

The Ellington Connection

Spring 2016



Lori Spielman, First Selectman

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Finally, it has snowed and the cold weather is making an appearance. I have been in the office as First Selectman for 3 months and it has been an exciting time. I have been working with all of our department heads and kudos to them. They are a group of committed professionals who are dedicated to the Town of Ellington, as are the many volunteers who serve on the various boards. I thank all of you for your good work.

I encourage everyone to check out the Ellington Town website at ellington-ct.gov. You will find it to be very user-friendly, allowing you to investigate the many services the Town offers. A new feature is a red button in the top left-hand corner of the main page. This is an emergency alert button which enables you to see the alerts and emergencies in the area; for example, the warming centers being opened for unusually cold weather.

In addition, it's important for residents to sign up for Ellington Emergency Notification System (via Everbridge). See the Town's new Emergency Management Director, Joseph Palombizio's article on page 20. This is a separate function from the website alert button. Please make it a point to sign up for these important notifications by going to the Town website.

Whether you are looking for up-to-date Town information or you would like to email the First Selectman, perhaps pay your taxes on-line - go to the website. It is a valuable resource.

Part of the job of the First Selectman is to put Ellington out in the public eye. To that end, I will be starting a bi-monthly television program on the Community Voice Channel. For those of us with Comcast, the Public Access Channel is 5.

I will be talking to people who head up Town departments, people who own businesses in Town, people who care passionately about the Town and have interesting topics that we can discuss. Let's talk about the past and the future. Let's brag a little bit about Ellington. Why not? We are a great community of people.

*Lori Spielman
First Selectman*

Board of Finance Recommended Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

Annual Budget Hearing

April 12, 2016
8:00 pm
Ellington High School

Annual Budget Meeting

May 10, 2016
8:00 pm
Ellington High School

For more information and details of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, visit the Town website at ellington-ct.gov or pick up a copy of the budget table document at the Town Clerk's Office or at Hall Memorial Library.



National Volunteer Week April 10 through 16, 2016

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

Thank you to all of the Ellington's many volunteers. Your gift of time and talent makes Ellington a better place!

Presidential Preference Primary
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Polls are open from
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



- **District 1** Voting will be held at Ellington High School vestibule, 37 Maple Street
- **District 2** Voting will be held at Crystal Lake School gymnasium, 59 South Road



For more information,

Visit the Town website at
ellington-ct.gov
or call the Registrars' Office
(860) 870-3107

Information is also available from the
Office of the Secretary of the State
Election Services Division
30 Trinity Street, P.O. Box 150470
Hartford, CT -6115-0470
Website: sots@ct.gov
(860) 509-6200

Susan Luginbuhl

Democratic Registrar
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Wanda DeLand

Republican Registrar
of Voters

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Republican and Democrat
Presidential Preference Primary
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- Only registered Republicans and Democrats are eligible to vote in this primary
- Newly registered Republicans or Democrats and/or voters who change their status from Unaffiliated to Republican or Democrat are eligible to vote. (The deadline to change from a major party to Republican or Democrat was January 26, 2016)
- **April 5, 2016:** Absentee Ballots become available in the Town Clerk's Office
- **April 21, 2016:** This is the last day for mail-in registrations to be eligible to vote in the primary
- **April 25, 2016:** This is the deadline for in-person registration to be eligible to vote in the primary
- **April 26, 2016:** Presidential Preference Primary Polls open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk
(860) 870-3105 townclerk@ellington-ct.gov

Anyone needing to vote by Absentee Ballot is reminded that the ballots become available in the Town Clerk's Office on April 5, 2016. To be eligible for an absentee ballot you must qualify with one of the following conditions:

- ♦ you are a member of the Armed Services and out of town on Election Day
- ♦ you are an eligible elector who will be out of town between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day
- ♦ you have an illness which prevents you from going to the polls
- ♦ your religious beliefs prevent you from going to the polls; or
- ♦ you have duties as an election official on Election Day.

Applications are required for all reasons above. Please visit the website at ellington-ct.gov or call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 870-3105 with questions or for more information.

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Ellington Community Scholarship Association 2016 Phone-A-Thon to be held on March 1, 8 and 9

The Ellington Community Scholarship Association [ECSA] will be conducting its 33rd Annual Phone-a-Thon on March 1, 8 and 9. Gathered at the Ellington High School Guidance Department and the Board of Education offices, dozens of students will be calling residents seeking tax-deductible contributions to help High School Seniors in Ellington continue their education.

Founded in 1959 by a group of Ellington residents, ECSA is deeply committed to raising, investing and distributing scholarship funds for students residing in Ellington and graduating from publicly funded secondary schools. ECSA annually awards thousands of dollars of scholarship money to graduating seniors. Since 1990 alone, ECSA has awarded over \$900,000 to more than 1,000 Ellington students pursuing their post-secondary education. Donations are much appreciated and may be sent to:

**ECSA
P.O. Box 54
Ellington, CT 06029**

or visit our website at ECSACT.ORG



Reading and Math Readiness Workshops

Free Workshop Series for Parents and
Preschool/Daycare Providers

*Learn*Enjoy*Take Home*

is a workshop on reading and math readiness skills.

The Ellington Public Schools *School Readiness Council* will sponsor a free workshop series for parents of preschool aged children and preschool/daycare providers.

The workshop series will be held on Mondays at Hall Memorial Library, 93 Main Street
10:00 am to 11:30 am.
on the following dates:

March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28

All participants will be provided with books and materials. Child care will be provided during the sessions.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Register at ellingtonpublicschools.org by clicking on "Reading and Math Readiness Workshops Registration"

or call (860) 896-2315 extension 125.

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

Renters' Rebate Program

The Human Services Office will be assisting eligible persons in completing their State of Connecticut Renters' Rebate applications for 2015 beginning April 1, 2016.

To be considered eligible, the applicant must:

- have resided in Connecticut for one year prior to filing
- be age 65 or older
- or if under age 65, the applicant must have been receiving Social Security disability in year 2015
- and have a 2015 income of less than \$35,200 for a single person and less than \$42,900 for a couple.

The last day to complete an application is October 1, 2016. If you have questions or wish to set up an appointment, please call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 or the Human Services Office at (860) 870-3128.

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Resident State Troopers' Office located at 33 Arbor Way where you can drop off your unused prescription medication and over-the-counter drugs. No syringes or vials will be accepted. If you have any questions, please call the Resident State Troopers Office at (860) 875-1522. This event is a national program and locally sponsored by the Ellington TRIAD Safety Program.

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month

The Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease Support Group will be hosting their Annual Luncheon Program at the Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street on

April 8 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch will be served at the Ellington Senior Center following a presentation by Neurologist **Dr. Toni DeMarcaida** at 11:00 am.

RSVP is required by April 5 by calling Anna L. Turner at (860) 870-3131.

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

Street Light Reminder!

As a reminder to residents, please report streetlights that are not lit to the Public Works Department. The Town incurs the cost for streetlights whether or not they are working.

The Public Works Department asks residents to include the pole number or the address of the location of the light that needs attention.



Thank you for your assistance in keeping the streets of Ellington well lit!
Report outages to publicworks@ellington-ct.gov or (860) 870-3140



National Public Works Week May 15 through 21, 2016

In recognition of
National Public Works Week
the Ellington DPW will hold an Open House!

Thursday, May 26, 2016
from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

21 Main Street, DPW Facility

Residents are encouraged to stop by and tour the DPW facility, meet the staff, view the equipment that is used to care for the Town properties and enjoy a hot dog with the crew!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility MidNEROC

Proof of residency required

57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT
(860) 684-3163

Hours of Operation:

9:00 am to 2:00 pm
on the first and third Saturday of the month from
April 16 through November 5, 2016
Closed July 2 and September 3, 2016

Accepted Materials: From the House: Drain Cleaners, Metal Polish, Dry Cleaning Fluids, Arts & Crafts Supplies, Aerosol Cans with Hazardous Waste Contents, Household Batteries, Oven Cleaners, Photo Chemicals, Floor Cleaners, Mercury Thermometers

From the Garage: Fire Starters, Old Chemistry Kits, Transmission Fluid, Engine and Radiator Flushes, Contaminated Gasoline, Kerosene, Waxes & Polishes

From the Workbench: Rust Preventative, Wood Preservatives, Oil-based Paints, Paint Thinners, Solvents, Wood Strippers, Lead-based Paints, Degreasers

From the Yard/Garden: Pesticides, Herbicides, Rodent Killers, Muriatic Acid, Pesticides or Herbicides with 2, 4, 5-T or Silvex, Cesspool Cleaners, Fertilizers, Insect Sprays, Pool Chemicals

Materials Not Accepted: Gas Cylinders, Car Batteries, Used Motor Oil or Anti-freeze, Wood Preservative containing Penta Chlorophenol, Medications, Asbestos, Explosives, Fireworks, Ammunition, Radioactive Material, Biologically Active Material, Unknown Material.

Note: Latex paint can be disposed of in your regular household trash. First harden or dry it by removing the lid and placing the can in a safe, well-ventilated area.



Free Residential Electronics Collection Event!

The Town of Ellington will be holding an electronics recycling event on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Crystal Lake School, 59 South Rd, Ellington. Our vendor, *Take2*, is a State approved electronics recycler. Please see the link to their website for what electronics can be

recycled and the dates and locations of other events throughout Connecticut. This event is open to all Connecticut residents.

Questions should be directed to the
Ellington Public Works Department
at 860-870-3140.

For more information, visit *Take2*'s website at
ewaste-recycle-ct.com

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DPW Spring Season Activities

- The annual spring sweeping of all roads will start mid-March (weather permitting) and will sweep the roads around the Crystal Lake region first, then move clockwise into the Cider Mill and Longview area and westerly into Woodside Acres. Residents may sweep their driveways and the edge of their lawns into the road edge for cleaning by the sweeper.
- Roadwork projected to be completed this upcoming summer will include the leveling/paving of Jobs Hill Road from Muddy Brook Road to the Somers town line. Chipseal and paving will be done on Lake Street, Crystal Street and Mountain Road. Tomoka Avenue and Church Street are scheduled for milling and overlay. Crack sealing of roads will take place on Hayes Avenue, Hillsdale Drive and Windermere Avenue from Route 286 to Abbott Road, Woodland Trail, Rye Field Road, Daisy Lane and Standish Road as well as Gabriel Drive and Angel Trace. Drainage repair will be done on all roads being paved. Milling and overlaying of Blueberry and Raspberry will be done in 2017 due to the water company's schedule.
- The Grounds Crew will be preparing and maintaining all athletic fields with priority given to the school athletic programs.



Working in the Public Right of Way

The Public Right-Of-Way (ROW) includes both the paved portion of the street as well as the area outside of the pavement as required to accommodate traffic signs, utilities, sidewalks, etc. The width of the right-of-way varies by street, and can be determined by viewing the Assessors maps available at Town Hall or by viewing the parcel on MapGeo at mapgeo.com/ellingtonct.

Permits are required for any excavation, driveway, utility and sewer connection. This type of work requires that the contractor post a bond and carry the proper liability insurance.

The cost to pull a permit to work in the ROW is \$35. A permit is required so that the proposed work can be inspected to ensure it will not interfere with drainage and public use of the ROW.

All permits can be obtained in the Ellington Building Department located in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street. If you have any questions, please contact the Ellington Public Works Department at publicworks@ellington-ct.gov or 860-870-3140.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area Opens April 2, 2016

Proof of residency required

Items accepted: leaves, brush, firewood & tree trunks.
Items not accepted: Construction materials, grass clippings & tree stumps. Harvest New England on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps (860) 827-1490.

Hours of Operation - April, May and June *Closed Saturday, May 28 and Saturday, July 2*

Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Bulky Waste? Call
All American Waste
at (860) 289-7850**
to schedule a bulky
waste pick-up four
days before your
regular collection day.
website: aawllc.com

Town Garage Shed Hours
21 Main Street
(860) 870-3140
Monday-Friday (year-round)
6:30 am to 3:30 pm
Saturday Hours
April 16 through November 5
1st and 3rd Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For information regarding **items accepted at each facility**, please call or visit the Town website at ellington-ct.gov; select "Town Departments"; "Public Works Services; Public Works".

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Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director

(860) 870-3130

email: youthservices@ellington-ct.gov

website: youth.ellington-ct.gov

Spring Events



Join us for a fabulous night of entertainment at the 4th Annual Small Town Big Talent Community Variety Show on **Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 pm in the Ellington High School Auditorium**. The show, hosted by Rise Above and OKP, showcases outstanding local talent of all ages including singers, dancers, musicians, and more! Tickets, \$6 for students and seniors, \$8 for general admission, are available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Jordyn Marie Engler Memorial Scholarship.

Around the World in One KNIGHT

May 7 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Ellington High School. The Youth Services' High School Cultural Diversity Group will host an evening of dance, crafts, refreshments and fun celebrating the many cultures that make up Ellington. Special activities for kids and performances by local dancers, musicians and artists will be part of the evening. All are welcome!

Program	Dates	Day/Time	Age/Grade	Fee	Location
Parents Supporting Parents	April 5, May 10, June 7	Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm	Parents	No Charge	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	This peer lead group will support each other in helping to advocate for their children.				
Creative Connections	March 29, April 26, May 17	Tuesdays 5:30-6:45 pm	Kindergarten through grade 2	\$20	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Come create arts and crafts projects, create a snack, and meet new friends. Enjoy this time of creativity and socialization. Each class will have a fun and exciting theme.				
Creative Connections	April 12, May 3, May 31	Tuesdays 5:30-6:45 pm	Grades 3 & 4	\$20	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Come create arts and crafts projects, create a snack, and meet new friends. Enjoy this time of creativity and socialization. Each class will have a fun and exciting theme.				
Inside & Out Infant/Toddler	Spring I: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4	Mondays 9:45-10:45 am	Infants/Toddlers and Parents	\$18	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Spring II: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23				
Join us for play, arts and crafts, snack, discovery and networking with other parents of toddlers.					
Think Good, Feel Good and Be Good	March 10, 17, 24, 31	Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm	Grades 5 & 6	\$25	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	When anxiety takes over, this program will teach life skills to cope with anxiety and worry.				
"In the Loop" Knitting Group	March 8, April 5 and ongoing, once a month	Tuesdays 6:00-7:15 pm	Age 8 and up	\$3 per class	Youth Services 31 Arbor Way
	Whether you are a beginner or a pro, come relax, meet others and create. Shannon Kent and Colleen Luginbuhl will help teach beginners and provide support. Join anytime.				



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Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director

(860) 870-3133 email: egraziani@ellington-ct.gov website: seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov
40 Maple Street, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029

Have you checked out our new website yet? Included in this site is a listing of all of the diverse programs we have to offer at the Senior Center, including information on our Transportation Program, The Maple Street Kitchen Meal Program, Arts & Crafts, Fitness/Health & Wellness, Cards & Games, Language Arts, Outdoor Activities, Music Programs and Technology Classes. All this and more can be found online and at the center in our monthly newsletter, "The Maple Street Monthly".

Programs	Date/Time	Description	Fee
AARP Tax Aide	Thursdays 9:00 am-2:00 pm By Appointment	Trained volunteers will complete federal and state income tax returns at no charge for those 60 and older. Stop in or call for an appointment now thru April 14.	free
"How's Your Balance?"	Thursday March 10 1:30 pm	Join us for an interactive workshop with Sandee Wood, RN and learn techniques to help improve and maintain your balance. Sponsored by VN&HS of CT.	free
New Program Workshop	Friday March 11 9:30 am	We will be discussing the results of the Program Survey, including interest level in the suggested programs and time/room availability.	free
"Musical Insights: Irish Night with Dot Carney & Friends"	Wednesday March 16 6:00-8:00 pm	Dot Carney hosts an evening of Irish music with family and friends. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 11. Includes light refreshments.	Residents: \$5 Non-Residents: \$6
Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Thursday March 17 12:30 pm Lunch	Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with Boiled Potatoes, Carrots, Bread & Dessert. Entertainment with Ellen & Veronica at 1:00pm.	Residents: \$12 Non-Res: \$13 In advance by March 10
Welcome to Our New Website Tutorial	Wednesday March 23 1:00-2:00 pm	Bill, Will and Dennis have been busy working on a new website for the Senior Center and are excited to show you all of the great new features!	free
AARP Smart Driver Class	Wednesday March 30 11:30 am-3:30 pm	Cash or check made payable to AARP is due at class. Pre-registration is required by calling the Senior Center.	AARP: \$15 Non-AARP: \$20
Ellington Singers Spring Musicale 2016!	Thursday April 14 1:00 pm	Come listen to the beautiful music of the Ellington Singers – now in it's 31st year. Please bring a donation for the Food Pantry.	free
Legislative Update with Christopher Davis, State Representative	Wednesday April 20 1:00 pm	Meet with State Representative, Christopher Davis for a question and answer session on current and future legislative topics.	free

Transportation Services are available to residents for medical, social and nutritional programs.

Call the Transportation Line at (860) 870-3137
Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Maple Street Kitchen: "Home cooked" lunches are generally served on Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon. Menus can be found at the Senior Center and on the website.



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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	10 am - 8 pm
Friday- Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

Check the Library website for holiday closing dates.

Book Cellar Hours

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

Mini Golf at the Library: We celebrated National Take Your Child to the Library Day in style on Saturday, February 6 when we turned the entire building into a gigantic Mini-Golf course! Several hundred Ellington residents had a terrific time golfing, having their faces painted, and watching magic performances. The day would not have been possible without the generous support of our **Flagship Sponsor Kloter Farms** and the following local businesses and library patrons who funded holes or donated food or raffle prizes:

Bolles Brothers Motors, Bryan Flint, Casey's Café, CD Builders, Inc., Chuck Wagon Restaurant, Cliff Aucier, Cold Creek Brewery, Country Pure Foods, CS Nails & Spa, CT Hair Design, Joe and Marcia Downs, Dzen Garden Market, Ellington Dental Assoc., Ellington Pizza Restaurant, The Ellington Printery, Farm Car Care, Five Corners Wine & Spirits, Gold & Silver Diamond Exchange, The Hidden Still, Highland Park Market, Integrated Rehabilitation Services, Johnny Appleseed's Farm, Law Office of Bruce Fader, Laura Hessler-Painted Faces, Lori Spielman Landscaping, Inc., Magic Dan, Nutmeg Stairs & Cabinets, Oakridge Dairy, Outback Steakhouse, Pizzeria DaVinci, R.F. Stomberg Plumbing & Heating, Schneider's Flooring America, Subway of Ellington, Swiss Cleaners, Thrivent Financial, Utsav Indian Cuisine and Zahner Dental

Thank You

Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library (HML)
(860) 870-3160 email: hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov

HOLI a Celebration of Spring

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May 7  
at  
HML

In India, Holi announces the passing of winter and the coming of spring, the season of color. It is a vibrant and exuberant festival, a family friendly gathering complete with music, dance, food, and, of course, colors! People of all ages come outdoors to play with colored powders in commemoration of the season when Mother Nature fills every nook and corner with hues from her palette. Holi is traditionally celebrated in March on the day after the full moon; this year it will take place in India on March 24. Here in our small town of Ellington, many thousands of miles away from India, we will celebrate this occasion on **May 7**; we want to be sure that it will be warm enough to play outside! We will offer all of the elements of a true Holi celebration- dance, music and food and most definitely playing with colors! If you are already familiar with this festive tradition, you know how much fun it is; if you have never experienced Holi before we hope you will join us to learn about this increasingly popular and widely celebrated festival. Come join us for this indoor/outdoor event; everyone is welcome to participate in the festivities and fun.

**Ellington Annual Reports:** As the repository for Town documents, we strive to keep our collections up-to-date and complete. We have recently discovered that we have some holes in our assemblage of Town of Ellington Annual Reports and would like to fill them if possible. If you have access to Annual Reports from the following years and would be willing to donate them to the Library, please contact the Director or the Reference Librarian. The missing years are: 1897; 1904; 2008-2009; and 2011-2012. Anything from before 1883 would be appreciated as well. Thank you.

**Communicating with the Library:** Many of you already know that when you pre-register online for any of our programs, you are asked to provide your email address. When you provide your email address, our calendar system will send you a reminder about the event 3 days before the program. This reminder is automatically generated from an email address in the calendar program, not one that is seen by staff, so replying to this message is NOT a good way to communicate with us. If you have registered for a program and need to cancel for any reason, please call us at 860-870-3160 to let us know. This is particularly important if you are canceling for a craft program that you have paid for. If we do not know you are not coming, we cannot try to fill your slot, so we will not be able to refund your fee. Thank you.

**Ellington High School Yearbooks Needed:** The library maintains a collection of Ellington High School yearbooks in the Reference room. There some missing years, however. If you have any copies, preferably unmarked, we would love to have them.

**Calling All Artists:** Are you an artist looking for exhibit space? The Library has exhibit space and welcomes local artists on a monthly basis. Call Sue at (860) 870-3160 for available dates.

**Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale!** The Friends of the Library will hold their spring book sale April 15 through 17. Hundreds of gently used books for all ages will be available by the bag full!



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**National Library Week** will be celebrated  
April 10-16, 2016 ~ “Libraries Transform”  
Transform Yourself at Your Library!

**Pat Grundman, Children’s Librarian**  
(860) 870-3160 email: [pgrundman@biblio.org](mailto:pgrundman@biblio.org)

### 2016 Nutmeg Book Voting All votes must be in by April 30!

According to the calendar, spring is on its way. One way we know that spring is here. . . **it’s time to vote on our favorite Nutmeg Book for 2016.** Your Children’s Department has the latest Nutmeg Award Nominees for children in grades 2-4 and in grades 4-6. These books have been nominated by a committee of educators, librarians, and students. Voting will conclude by the end of April and the winners of the Nutmeg Award for 2016 will be announced in May. A complete list of the nominated books for both age groups is available in the children’s area, upstairs. If you are looking for a good read, why not start here!

### Hula Hoop Workshop

A Hula Hooping Demonstration and Workshop for children ages 6 and up will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 10:30-11:30 in the Children’s Program Room, upstairs at the library. Online registration is required, as space is limited. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, go to the library’s website at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call the library at 860-870-3160.



### Allen’s Angels

### Therapy Dogs

Allen’s Angels Therapy Dogs will continue to visit our library on a regular basis. This is a wonderful way to give children ages 5 to 12 the reading practice they need, by reading aloud to these wonderful and friendly dogs. The children are encouraged to bring a familiar book from home, either a picture book or a chapter book. They will get to read 10 or 15 minutes to read to the dog of their choice.

Online registration is recommended at our website: [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or you can call the Library at (860) 870-3160.

**Happy Reading!**

| Adult Programming at Hall Memorial Library                                                                           |                      |          |
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| Event                                                                                                                | Date                 | Time     |
| Coffeehouse: <i>The Jolly Beggars</i> *                                                                              | Friday<br>March 4    | 7:00 pm  |
| Sharon Leonard: Pysanka Egg Workshop*                                                                                | Saturday<br>March 5  | 10:00 am |
| Sharon Leonard: Pysanka Egg Workshop*                                                                                | Saturday<br>March 5  | 1:00 pm  |
| Philip Parda: Why Drink Tea?*                                                                                        | Tuesday<br>March 8   | 6:30 pm  |
| George S.K. Rider: The Rogue’s Road to Retirement: How I Got My Groove Back after Sixty-Five - and How You Can, Too! | Tuesday<br>March 22  | 6:30 pm  |
| Aldo Pantano: Long-Term Care Insurance                                                                               | Thursday<br>March 31 | 6:30 pm  |
| Sam Ducharme: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail                                                                      | Tuesday<br>April 5   | 6:30 pm  |
| Coffeehouse: Doofus*                                                                                                 | Friday<br>April 8    | 7:00 pm  |
| Bettylou Sandy: Garden Tool Repair Workshop                                                                          | Tuesday<br>April 19  | 6:30 pm  |
| Will Siss: Connecticut Beer-A History of Nutmeg State Brewing                                                        | Thursday<br>April 28 | 7:00 pm  |
| Stephanie Nelson: Homestead Gardening                                                                                | Tuesday<br>May 3     | 6:30 pm  |
| Coffeehouse: Anna Lee-Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics*                                                              | Friday<br>May 6      | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>*Program has limited seating, so register early!</b>                                                              |                      |          |

| Let’s go to the Movies at Hall Memorial Library                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |                    |
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| Spotlight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | March 9<br>March 10  | 6:30 pm<br>1:00 pm |
| Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March 16<br>March 17 | 6:30 pm<br>1:00pm  |
| The Danish Girl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | March 23<br>March 24 | 6:30 pm<br>1:00 pm |
| Concussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | March 30<br>March 31 | 6:30 pm<br>1:00 pm |
| Brooklyn (tentative)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | April 6<br>April 7   | 6:30 pm<br>1:00 pm |
| The Big Short (tentative)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | April 12<br>April 12 | 1:00 pm<br>6:30 pm |
| The Revenant (tentative)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | April 20<br>April 21 | 6:30 pm<br>1:00 pm |
| <p>Movies will be shown weekly, (usually) on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Please check the Library’s website <a href="http://library.ellington-ct.gov">library.ellington-ct.gov</a> or call (860) 870-3160 for future film announcements and schedule changes.</p> <p>All movies will begin promptly at their scheduled times.</p> |                      |                    |

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### Opportunity Knocks

Singer song writer Rita Coolridge once mused, *“Too often, the opportunity knocks, but by the time you push back the chain, push back the bolt, unhook the two locks and shut off the burglar alarm, it's too late.”*

For more than a decade, the Ellington Board of Education (BOE) has been interested in offering full-day kindergarten. This is a service routinely requested by Ellington parents that is currently offered by all eight towns that surround Ellington. Connecticut has approximately 36,000 kindergarten age students; only about 2,000 of those students do not have access to full-day kindergarten. About 150 to 200 of those students reside in Ellington, which is now one of only thirteen school districts not providing full-day kindergarten.

Longitudinal research regarding the benefits of full-day kindergarten has been undertaken during the past twenty years. The research indicates the following regarding students who attended full-day kindergarten versus half-day programs:

- Higher academic performance in reading and mathematics grades 1 through 8
- Reduction in students requiring remedial and special education services
- Reduction in student grade retention
- Better social and emotional skills

Citizens interested in learning more about the budget and educational implications of full-day kindergarten are encouraged to attend one of three informational sessions hosted by the Board of Education and school administration.

| All Meetings will begin at 6:00 PM |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Windermere                         | Monday, March 14    |
| Center                             | Tuesday, March 15   |
| Crystal Lake                       | Wednesday, March 16 |

### Strategically Timed

This summer the Crystal Lake and Windermere school construction projects will come to a close. The Permanent Building Committee should be lauded for their expert oversight. From the onset, the BOE has strategically developed a multi-year academic plan in preparation for the completion of the building projects. The BOE believes there are several opportunities for both Ellington students and its taxpayers that coincide with the 2016-2017 school year.

For the first time, the classroom space required to implement full-day kindergarten is now available. Moreover, this additional classroom space is easing the school district's two-year transition in which Windermere, Center and Crystal Lake Schools will each service students from kindergarten to grade 6 by the 2017-2018 school year. During the 2016-2017 school year, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend each of the three elementary schools with all Ellington 6<sup>th</sup> graders attending Windermere for the last time.

The BOE recognizes the great potential of a student entering full-day kindergarten at one of its elementary schools and spending the next seven years at the same school prior to entering Ellington Middle School.

Taxpayers will benefit in several ways from the BOE's well-timed planned 2016-2017 budget.

- An approximate \$200,000 savings in transportation costs with the elimination of mid-day kindergarten bus runs and associated employee overtime costs no longer needed for half-day kindergarten.
- Pending approval from the Permanent Building Committee, \$73,688 of start-up full-day kindergarten costs (furniture, technology etc.) for both Windermere and Crystal Lake may be satisfied through building project grant funds at a possible 58% reimbursement rate from the State of Connecticut.
- \$54,204 start-up full-day kindergarten costs to be satisfied by grants.

### Solar Panels = Taxpayer Savings

The Permanent Building Committee isn't the only board working cooperatively with the BOE. Currently, the BOE is working with the Board of Selectmen and Planning & Zoning Commission on a solar panel project for Crystal Lake, Center and Ellington Middle Schools. The review and approval process will continue into the spring.

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The solar panel project would cost Ellington taxpayers zero dollars. There aren't any hidden fees of any kind. The solar panels would not waive the warranty of our schools' roofs. The Town of Ellington and its Board of Education wouldn't assume any liability for the maintenance of the solar panels.

The solar panel project would enable the Board of Education to purchase electricity at a fixed rate over twenty years. The projected savings over that time would be approximately \$600,000.

The install would be completed by EarthLight Technologies, LLC., an Ellington business owned and operated by an Ellington resident, Tim Schneider. EarthLight is an approved vendor for the quasi-public state agency, Green Bank.

### **BOE Adopted 2016-2017 Budget**

The Board of Education adopted a 2016-2017 budget of \$36,448,027 which represents a proposed increase of 3.99% or \$1,397,377 over the current fiscal year. The budget is the result of three primary areas of focus:

|                       |                    |              |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Maintenance of Effort | \$ 631,367         | 1.80%        |
| Full-Day Kindergarten | \$ 432,698         | 1.23%        |
| K-6 Transition        | \$ 333,312         | 0.96%        |
|                       | <u>\$1,397,377</u> | <u>3.99%</u> |

The 2016-2017 Maintenance of Effort budget proposal preserves current programming and upholds operations and infrastructure at an increase of 1.80% or \$631,367. The proposal to implement Full-Day Kindergarten (1.23%) and costs associated with the K-6 Transition (0.96%) total 2.19% and represents a little more than half of the proposed increase of 3.99%.

Collectively, when including Full-Day Kindergarten and K-6 Transition, there are two accounts that impact the entire budget by 3.91%; the two accounts are the salaries and health/life insurance accounts.

|                       |                    |              |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Salaries              | \$ 948,886         | 2.71%        |
| Health/Life Insurance | \$ 421,938         | 1.20%        |
|                       | <u>\$1,370,824</u> | <u>3.91%</u> |
| Remainder of Increase | \$ 26,553          | 0.08%        |
|                       | <u>\$1,397,377</u> | <u>3.99%</u> |

The Board of Education looks forward to working with the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to bring a budget to the Ellington taxpayers that respects and honors all of its citizens.

Citizens interested in learning more about the Board of Education's adopted budget are encouraged to attend one of five informational sessions hosted by each school's PTO and/or the school administration. Some Board of Education members will be in attendance.

|                                             |         |           |          |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Center (PTO)                                | 7:00 pm | Wednesday | March 2  |
| Ellington High (Principal's morning coffee) | 7:15 am | Thursday  | March 3  |
| Crystal Lake (PTO)                          | 6:00 pm | Tuesday   | March 8  |
| Windermere (PTO)                            | 6:30 pm | Monday    | March 21 |
| Ellington Middle (PTO)                      | 7:00 pm | Monday    | March 28 |

In addition, citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the following upcoming town budget meetings in order to make a well-informed decision:

### **Board of Finance Meeting**

|                        |         |         |          |
|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Town Hall Meeting Hall | 7:30 pm | Tuesday | March 22 |
|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|

### **Board of Finance Public Hearing**

|                       |         |         |          |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Ellington High School | 8:00 pm | Tuesday | April 12 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------|

### **Annual Town Budget Meeting**

|                       |         |         |        |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Ellington High School | 8:00 pm | Tuesday | May 10 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|

Board of Education Chair Dan Keune was recently quoted, "Economically, doing it this year is an alignment of the stars. It's as good as it can ever be for this to happen."

Opportunity knocks; will we open the door for the students and taxpayers of Ellington?

*Dr. Scott V. Nicol*

**Follow me on Twitter [@SuperNicol](https://twitter.com/SuperNicol)**

**Ellington Public Schools  
Where Children Come First**

## The Ellington Connection

### Robert Tedford, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Phone: (860) 870-3118

Fax: (860) 870-3198

Address: 31 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187

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

### Office Hours:

Monday 8:30 am -6:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

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

### Registration Process

The Parks and Recreation Department has implemented a registration process for all recreational programs/camps through our Active-net Online Program. The process for online registration is easy and convenient and involves these simple steps:

- ⇒ Go to [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)
- ⇒ Click on Register Online
- ⇒ Select "Click here" for Active-net Online Registration!
- ⇒ Select "Click here" to Sign In or set up account

**Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering from home.**



**"Like" us on Facebook!**

### AED/ First Aid/ CPR

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

This is an e-mail address so please list your name, phone and sport. The Recreation Department has two certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructors on staff. All Ellington Coaches, Athletic Officials, Program Instructors, and Staff of Ellington Recreation sponsored sports activities must register. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way and are **free of charge**.

**Maximum 6 per class, so register early.  
Each coach is required to  
complete this training.**

Saturday March 12 9:00 am- 2:00 pm

Monday March 28 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Monday April 4 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Tuesday April 26 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Monday May 16 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Instructors: Allison Breen or Kristen Wasielewski



### Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon

**July 24, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**

(Rain date: July 31, 2016)

**Crystal Lake in Ellington**

\$70 per participant

Come out for a great event  
benefitting Ellington charities.

- ◆ Swim ¼ mile in Crystal Lake
- ◆ Bike 12 miles through Ellington & Stafford
- ◆ Run 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Department, with the assistance of Town resident Bill Dougherty, has developed the 2016 Triathlon course. The course will consist of a ¼ mile swim in the pristine waters of Crystal Lake, a 12-mile road bike through the beautiful country roads of Ellington and Stafford, and finally a rolling 3.2 mile run around Crystal Lake.

All levels of ability are welcome. There will be three waves consisting of men's, women's and beginners. The Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants; there will be on-line sign-up starting March 5, 2016 through the Triathlon website at [ellingtontriathlon.com](http://ellingtontriathlon.com) or the Parks & Recreation website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

Our team is looking for volunteers; please send an e-mail to [ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com) with your contact information. All profits from the race will be donated to Ellington charities. We look forward to an awesome race. Please spread the word!

### April Vacation Camp 2016

**April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (Monday-Friday)**

7:30 am-5:00 pm at Ellington Middle School

For children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade

The daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events and nature hikes. Refreshments/drinks will be provided, both morning and afternoon.

**Pre-registration is required no later than April 5  
Registration Online Only**

- ◆ Full Day (8:30 am - 3:00 pm): \$90/Week (\$18/Day)
- ◆ Half Day (8:30 am - Noon): \$60/Week (\$12/Day)
- ◆ Before Care (7:30 - 8:30 am) \$ 4/Day
- ◆ After Care (3 pm - 5 pm) \$ 7/Day

*Campers should bring outdoor clothing and a bagged lunch.*

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| ACTIVITY                                    | ID CODE                     | DATES                                                                      | TIMES                                                             | AGES         | FEE       | LOCATION                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons</b>              | TINY.TTTO16<br>TINY.TTTP16  | Session O: April 26, 28; May 3, 5<br>Session P: May 10, 12, 17, 19         | 5:30-6:00 pm                                                      | Ages 3-5     | \$40      | Brookside Park                                           |
|                                             | Instructor:<br>Gary Marquez | TINY.TTTQ16<br>TINY.TTTR16                                                 | Session Q: May 24, 26, 31; June 2<br>Session R: June 7, 9, 14, 16 | 5:30-6:00 pm | Ages 3-5  | \$40                                                     |
| <b>Pee Wee Tennis Lessons</b>               | PEE.PWEO16<br>PEE.PWEP16    | Session O: April 26, 28; May 3, 5<br>Session P: May 10, 12, 17, 19         | 6:15-7:00 pm                                                      | Ages 5-7     | \$40      | Brookside Park                                           |
|                                             | Instructor:<br>Gary Marquez | PEE.PWEQ16<br>PEE.PWER16                                                   | Session Q: May 24, 26, 31; June 2<br>Session R: June 7, 9, 14, 16 | 6:15-7:00 pm | Ages 5-7  | \$40                                                     |
| <b>Cardio Tennis</b>                        | 2016.CART                   | April 10, 17, 24; May 1                                                    | 4:00-5:00 pm                                                      | 14 & up      | \$40      | Schwartz Park*                                           |
| <b>Youth Tennis Lessons</b>                 | YUTH.TENE16                 | Session O: April 26, 28; May 3, 5<br>Session P: May 10, 12, 17, 19         | 7:00-8:00 pm                                                      | Ages 8-13    | \$40      | Brookside Park                                           |
|                                             | Instructor:<br>Gary Marquez | YUTH.TENF16                                                                | Session Q: May 24, 26, 31; June 2<br>Session R: June 7, 9, 14, 16 | 7:00-8:00 pm | Ages 8-13 | \$40                                                     |
| <b>Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners</b>       | 2016.ASTBG                  | Session G:<br>April 14, 21, 28; May 5                                      | 6:00-7:00 pm                                                      | 14 & up      | \$40      | Schwartz Park*                                           |
|                                             | Instructor:<br>Rich Willis  | 2016.ASTBH                                                                 |                                                                   |              |           |                                                          |
| <b>Tennis Lessons Adult Intermediate</b>    | 2016.ASTIG                  | Session G:<br>April 14, 21, 28; May 5                                      | 7:00-8:00 pm                                                      | 14 & up      | \$40      | Schwartz Park*                                           |
|                                             | Instructor:<br>Rich Willis  | 2016.ASTIH                                                                 |                                                                   |              |           |                                                          |
| <b>High School Pre-Season Tennis Clinic</b> | EHS.TENNS16                 | March 15, 16, 17<br><br>(1 day in Ellington;<br>2 days at Manchester Club) | 2:30-4:30 pm                                                      | 9-12 grade   | \$55      | Ellington Middle School<br>or<br>Manchester Racquet Club |

\*Schwartz Park is located near Ellington High School

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### Youth Track & Field Boys & Girls Grades 1 to 8

All practices begin at the Ellington High School Track

April 20 - June 18, 2016

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm

Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am



Running, fresh air, running, outdoor games, running, forest treks, running and track & field meets add up to a whole lot of fun and, of course, running! Ellington's unique outdoor whatever-the-weather program lets your school-age child learn about health and exercise, hydration and nutrition, stretching, strength and endurance, competition and teamwork, and respect for each other and for our environment. We gather together twice a week at Ellington High School and other designated sites for lots of well-supervised jogging, sprinting, trail running, occasional races with other towns, and lots of outdoor games - rain or shine! Parents, how about volunteering your time and joining your child on our runs through forest trails and around the track? Now that's quality time with your son or daughter!

Fee: \$25 (includes T-shirt)  
Code ID: [1212.track16](#)

Program Coordinator Coach, Dan Dryburgh, seeks volunteer help from parents and Ellington High School students. If you're interested in helping with the program e-mail:

[rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) or  
[mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov)

### Ellington Roadrunners

2016 Football and Cheerleading  
Open to boys and girls  
Ages 4 - 5 (Flag football)  
Ages 6 - 13 (Tackle football & Cheerleading)

Register online today at

[ellingtonroadrunners.com](http://ellingtonroadrunners.com)

Registration fee is \$120, plus \$50 fully-refundable uniform deposit. \$80 for each additional sibling.

Want more information on player safety or other aspects of the program? Attend our registration Open House at Brookside Park Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 am to 12 Noon

More information can be found at [www.ellingtonroadrunners.com](http://www.ellingtonroadrunners.com), or contact David Race (860) 576-9204 [admin@ellingtonroadrunners.com](mailto:admin@ellingtonroadrunners.com)



2016

### YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING



### Community Gardens

Batz Property

97 Shenipsit St.



A limited number of garden plots will be offered with the projected parcel being 25' x 25', to be used for growing of plants for non-commercial use. **Water is not available on site.** The fee is \$20 per plot (one per family) with a \$15 deposit to be returned pending satisfactory fall cleanup. For information, call the Recreation Office and provide your mailing address. Registration is in person only. Register by March 31 at the Recreation Department.

### Ellington's Ultimate Frisbee is back!

Beginning May 13, 2016

Location: Brookside Park

5:30 pm

No fee

No residency requirement

Ultimate Frisbee, a sport similar to football or soccer but played with a Frisbee, is for men and women of all ages. Our group has people from high school to their fifties, men and women, people both with and without experience. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office or online. Bring a light and a dark t-shirt, water, cleats or sneakers and be prepared for a great time and workout. Check the website for field and/or time changes:

Contact Karl @ [ksnebec@gmail.com](mailto:ksnebec@gmail.com)

or visit <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ellingtonultimate/info>



Instructors :

Tressa

Giordano & Joanne Britton

Now through June  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7:30-8:30 pm

Location: Ellington Senior Center

\$40 punch card for 8 classes or

\$8 walk-in

Ages 14 & up

Bring a water bottle and come join the fun!

### Ginny's Fitness for Longevity

(Enrollment always open)

Center School

Instructor:  
Ginny Hogan



Beginning March 2, 2016  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

March through May

\$5 per class pre-payment  
or \$7 walk-in fee

\$40 Punch Card/ 8 classes  
Registration and payment are required at the first class. Join a group of motivated women for workouts that are fun, varied, effective, appropriately challenging and designed for all levels.

[fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com](mailto:fitnessforlongevity@gmail.com)

call 860-463-3238

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**2016 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer    Fee: \$30    (U8 - U14)**

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

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

### Spring Outdoor Soccer Tryout Dates at Brookside Park

**April 8, 2016: 6 :00-7:15 pm**

**April 9, 2016: 9:00-10:15 am**

*Note: Must attend a minimum of one evaluation date to become eligible for highest level of play.*



The deadline for players to register in order to RETAIN his/her FALL 2015 roster placement is **APRIL 8, 2016**. 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 2016 Season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on 'actual enrollment' as of April 8, 2016. 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 2015, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form so an accurate accounting may be kept. **Please visit the website for Soccer 2015-2016 Seasonal Year Age Groups Guidelines**

### UK International Coaches Clinic (New & Returning)

April 7, 2016    5:30 - 7:00 pm

at a location to be announced

#### Covering:

- ⇒ Qualities of a great coach
- ⇒ How to plan and structure a season and a session
- ⇒ Field Organization
- ⇒ Adapting to practice
- ⇒ Q & A

### UK International Soccer Summer Camps

June 20 - 24 and August 15 - 19 at Brookside Park

4:30 - 5:30 pm (ages 3 - 4)    \$ 60.00

6:00 - 7:30 pm (ages 5 - 6)    \$ 80.00

4:30 - 7:30 pm (ages 7 -14)    \$109.00



Register online between February 14-28 and save \$25.  
Register throughout April to receive a Euro dri-fit shirt.

Visit the website at [uksoccer.com](http://uksoccer.com)

### *In-House Spring Soccer Program ~ Ages 4-8 years ~ Register by April 10, 2016*

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering the Spring Soccer Clinic for children this April, 2016. Due to the growing number of children interested in this 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 Coach's Clinic** in order to assist in helping you grow to love the game of soccer. Ages 4, 5 and 6 will be coached on Mondays and ages 7 and 8 on Wednesdays. Depending on how many teams are formed, there will be "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another in a scrimmage/match. This can only be successful with your help and volunteer time! To participate, please contact the Recreation Department: [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov). The number of volunteers will determine how many children will be accepted into this program.

#### Ages 4 through 6

Mondays

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

May 23 make-up date

Code: INHSE.SOC4616

Time:    5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Location: Middle School Soccer Field

Fee:        \$25

#### Ages 7 and 8

Wednesdays

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

May 25 make-up date

Code: INHSE.SOC7816

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Ellington Parks and Recreation is proud to present  
**Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps!**  
*Teaching Life Skills through Sports since 1979*



| Course Name       | Course #  | Dates<br>Monday - Friday    | Time      | Ages/Grades | Fee   | Location |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|----------|
| <b>Volleyball</b> | SSA.87696 | June 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1 | 9 am-1 pm | Grades 2-5* | \$125 | EMS      |
|                   | SSA.87697 | June 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1 | 9 am-1 pm | Grades 6-9* | \$125 | EMS      |

The fundamental skills of volleyball are taught through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player.

|                      |           |                         |            |           |       |                |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|----------------|
| <b>Flag Football</b> | SSA.87692 | July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 | 9 am-12 pm | Ages 7-12 | \$119 | Brookside Park |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|----------------|

Campers learn skills on both sides of the football including the core components of passing, catching and defense - all in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the Skyhawks Sports Super bowl.

|                                                                        |           |                         |              |           |       |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----|
| <b>Multi-Sport</b><br>(Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Flag Football) | SSA.87695 | July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 | 9 am-2:30 pm | Ages 7-10 | \$135 | EMS |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----|

In this multi-sport camp we combine four sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork.

|                                           |           |                         |              |          |      |     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|------|-----|
| <b>Tiny-Hawk</b><br>(Soccer & Basketball) | SSA.87693 | July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 | 9 am-9:50 am | Ages 3-4 | \$75 | EMS |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|------|-----|

This camp for pre-school aged kids introduces the essentials of one to two sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate.

|                                                     |           |                         |            |          |       |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|----------|-------|-----|
| <b>Mini-Hawk</b><br>(Soccer, Baseball & Basketball) | SSA.87694 | July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 | 10 am-1 pm | Ages 4-7 | \$119 | EMS |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|----------|-------|-----|

This baseball, basketball and soccer program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

|                   |           |                         |              |           |      |                |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------------|
| <b>Basketball</b> | SSA.87750 | July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 | 9 am - 11 am | Ages 5-7* | \$89 | Brookside Park |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------------|

This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. In addition to technical basketball skills, our basketball staff will focus on respect, teamwork and responsibility.

### Notes:

EMS = Ellington Middle School

\*Program Note: eligibility based on the 2015-2016 school year

Learn more about Skyhawks Sports Camps at [skyhawks.com](http://skyhawks.com)

Ball included with registration and participation in Skyhawks Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Mini-Hawk and Multi-Sport camps.

# The Ellington Connection



## 2016 Recreation Department T-Ball Program

Registrations will be accepted at the  
Recreation Department  
March 7 through April 18, 2016

### Recreation Department Instructional T-Ball

#### Boys & Girls Ages 4 –5 years - 5 Week Program

Age 4 in 2015 up to those who turned 5 years old before 12/31/2015

**Saturday Mornings 10:00 am-11:00 am**

Ellington High School (Fields located behind the school)

**April 30: May 7, 14, 21; June 4**

(Rain Date June 11th if needed)

**Cost: \$25 per player (includes T-shirt)**

Register at the Recreation Office or online at Active-net.

**ID Code: 1216.tball16**

Participants must provide their own glove. Please label your child's glove with his or her name. The program will cover the fundamentals of baseball and softball (throwing, catching, fielding, batting, base running, positions and rules). **No wood or metal bats are allowed in this program.**

**Parent  
Volunteer  
Coaches  
Needed!**

**A Coaches' Meeting for all T-ball coaches will be held on  
April 28 at 7:00 pm**

**at the Recreation Department Conference Room, 31 Arbor Way.**

**To register, please email**

**Mary Bartley at [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov)**

## Adult Softball

(18 Years and Older)



Interested in playing co-ed Softball in Town? Skill level and prior experience does not matter. The goal is to provide for a recreational opportunity and to have fun together. The possibility exists of providing some preseason indoor practice times during the month of April. Contact Bob Tedford at (860) 870-3118. Or email [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov) with individual or team interest.

## Adult Wiffle Ball League

The adult co-ed wiffle ball league returns this spring-summer for those ages 18 and over. The league will consist of a maximum of 8 teams within a once a week schedule. The league will use rules and field dimensions constructed by the EWBL, which have been in effect for the past 15 years.

Please contact either Erick Knickerbocker at [uconn9913@yahoo.com](mailto:uconn9913@yahoo.com) or the Recreation Department at [recreation@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov). There will be (5) players on the field at one time. Start-up meetings will be established once teams have been finalized.

**Excellence in Baseball is our Goal!**

**Come play with the best!**

### Cressotti Baseball School

and the Recreation Department present  
Summer Baseball for ages 7-12 years old

Dates: July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

9:00 am -12:00 pm at Brookside Park

Cost: \$105 Code: CRESS.BBALL6

Bring your own glove, bat, snack and water bottle daily.

### Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic for ages 4-6 years old

Dates: July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

9:00 am - 10:15 am at Brookside Park

Cost: \$55 Code: CRESS.TEBAL6

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

Email: [cressottibaseball@cox.net](mailto:cressottibaseball@cox.net)



## Outdoor Golf Lessons

\$65/session at Ellington Golf Center  
125 West Street



| Spring Dates                                  | Time                                                       | Ages                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Session 1:<br>Saturdays<br>April 2, 9, 16, 23 | 11 am -12 noon<br>12 noon-1 pm<br>2 pm- 3 pm<br>3 pm- 4 pm | Women's Class<br>Co-ed Adult Class<br>Youth 6-9 years<br>Teens 10-13 years |
| Session 2:<br>Tuesdays<br>May 3, 10, 17, 24   | 6 pm-7 pm<br>7 pm-8 pm                                     | Youth 6-9 years<br>Teens 10-13 years                                       |
| Session 3:<br>Thursdays<br>May 5, 12, 19, 26  | 6 pm-7 pm<br>7 pm-8 pm                                     | Women's Class<br>Co-ed Adults                                              |

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| Activity                                                                                        | Date                                                                                                                                 | Time           | Ages           | Fee                                      | Location                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Music &amp; Movement</b><br><br>Adult participation required<br>Instructor:<br>Jill Maznicki | <b>Wednesdays</b><br>April 6, 20, 27<br>May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1<br>(make-up date June 8)<br>Code: MNM.WEDS16                       | 10:15-11:00 am | Ages<br>1-3    | \$65<br>Resident<br>\$70 Non-Resident    | Hall Memorial<br>Library<br>(Max 10 per<br>session)      |
|                                                                                                 | <b>Thursdays</b><br>April 7, 21, 28<br>May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2<br>(make-up date June 9)<br>Code: MNM.THURS16                       |                |                |                                          |                                                          |
| <b>Outdoor Pee Wee Sports</b><br><br>Instructor:<br>Jill Maznicki                               | <b>Mondays:</b><br>May 2, 9, 16, 23<br>(make-up date June 6)<br>Code: OPWS.MONS16                                                    | 9:30-10:15 am  | Ages<br>3 & 4  | \$35<br>Resident<br>\$40<br>Non-Resident | Brookside<br>Park<br>(Max 12)                            |
| <b>Youth Informal Co-ed Volleyball</b><br><br>Instructors:<br>Allison Watras                    | <b>Wednesdays</b><br>March 30; April 6, 20, 27<br>May 4<br>(make-up date May 11)<br>Code: YIVB.401S16                                | 5:45-7:15 pm   | Grades<br>4-8  | \$20                                     | Ellington Middle School                                  |
| <b>Jukido</b><br><br>Instructor:<br>Paul Ward<br>Code: JUKIDO.JUK18<br>JUKIDO.JUK19             | <b>Thursday Evenings</b><br><b>Session 18:</b><br>March : 3, 10, 17, 24, 31<br><b>Session 19:</b><br>April : 7, 21, 28;<br>May 5, 12 | 5:30-6:45 pm   | 6 & up         | \$52<br>per session                      | Vernon Community<br>Building<br>375 Hartford<br>Turnpike |
| <b>Indoor Golf Lessons</b><br><br>Instructor: Jeff<br>Wadsworth                                 | 2016.GOLFP<br>(affiliated with Ellington<br>Golf Center)<br>Wednesdays<br>March 9, 16, 23, 30                                        | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Adult<br>Co-Ed | \$60                                     | Crystal Lake<br>School<br>59 South Road                  |

### 2016 Day Trips!



These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland and Willington. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. No alcohol or glass items allowed on the bus. Location : Pickup/Drop off Dunkin Donuts commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68 Please go to website for full trip details at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov). \*Fees include transportation only.

| Trip                                            | Code            | Date                       | Time                                                | Fee   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Day in Boston</b>                            | BOSTON.TRIP16   | Saturday<br>April 23, 2016 | Depart : 7:30 am<br>Return: 6:00 pm                 | \$45* |
| <b>Newport Rhode Island</b>                     | NEWPORT.TRIP 16 | Saturday<br>May 21, 2016   | Depart: 8:00 am<br>Return: 6:00 pm                  | \$45* |
| <b>Boston Red Sox Game vs. Seattle Mariners</b> | REDSOX.TRIP619  | Sunday<br>June 19, 2016    | Depart: 10:15 am<br>Return: 2 hours after game ends | \$99  |

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## 2016 SUMMER CAMP



**Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!**  
Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 Years old as of 12/31/15) Must be potty trained

| Program     | Hours             | Fees                           |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Full Day    | 8:30 am- 2:30 pm  | \$85 per child/week (\$17/day) |
| Half Day    | 8:30 am - Noon    | \$45 per child/week (\$9/day)  |
| Half Day    | Noon - 3:30 pm    | \$45 per child/week (\$9/day)  |
| Before Camp | 7:30 am - 8:30 am | \$15 per child/week(\$3/day)   |
| After Camp  | 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | \$35 per child/week (\$7/day)  |

*Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full/day/full week camper) for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> children in the same household.*

**Location: Center School or Windermere TBD**  
*(Tentative dates based on school availability)*  
**Campers bring bagged lunch each day!!**

| Week 1: June 20-24                                | Daily Activity Schedule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 2: June 27-July 1<br><i>No camp July 4th</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30 am - 9:00 am Free Play</li> <li>9:00 am-12:30 pm Groups divided, Crafts ,Outdoor &amp; Indoor Activities, Free Play (weather permitting)</li> <li>12:30-1:00 pm Lunch</li> <li>1-3 pm All Outdoor &amp; Indoor Activities (weather permitting)</li> <li>3-4:30 pm Free Play</li> </ul>                                                                             |
| Week 3: July 5-8                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partial weeks are prorated</li> <li>Campers should bring a water bottle daily.</li> <li>Snacks will be provided.</li> <li>Campers are to come dressed appropriately; no flip flops!</li> <li>Friday Pizza Parties for lunch!! Additional fee per week TBD</li> <li>Epi-Pen/Meds need to have a doctor's note and must be submitted on the first day of camp.</li> </ul> |
| Week 4: July 11-15                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Week 5: July 18-22                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Week 6: July 25-29                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Week 7: August 1-5                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Week 8: August 8-12                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Week 9: August 15-19                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Camp Informational Night</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Monday, June 6, 2016<br>6:00-7:00 pm              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Ellington Recreation Department<br>31 Arbor Way   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



## Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2016

**Pre-Season: [weather & staff permitting]**  
Weekends only: June 4 & 5 and 11 & 12  
12 noon-5:00 pm  
**Full Season begins June 18**  
Weekdays: 12 noon-6:30 pm  
Weekends: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

**Beach Passes will be available beginning May 20th**

### Swim Lesson Information

The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Swimming Lessons at Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years-adult. We will be offering the American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels that will teach you and/or your child how to swim skillfully and safely. You can find the swim level descriptions online at our website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

### Projected Swim Lesson Dates (depending on the last day of school)

Monday through Thursday except 1st session  
Session 1 June 20, 21, 22, 23; June 27, 28, 29, 30  
Session 2 July 5, 6, 7, 8 (Tues-Fri); July 11, 12, 13, 14  
Session 3 July 18, 19, 20, 21; July 25, 26, 27, 28

*Note: Fridays are used for make-up days if needed.*

Registration online and in person starts May 20, 2016 at 9:00 am. Lessons are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with a maximum of 10 students per class - no exceptions. Adults and/or special needs persons who would like to take swim lessons, contact Mary Bartley at [mbartley@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:mbartley@ellington-ct.gov).

| Sandy Beach Fees                               |                      | Swimming Lesson Fees |      |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| Ellington Family Beach Pass                    | \$45                 | 40 Minute Class      | \$40 |
| Resident (Adult)<br>Child (6-17 years old)     | \$ 5/day<br>\$ 3/day |                      |      |
| Non Resident (Adult)<br>Child (6-17 years old) | \$10/day<br>\$ 5/day | 30 Minute Class      | \$35 |

### Summer Day Camp: Camper-to-Counselor Ages 13-15 years

(16 years old and older must apply for counselor positions)

Group Interview June 4th, 1:00-3:00 pm at Recreation Office  
**(Register no later than April 15, 2016)**

A maximum of 12 people will be chosen for volunteer positions for the 2016 Summer Day Camp. These are not paid positions. Each chosen participant will be given up to two weeks of "work" at camp based on performance. As a Camper-to-Counselor you will be working side-by-side with Camp Directors and Counselors, becoming part of the camp support staff, building leadership skills and providing assistance and encouragement to camp participants.

**Note:** Participation in the Camper-to-Counselor Program does not guarantee placement at the Summer Day Camp. Placement will be determined by Camper-to-Counselor Instructors through the evaluation process. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

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Local and Fresh...Our Community at its Best

**Summer Market begins  
May 7 at Arbor Park**

**Winter Market Dates:  
March 5 and 19**  
Over 25 vendors bringing  
you local and fresh!

YMCA, 11 Pinney Street  
2:00-4:00 pm

**Dianne Trueb (860) 872-0121**

Email: [ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

Visit our website at [ellingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://ellingtonfarmersmarket.com)

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

**Joseph A. Palombizio, Emergency Management Director**  
[jpalmobizio@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:jpalmobizio@ellington-ct.gov) (860) 870-3182

**Sign up  
now!**

### **Ellington Residents! Want to know when there is an Emergency in Town that may affect you?**

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 selected by you. 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. Powered by Everbridge, this system broadcasts messages at exceptionally high speed, 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 alerts. Go to the website at [Ellington-ct.gov](http://Ellington-ct.gov) to enroll (search Everbridge).

**From the Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office**  
(860) 875-1522

**Avoid Unsafe Driving!** With the nice weather forthcoming, the Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office would like everyone to be more cautious on the Town roads. Please be aware of your driving habits and avoid unsafe driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving, or talking and texting on your cell phones. There will be increased enforcement during these months to combat aggressive and distracted driving. The riders of dirt bikes, ATV's, and mopeds are not allowed on public roadways unless properly registered. Those found in violation may be subject to enforcement and removal from the scene.

**Vehicles and Homes:** The Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office reminds residents to make sure they lock both their vehicles and homes when not occupied. Everyone should secure and lock their vehicles when unattended and remove all valuables from plain sight from the inside of their vehicles. If you see someone or a car in your neighborhood that is unfamiliar and suspicious in nature, contact the Resident Troopers State Troopers' Office at (860) 875-1522 or Troop C at (860) 896-3200 to make them aware.



### **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:

March 25 Good Friday

May 30\* Memorial Day

\*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for these holidays.

Check the Library website for closing dates at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov)

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