit – Liz Delton:

Come meet one of our own! Liz Delton (nee Panjian) will be at the library on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00-2:00 pm to talk about the writing process. She'll have a Q&A session with audience members and read from her new novel. Liz will also be available to sign copies of her books which will be available for purchase the day of the event. Raised in the Northeast, Liz Delton has spent a lot of time in both woods and cities. While living for five years in Philadelphia, she got a taste



Local Author Liz Delton

for the city, but didn't find it green enough, and currently resides in what some would call 'the middle of the woods.' A 2005 Ellington High School graduate, Liz returns to Ellington to celebrate the release of her third book, *A Rift Between Cities*. It is the final installment of her YA fantasy series, *The Arcera Trilogy*. Growing up in Ellington, Liz jumped from lacrosse to theatre to art and back to theatre again where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Theater Management and Production at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. After serving as resident stage manager for a Philadelphia theatre company, Liz returned to Connecticut, where she finally realized she could expand her love of books, and started writing her first novel, *Meadowcity*. Visit her website at [LizDelton.com](http://LizDelton.com).

**From The Children's Department:** Do you have your own library card? If you are five years old or older, and Mom or Dad give you permission, you can have a library card with your name on it, to use at any public library in Connecticut. With your library card you can check out, and take home, all the wonderful materials that we have to offer. That includes books, CDs, audio books, launch pads, magazines, puzzles, toys, DVDs and much more.

**Saturday, December 3,** Hall Memorial Library will hold its annual Christmas Ornament Workshop. Three sessions will be offered: 10:00-10:30; 10:40-11:10; or 11:20-11:50. Free tickets will be available beginning November 26. This program is appropriate for children ages 3 to 12 years. Children will make four or five ornaments to then take home to use during the holiday season. Come join in the fun!!

**Allen's Angels Therapy dogs** will make an appearance in the Children's Department on Saturday, December 10. These gentle and well behaved dogs will be available for children 5-12 years old to read to. Online registration is recommended. Children will be given 10-15 minutes to read a book of their choosing. Bring a favorite book from home or choose one from our shelves. These dogs are the best listeners around!! And they love good stories!! February 4th is Take Your Child to the Library Day. This has become an annual event at all public libraries across the state of Connecticut. What a great day to explore your library and see what special activities they have in store for you. We hope to see you there!!

#### FALL/WINTER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Alissa Monteleone: *Healthy Indulgences....Chocolate!*\*  
 Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm  
 Book Discussion: TBD  
 Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm  
 Coffeehouse: *White-Eyed Lizard Band*\*  
 Friday, January 13 at 7:00 pm  
 Kim Newman: *DeClutter Your Mind: A Fresh Start for the New Year*  
 Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm  
 Book Discussion: TBD  
 Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm



Korean Cooking Demonstration at the library, presented by the Korean Spirit and Culture Project

Mariann Millard: *Hail to the Chief- The Inauguration of a President*

Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm

Stephanie Nelson: *Healthy Living- Ferment Your Own Vegetables*

Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 pm

MINI-GOLF @ THE LIBRARY

Saturday, February 4 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Jamilah Zebarth: *Zentangle Continued\**

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: *Junkyard Strings\**

Friday, February 10 at 7:00 pm

Book Discussion: TBD

Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm

Ed Parry: *The Longrifle and the DaVinci Code*

Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm

David Hulme: *English Travels for Fans of British TV Shows*

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm

Coffeehouse: *The Jolly Beggars\**

Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

\*Program has limited seating, so register early!

Register online at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call us at 860-870-3160 for assistance.

#### MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Finding Dory	November 30 at 1:00 pm
	December 1 at 6:30 pm
Dear Eleanor	December 7 at 6:30 pm
	December 8 at 1:00 pm
Seymour: An Introduction	December 14 at 6:30 pm
	December 15 at 1:00 pm
Dark Horse	December 28 at 6:30 pm
	December 29 at 1:00 pm
Florence Foster Jenkins	January 4 at 6:30 pm
	January 5 at 1:00pm

\*Movies will be shown weekly, (usually) on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm.

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Please check the Library's website [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call us at 860-870-3160 for future film announcements and schedule changes.

### Friends of the Library News

**Annual Holiday Cookie Sale:** The Friends of the Hall Memorial Library will hold their annual holiday cookie sale beginning on Sunday, December 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and continuing until they are sold out. The gorgeous one-pound trays of delicious home-made cookies will sell for \$9 each. If you wish, call for availability at (860) 870-3160.

**Book Cellar Gift Certificates:** Need a gift for a teacher, co-worker, secret Santa or some other special person?

How about a gift certificate to the Book Cellar! The Friends of the Library used book store stocks hundreds of slightly used books and other materials for all ages at rock bottom prices - perfect for any book lovers! Gift certificates may be purchased in any amount.

**Holiday Sale in the Book Cellar:** The Book Cellar will have books and other items of gift-giving quality available during December. Stop in and check out the great selection!

#### BOOK CELLAR HOURS

Monday 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Thursday 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

## New Bakery in Town!



LuAnn Hoffman and Josh Virkler show the plans for the new LuAnn's Bakery and Cafe

### It's all the buzz around Ellington

LuAnn's Bakery is opening on Route 83! When is it going to open? What's it going to be like? What can I get there? What will the hours be?

We're here to answer a few of those questions for you. A lot of it is still up in the air and dependent on construction progress, but the goal is to be baking there before the end of the year. "It's a lofty goal, but we're still shooting for it" said Josh Virkler of the hopeful opening date. Their plan is to begin baking initially and open the Café portion a month or so afterwards.

The new location will be called "LuAnn's Bakery & Café" and will have greatly-expanded offerings from what you can get now. They will still be baking their delicious treats that you can get currently at the Ellington Farmers Market and by special order, such as their famous pies, breads, cookies, sweet rolls, quiches, cakes and of course cupcakes from The Cupcake Bug.

In addition to all of this, they'll have a Café with about 30 seats where you'll be able to enjoy freshly made soups, salads, Panini sandwiches, desserts and so much more. The Café will be open for breakfast and lunch.

The LuAnn's team understands the question a lot of people hear almost daily. "What should I make for supper?" The new LuAnn's has that taken care of for you as well. Their new "Take n Bake" section will feature ready to bake casseroles and entrees for a quick and delicious supper for two or for an entire family. You'll be able to grab an entrée, salad, bread, and dessert all in one mouthwatering stop! In the meantime, before the new location is up and running, LuAnn and her team will still be baking their pies, breads and more for your Thanksgiving and Holiday needs.

They can be reached at 860-872-8073 or at [luannsbakery.com](http://luannsbakery.com).

# Town of Ellington 2017 Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar

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

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**D = one day delay for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Holidays;**  
 When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there is no delay in the collection schedule.  
 All items for curbside pick-up must be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

# Human Services Department

Joy Hollister, Director (860) 870-3128

## FOOD BANK

The Human Services Department operates a Food Bank of non-perishable items for qualified Ellington residents. We currently offer a monthly distribution upon request. Income and residency proof is required for the whole household. (Income limits are: \$33,000 annually for a single-person household; \$44,000 for two-person household; \$54,000 for a three-person household and \$65,000 for a four-person household.) Residents with larger households are asked to contact Human Services for income limits.

The Food Bank does not distribute food during the months of November and December due to our Holiday programs.

The Food Bank is able to help Ellington households due in part to the very generous donations received from the community. Donations of non-perishable, unexpired food is always welcome. The Food Bank also accepts donations

of hygiene and cleaning products as well as gift cards and monetary donations.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Human Services Holiday Programs provide qualified single persons, seniors and families residing in Ellington with food baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as gifts/toys for the December holidays. Gift cards are given to purchase items for a December holiday meal. Please contact Human Services if you would like more information or would like to sign up. Proof of residency and income information is required for all those living in the household.

The Department welcomes persons or businesses who are interested in “adopting” a single person, a senior or a family. Also, donations of gift cards to local grocery and department stores, new toys, and monetary donations are needed. Please contact Human Services for more information.

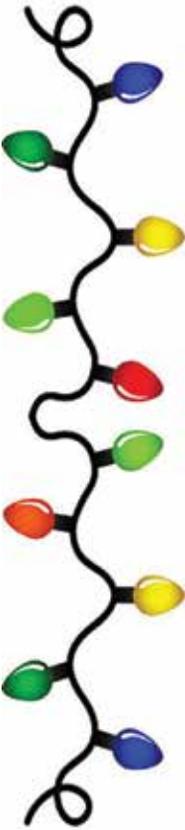
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# 2016 Holiday Lighting Contest



Ellington First Selectman, Lori Spielman, announces the 2016 Holiday Lighting Contest sponsored by Kloter Farms. Cash prizes will be awarded for these four categories: Most Creative, Best Theme, Judges' Choice, and Most Festive Business. Submit entry forms to the Ellington First Selectman's Office by 1:30 pm on Friday, December 9. Judging will take place Monday through Wednesday, December 12-14, from 5:00 pm to -9:00 pm. Please ensure that your lights are on during this time. This contest is open to Ellington residents only. If you have any questions, email [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3100. Let's see your house or business in lights!

First Selectman's Office  
 P.O. Box 187, 55 Main Street, Ellington  
 Phone: 860-870-3100 / Fax: 860-870-3102  
 Email: [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov)

## 2016 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ellington Girl Scout Troop 10726 Raising Funds for Heifer.org



#### Jenna Miller, Troop Leader

The Ellington Girl Scout Troop 10726 is running a fundraiser for Heifer.org now through December 17, 2016. Heifer.org is an organization that provides farm animals for third world countries to help end poverty and hunger and to help care for the earth.

Our Brownie Girl Scout troop has chosen a goal of donating one cow through this organization. Since we live in a community where there is quite a bit of focus on farming and a large dairy farm nearby, we decided one cow seemed appropriate. The cost of one cow is \$500. As a troop, we are running a can/bottle drive in order to raise those funds.

So far we have raised \$213. If you are interested in donating your cans/bottles, please contact Troop Leader Jenna Miller at (860) 454-4068 or donations can be brought to 35 Blueberry Circle. Help us help others! Our troop members will be very appreciative of any help you can give us in reaching our goal!

## Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

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## Ellington Cub Scout Pack 96



Cub Scout Pack 96 marches in the EVFD Fireman's Parade

### Jim York, Committee Chairman

Ellington Cub Scout Pack 96 has had a busy fall. The Pack marched in the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Fireman's Parade, hiked to Heublein Tower in Simsbury, and conducted our annual Scouting for Food Drive that directly benefits the Ellington Human Services food pantry. The Pack will also be sponsoring a local family through the Ellington Human Services Department for Christmas. Pack 96 primarily draws members from the Windermere School area and meets once per month at the Ellington Congregational Church. For more information on scouting, checkout our Facebook Page "Cub Scout Pack 96-Ellington, CT" or email [pack96chair@yahoo.com](mailto:pack96chair@yahoo.com).

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# Town Spotlight

## My Three Sons Racing

The year is 2008 and a wife asks her husband to go with her and their small children to a Touch-A-Truck event in Stafford. The oldest boy is 4, the twins are 2 and they are having a blast sitting in the trucks and beeping horns. Dad comes upon a friend he used to race with and this friend is displaying a kart - a kart that his son races on Monday nights. Then, there are a couple of tests on the track with the oldest child. Shortly thereafter the dad has one of these karts in his garage and the rest is history.

It's been quite a year for the Chapman family from Ellington. Sumner Chapman and his sons Steven, Tyler and Jason make up the My Three Sons Racing Team. The boys have been racing since they were 5 years old, starting out in the Tiger Cub division of Wild Thing Karts - a series that runs on Monday nights at Stafford Motor Speedway. It is here that they learned how to drive and the ins and outs of competition. They've brought this knowledge to many other tracks and different kinds of karts and cars over the years with admirable success.

This year Steven, age 13, is the Wild Thing Kart Junior Outlaw champion. He dominated the class with eight wins, one second, three third, and two fourth place finishes in the 14 race season.



Tyler, Jason and Steven Chapman of My Three Sons Racing

He also started racing an INEX Legend car, a big step up in the racing community. He was part of the main show on Friday nights at Stafford Motor Speedway, one of the youngest competitors at the track.

Tyler had a very good year. Now 11, it was his first year in the Junior Outlaw division for the Wild Thing Karts. He had two major wins, one second, four third and two fourth place finishes for the 2016 season. This put him fourth in points for the year, amazing statistics for a class that had 23 competitors. Jason, also 11, had a very competitive Monday night season and is proud to be the Wild Thing Kart Tiger A champion for 2016. He had five wins, two second and three third place finishes. Each son has had major accomplishments over their racing career. Steven has four track championships, Tyler has one, and Jason has two. All three had exciting wins, some of the most memorable being Jason's 1st place finish at Charlotte Motor Speedway in his Bandolero, and Ty's at Atlanta Motor Speedway, also in a Bandolero. My Three Sons Racing has had fun racing and meeting people.

The Chapman family is a racing family. In the summer months they spend time racing in a series at Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina. Even during the winter months, racing has them in its clutch. They spend their winter vacation racing in Florida at the week-long INEX Winternationals. But it is not all about the competition - where one finishes is only half the story. The boys have made friends from all over the East and experienced as much off the track as on! Follow their page on Facebook @My Three Sons Racing!

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## Ellington Welcomes Officer Mark Samsel



Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor and First Selectman Lori Spielman welcome Officer Mark Samsel to Ellington.

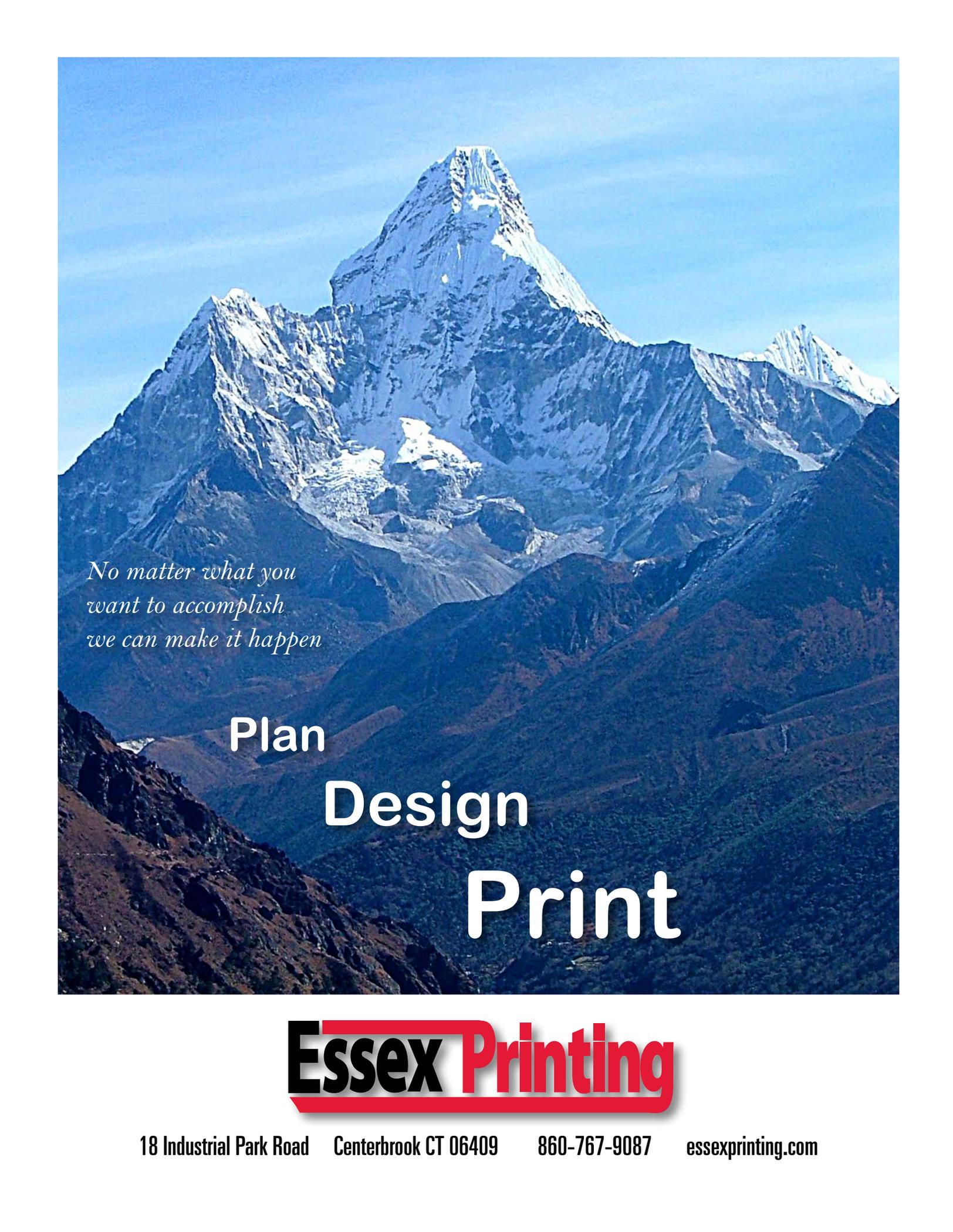
The Resident Troopers' Office would like to welcome Officer Mark Samsel as its newest member.

Mark is a 26-year law enforcement veteran bringing a wealth of policing experience and knowledge to the Ellington Resident Troopers' Office.

Mark retired as a Lieutenant from Bloomfield Police Department in 2014 after completing 21 years with the agency. He began his Law Enforcement career with Coventry Police Department where he was assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force. During his tenure he served as patrolman, detective (Criminal Investigation Unit), patrol sergeant, Commander/Supervisor of the North Central Municipal Accident Investigation Squad and Commander of patrol, support services and professional standards (Internal Affairs).

After retiring from Bloomfield in 2014 Mark went back to Coventry Police Department where he worked as a patrolman until February 2016. Mark is a graduate of Salve Regina University and South Windsor High school.

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