

Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

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The Town Office Building will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Memorial Day—Monday, May 28th
Independence Day—Wednesday, July 4th



Boards & Commissions—Meeting Calendar—May, June & July

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Board/Commission	Day	Date	Time	
Board of Education	Tuesday	May 8th	7:00 p.m.	
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Board of Education	Tuesday	July 10th	7:00 p.m.	
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Board of Finance	Thursday	May 17th	7:00 p.m.	
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Board of Selectmen	Monday	May 7th	6:30 p.m.	
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Board of Selectmen	Monday	June 4th	6:30 p.m.	
Board of Selectmen	Monday	June 18th	6:30 p.m.	
Board of Selectmen	Monday	July 2nd	6:30 p.m.	
Board of Selectmen	Monday	July 16th	6:30 p.m.	
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	May 16th	7:00 p.m.	
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	June 20th	7:00 p.m.	
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Historical Society	Tuesday	June 19th	7:00 p.m.	
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Housing Authority	Monday	May 14th	6:00 p.m.	
Housing Authority	Monday	June 11th	6:00 p.m.	
Housing Authority	Monday	July 9th	6:00 p.m.	
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	May 14th	7:30 p.m.	
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	June 25th	7:30 p.m.	
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	July 23rd	7:30 p.m.	
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	May 8th	7:00 p.m.	
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	June 12th	7:00 p.m.	
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	July 10th	7:00 p.m.	
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Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	June 19th	7:30 p.m.	
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	July 3rd	7:30 p.m.	
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	July 17th	7:30 p.m.	
Youth Services Advisory	Monday	June 25th	6:30 p.m.	
Zoning Board of Appeals	Sunday	May 6th	7:00 p.m.	
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	May 10th	7:30 p.m.	
Zoning Board of Appeals	Sunday	June 3rd	7:00 p.m.	
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		July 1st		
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	July 12th	7:30 p.m.	

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First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents,

Spring is in the air! After a long winter we are all ready to get out and enjoy the longer days and warmer temperatures. Our road crew deserves a THANK YOU for all of their hard work keeping our roads clear and safe.

Spring in Willington is a time to get outdoors and connect with friends and neighbors and support local non-profit organizations. This busy time of year is an opportunity to explore the many outdoor activities available such as a Willington Little League game, The Willington PTA's Fun Run on May 26th or hiking on one of our trails. Willington Day will be held on May 26th at River Road Athletic Complex for the first time this year. Check this newsletter and the town website for all events and activities.

2018 has been a productive year so far for many of our Town Boards, Commissions and departments. The budget process for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is in full swing and The Board of Finance, Capital Improvement Committee, Board of Education and many others have dedicated many long evening meetings to bring a sound budget to the voters of Willington. Thank you to all who have participated in the budget process from submitting requests to giving us your feedback to making the final decisions. Please check the town website (www.willingtonct.org) to see a complete list of meeting dates, agendas and minutes and mark your calendars Wednesday, May 2nd to vote in the budget referendum.

I hope to see many of you out and about in Willington.

Erika G Wiecenski

National Public Works Week May 20-26, 2018



Where can I donate?

Wednesday, May 23rd: Transfer Station, 9am-3pm Thursday, May 24th: Willington Public Library

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

All Week at the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, during business hours

Suggested Donations:

Canned ravioli
Juice
Pasta and Rice
Snacks for kids
Jar spaghetti sauce
Canned fruit
Canned carrots
Canned potatoes

Soap Shampoo

Crackers Peanut butter and jelly

Tuna Boxed macaroni and cheese mix

All collected canned and dry goods will benefit the Willington Food Pantry.

For questions regarding the food pantry, please contact Willington Human Services Department



Assessor



Just a reminder that mailed applications for the income based **Elderly/Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program** are due by April 15th, 2018. Anyone applying between April 15th - May 15th must apply in person. May 15th, 2018 is the last day we can accept applications. We will be happy to assist you in filing your application. Please call in advance for an appointment so we may provide the time and attention necessary; 860-487-3122.

The Town of Willington is scheduled to begin a Revaluation of real estate to be effective October 1, 2018. In coming weeks, mailers will be sent to all property owners within the municipal limits; inspections are expected to begin during the spring of 2018. The information below should assist with preparing for the process.

WHAT IS A REVALUATION? Revaluation is the process of estimating new real estate values, based on specific rules and current data. This requires revaluing all properties at the same point in time to provide uniformity in property assessments and to ensure that all property owners are paying only their fair share of the cost of community services. State statute requires that properties are assessed at 70% of their current fair market value as of the date of the revaluation.

Revaluation is **NOT** intended to raise revenues.

WHY IS A REVALUATION NEEDED? The State of Connecticut, under provisions of Section 12-62 of the CT General Statutes, requires a revaluation of all real estate at least once every five years. It is an unfunded State mandate. Willington completed revaluations in 2008 and 2013.

WHAT IS FAIR MARKET VALUE? Section 12-63 of the CT General Statutes requires properties reflect their fair market value, and NOT the value at a forced or auction sale. Fair market value is a standard defined by the courts as the price established between a willing buyer and willing seller, taking into consideration all the uses to which the property is adapted.

HOW DOES THE NEW ASSESSMENT AFFECT MY TAX BILL? The revaluation project sets new values (not taxes) for the real estate portion of the 2018 Grand List. When values are finalized in April 2019, your elected officials will have the Grand List information needed to establish mill rates. Tax bills reflecting the 2018 assessments will be issued on July 1, 2019.

WHO WILL CONDUCT THIS REVALUATION? The Town contracted services with the professional real estate valuation company, Vision Government Solutions, Inc.

Preventing Lyme Disease

Preventing Lyme disease takes thoughtful preparation. It requires that you prevent ticks from getting on your skin. When you go outside into areas where ticks can be found, it is helpful to:

- Avoid tall grass and over-grown, brushy areas.
- Stay in the middle of the trails when hiking in the woods.
- Wear light-colored clothing so the ticks can be easily seen.
- Wear long pants to provide a better barrier than shorts.
- Tucking pants into socks creates a barrier and ticks will not be able to get to your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and closed shoes when in tick infested areas.
- Use insect repellent to significantly reduce the chance of tick bites and the transmission of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.
- DEET is the primary active ingredient in most tick repellents and is considered the most effective. It must be used as directed on the container.
- Examine yourself, your children, and pets for ticks when returning indoors.
- Remove feeding ticks as soon as possible. Ticks need to feed for 24 hours before transmission occurs.
- When returning indoors, shower using a wash cloth or buff to remove walking ticks on your body. Ticks have a tendency to walk on the body before biting and feeding.
- Talk to your veterinarian to find out how to protect your pets from tick bites.

The sooner ticks are removed from the body the less likely you will get Lyme disease. Most people with Lyme disease do not remember being bitten by a tick because a tick bite is not felt; unlike mosquito bites. Ticks are very small and difficult to see, and many people do not get the expanding red rash that resembles a bull's eye and identifies Lyme disease infection. If you have any signs or symptoms of Lyme disease, especially after a tick bite, contact your doctor right away.





Burning Official

Open Burning Requirements—The following requirements are effective January 1, 2000.

The Fire Marshal will issue all 'Open Burning Permits'. Permits can be obtained by calling (860) 429-7757. If the Fire Marshal is not available, please leave a message with your name, address, and phone number. The Fire Marshal will get back to you as soon as possible.

- Burning Permit requests will be taken Monday through Thursday **Only**.
- Permits will then be delivered to the Willington Fire Department #1 on Friday mornings. The Willington Fire Department #1 is located at 426 River Road, Willington CT. Please schedule your project accordingly.
- Burning is to be Done by Permit ONLY. Failure to obtain a permit may result in police action. You may only burn on a low or moderate fire hazard day. Once you receive the permit you must call (860) 424-3630, or go to...
 - www.ct.gov/dep or www.tollandcounty911.com to see the burning index for that day online. There is no longer the requirement to call the dispatch center.

These are the rules that apply to burning brush:

- Brush must be 4 inches or less in diameter.
- The fire must be attended at ALL times.
- Burning must be on the property for which the permit is issued. Houses under construction and businesses may NOT burn.
- Burning must be conducted between 10 am and 5 pm on sunny or partly sunny days with wind speeds less than 15 miles per hour. The fire must be completely out by 5 pm.
- Burning isn't allowed during High or Extreme Hazard conditions.

The following items are NOT to be burned - Demolition waste, garbage, paper, plastic, painted materials, rubber, metal, leaves or stumps.

Complaints received about unattended fires or fires left burning, can lead to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection issuing a 'cease recreation burning' for the occupant and/or property owner. Brush can also be taken to the Transfer Station on Hancock Rd, Willington during normal operating hours.

Permits are NOT required for the following:

- 1. Barbecues or other outdoor cooking.
- Campfires, bonfires with brush under 3-inch diameter and 4-foot diameter circle for recreational or other activities including ceremonial purposes. All fires must be completely out when finished.

As Smokey Bear says... "Only you can prevent wildfires!"



Connecticut traditionally experiences high forest fire danger in the Spring from mid-March through May. DEEP's Division of Forestry constantly monitors the danger of forest fire to help protect Connecticut's 1.8 million acres of forested land. Throughout the Spring forest fire season, DEEP sends daily advisories on forest fire danger levels to DEEP's state park forest field staff, municipalities, fire departments and the media. Forest fire danger levels are classified at low, moderate, high, very high or extreme. In an average year approximately 500 acres of Connecticut woodland are burned by forest fires.

If you have received a permit from your local Open Burning Official to burn brush on your property, the permit is not valid if the Forest Fire Danger is rated **high, very high or extreme AND** you are burning within 100 feet of a grassland or woodland.

If you spot a forest fire, remain calm, go to the nearest telephone and dial 911 to report the fire as quickly as possible to your local fire department. Calmly tell the emergency dispatcher when you saw it and where you saw it.

Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.



Center Elementary School—PreSchool Registration



Willington Center School's PreSchool will be accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Children eligible for PreK must be three years of age by August 31, 2018 and cannot turn five before January 1, 2019.

Applications will be available March 1, 2018 by calling Center School at 860-429-9367. The application and the Ages & Stages questionnaire will need to be completed and submitted by May 1, 2018. Decision regarding acceptance will be made by June 8th.

Center Elementary School—Kindergarten Registration



Willington Center School is currently encouraging parents/guardians to begin registering their children for kindergarten for the 2018/2019 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before January 1, 2019. Please call Center School at 860-429-9367. Orientation will be held in the spring.

Conservation Commission

Spring is here and with it comes the opportunity to watch nature unfold from its winter hibernation. Put your walking shoes on, grab your binoculars and camera (and take the usual tick-deterrent steps!) and go out and observe the wide variety of wildlife and plants as they bring new life to the forests, wetlands, fields, ponds and waterways in Willington's extensive nature preserves.

The 300-acre Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve and Drobney Sanctuary on Moose Meadow Road has 4-plus miles of trails through woods, over ridges and along ponds and streams. A kiosk with maps is located at the parking area, and a box with nature trail guides is located a short distance down the Taylor Trail. Several picnic tables and benches are available in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot and overlooking the beaver pond.

Several new features are now in place at Fenton-Ruby. Trail maps are now located at all trail intersections to help orient you if there are no maps at the kiosk or if you choose not to carry a paper map. A deck for wildlife observation and fishing is located at the edge of the beaver pond. The Ashford Link Trail now connects the Fenton-Ruby system to a 1-mile loop trail on the Langhammer Preserve in Ashford. This .1-mile link, shown on the trail maps, runs from the Ruby Trail to Lustig Road with the Ashford trail immediately across the road.

The trail register on the Taylor Trail indicated that there were over 900 trail-users in 2017! (We're guessing that was likely less than half the actual number - many regular hikers, for example, don't register every time - and also that's only one trail in the Park.) Visitors indicated they were from 24 towns in CT and 11 states. So, if you haven't been there yet, come out and see what others come far and wide to appreciate!

Please abide by Park regulations to help make visiting an enjoyable experience for everyone. The opportunity to observe wildlife in this sanctuary will be greatly increased for all if pets are kept on leashes. Wildlife will adapt to the presence of people, not so much to pets.

The 28-acre Talmadge Tract, which contains the Talmadge Spur Trail with 1½ and 2-mile loops, will take you through scenic woodlands and along gravel Mason Road. This tract abuts the 400-acre UConn Moss Forest Tract, and on the other side of Mason Road is the 138-acre Royal Knowlton Preserve. Several miles of the Connecticut Blue Trail (Nipmuck) run through this area, with a portion along the Fenton River as it flows through a deep ravine. The 3/4-mile Knowlton Spur Trail connects the Nipmuck Trail to the Talmadge Trail. Maps can usually be found at the sign at the Talmadge/Knowlton trailheads on Mason Road where there is now a parking area, and also at the sign where the Nipmuck crosses Mason Rd. Brochures and trail maps for both of these areas can also be found at the Town Clerk's office and the library, and the same information is available for Fenton-Ruby on the Conservation Commission website (see below).

See also the information about Joshua's Trust's Chenes Roches Preserve under Town Parks & Amenities.



Conservation Commission Continued...

If you are interested in taking an active part in helping the Town manage its environmental resources, the Commission has openings for alternate members. Alternate members participate in meetings and may be seated as voting members in the absence of regular members. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings in the lower level of the Town Office Building on the third Wednesday of every month. Contact Peter Andersen, Commission Chair, at 860-933-6380 or email andersen108@sbcglobal.net, or Kathy Demers, Commission Vice-Chair, at 860-377-6416 or email kdemers48@gmail.com for more information. Please visit the Conservation Commission website under "Boards and Commissions" on the Town of Willington home page, www.willingtonct.org, for information on conservation issues, programs and links to other websites. Last, we would be happy to hear any comments you may have about your experiences regarding Willington's outdoor resources.

Plan to take advantage of Willington's protected forest resources this spring and summer for appreciation of their beauty, observation of the varied ecosystems and habitats, for exercise and for their restorative powers (shinrin-yoku: Taking in the Atmosphere of the Forest).

Enjoy the spring and summer! We hope to see you on the trail.

EC-CHAP

Eastern Connecticut Center For History, Art and Performance, Inc. 156 River Road, Willington 518-791-9474 Info@EC-CHAP.org

Getting ready for summer? At the time of this writing in April, it's still snowing! We're all ready for sun and warm weather...

In addition to our regular programming schedule, we would like to remind you of our recurring monthly programs. These include:

"TALENT SHOWCASE" - 2nd Wednesday

Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm

Our Talent Showcase is designed as a platform for local and regional performers to share their talent. Acoustic musicians, film makers, poets, comedians, jugglers, puppeteers, and creative artists of all ages are invited to perform. Showcase your work, test ideas and concepts, and solicit feedback. If you're interested in performing, please call 518-791-9474 in advance to sign-up (recommended), or sign-in at the door (time available). Not performing? No problem! Come join us for an evening of great talent. Invite everybody you know! Free.

EC-CHAP Continued...

"EC-CHAP SOCIAL DANCE SERIES WITH KELLY MADENJIAN – 2nd Thursday

Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm

Enjoy a lovely evening out social ballroom dancing. Each month will feature a beginner ballroom dance lesson. After the lesson stay or join us for a fun social dance to all your favorite ballroom hits. Viennese Waltz to West Coast Swing and everything in between. All levels welcome. Partner not required. \$10.00 at the door.

"YOUR DRUM CIRCLE WITH BOB BLOOM" 3rd Tuesday (through May 2018)

Doors 7:00pm / Drumming 7:30pm Calling first-time drummers and those with seasoning drum rollick together. Bring your favorite hand drums. You're drumless? No problem. Your heart and hands can enjoy The djembes, doumbeks, tubanos, and bongos from the colorful cargo that Bob is trucking to the shindigs. \$10.00 at the door.

EC-CHAP "INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETINGS"

7:00pm - 8:30pm.

These monthly meetings serve as a great opportunity to learn more about EC-CHAP, membership, programs, and a time to share your thoughts and feedback. All meetings are held in The Packing House. Refreshments provided.

EC-CHAP FRIDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES. Doors open at 7:00pm / Showing at 7:30pm

Unique artistic films, documentaries, and classics make up our offerings. Join us for a film you recall or may have never seen... Suggested donation \$5.00.

As your Community Cultural Center, we invite you to join us at our information meetings to learn about membership and how you can become involved in programming, performing, and exhibiting within our creative spaces. For information, please visit www.ec-chap.org, call 518-791-9474, or email info@ec-chap.org.

EC-CHAP is a volunteer member-based 501.c.3 nonprofit organization. All proceeds from programs and events go to support EC-CHAP operations and programming.

Location:

All performances, events, and film showings sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP) take place in The Packing House at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. Phone: 518-791-9474

Web: www.thepackinghouse.us

Email: info@ec-chap.org

For tickets, performance details, program additions and changes, please visit our website at: www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming.

For additional information and table reservations, please call: 518-791-9474.



EC-CHAP Continued...

EC-CHAP Program and Event Calendar:

Our program and event calendar for May through June 2018 is included below. Please check our website frequently for details, additions, or cancellations: www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming.

May

Friday, 5/04: Maura Geist – Spiritual Medium

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Saturday, 5/05: Cinco de Mayo with a Latin Beat

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Wednesday, 5/09: "Talent Showcase" (2nd Wednesday) Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free Admission - All ages Thursday, 5/10: EC-CHAP Social Dance Series with Kelly

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Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm

Friday, 5/11: Val Rogers – The American Songbook (Jazz)

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Saturday, 5/12: Seat Of Our Pants (Folk/Bluegrass)

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Tuesday, 5/15: Drum Circle with Bob Bloom (3rd Tuesday)

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Wednesday, 5/16: EC-CHAP Information Exchange

Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday, 5/18: EC-CHAP Poetry Series: Brian Sneeden -

"Last City – An evening of Poetry and Song"

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Saturday, 5/19: Bill Benson & Carrie Johnson (Folk)

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

June

Sunday, 6/3: Summer "First Sunday at The Mill Works" Community Event

Noon – 5:00pm. Free Admission

Wednesday, 6/6: Hall Memorial School Theater

Production (Check website for details) (www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming)

Saturday, 6/9: Private Function: Larry Grasso Retirement

Wednesday, 6/13: "Talent Showcase" (2nd Wednesday) Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free Admission - All ages Thursday, 6/14: EC-CHAP Social Dance Series with Kelly

Madenjian

Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm

Tuesday, 6/12: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting

Friday, 6/15: Film Showing: TBD (Check website for details)

Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

Talk of the Town (Employees that is)...



From plowing to mowing, the Public Works Crew keeps Willington in tip top shape all year long. This department consists of several hard working individuals who make a great TEAM. During the work week you can find Derek, Lucien, Jeff, Red, Todd & Matt doing a number of things around town. They plow, shovel,

sweep streets, cut down fallen trees, pick up brush & even roadkill (on town roads) to name a few. They are often here at the Town Office Building moving tables and chairs or making repairs on just about everything.

Eileen holds down the fort back at the Public Works garage, while Matt & Jason are taking care of all of your needs at the Transfer Station. This crew does more for our town behind the scenes than could be listed here and they deserve a GREAT BIG THANK YOU! When you travel the roads or take a trip to the transfer station and you see a member of this department, please say Hello and let them know how appreciated they are by their town.





Garden Club: For the love of all things green!



The Willington Garden Club is a wonderful community service, education and social group of people who enjoy gardening. The Club met for the first time on Sept 20, 2017 at

the Town Office Building. The discussion centered on beautification of the Town Office Building grounds with a goal of making it look attractive for Election Day in November. Garden volunteers have already



improved one of the neglected beds in front of the building and held a work day on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 to continue the work. Plans are underway for continuing this project this spring.

In addition to the wonderful work from the Willington Public Works Dept., the following Willington residents and local area businesses have made generous contributions to the Willington Garden Club beautification projects:

- Elegant Edge Hair Salon, 11 Phelps Way
- Franc Motors Inc., 33 River Rd
- Knight & Sons Construction Inc., 365 River Rd
- Marlyn Construction Corp., 142 Daleville Rd
- · West's Service Center, Tolland Tpke
- Willington Pizza House, 25 River Rd
- Dr. Dana J. Woods, P.O. Box 349
- Fenton River Veterinary Hospital LLC, 9 Fieldstone Commons, Tolland
- Tri-County Greenhouse, Route 44, Mansfield
- · Garden Barn, West St., Vernon



Lest anyone think we are all work and no play, Jenny Krueger, a master gardener, led a workshop on wreath making just in time for the holidays! Jenny is a wonderful teacher who inspired us to create lovely wreaths.

We will be repeating this program this coming holiday season!

The garden club offers a variety of opportunities of involvement options for its members. Realizing that not everyone can "dig in the dirt" with us, Garden Club has had a series of educational programs.

On Thursday, February 15, 2018 Debra Hultgren, President of the Mansfield Garden Gate Club, a program on Creating an Herb Garden: Fun with Our Yummiest and Useful Plants. Debra is a Community Herbalist and Master Gardener.

On March 28, 2018, the Willington Garden Club spent an exciting evening with Dot Drobney, a local photographer, as she shared her ideas for creating beautiful photos of our gardens. Dot brought some of her stunning prints for us to enjoy.



Also, she showed us how to turn our photos into personalized cards. Inspiring! Check out her work at... http://www.ddrobneyphotography.com/.

On April 25, 2018 at 6:30, Julia Cartabiano from Willow Valley Farm will share ways we can integrate edible plants into our gardens, "Nourishing the Soil, the Body and Soul!" You may know Julia as the co-owner of the Willow Valley Farm which is a CSA and market farm located in Willington, CT.

In addition, she is the Director of the Spring Valley Student Farm (SVSF) which provides an opportunity for UConn students and the greater community to join together to learn about environmentally, socially and economically ethical regenerative food production through hands-on experience. More info coming soon! For more information about the Willow Valley Farm go to... https://wvfcsa.wordpress.com/.

We have a wonderful event hosted by Tri-County Greenhouses on May 30, 2018. This very popular workshop is called "Fill A Pot" @ \$20.00 per pot and includes soil and plants. Many of you have met Chris Campbell, Program Manager, who will be our host. This event is a spring ritual for many area garden clubs and the Willington Garden Club is delighted to participate. Reservations are required!

Presentations are preceded by a short business meeting at 6:30. Light refreshments are served. The Club invites garden enthusiasts to join the club (\$25.00) in support of our beautification projects. The Club can be found on Facebook...

https://www.facebook.com/willingtongardenclub/.
Please visit our page and "like" us to stay informed about future events.

Finally, here's an article which appeared in the Chronicle, 10/27/2017, "Excitement for garden club grows in Willngton." Hope you will enjoy it and consider joining the garden club which is a wonderful community service, educational and social group of people. For more information, contact reginachatel@charter.net. https://www.thechronicle.com/stories/20171027Garden.php



Historical Society



As we welcome Spring's warmer weather, hopefully, and longer days, the Historical Society has a few new items on our schedule for this season. First we're planning on having the Glazier Tavern open on

Tuesdays, this Summer. Depending on the number of volunteers, that are willing to help, hours could be most of the day or only several hours in the afternoon. Either way, look for the 'open' sign at the bottom of our tavern sign, in the front yard. Consider becoming a volunteer, by contacting us by email.

Another exciting possibility, this season, is a Kitchen Garden for the tavern grounds. The recently formed Willington Garden Club is at the heart of this proposed project. A number of club members are interested in working with the Historical Society to begin research on various period designs and appropriate plant material. This would certainly add a new attraction to the property. More information is available in our Latest newsletter. Read it on our website at... www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org

Finally, the Society has engaged the services of a Historical Architect to conduct a building code review of the historic tavern building. This study will identify any building code irregularities and suggest remedies for any possible issues, while considering the historical integrity of the structure. This review is essential as we move closer to having the building open on a regular schedule, to better engage our town residents.

Hope to See You. Bob Shabot, President

Monthly Meetings

The Society holds monthly meetings, that are held, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. During the winter months these meetings are held at the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road. Check the Society or Town websites for the full schedule. Meetings are open to all those interested in the history of Willington and the ongoing activities of the Society.

Additional information about the Society and Willington's Historic 1815 Daniel Glazier Tavern can be found on the Society's web site at: www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org Email: willingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Also, like us on Facebook.

Become a Member

If you're a little short on time, but wish to help, consider supporting the Society by becoming a member and/or a donor, with a visit to our website.

The Society is organized as a designated IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Society's entire operations are dependent on a variety of bequests, donations, gifts and grants.

All donations, gifts and funding are fully tax deductible, because of it's IRS 501(c)(3) designation as a non-profit organization.

Donate online at: www.willingtonhistoricalsociety.org **or** at WHS P.O. Box 214, Willington, CT 06279. Donations may be made through the PayPal link on our website homepage.



Help Keep Our Parks Clean

At all of our parks, pets must be leashed at ALL times. For your convenience, WPRD has two dog poo stations with poo bags at River Road Athletic Complex.

Help keep our parks clean and PLEASE pick up after your pets.



SWEEPING

Street and Road Sweeping will begin soon. Please do not rake debris from your yard into the road.



Human Services

MAY

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR SPRING FORMAL?

Need a little help getting ready for the prom? How about the 8th grade dance? Our department has some gently used dresses and shoes, and some makeup and accessories to offset your expenses on this special night! Contact us for more information!

FILL A PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK - National Public Works Week is May 20th through May 26th, and as part of that, we are filling a public works truck with canned and dry goods to benefit our food pantry! The truck will be at the Town Offices on Monday, Tuesday and Friday of that week, and at the Transfer Station on Wednesday May 23rd, and the library on Thursday May 24th. Come on out and show your support of our Public Works department and the food pantry!

JUNE/JULY

CAMP CONNRI is accepting applications for this summer. First session starts in June, and slots fill up fast! For more information or to register your child for this fun, sleep-away camp, please contact the Human Services Department.

CRAFTS IN THE PARK- Enjoying our fourth year of fun in the sun! Every Wednesday after the 4th of July until school starts, come join us for some awesome kids' crafts from 10-11am! A small fee of \$3 will be payable prior to the start of each session to cover the cost of materials which are provided. Join us in making rock photo holders, fidget spinners, duct tape wallets, and more! No registration required, inclement weather cancels the session. For more information, please contact the department at 860-487-3118.

ONGOING

FOOD PANTRY- The Willington Food Pantry offers canned and dry goods, seasonal vegetables, and eggs to residents in need. Located at the Town Office Building, our hours are Mondays from 4pm to 6pm, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12pm. Also open during these hours is our Community Closet, a place to pick up some gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories. For more information or to see if you qualify for this service, please call or email us at... humanservices@willingtonct.org.

RENTERS REBATE- Renter's Rebate is a tax abatement program for elderly and disabled residents in Connecticut. We will be taking applications until October 1st. Rebates can vary in size up to \$700, depending on income and qualifying expenses. Please call for more information or for an appointment.

MOBILE FOODSHARE- Bringing produce, breads, and on occasion, meats to Willington residents. The Foodshare truck comes every other Wednesday from 11-11:30 sharp in front of the Senior Center. Please bring plenty of bags or boxes.

WE ARE SOCIAL! - Be sure to "Like"

Willington's Human Services Department on Facebook! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!

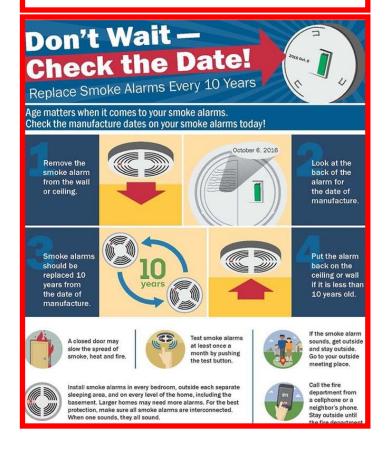
Dolunteers

They don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. Thank You!

Have you checked your smoke alarms lately?

Take care of your smoke alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions. Below are some general maintenance tips.

Replace the batteries at least once every year.





PTA

P.O. Box 202, Willington, CT 06279 860-883-5317—Follow us on Facebook Willington PTA



Happy Spring from the Willington PTA!! We are a group of parents and faculty members that work together to benefit our children. PTA events are a

great way to meet other parents and teachers.

Volunteering can allow you to use your skills for a great cause – our children and bringing the community together.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 3rd
Thursday of each month (except April which will be held on April 12th) at 6:00 pm at the Center Elementary School library. Our meetings last 30 minutes followed by a committee meeting for the nearest community event. In addition to our events, we also have a few favorite fundraisers scheduled for our schools including Square One Art, School Spirit Wear, Box Tops for Education and Scrip.

Please see our upcoming events below:

April/May 2018:

Screen Free Week and Teacher Appreciation Week:
Both weeklong events will be held April 30 through May 4.

<u>Road Race/Silent Auction:</u> Tie up your sneakers and bring your checkbooks for the annual road race and silent auction scheduled for **May 26**th!

We have a goal of 120 members and as of today's date, we are at 111. We look forward to meeting and exceeding our goal. If you are interested in becoming a member, please send an email to...

membership.willingtonpta@gmail.com and we will forward you a membership form.

BOXTOPS for Education!!!

One of our most popular fundraisers is Box Tops for Education. These are square cut out boxes found on many popular brands of food including General Mills, Old El Paso, Hefty, and more. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ each for schools and are found on hundreds of products. When students, families, schools and communities work together to collect Box Tops, the money adds up fast. We count and submit these Box Tops consistently throughout the school year and, twice annually, we receive a check that totals our submittal amount. To date we have raised \$1,345.20 for our schools.

This month, we will be installing a large, pink mailbox beside the recycling container at the transfer station.

We ask that you clip Box Tops for Education from participating food boxes and place the clipped coupons in the mailbox. We will collect and submit them regularly. We also have collection mailboxes at the Library and Post Office. Please speak with your neighbors regarding our efforts as each little square is cash for our schools. For Parents, we will be sending out our Spring Box Top Collection Sheets in the digital backpack. Please clip your box tops and submit at the end of January. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of participating products. Your help with this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Willington Day Celebration

Saturday, May 26, 2018 River Road Athletic Complex 511 River Road



Willington Day is moving to River Road Athletic Complex!

Willington Day will be held on Saturday May 26 from 11-3:00 pm and the Fishing Derby will be at Thompson's pond (Rt. 320) from 4-5:30 p.m.

Willington Day offers a ton of fun-filled activities for the entire family. Admission is free and most activities are free or are a minimal fee. There is something for Everyone including train rides, face painting, bounce house, frog jumping, pizza eating and SO MUCH MORE!!

FREE ADMISSION AND FUN FOR ALL AGES









TV Turn-off/Screen Free Week Activities April 30 – May 4

April 30 Frisbee/Disc Golf 6:00-7:30 Field, Center School _____

Mr. Phillips, Center School PE teacher, will be hosting disc golfers on a course routed around the Center School grounds. If you have never played disc golf, come learn about this amazing family friendly game. This event will be canceled if it rains.

May 1 Open Play! 6:30-8:00 River Road Park (Rt. 32)

The Willington Recreation Department is hosting an open play night. Pack your dinner and head to the park for a night of games including basketball, volleyball, frisbee, ladder ball, and corn hole! The rec department will supply equipment, but feel free to bring your own if you would like to share. The event will be canceled if it rains.

May 2 Planting Station 6:30-7:30 Blacktop, Center School

Come join the cub scouts as they put on a fun evening with a planting station. The cub scouts will provide egg cartons, dirt and seeds for planting. They will also have a Plinko game as an additional activity.

May 3 Puppy Play Time 6:00-7:30 Willington Public Library

The Willington Public Library staff will be hosting Puppy Play Time at the library. Head to the library to meet Darwin Reid, the librarian's new English Springer Spaniel puppy. It will be a "paws-itively" fun time for all ages!

May 4 PTA Walk and Talk 6:00-7:30 River Road Park (Rt. 32)
Families are invited to walk or run around the cinder track at the River Road Athletic Complex. Children will receive a token reward for each lap they complete around the track. The event will be canceled if it rains.





Parks & Recreation



Please call 860-487-3108 or email mparsell@willingtonct.org for program information and registration. More information can be found on our website: http://www.willingtonct.org.

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission

Our commission requires seven members per the Board of Selectmen, and we presently have six members. It is a non-compensation position and has a term of three years. The Commission

meets on the last Monday of the month and is responsible for the oversight of our town's recreation facilities, recreation programs within and beyond those facilities, and managing the development of new facilities and programs.

With one seat still available, if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department. The commission will meet with all respondents.

The Recreation Commission meet the last Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building—Selectman Conference Table.

Policies & General Information

<u>Fees:</u> There will be a \$20.00 fee for all checks returned as unpaid due to insufficient funds, stop payment, or any other form of cancellation. Payments shall be made by check or cash. Credit cards are not accepted. All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department or WPRD.

<u>Financial Assistance:</u> Funding is set aside to assist Willington families that require financial help in registering for programs. For further information and an application, please contact the Human Services Department at 860-487-3118.

<u>Inclement Weather Policy:</u> In the event of inclement weather, programs may be cancelled, and a makeup date may or may not be scheduled. If schools are closed, all programs will be cancelled. Notifications will be placed on WFSB 3 TV.

Non-Resident Policy: Non-residents will be charged an additional \$5.00/\$10.00 depending on the program/bus trip.

OOPS! Sometimes despite our best efforts, a misprint may make its way into our magazine. In this case, changes may be made to some of the programs listed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

<u>Payment:</u> Payments may be made by cash or check. All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department (WPRD). Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge. Credit cards are not accepted at this time. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Photo Policy: WPRD reserves the right to photograph program participants for publicity purposes.

<u>Program Cancellation:</u> WPRD reserves the right to cancel any program that does not meet minimum enrollment requirements. PROGRAM TIMES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME. When schools are closed due to inclement weather or school activities, all programming held at the schools will be cancelled for that day/evening. Every effort will be made to notify you. Notification will be placed on WFSB 3 TV. A make-up class will be scheduled if time permits.

Refunds: The Parks and Recreation Department has the right to cancel or consolidate programs if registration is insufficient. Any program cancelled by the Department will result in a full refund. There are no refunds once a program has begun unless accompanied by a doctor's note which will result in a prorated refund. All refunds must be in writing, received at least a week prior to the start of the program (three weeks if a bus trip) and will be assessed a \$5.00 processing fee.

Register Early: Please be sure to register **EARLY** for programs and trips you wish to participate in. WPRD reserves the right to cancel programs and/or trips due to low enrollment.

<u>Scholarship Program:</u> A scholarship program was created to help Willington families participate in all recreational activities offered no matter their financial circumstances. **Donations are always accepted.** Please make checks payable to WPRD and mail to 40 Old Farms Road, Willington.



<u>We are Social!</u> Be sure to "*LIKE*" Willington Parks & Recreation on Facebook! Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation website at <u>www.willingtonct.org</u> for all of our latest events and programs. Be sure to **Subscribe to E-Alerts** at <u>www.willingtonct.org</u> and stay informed of all that we have to offer!

We Want to Hear from You! Do YOU have a hidden talent? We want to see it! Please take a few moments to share your ideas with us. Do you have a talent or program that you would like to see offered? Your input, opinions, suggestions and comments are an invaluable part of our continued improvement to our offerings. We welcome and value your input as we work together to make our parks and programs the best they can possibly be.



WPRD would like to thank the following coaches for a successful 2017/2018 basketball season...

Mike Silbart

Zeke Kallio

Jen Bowes

Dan Cote

Rich Mailhos Coree Charette Ed Carroll Steve Davis Chris Beebe Kylee Cariddi Jacob Hall
Rachel Boltseridge Dan Bourbeau
Brady Tolley Dan Pierce
George Paquin John Bowes
Jon Gareau



WPRD would also like to thank the following high school boys and girls that volunteered on Saturday mornings to help run our Instructional Basketball Program. They were instrumental in helping Coach Rich Mailhos with his group of 20+ first and second graders!

Henry BiglSeth BratcherJon EnsignRyan GilbertConnor GrosseTrevor JonesKate McAvoyRichie MailhosSophia MailhosNate OehlerLiam ParsellAna Peczuh

Every coach and volunteer were able to balance their home/work/school life along with giving countless hours of their time in the gym to mentor the 150 plus kids that were enrolled in our recreational basketball program. If you see them out and about, please thank them for their time and commitment. I know I can't thank them enough!!

I'd also like to thank all of **YOU**... the parents and families for supporting the coaches and kids as we all work to make this program the best that it can be.

Looking forward to next season!





Looking for a Summer Job?



Willington Parks & Recreation and Human Services are now hiring!!

Director of Summer Camp
Summer Camp Counselors
WSI Certified Swim Instructors
Certified Lifeguards w/Waterfront Skills
Pond Rangers

Applications & Job Descriptions can be found on our website

www.willingtonct.org

Don't delay... Apply today!!

For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 860-487-3108 or email mparsell@willingtonct.org





All Bus Trips are coordinated with the towns of Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Mansfield, Tolland and Willington. Please register with the recreation department in the town in which you reside. If you do not live in any of the listed towns, you may register with any

department. The pick-up location for all is the Commuter Parking Lot at I-84, Exit 68.

Bronx Zoo



The Bronx Zoo is one of the premier zoos in the country and is home to more than 4000 animal species. Your total Experience ticket gives you access to the exhibits, attractions and Special rides! You will want to Experience the Zoo Shuttle, the Bengali Express Monorail, the Children's Zoo, World of

Darkness, World of Reptiles, Tiger Mountain, Congo Gorilla Rain Forest and the Butterfly Gardens. It's hard to see this entire amazing zoo in one day! Bring your camera, your best walking shoes, and your lunch, or you may purchase it at the zoo. We will leave the zoo at 4:30 and stop for dinner on the way home.

Date: Saturday, May 12th

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from the Tolland Commuter

Parking Lot off of I-84 at Exit 68

Return: The bus will return to the Tolland

Commuter Parking Lot at approximately

8:00 p.m.

Fee: Under 2 years old - \$40.00

Ages 2-12 \$65.00 Ages 13-64 - \$70.00 Ages 65 and older - \$65.00

Registration Deadline is April 28th

Due to the popularity of this trip, we expect to sell out quickly. Please Register Early!

Yankees vs. Red Sox at Yankee Stadium



Date: Saturday, June 30th

Depart: 1:30 p.m. **Game Time:** 7:15 p.m.

Return: Immediately Following Game

Fee: \$150.00/person

Includes transportation, ticket to game, cookout, games & prizes on the bus.

Registration deadline is June 15th

James Taylor Returns to Tanglewood!



The bus will arrive at
Tanglewood at approximately
5:30 p.m. There are plenty of
places to buy dinner inside
but you're welcome to bring in

food, coolers, wine, etc. Cooking is not allowed on the grounds. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. and will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display over the Stockbridge Bowl in celebration of Independence Day.

Date: Wednesday, July 4th, 2018

Depart: 3:00 p.m. (The bus will leave the Commuter

Lot at Exit 68 off of I-84)

Return: 12:00 a.m.

Fee: \$67.00 (Fee includes transportation, lawn

ticket to the show and driver gratuity)

Registration Deadline is June 15th

Due to the popularity of this trip, we expect to sell out quickly. Please Register Early!

A Tour of Martha's Vineyard



The Vineyard" is the quintessential New England summer destination. Located 7 miles south of Cape Cod, it is home to some wonderful, vintage inns and expansive, quiet beaches. Roundtrip ferry from Falmouth, MA to

Oak Bluffs. We'll be greeted by our "Island Guide". Board your coach for a 3 1/2 hour tour of the "Storybook Island". History will merge with beauty giving the Island its uniqueness. Highlights include Oak Bluffs, Vineyard Haven, and 2 hours in Edgartown for shopping and dining on your own. Please note: This trip will be held rain or shine. Refunds will not be available after the registration deadline.

Date: Saturday, August 11th

Depart: 6:30 a.m. (The bus will leave the Commuter

Lot at Exit 68 off of I-84)

Return: Approximately 9:30 p.m.

Fee: \$115 Includes coach bus, ferry transportation

and bus tour of the island.

Registration Deadline is July 5th



Volleyball Adult Co-Ed



Come play Adult Co-Ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium. This program is available to all individuals ages 18 and out of high school. USVBA Rules are followed and

mastery of skills is encouraged. Space is limited to 21 players per night. The program runs year round on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. (time subject to change during basketball season) at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium, 111 River Road, Willington, CT.

Registration Fees Per Session:

Resident - \$20.00/1 night or \$35.00/2 nights Non-Resident - \$30.00/1 night or \$40.00/2 nights

Session 1: September-December

Session 2: January-April Session 3: May-August

Drop-in Fees: Resident - \$3.00/night

Non-Resident - \$5.00/night

Yearly Fees available to residents only: \$65.00

Pickleball



WPRD brings Pickleball to Willington!! Come play and learn the game of Pickleball, a fun sport that combines many elements of Tennis, Badminton, and Ping-Pong. All levels, from beginners to advanced, are welcome! Due to

the popularity of this sport, we expect to fill up quickly. Register today!

Where: Hall Memorial School

Dates: May 15—July 24th (No Class on 7/3)

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:30 pm \$35.00 Fee: \$5/Resident Drop In Fee:

Maximum 18 people - Equipment is available for use.

Co-Ed Summer Basketball Clinic



8 weeks of drills, dribbling, shooting, defense and MORE!

Where: **HMS**

Dates: June 29th—August 18th

7th & 8th Grade— 6:00-8:00 p.m. Fridays: 3rd & 4th Grade— 5:30-7:00 p.m. Saturdays:

5th & 6th Grade— 7:15-8:45 p.m.

\$80.00 Fee: Instructor: Jacob Hall

Registration Deadline is June 15th

International Folk Dancing



This program features dances from around the world, starting with easy walking-based dances and progressing to more advanced dances as the class is ready. Adults of all ages have found this program to be fun and great exercise. It is a good way to learn about

cultural backgrounds and make new friends! No experience is necessary and no partners are necessary. Wear comfortable clothes, close-toed shoes and bring water. Drop-ins are welcome!

Dates: This class is held on Thursday evening's

Time: 7-8:00 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road, Location:

Willington (Located on the Town Green)

This program is being offered at no cost Fee: Instructor: Veronica Craig

Golf Clinics



Several Clinics will be offered from May through September at Skungamaug River Golf Course! Do yourself a favor and make an important step to improving your golf game with some instruction. Your game will

improve as well as your enjoyment of this great game!

5-6:00 p.m. Co-Ed Clinic May 1, 8, 15 & 22 Ladies Clinic May 31, June 7, 14 & 21 6-7:00 p.m. Youth Clinic July 5, 12, 19 & 26 5-6:00 p.m. Ladies Clinic July 31, Aug 7, 14 & 21 5-6:00 p.m. Co-Ed Clinic Sept 6, 13, 20 & 27 6-7:00 p.m.

Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course

104 Folly Lane, Coventry

860-742-9348

Fee: \$80.00/student

Women's Self-Defense



Self-defense is a set of awareness. assertiveness, verbal confrontation skills, safety strategies, and physical techniques that enable someone to successfully escape.

resist, and survive violent attacks. This class is tailored for young women in high school and college but open to ages 10 & up. Your instructor will be Master Ben Cortese, 7th Degree Blackbelt and Head Master in Region 1 of the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation. Class hours include:

> Awareness Prevention Risk Reduction Avoidance Hand-on Self-Defense Training

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays; June 12th—June 28th

Time:

Location: Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road, Willington

10 & Up Ages: Fee: \$40.00



1-Day Combination Safe Boating & Personal Watercraft Safety Certification Course



A complete, updated safe boating certification course taught in one (8 hour) day. This class includes the newest requirement for towing skiers & tubes.

Successful completion will allow the student to purchase a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, which enables them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length including Jet Skis. An easy to understand classroom format is designed for students age 12 and over. **PRIOR TO TAKING THIS CLASS**, each student should create an account online at...

https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales, and click the START button. Create an account if you don't already have one, and then print the page that includes your Conservation ID number and bring it to class. Once we have entered your score in the DEEP system, you will use your account to purchase & print the certificate after the class. Students should bring a pen or pencil to class.

Date: Saturday, May 12th

Location: Willington Public Library, 7 Ruby Road

Time: 8:30—4:30 p.m.

Age: Designated for ages 12+
Instructor: Professional Marine Education

Fee: \$50.00

Bring a lunch.

Field Hockey Camp



WPRD welcomes all boys/girls between the ages of 7-18 to come learn and enhance their field hockey skills! This 5-day camp will focus on the basics of field hockey which includes hand-eye coordination, passing ,dribbling, teamwork

skills, and more!

Monday: Introduction Day & Fundamentals

Tuesday: Offensive Strategies Wednesday: Defensive Strategies

Thursday: Game play strategies/individual skills

Friday: Tournament Day!

Location: River Road Athletic Complex

511 River Road, Willington, CT

Dates: August 6th—August 10th **Time:** 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sadie Robinson

E.O. Smith Varsity Field Hockey Coach

Fee: \$90.00

Intro to Printmaking



Come spend some time designing relief and monotype printmaking in an environment that allows your creativity and imagination to flow. The class will start with simple shapes, exploring the medium and learning to carve positive and negative space. Acrylic inks in a

variety of colors are used on your relief block to be printed onto paper, cards, and fabric! Your artwork can be as simple or as complex as you like. We will also use plexiglass plates to learn the watercolor monotype process and print a one of a kind piece!

Dates: Mondays, April 30th—June 18th

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$120.00 (includes materials)

Location: HMS Art Room Instructor: Tammy Glaeser

Registration Deadline is April 23rd

Must have a minimum of 5 students registered

The Painted Mushroom



Bring home the beauty of nature with this unique class. Paint your own individually crafted wooden mushrooms, hand-turned from 100% reclaimed and recycled material. Sand, prime, and paint! Create your very own personalized home décor,

using an existing model and patterns, or a completely unique one of a kind design!

Dates: Tuesdays, May 1st—June 12th

Time: 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$120.00 (includes materials)

Location HMS Art Room Instructor: Tammy Glaeser

Open to ages 13+

Registration Deadline is April 23rd

Must have a minimum of 5 students registered



Free Kayak Loaner Program



All rentals include one life jacket and one paddle per kayak. Loaner equipment is available Monday-Friday by appointment. The public may reserve for any service up to four

weeks in advance.

Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household. May - October (Weather dependent):

Pickup:

9:15-2:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 12:45 –7:30 p.m. Mondays

Drop off:

9:15-2:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 12:45-7:30 p.m. Mondays

RENTALS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call (860) 487-3108 during office hours: Monday 12:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Tuesday- Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, to schedule an appointment. Check in & check out location is at Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road.

EQUIPMENT MUST COME BACK CLEAN

Hall's Pond



The opening of Hall's Pond and the Last Day of School Pond Party is *tentatively* scheduled for Friday, June 22nd. We are currently seeking Swim Instructors and Lifequards. All

applicants must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekdays and weekends. Applications can be found on our website. Please submit copies of certifications with your application.

Swim instructors must be at least 18 years or older and required to be WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certified, Lifeguard Certified, CPR and First Aid Certified. All applicants are also required to teach multiple level classes with a minimum of eight children per class. The swim instructor must be willing to communicate with parents as well as the participants and be able to accommodate all aspects and levels of the program.

Seasonal Lifeguards must be at least 16 years or older and must be Lifeguard Certified, CPR and First Aid Certified. Lifeguards will monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Caution swimmers of usage areas. Rescues swimmers in danger of drowning and administers First Aid/CPR when needed. Maintain order in swimming areas at all times. Inspect facilities for any dangers and reports them to the appropriate personnel.

Lifeguards principle duties are to ensure the safety and well-being of the patrons and to observe and enforce all rules and regulations of the pond.

Dates of employment are June 22 - August 19, 2018

Interested individuals should contact:
The Willington Parks and Recreation Department
40 Old Farms Road
Willington, CT 06279

860-487-3108

Website: www.willingtonct.org

Open until positions are filled. Preferred candidates will be subject to a background check.

More information including pond hours, pond rules and regulations and 2018 pond pass prices can be found on the Parks and Recreation website at www.willingtonct.org.

911 Reflective Address Signs



The First Step to Providing
Emergency Services is Finding Your
House

Makes checks payable to: WPRD (Willington Parks & Recreation Department) and mail to 40 Old Farms Road
Willington CT 06279

Willington CT 06279.
Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone:
Address Number Requested:
Horizontal: Vertical:
Cost: \$12.00 \$10.00 Seniors
Signs are highly visible both day and night!!
Completed signs must be picked up at the

Parks & Recreation Department.





WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK

Willington's Summer Concert Series

6:30-8:30 P.M.

RIVER ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX

RAIN OR SHINE (SEVERE WEATHER CANCELS)

JULY 11TH COMFORT ZONE

Classic rock hits and pop favorites covering the '60s through the new millennium. You'll know all of the songs and want to sing along. From early Beatles and Rolling Stones tunes to the groovy '70s (Fleetwood Mac, the Eagles, Led Zeppelin), the upbeat '80s (REM, Talking Heads, Dire Straits), and the '90s and beyond (Matchbox 20, Blink 182, Lit), the Comfort Zone pleases audiences both old and young.

JULY 18TH BRUCE JOHN

An eclectic mix of Hit Songs, mostly from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Classics like; King of the Road, Mr.Bojangles, Country Roads, Ring of Fire, Dock of the Bay and Hallelujah to name just a few.

JULY 25TH GOPHERBROKE

A Connecticut based acoustic duo that plays lively classic rock and blues such as Buddy Holly, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, The Beatles, Jimmy Buffet, Creedence Clearwater Revival and many more!

AUGUST 1ST THE FUTURE HEAVIES

The Future Heavies are New England's #1 '80s Band. This six-piece band covers the best in new wave, pop, R&B, dance and rock from the 1980s.

AUGUST 8TH COYOTE RIVER BAND

Coyote River Band is Connecticut's premier modern country and pop/rock event.

AUGUST 15TH THE KERRY BOYS

Connecticut's favorite Irish Balladeers. With their signature vocal harmonies and high energy instrumentation, The Kerry Boys are just plain Celtic fun!

AUGUST 22ND VAL ROGERS & FRIENDS

Known throughout the region as one of New England's top Big Band entertainers, Val is joined in an intimate setting in her hometown to play with Friends. Don't miss this unique opportunity of a "one-of-a-kind" show!



KIDS SUMMER CAMP



WPRD and Human Services are teaming up to offer 4-weeks of summer camp for children ages 5 to 12. Sign up for one week, two weeks, three weeks or all four weeks, full day or half day!

Dates: Week 1—July 9th—July 13th

Week 2—July 16th—July 20th Week 3—July 23rd—July 27th Week 4—July 30th—August 3rd

Location: Hall Memorial School

111 River Road

Fee: \$200.00/week Full Day of Camp

\$150.00/week Additional Siblings

\$100.00/week Half Day of Camp (9:00-12:00 p.m.)

Ages: 5-12 years old

Activities include: sports, games, crafts, nature, swimming at Hall's Pond, free time, field trips and MORE!

Register by May 31st

Registration and half the total fees are due by May 31st.

Must have 20 students enrolled to run camp.



Swim Instructors & Lifeguards

Willington Parks & Recreation is hiring seasonal Swim Instructors and Lifeguards at Hall's Pond!

All Swim Instructors must be 18 years or older and WSI (Water Safety Instructor)

Certified, Lifeguard Certified, CPR and First Aid Certified.

All Lifeguards must be 16 years or older and must be Lifeguard Certified, CPR and First Aid Certified.

Interested? Contact Maureen Parsell at 860-487-3108 or mparsell@willingtonct.org

Open until positions are filled

Preferred candidates will be subject to a background check





Art Teachers

Photographers

Music Instructors

Cooking Class/Nutrition Instructors

Fitness Instructors

Sports Instructors

(Adult Softball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.)

Running Club Leader

Hiking Club Leader

Biking Club Leader

Please contact WPRD if there is a class/program that you would like to teach or see offered!!

PLEASE share your talents with us!

"I built my talents on the shoulders of someone else's talent" - Michael Jordan



Please contact WPRD if you are interested in sharing your special talent!! 860-487-3108 - mparsell@willingtonct.org



Registrars



Please check the Elections Department's website for up-to-date voting event and voter registration information.

Upcoming voting events and deadlines:

- Wednesday, May 2--annual Town and Regional School District 19 budget referendum; to be held from 6 am to 8 pm
- Monday, May 14—deadline for an enrolled voter to transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in the state/district primary
- Tuesday, July 24—absentee ballots become available for state/district primary
- Tuesday, July 31—enrollment session for state/district primary; session to be held in Registrars' office from 12 to 2 pm
- Tuesday, August 9—deadline for mail-in voter registrations for state/district primary
- Tuesday, August 14—state/district primary; to be held from 6 am to 8 pm

All voting events are held at the Town Office Building, Common Room, 40 Old Farms Road.

Registering to vote is available 24/7 online at... voterregistration.ct.gov. If you have questions, our office hours are Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm. You may also call 860.487.3120 and leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman Christine Psathas Registrars of Voters/Election Department www.willingtonct.org

Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS)



Scholarship Foundation Attention 2018 Willington high school graduates (and your

> WSFDFS is again able to offer a 3-year renewable scholarship to a

student who is completing his or her first year of post -secondary education, maintained a B average and who shows financial need. WSFDFS is accepting applications starting April 15th, 2018 through June 15th, 2018.

Thanks to the generosity of the Willington community, the award provides a total of \$4500 for 3 years in increments of \$1,000; \$1,500; and \$2,000. If you are interested in this year's award or know of someone who might be eligible, go to... www.Willington.dollarsforscholars.org and apply.

Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS) Continued...

If you have questions or need assistance, email us at Willington@dollarsforscholars.org.

Donors Needed:

The Willington Scholarship Foundation received a \$4000 grant from the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation to help us fund new needs-based scholarships for Willington graduating high school seniors enrolling in accredited programs at 2- or 4-year institutions, whether universities, colleges or community colleges. To fund these new scholarships, we would especially welcome new donors (those who did not donate in 2017). No gift is too small, so please help us meet our goal by sending a donation to WSFDFS, P.O. Box 194; Willington, CT 06279.



WSFDFS Directors Laura Rodriguez, Judith Marco, Theresa Salisbury and WSFDFS friend Pat Martin count annual appeals mailers for delivery to Willington households.

Volunteers wanted:

The Willington Scholarship Foundation always needs volunteers and friends to help us meet our sole goal: Raising funds to give Willington students scholarships to support their post-secondary education - in accredited programs at four year or two-year institutions, whether university, college or community college. Please consider joining us to help out a little (or a lot). We meet 8 times a year (September through May) on the third Monday of the month in the community room at the town office building at 7:00 pm.

Contact Chopeta Lyons at 860-429-9594 Email us at Willington@dollarsforscholars.org or drop us a note at WSFDFS, P.O. Box 194; Willington, CT 06279.

Consider following us on **Twitter** for news and updates: Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars4Scholars.



Tax Collector



We are looking forward to the summer!!!!! We enjoy seeing you all in July!

As a reminder, tax bills will be mailed out June 30th. These bills will be due July 1st, and may be paid without penalty until August 1, 2018. If you do not receive a bill, please contact our office at 860-487-3111 or email me at collector@willingtonct.org. Please note, that per §12-130 "Failure to send out or receive any such bill or statement shall not invalidate the tax." Or in simpler

terms, failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. So please make sure to reach out to our office if you do not receive an expected bill.

What am I being Taxed on?

You are being taxed on Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles as of October 1, 2017. Real Estate – All real property listed on the Grand List.

Personal Property – In the most general terms, personal property is everything subject to ownership, excluding land, any interest in land or any permanent improvement thereon. It is property that is not permanently affixed to or part of real estate. By its very nature then, personal property is moveable. This broad definition includes tangible items such as airplanes, campers, unregistered vehicles, items for business as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and animals. Registered Motor Vehicles – Vehicles listed with the Department of Motor Vehicles are coded by tax town, and the Assessor is provided a list of registered vehicles annually. Willington's Town Code is 160.

All tax bills are mailed directly to property owners unless the Tax Collector receives specific instructions to send the bill to your bank or financial institution.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax totaling \$100 or more are due in two installments; July and January. Motor vehicle tax is due in one installment in July. Please note, we do not send out bills for the second installment in January. There is a stub on the July bills for the January payment.

How can I pay my bill?

The Revenue Office accepts cash, money orders or personal checks for payment at the office. If our office is closed, you can leave a check in our Drop Box outside the front door of the building. You may also pay on line at www.willingtonct.org and click on the button that says "OnLine Payments". There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards or \$1.95 for EFT. You can also call 844-859-7566 to pay by phone, but an additional fee of 75 cents will be added. We do have a public access computer at Town Hall which will allow you to make a credit card payment on line.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous summer. See you in July!

Lisa A. Madden, Revenue Collector 860-487-3111 Imadden@willingtonct.org

Town Clerk

Fishing & Hunting

Springtime is in the air and that means fishing. Opening day for Trout Fishing is April 14, 2018, second Saturday in April. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or on line at www.ct.gov/deep. The Guide Books are available on line at www.ct.gov/deep/fishing or www.ct.gov/deep/hunting or are in the Town Clerk's Office. The Trout and Salmon Stamp is now required for fishing in any waters where they stock trout and salmon. The cost is \$5.00. You can contact DEEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Residents 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license. Anyone with a "Lifetime" has to renew each year if you are a hunter or if you salt water fish. Make sure you bring in your old license with the conservation number on it

Important Budget Dates.

Annual Town Meeting on April 18, 2018.

Budget Referendum May 2, 2018

Vote at the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road.

Absentee Ballots will be available for residents at the Town Clerks Office. Please contact the Clerk's Office for the date absentee ballots will be available. Make sure you get out and vote. Any questions contact the clerk's office at 860-487-3121

Dog Licenses

June is the time to register your dog. You will receive renewal reminders at the end of May 2018. There is a fee of \$8.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and a \$19.00 fee for male/female dog. You can license your dog in person or by mail. All dog license requests must be received in this office in person or in the office via the mail by June 30th. if mailed, for us to process your license.



Town Clerk Continued...

An updated rabies certificate, if not current is required, a check payable to the Willington Town Clerk and a <u>self-addressed</u>, <u>stamped envelope should be included</u>, if by mail. New dogs being registered would need the rabies certificate, spayed/neutered papers, check payable to Willington Town Clerk and <u>a self-addressed</u>, <u>stamped</u> envelope.

Please register your dog in June to avoid additional late fees as of July 1st. There is a \$1.00 per month and \$1.00 each additional month per state statute.

#1 Dog Tag Announcement.

- 1. If you register your dog in June;
- 2. You bring in 2 non-perishable food items for each dog for the town food pantry;
- 3. Your name will go into a drawing;
- 4. At the end of the day on the 30th of June, we will do the drawing;
- 5. You will receive the #1 Dog Tag if your name is picked;
- 6. You will also be refunded your license fee.

Passports

We no longer process Passports. Forms are available online at ptctcsm@state.gov. The Storrs Post Office processes passports. The Storrs Post Office phone number is 860-429-9681.

Notary Services

There are a number of Notary Publics in the Town Office Building that can notarize documents. The Clerk's Office will notarize any document except that which will be filed on the town land records and or persons wills. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each document being notarized.

If you have any questions, please call our office... 860-487-3121

Amy R. Lam Maureen A. Gantick Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk

Town Parks & Amenities

Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve:

Moose Meadow Road and Burma Road; hiking/walking trails, bird watching, fishing, non-motorized boating, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and picnic area.

Knowlton Property:

Mason Road - Hiking Trails

Willington's Public Works Department recently finished constructing a parking lot for hiking trail access on Mason Road. This lot will allow safe parking for access to the Talmadge Spur Trail and the Knowlton Spur Trail. Both trails connect to the Nipmuck Trail, part of the Connecticut Blue Trail System.

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Town Parks & Amenities Continued...

Talmadge Tract:

Mason Road – Hiking Trails (adjacent to the Knowlton Property)

Chenes Roches Preserve:

Chenes Roches (transl. oaks rocks) is a 56-acre wooded preserve in northeast Willington and owned by Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust. Trails wind through a varied terrain of hardwood forests, stands of pines and along a hemlock-shaded stream in a steep-sided valley. A round trip of 1.8 miles will take you across several small spring-fed streams and an altitude change of about 250 feet from the parking lot to the valley stream. A trail map and additional information about the preserve, including directions, can be found on the Joshua's Trust website, joshuastrust.org. There is a kiosk with trail maps at the small parking area 500 feet past the south end of Laurel Drive. Please stay on the trail and respect boundaries where the trail passes near private property.

Note: The parking area is not plowed in the winter and parking on the road is not advisable.)

River Road Athletic Complex - 511 River Road:

Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, swings, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court, walking path (one lap = .33 miles) and outdoor fitness equipment. No golfing allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags are available. Complex is CARRY IN-CARRY OUT. Dogs are not allowed on the baseball field. **State Statute 22-364 states that dogs must be under the direct control of their owners at all times when using town parks. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up all dog waste.

Town Office Building Fields - 40 Old Farms Road:Baseball and Softball fields

The Park on Village Hill Road:

Overlooking the Roaring Brook, a popular fishing spot during fishing season.

Facility Rentals:

River Road Athletic Complex has a pavilion, fields and courts available for rent for your next birthday party or family gathering!

Pavilion Rental:

Fee:

Residents: \$75.00 for 5 hours or \$20/hour Non-Residents: \$100.00 for 5 hours or \$30/hour

Town Non-Profits: \$55.00 for 5 hours

Fields/Courts Rental:

Fee: \$30.00/2 hours



Transfer Station

Hancock Road, Willington CT Hours of Operation: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The Willington Transfer and Recycling Center is located at the end of Hancock Road. It is open only for Willington homeowners or those with a vehicle registered in Willington. Transfer Station stickers must be displayed on vehicles. Stickers are available at the Transfer Station during regular business hours. Temporary paper permits are available through the Selectman's Office at the Town Office Building during regular Town Office Building business hours.

Transfer Station Fees:

- Tires: \$2.00 each up to 19"
- Truck Tires: \$10.00 each 19" and over up to 24"
- No tires accepted over 24"
- No tractor tires, backhoe tires, loader tires, etc. accepted over 24".
- Mattresses: \$10.00 eachBox Springs: \$10.00 each
- Couches and Love Seats: \$10.00 each
- Reclining Chairs & Large Upholstered Chairs: \$10.00 each
- Refrigerators: \$10.00 each
 Air Conditioners: \$10.00 each
 Dehumidifiers: \$10.00 each
- 3 cubic yards accepted per week: \$50.00 charge per load over 3 cubic yards (3 cubic yards is considered a pickup truck bed level)

Single Stream Recycling



The Town of Willington recycles using Single Stream Recycling. What is Single Stream Recycling? Single stream allows both residential and commercial recyclers to place all

recyclables into one bin, regardless of material.

Acceptable Electronics







Transfer Station Continued...

Mid-Northeast Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility Hazardous Waste Center 2018 Schedule

57 Hancock Road

860-684-3163

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
April	16	17	18	19	20	21 OPEN	22
_	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Мау	30	1	2	3	4	5 OPEN	6
_	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19 OPEN	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
June	28	29	30	31	1	2 OPEN	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16 OPEN	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
July	2	3	4	5	6	7 CLOSED	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21 OPEN	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
August	30	31	1	2	3	4 OPEN	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18 OPEN	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
September	27	28	29	30	31	1 CLOSED	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15 OPEN	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
October	1	2	3	4	5	6 OPEN	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20 OPEN	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
November	29	30	31	1	2	3 OPEN	4



