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# First Selectman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents:

We hope this first edition of the Willington Events Magazine finds you well and enjoying all that summer in our small town has to offer. Perhaps you have already spent some days enjoying Hall's Pond, hiking a trail, taking in a concert at the River Road Athletic Complex or simply enjoying peace and quiet in your own backyard. If you haven't done these things yet, there is still plenty of time. It is our hope you will find additional ideas for how to enjoy the summer (and fall) in Willington in this publication.

July 1 is the start of the new 2016-17 fiscal year. I want to thank everyone who came out to participate in the budget process over the past several months and vote in the recent budget referendum. Our many boards and commissions, particularly the Board of Finance, worked hard to bring a budget to voters that kept a tax increase to a minimum while maintaining programs and services. While many compromises have been made in this process, I am pleased that our boards worked well together, focused on the bottom line and considered the impact each program and service has on our residents.

While many of our Boards and Commissions take the summer months off, our town employees, particularly Public Works, are very productive when the weather cooperates. The road crew is looking forward to the many projects ahead.


The Town Office Building is open 12:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9-2:00 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday.



Christina Beebe Mailhos

I try to be available during office hours or by appointment. Please stop in to share your budget ideas and concerns as we begin to plan farther into the future.

Christina Beebe Mailhos  
First Selectman  
Town of Willington





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## WILLINGTON FLEA MARKET

The 54th Annual Willington Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 10 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Willington Town Green, sponsored by the Federated Church of Willington.

Features include: Antiques, Arts & Crafts, Baked Goods, Food & Beverages and much, much more!

Donations: \$2, children under 12 free, **FREE PARKING!**

For more information, please call the church office 860-429-9911.

## *FREE Adult Education Classes at* **E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL** **CDP, GED & ESL**

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**GED Preparation** *(Fall classes begin 9/6/16)*

**ESL Classes** *(Fall classes begin 9/13/16)*

Orientation appt. required for CDP & GED classes

Register early at **[www.vrabe.org](http://www.vrabe.org)**



*For more information, please call:* **Vernon Regional Adult Based Education**  
**860-870-6060 ext. 15 [www.vrabe.org](http://www.vrabe.org)**

## Area Farmers' Markets

**ASHFORD FARMERS' MARKET:** Sundays 10-1 p.m.  
Pompey Hollow Park, 25 Tremko Lane, Ashford, CT

**STAFFORD COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET:** Saturdays 9-1:00 p.m.  
John E. Julian Heritage Park, 3 Stafford Street, Stafford Springs, CT

**STORRS FARMERS' MARKET:** Saturdays 3-6:00 p.m.  
Mansfield Town Hall, 4 South Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT

## Success SEPTO

Regional Special Education Parent Teacher Organization meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Willington Public Library. This organization serves Ashford, Mansfield, Stafford, Tolland and Willington. All others are welcome. Visit [successsepto.org](http://successsepto.org) for more information and a list of monthly guest speakers.

Each month parents, educators, legislators and professionals meet to learn and share information about topics such as transitioning, IEP process, autism, special education laws, advocacy and working collaboratively to meet the complex needs of children.

## Registrar of Voters

Please check the Elections Department's webpage for up-to-date voting events and voter registration information – go to the town's main webpage and click on the "Elections Department" link.

Voter registration is now quick, easy and online – [voterregistration.ct.gov](http://voterregistration.ct.gov).

On this site you can also make party affiliation, address and name changes.

Upcoming Voting Events:

November 8, 2016 - Presidential and State Election

Please call and leave a message at 860.487.3120 with any questions. Office hours are Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and by appointment.

Suzanne G. Chapman and Christine Psathas  
Elections Administrators

## Tax Collector - Property Taxes Due!

**1st Installment Due by August 1, 2016**

### 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. Our mailing address is 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington CT 06279 if you want to mail in a payment. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt mailed back to you. You may also pay on line at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) and click on the red button that says "View/Pay Tax Bill". There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards and \$1.95 for EFT.

We also have a public kiosk at Town Hall for on line credit/debit card payments. The same fees apply.

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# Willington Town Clerk

## FISHING & HUNTING

Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or on line at [www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep). The Guide Books are available on line at [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing) or [www.ct.gov/deep/hunting](http://www.ct.gov/deep/hunting) and will be in the Town Clerk's office. You can contact DEEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Resident 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. Watch for changes coming to the fishing and hunting regulations and fees.

## PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

Watch for Presidential Preference Primary in August. Must be registered with Major Party - Democrat or Republican. Notice of Primary will appear in the Courant Reminder Paper. It will also

appear on the Town Web Site. Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office. Any questions contact the clerk's office

## DOG LICENSES

You can license your dog in person or by mail. Starting July 1st a late fee will be applied. An updated rabies certificate, if not current is required. If paying by mail, a check payable to the Willington Town Clerk and a self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included. New dogs being registered would need the rabies certificate, spayed/neutered papers, check payable to Willington Town Clerk and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, if mailed, for us to process your license. You should register your dog in June to avoid additional late fees as of July 1st. A late fee of \$1.00 per month starting July 1st and each additional month per state statute.

## PASSPORTS

Forms are available online at [pptctsm@state.gov](http://pptctsm@state.gov). Get your passport as soon as possible if you know you will be traveling. An approximate processing time is about 4 to 6 weeks. 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 and can notarize documents. The Clerk's Office will notarize any documents except that which will be filed on the town land records and or persons wills. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each notary seal being placed on a document.

## TWO NEW TOWN HISTORICAL BOOKS AVAILABLE IN OUR OFFICE

Images of America Willington - \$20.00  
Lost Mill Sites in Willington CT - \$25.00  
All monies go to the Willington Historical Society.

## PROBATE COURT FOR WILLINGTON

Barbara Gardner Riordan, Probate Judge  
21 Tolland Green- Tolland, CT 06084  
860-871-3640. Monday thru Thursday  
8:00-5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00-12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call our office 860.487.3121

Donna J. Hardie  
Willington Town Clerk

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Willington Assistant Town Clerk



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# Willington Parks & Recreation

## BUS TRIPS

These trips are offered in Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Mansfield, Tolland and Willington. Please register through your town of residence.

## BROWNSTONE PARK

(Registration deadline is July 22nd) Friday, August 5th

Teen Bus Trip to Brownstone Park this August. Brownstone is the #1 Adventure Park in Southern New England... swimming, snorkeling, rock climbing, cliff jumping, zip lines and so much more! Register Early - Don't miss out!!!

The bus will leave 'W' Lot on the UConn Campus at 8:45 a.m. and return to 'W' Lot at 4:00 p.m.

Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Fee: \$40.00 includes transportation and Adventure Pass  
\$15.00 transportation only for Season Pass holders

Please make checks payable to WPRD and mail to Willington Parks & Recreation Department, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington CT 06279; or drop off at the Parks & Recreation Office during normal business hours or in the tax collector's box. Registration forms can be found online on the Parks & Rec website.

Questions? Please contact Maureen Parsell, Director of Willington Parks & Recreation at 860-487-3108 or email at [mparsell@willingtonct.org](mailto:mparsell@willingtonct.org).

## GOLF LESSONS

Willington Parks and Recreation is pleased to offer golf lessons at Skungamaug River Golf Course in Coventry.

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional

Teaching the game of golf has long been a tradition at Skungamaug River Golf Club. Whether you are an accomplished player or just a beginner, fine tune your game with the basic skill set to accommodate players of all levels. We are also proud to have the finest practice facility in the area. Our driving range has grass tees, a large putting green, and a private instruction tee for your lessons with our PGA Professional.

### CLASS TIMES AND DATES:

Ladies Adult Classes: Tuesday's 5-6:00 p.m.; August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd

Co-Ed Adult Classes: Thursday's 6-7:00 p.m.; Sept 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Cost: \$75 per student- min 6/ max 8

Time/day subject to change and class may be combined with other towns. Contact golf course if weather is questionable; 860-742-9348.

## 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 Gym, 111 River Road, Willington.

### 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

## SUMMER BASKETBALL

Open Gym at HMS

Begins Wednesday, July 6th thru Sunday, August 21st

Wednesdays Girls High School 6-8:00 p.m.

Fridays Boys High School 6-8:00 p.m.

Saturdays Girls 6th-8th Grade 4-6:00 p.m.

Boys 6th-8th Grade 6-8:00 p.m.

Sundays Adult (must be out of high school)  
4-6:00 p.m.

Bring a ball, water bottle and shoes. Volunteer coaches will be onsite to facilitate/organize play. Fee is \$15.00 for the summer. Please register with the Willington Parks & Recreation Department. Registration forms can be found on our website.

## KAYAKS

5 Kayaks are available to town residents through a FREE loaner program. All rentals include a kayak, life jacket and paddle. These are available by appointment only and a 24 hour notice. The loaner agreement is available online or in the Parks and Recreation office. Residents are responsible for loading and unloading the kayaks. Kayaks must come back clean and free of water.

Questions? Call Maureen Parsell at 860-487-3108, email [mparsell@willingtonct.org](mailto:mparsell@willingtonct.org) or visit [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) for more information. All registration forms are online

## HALL'S POND

Come swim and play at one of the area's cleanest, natural facilities. The pond opened for the season on June 10th and will close on Sunday, August 21st. Obtain unlimited use of Hall's Pond by purchasing a Pond Pass for you and your family.

Hours: Pond is CLOSED on Monday's

Tuesday-Friday: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Fees: \$65 Willington Resident Family Pass

\$75 Non-Resident Family Pass

\$40 Resident Individual Pass

\$45 Non-Resident Individual

\$35 Daily Pond Pass allows for 5 daily visits

\$10 Day Pass

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All passes must be bought at the Town Office Building during normal business hours at the Parks and Recreation Department.

### HALL'S POND

#### 2016 Pond Information

Hall's Pond is open from Friday, June 10th - Sunday, August 21st. The pond will be open for general swimming 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm Tuesday-Friday and 12-6:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, except for lightning and severe rain storms. CLOSED MONDAYS and CLOSED ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 19th.

**You are required to show your pass.** Season Passes/5 Day passes are available only at Town Office Building-Parks & Recreation Department. Day passes can be purchased at the pond for \$10.00.

**The pond is a CARRY IN; CARRY OUT area.** Please plan ahead.

**All non-potty trained children** are required to wear appropriate swimming diapers.

**The pond will close due to inclement weather** and remain closed until 30 minutes past the last time the lifeguards hear or see thunder/lightning. If the weather is determined to remain in the area for a few hours, the pond will close for the rest of the day.

**Maximum of 8 persons on the dock at all times.** No rough housing on the dock or you will be asked to leave.

**The lifeguards are the authority of the pond.** Please listen and follow their instructions. They are there for your safety. You will be asked to leave if you do not adhere to the rules.

**Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied to the pond and supervised by someone 18 years of age or older.** Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied into the water by an adult (over 18 years of age). Life jackets and life vests (including swim suits with foam inserts) are permitted during public swim times ONLY and within the swimming area. Any child wearing a life jacket/vest must be accompanied into the water by an adult 18 years of age or older and must be within arm's reach.

(This rule trumps any age requirement – for example; if a 7 year-old needed a life jacket, an adult MUST be in the water).

**NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING ALLOWED ON PREMISES!**

Thank you for your support!

### 911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Number Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Horizontal: \_\_\_\_\_ Vertical: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$12.00 / \$10.00 Seniors

Completed signs must be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Department.

## 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.

### River Road Athletic Complex - 511 River Road

Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court and walking path (one lap = .33 miles). Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags are available. Complex is CARRY IN - CARRY OUT. No golfing allowed. Dogs are not allowed on the baseball field.

### Talmadge Tract

Mason Road – Hiking Trails

(adjacent to the Knowlton Property)

### 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:	All:	\$30.00/2 hours
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## REGISTRATION INFO

You can download registration forms, get updated information on upcoming programs, events and facility rental information! [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org).

**Questions:** Please call Maureen Parsell, Director of Parks and Recreation at (860) 487-3108 or email [mparsell@willingtonct.org](mailto:mparsell@willingtonct.org).

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# Summer Concerts at River Road Athletic Complex

Willington Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that we will be hosting our first Summer Concert Series at River Road Athletic Complex! The Zoning Board of Appeals granted the Parks & Recreation Department a permit on June 9th to hold live music concerts in the park. Concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. under the pavilion. Check out our great line-up of music...

Bring a picnic dinner and listen to music under the stars. We hope to see you!

For more information, please contact Maureen Parsell, Director of Willington Parks & Recreation at 860-487-3108, [mparsell@willingtonct.org](mailto:mparsell@willingtonct.org) or check the Parks & Recreation website at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) or Like us on Facebook!

## July 27th / 1220

Back for another night...  
A combination of classic and  
top 40 rock hits along with  
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## August 3rd / Belle of the Fall

Indie Folk

## August 10th / 1220

They're back again!

## August 17th / The POSSM (Professors of Sweet, Sweet Music)

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## August 24th / Val Rogers & Friends

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## **PARKS & RECREATION ... continued from page 6**

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event of inclement weather, programs may be cancelled, and a makeup date scheduled. If schools are closed, all programs will be cancelled. Notification will be placed on WFSB 3 TV.

### **PAYMENT**

Payments may be made by check or cash. All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department (WPRD). Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge.

### **WILLINGTON PARKS**

#### **& RECREATION COMMISSION**

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

### **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.

### **WE ARE SOCIAL!**

Be sure to “Like” Willington Parks & Recreation on Facebook! Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation website at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) for all of our latest events and programs. Sign up for Public Notices at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) and stay informed of all that we have to offer!

### **PARKS & RECREATION HAS MOVED!**

Our office is now located in the lower level of the Town Office Building. Use the entrance in the back of the building for Willington Youth, Family and Social Services and Parks & Recreation.

## **Senior Center**

### **BREAKFAST “ALL YOU CAN EAT” \$5.00!**

November 21st / 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### **FOOT CLINICS** - 1:30 p.m. Appointment required.

Call 860-429-8321 for a date.

### **FOOD SHARE DATES:** Wednesdays -

7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 12/28, at 11:00 a.m.

### **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

Yoga - Mondays 10:00 a.m.

Tai Chi - Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Men's Pool - Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

Pinochle - Fridays 12:30 p.m.

Set Back - Saturdays 7:00 p.m.

WII Bowling - Mondays and Thursdays 12:30 p.m.

Computer Workshop - 2nd Monday at 9:00 p.m.

Craft Class - 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

### **MEETING DATES**

#### **First Wednesday of every month:**

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations followed by Bingo.

#### **Second Wednesday of every month:** Executive Meeting

12:30 p.m. Public is welcome to attend.

#### **Third Wednesday of every month:** General Meeting 12:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

### **SENIOR FUNDRAISERS**

“Flavors of Home” Cookbook - a compilation of the senior's favorite recipes. Cost is \$9.00. Books are sold at the Senior Center or at the Town Clerks Office. For more information please call 860-429-8321.

The Town of Willington, with the assistance of the Willington Seniors, have obtained a used handicap van for the seniors. The van is in need of ongoing maintenance. Private donations are being sought. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please send your donations payable to the Town of Willington, and write “Handicap Van Fund” in the subject line of the check. Memorial gifts are also welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. The Willington Seniors.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Ice Cream Social in July
- BBQ in August
- Spaghetti Supper in October
- Potluck supper and a talk by the Town Historian - TBA
- The Holiday Banquet December 16th Cost \$10.00
- Trip to the Coast Guard Academy for concerts
- Aqua Turf Italian Day in July
- Seminar on Medicare options
- Monthly shopping trips to Wal-Mart
- Monthly trips to the Mohegan Casino
- Lunch Bunch monthly travels to different restaurants
- Free Bread and Pastries every Wednesday

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# The Willington Historical Society

Work continued during the winter at the Glazier Tavern. The project completed was the plastering of the walls in the Taproom and Keeping room. This brought to completion the 3 year restoration of the fireplaces in both rooms. Pictures are posted on Facebook, check them out!

Next on the list of necessary work will be the replacement of the damaged picture window that faces the Town Green. Plans are to replace it with a traditional 6/6 window, more representative of the opening at the time the tavern was constructed. In addition, quotes are being gathered for replacing the roof on the main part of the building. Because of this substantial investment, the Society will be requesting donations to help finance the cost at approximately \$300 a square, or \$100 a bundle of shingles, installed.

## BEHIND THE TAVERN ...

The Society is interested in soliciting the donation of an outhouse or as some might rather say, a privy. A one-holer is preferred, but we will consider up to a three hole model. There are a few still in the area, and if there's one not in use, please consider this request, in the name of history.

## FEELING HANDY?

Consider helping at a Historical Society work day. The Society has

several projects planned for this summer and fall.

We are hoping to get started on designing an appropriate sign for the front yard. Additionally, we're prepping the side yard for a small field and rail fence. Wallpaper has been stripped on one wall in the Taproom, to uncover the historic features of that wall, and there are opportunities for data input involving several current projects. Interested? Contact us at our email address at the bottom of this column. We'll add you to our e-blast list of supporters and helpers.

If you're a little short on time, consider supporting the Society by becoming a member and/or as a donor. Don't forget that memberships also make thoughtful gifts for holidays, birthdays and anniversaries. Please be mindful that memberships and donations allow for continued restoration work at Willington's historic Glazier Tavern.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests for historic items.

Contact the Willington Historical Society with general email at: [WillingtonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:WillingtonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

Membership forms are available at [www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org](http://www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org).

Donations may also be made through PayPal link on the homepage.

## STILL LOOKING ...

The Historical Society continues to look for items that help recount Willington history. You can help!!

- Cast iron fireback for the taproom fireplace.
- Children's toys, 1950's and earlier.
- Willington Wild Animal Farm memorabilia and/or photos.
- Military uniforms, all engagements, full sets or bits and pieces.
- Willington glass, whole items or pieces.
- 1800's furniture and chairs (with or without seats). We've found a few at the transfer station, Oh no!
- Photographs, stories, documents and historical items that relate to Willington, particularly industries such as button factories and other mills.

Not sure if an item may be of interest? Feel free to contact us!

# Youth, Family and Social Services

## CRAFTS IN THE PARK

Enjoying our second year of fun in the sun! Every Wednesday in July and August from 10-11 a.m. at the River Road Athletic Complex, come join us for some kids' crafts! 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 decorating a tote bag, making bookmarks, canvas art, and more! No registration required, inclement weather cancels the session. For more information, please contact the department at 860-487-3118.

## 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 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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 [wfyss@willingtonct.org](mailto:wfyss@willingtonct.org).

### BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Youth, Family and Social Services is collecting notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, and backpacks to assist families in need with providing school supplies to their children. If you wish to donate, collection boxes are located outside of the WYFSS/ Parks and Recreation offices as well as the Selectman's Office. School Supplies distribution starts August 8th. If you wish to see if your family qualifies for this program, please contact us.

### ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Sooner than we realize, it will be getting colder out. Get a jump start on those heating bills and apply for energy assistance, a state program for lower income residents to assist with heating costs. We will start taking applications September 19th. Please call for an appointment. Due to the lengthy application process, no walk-ins please.

### 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.

### WILLINGTON COMMUNITY OUTREACH GARDEN

The Willington Outreach Community Garden benefits area seniors, food pantry recipients, and volunteers. We could use a few more volunteers to donate an hour or two per week to weeding, watering, and harvesting- a great activity for families and seniors! We have tomatoes, peppers, radishes, lettuce, squashes, flowers, and more growing right now! Come join us and help your community!

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Starting in early fall, come join us for our Preschool Programs and Caterpillar Club! Children will do crafts, play games, sing songs, and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Please call for registration information.

### MOBILE FOODSHARE

Bringing produce, breads, and on occasion, meats to Willington residents. The Foodshare truck comes very other Wednesday from 11-11:30 sharp in front of the Senior Center. Please bring plenty of bags or boxes. Dates are July 27th, August 10th & 24th, and September 7th & 21st.

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## YOUTH, FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES ... continued from page 11

### FRIENDLY VISITORS

For elderly residents in need of companionship, we are proud to offer Friendly Visitors! For a few hours, our lovely volunteers will come to the home of an elderly person and play a board game, have a cup of coffee, or just chat! For more information or to register your loved one, please call the WYFSS office.

### WYFSS BOOTH AT THE FLEA MARKET

Be sure to stop by our booth at the Federated Church

Flea Market on the Town Green on Saturday September 10th! You never know what you might find! All proceeds benefit our programs.

**WE ARE SOCIAL!** Follow our blog at <https://wyfss.wordpress.com/> and be sure to "Like" Willington Youth, Family and Social Services on Facebook! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!

## Willington Public Library

**THANK YOU** to all our friends and neighbors, who helped make our annual Touch-A-Truck event such a huge success. A special shout out to Linda and Walt West for helping with the parking again this year and to Nancy Humphrey, who drove our Shuttle Bus back and forth all day. It is because of so many peoples help and support, that this continues to be a wonderful program.

### JOY CHAIR YOGA

Starting in July, we will continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., for a fee of \$10 per class. Chair yoga is one of the gentlest forms of yoga available. It is taught as a way to achieve physical and mental fitness as well as helping to deepen flexibility and strengthen personal body awareness. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing for freedom of movement. No experience is required. If you would like to see this program continue, please come and support it so we will not have to cancel due to lack of interest and commitment.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our eight week program began Sat., June 25 and runs until Sat., August 20. Our theme this year is Sports & Fitness..." On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" This is an interactive and educational program for the entire family.

### SOUND HEALING MEDITATION

Is done with singing bowls: \$10 fee per class, meets on Tuesday, August 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

### PAINT NIGHTS LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Friday @ 7:00 p.m.  
August 26 (Sunflower Still-Life) \$35.00 per class. All supplies included. Space is limited, so register early. Anyone can make a lovely piece of artwork to take home...be amazed! No experience needed! Actually paintings can be seen at the library to help in choosing which one you would like to do.

### JOY YOGA FOR KIDS

July 26 @ 2 pm.(ages 11-18).  
Yoga uses the entire body and is suitable for children of all ages and physical abilities. It promotes strength, flexibility, good coordination, posture, self-awareness and self-esteem. It teaches children how to relax, concentrate and body regulation. It is a gentle, non-competitive form of exercise Everybody can enjoy. Class size is limited, registration suggested.

### AUTHORS TRAIL

Please join us on the 8th Annual Connecticut Authors Trail. This began on July 7, at 6:30 p.m. in Franklin and will end September 17, at the Mohegan Sun; local authors will showcase their books and share their stories. Passports are available free at participating libraries throughout the summer as a guide to

the author events. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a chance to qualify for a special prize at the finale. At our library, we will be hosting Author Martin Herman, of the historic thriller, "The Jefferson Files" and the current series of Will James mystery novels, "The Hidden Treasure Files" on, Tuesday, July 26 @ 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a lovely reception and meet the man behind the books.

### KLC DOJOS VILLARI'S MARTIAL ARTS: "WHICH ANIMAL ARE YOU?"

Wednesday, July 27 @ 2:30 p.m., This is the question each child will want answered, as they learn about the traditions surrounding the Chinese New Year. We will listen to an ancient legend and watch an interactive demonstration about the ancient system of Five Animal Kung Fu.

### FAMILY MOVIE TIME

Saturdays @ 12:30 p.m., on July 30- *Kung Fu Panda 3*, & August 27- *Zootopia*

### WORM RACING CONTEST

Coming to the library once again on Tuesday, August 2 @ 3:00 p.m.

### READ TO ROLL BIKE RODEO

Bike Safety Inspection and Safety Skills Course...Saturday, August 6 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This event is made up of a series of stations, each dealing with an important aspect of safe cycling. Participants will have their bicycles inspected and will learn about and practice bicycle-handling skills that will increase



their enjoyment of bicycling and save their lives. Rain date: Saturday, August 20. Registration is necessary to receive free safety equipment. Sponsored by St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center Trauma, Violence, & Injury Prevention Program.

#### **THE MR. MAGIC SHOW**

Returns on Wednesday, August 10 @ 2:00 p.m. He will amaze and astound people of all ages with his spellbinding entertainment.

#### **LEGO CLUB**

meets Saturdays @ 1:00 p.m. on July 26 and August 20... we will not meet in September due to the Friends Book Fair.

#### **FAMILY STORY & CRAFT TIME**

Saturdays 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

#### **VISIT THE LIBRARY!**

Come in and keep cool during the hot days of summer by visiting the library. Stop by and enjoy working on one of our many puzzles or grab a coloring sheet and beat the heat!

#### **WPL'S LOGO CONTEST**

We are looking for a new logo! Willington residents are invited to create that something special for us. To read the Contest Rules and to print the entry form, visit our website: [www.willington-publiclibrary.org](http://www.willington-publiclibrary.org). You may drop off your submission any time the library is open or you may email it to the Director, Brittany

Jensen, at [bjensen@willingtonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:bjensen@willingtonpubliclibrary.org) Deadline is Monday, August 1, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

#### **FRIENDS OF THE WILLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

Event is on Saturday, September 10th (same day as the Flea Market on the Town Green). Early admission is from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., with an entrance fee of \$7.00. Come in for first choice of pick! Book dealers welcome. From 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. admission is FREE. Thousands of books to choose from, all sorted into categories, easy to look through and find items. Most books \$.50 and \$1.00.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

We are getting ready for our fifth annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale, to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per table.

For more information about the above mentioned programs, visit us on Facebook, check out our website ([willingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://willingtonpubliclibrary.org)), or subscribe to receive our library E-Blast notices. ALL programs are sponsored and made possible due to the hard and dedicated work of the Friends of the Willington Public Library. Please think about joining this great and important group of volunteers. We need them and they need your help. Thank you for all you do!

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# Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars

## STUDENT AWARDS 2016

The 2016 Willington Scholarship Foundation awarded 21 scholarships to 20 Willington residents who recently graduated from high school. The award reception was held at the Willington Public Library on June 21 in front of a "packed house" filled with recipients, their proud family members, donors/ presenters of awards and WSF Board members.

WSFDFS wishes to express their gratitude to each and every donor who helped to make the scholarships possible. The largest portion of the donations came from Willington residents and area business owners who responded to our mailed Appeal Letters in support of the youth of our town as they continue their education in institutions of higher learning. Of note, an extremely generous donation was received this year from The Corporal Henry Toberman VFW Post 938 and Auxiliary to be portioned out over the next twelve years as two named scholarships each year.

This years' scholarships and recipients are as follows:  
Willington Scholarship Foundation Endowment Award given each year to a student who exemplifies academic excellence  
Kyle Timmer

Willington Scholarship Foundation Award given to those who exemplify commitment to academic achievement.

Brad Walden  
Jackson Toomey  
Sabrina Silva  
Tyler Nolan

The following WSFDFS Awards are funded by donations to WSFDFS, and by the Jeffrey P. Olssen Family foundation:  
Anonymous, Gary & Eileen Griffin, and Randy & Nancy Vogel  
Nye Deskus  
Renee Suchy  
Selina Alexander  
Kathleen Maas

Named Scholarship Awards  
Stafford Lions in Memory of Thomas Borovicka  
James Petrella

Friends of Hall School Music and Drama  
Kathleen Maas

Willington PTA Endowment Scholarship awarded to a high school senior who attended Willington Public Schools.  
Kailee Collins

The Chris Emond Memorial Scholarship awarded to a high school senior who intends to pursue a career in computers or writing.  
Sean Ference



All the recipients who were able to attend the reception: Front row sitting, from left to right: Kailee Collins, Stephanie Tanaka, Marisa Peczuh, and Kathleen Maas. Back row standing, from left to right: Devin Godbout, Joshua Radko, Sabrina Silva, Nicholas Raymond, Brad Walden, Jackson Toomey, Renee Suchy, and Audra Panciera. Not pictured: Tyler Nolan, Nye Deskus, Selina Alexander, James Petrella, Sean Ference, McKenna Jones, and Joshua Horowitz-Benoit.



VFW (Corp. Henry Toberman Post 938) members and the VFW Award recipients: Front Row sitting, from left to right: VFW recipients- students who intend to major in nursing, Devin Godbout and parents Nora and Mark Jones, accepting the award for their daughter McKenna Jones who could not be present. Back Row standing, from left to right: VFW members, Elaine Russo, Lenny Todd, Virginia Todd, Auxiliary President Irene Gantick, Post Commander Ray Gantick, Robert Wiczenski, Mary Wiczenski and Lou Attaro.

The Corporal Henry Toberman VFW Post 938 and Auxiliary Scholarship  
Devin Godbout  
McKenna Jones

The Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation Matching Named Awards, funded by the Jeffrey P. Ossen Foundation with matching donors:  
First Niagara Bank, Jeri Hepworth and the Rob Ryder family, Jeff Kelly, Ernie Morris, David and Carol Jordan, Rob and Maryjo Whalen.

Eleanor DuPilka Memorial Scholarship  
Marisa Peczuh  
Harvey and Pauline Morris Scholarship  
Nicholas Raymond

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## SCHOLARSHIPS ... continued from page 15

Robert G. Ryder Memorial Scholarship  
Stephanie Tanaka

First Niagara Bank Scholarship  
Audra Panciera

Mycoscience, Inc. Scholarship  
Joshua Horowitz-Benoit

Willington Pizza Scholarship  
Joshua Radko

The award reception was a culmination of the combined efforts of the WFS Board of Directors who meet monthly to write the grants, prepare appeal mailings, plan and publicize the support of events, make decisions regarding investments, prepare awards, contact the high schools which the applicants attend, maintain the WSFDFS website, consult with Scholarship

America/Dollars For Scholars, correspond with donors of named awards and finally prepare for the happy day when they meet with the recipients face-to-face and award the scholarships!

The present board members are Chairman Dave Gabree, Co-Chair Chopeta Lyons, Treasurer Steven Vera, Secretary and Publicity Chair Leslie Letendre, Awards Chair Jean Woods, Investment Chair Judy Andersen, Willington Director of Social Services Jenny Arpin, Webmaster Judith Marco, Ron Growney, Paula King, Heather Kelly, Laurie Tyler, Mary Pat Maloney, Linda Cooper, Laura Rodriguez, Theresa Salisbury and Robert Jellen.

Look for our WSFDFS Silent Auction Booth at the Willington Flea Market on the town green September 10th! New members and donors are welcome at any time. Visit us at our website [www.willington.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.willington.dollarsforscholars.org) or contact Chopeta Lyons at 860-429-9594.

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Treasurer	Tish Ignatowicz	860-487-3133
Town Clerk	Donna Hardie	860-487-3121

## Tick Borne Illnesses In Connecticut

Summer is the time for picnics, hiking, outdoor concerts, and just relaxing in your back yard. It is also the time for ticks to come out and feed.

In Connecticut there are several illnesses caused by a tick bite. The common deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis*, can transmit Lyme disease, Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (Ehrlichiosis), and Babesiosis. Symptoms of these illnesses include fever, body aches, headaches, and in the case of Lyme disease an expanding red rash. Symptoms may begin from 3-30 days after the bite.

The American dog tick, *Dermacentor variabilis*, can transmit another illness

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Symptoms include the sudden onset of fever, headache and muscle pains followed by a rash. These symptoms may appear 3-14 days after the tick bite.

All of these infections can be treated with antibiotics, but without prompt treatment they can cause serious or even fatal illness.

After spending time outside it is important to do thorough skin survey to find any ticks. The longer a tick remains attached the more likely it could transmit an illness. An infected deer tick can transmit one or even more illnesses at the same bite.

The Connecticut Agricultural Station estimates that about 25-30% of deer ticks are infected with Lyme disease. But not every tick bite will transmit the illness.

If you find a tick it is important to remove it promptly. Use tweezers and grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible. Using steady pressure, pull the tick upward. After removal wash the area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Write down the date it was removed. If you develop a rash at the bite site and/or symptoms of a flu like illness contact your physician immediately.

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4-H encourages diverse groups of youth to develop their skills and talents to the fullest potential. In 4-H, youth "learn by doing." Youth ages 7-19 can pursue their interests in a wide variety of "hands-on" programs areas: Environmental Education, Citizenship, Science and Technology, Communication and Expressive Arts, Workforce Preparation, and Leadership. Most importantly, 4-H is fun!

Youth can join 4-H through a local club, a special interest group, or through an after-school program. Each program is unique and often involves the whole family. The Willington Willing Workers is the local 4-H club. Club business meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm., at the Willington Hill Firehouse. Current projects include: beef, dog, horse, poultry, rabbits, expressive arts, and community service. For more information about 4-H in Willington, contact Jan Castle at (860) 429-1214 or jancastle@earthlink.net. For information about other Tolland County 4-H opportunities, call the Tolland County Extension Center at (860) 875-3331.

## Applying for Home Solar PV Program

The Town of Willington, supported by a small group of local volunteers, is applying for inclusion in the Fall 2016 Solarize Connecticut program.

To be accepted we must demonstrate our commitment to informing the community about the benefits, feasibility and financial advantages of installing a solar photovoltaic system on their home or property. The more installations made within the program's area and time limits, the more economies of scale and cost benefits to purchasers there will be. We will be working with the Town of Eastford in this effort, to increase potential participation.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more announcements. And, we can always use more volunteer help from individuals or organizations as we go along.

Call the First Selectman's Office or email Pam Wheeler, [pamw.iam@gmail.com](mailto:pamw.iam@gmail.com), for more information. By late summer we will know if we have been accepted.

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# Willington Conservation Commission

## Take a Walk with Nature!

Summer is a great time to get out with family and friends for a walk on Willington's preserves and hiking trails. Stretch your legs, breathe fresh air, listen to birdsong, enjoy blooming wildflowers and look for animal signs.

Naturalist John Muir once wrote: "In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

Fenton-Ruby Park and Drobney Sanctuary offers 4 easy hiking trails that wind around beaver ponds, meadows and mature forests. Parking, picnic tables and trail maps are available at the corner of Moose Meadow Road and Burma Road. We also invite you to stroll on the Town's other preserves and trails located off Mason Road. From the new gravel parking lot on Mason Road (0.3 miles north of intersection with Rte 44) you can access the Knowlton Spur Trail and the Talmadge Spur Trail. Trail maps and preserve information are available at the trailheads. Both spur trails connect with the Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Trail to make a great 1.7 mile loop that can easily be walked in an hour. You also have the option of adding the 0.6 mile UConn Forest Loop trail (while you are on the Nipmuck Trail) for a refreshing walk through a cool, mature hemlock grove with access and scenic views of the Fenton River. Bring your fishing pole and try to catch a native brook trout in its sparkling waters.



Photo by Chris Demers

The Willington Conservation Commission meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road. The public is welcome. Residents interested in serving on the commission are encouraged to attend (several alternate positions are open). For more information about the Town's open space preserves, trails or other conservation issues, please contact Chairman Peter Andersen at 860-429-1276 or Vice Chairman Kathy Demers at 860-377-6416.

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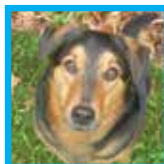
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# Preparing for a Hurricane

Hurricane readiness should begin long before the event occurs. If you live in a hurricane-prone area, you can prepare far in advance for the possible dangers to health and safety resulting from a hurricane by learning about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters.

- identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage
- install a smoke detector
- buy a fire extinguisher
- conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home
- provide escape ladders for multi-story structures
- establish an assembly point where the family meets in the event of fire or if a disaster occurs when the family is not together at home
- give your relatives and friends the name of a contact person who will know where you are and how you are doing
- know the location of your important papers, such as insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.
- instruct family members about how to shut off the gas, water, and electric mains

- inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability

**You should stock your home with supplies that may be needed during the emergency period. These supplies should include:**

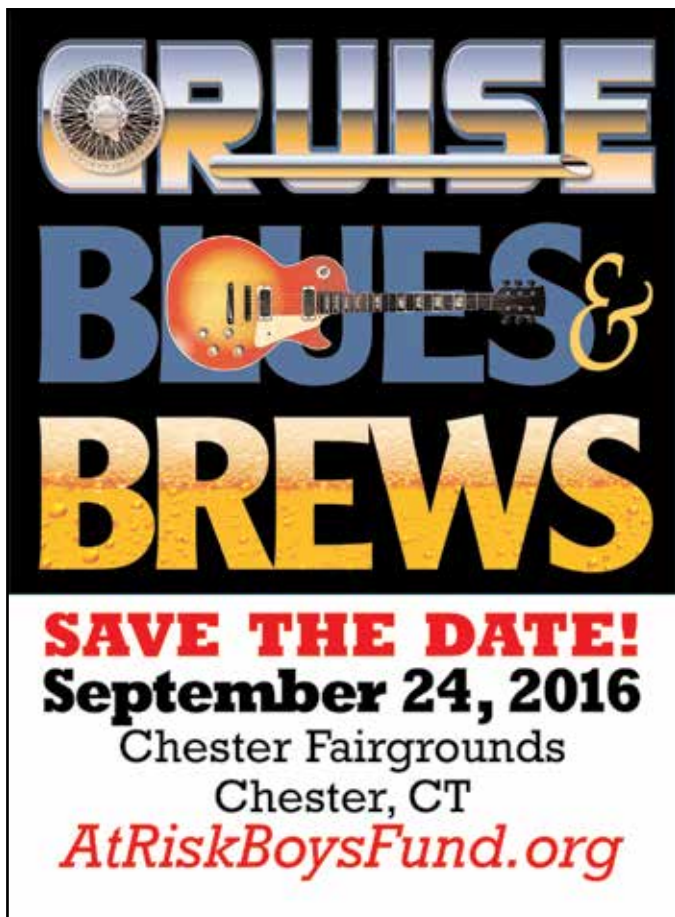
- several clean containers for water
- a 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food
- a first aid kit and manual
- a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- sleeping bags or extra blankets
- prescription medicines and special medical needs
- baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers, etc.
- disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes" for the whole family to use in case bathing facilities are not available
- alternate heat and cooking sources, such as a kerosene heater and a camp stove - use these only in well-ventilated areas
- shovels and hand tools
- candles and matches
- a mop, bucket, and towels
- one or more rolls of plastic sheeting, a staple gun with staples, and duct tape
- plastic trash bags and ties
- an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.
- a citizens band radio or a cellular phone, if possible
- extra cash
- pet food
- insect repellent
- rubber boots/rubber gloves

## DURING THE STORM

To get through the storm in the safest possible manner:

- monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible
- stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over
- do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed -- the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume
- expect the loss of electricity, gas, and water
- stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials
- prepare to evacuate to a shelter or to a neighbor's home if your home is damaged, or if you are instructed to do so by emergency personnel
- if you should lose electrical power, eat perishable food first.

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