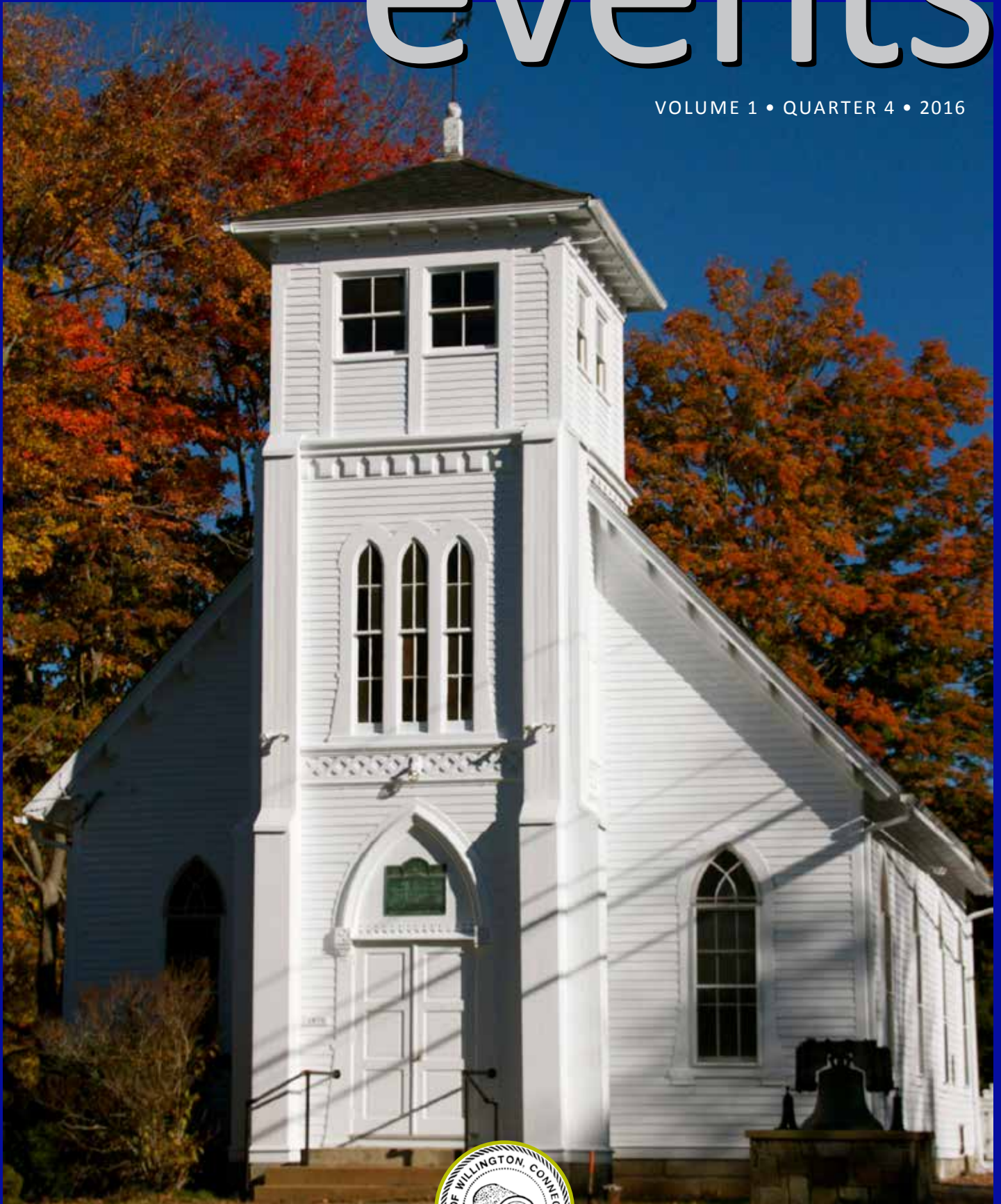


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## First Selectman's Corner

Another school year has started and fall is upon us! There are so many things to do in our small town this season and we hope you take some time to enjoy it and take advantage of our beautiful hiking trails and parks!

There is a lot happening at the Town Office Building and with Public Works as we prepare for the winter (and budget season) ahead. Construction on Turnpike Road is moving along and our goal is to get the remaining drainage projects completed before the first snow storm. The final phase of restoration of the Old Town Hall is also underway and we hope to be able to unveil it at the Tree Lighting on the Green on Friday, December 2nd.

The town bid farewell to Superintendent Harding in early October and also welcomed our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Jacqueline Jacoby. As we begin our search for a new Superintendent, we will be looking for residents willing to help our Board of Education by serving on the various committees involved in the interview process. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Board of Education at 487-3130 and please feel free to say hello to Dr. Jacoby.

In addition to the Superintendent search committee, we still have some boards that are in need of members. The Planning and Zoning Commission is looking for a regular member as well as three alternates. This Commission is very active right now with

updating our Plan of Conservation and Development, which is getting underway. Our Economic Development Commission is in need of 2 regular members as well as 2 alternate members and our Conservation Commission is seeking 3 alternate members to serve on the board. Lastly, the Parks & Recreation Commission has a regular vacancy as well. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Selectman's Office at 860-487-3100.

As winter approaches, the various boards and commissions will also begin their budget preparations. For those interested in following the budget process, be sure to go to our town's website, [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org), and sign up for agendas and minutes – or better yet, come out to a meeting – we would love to see you there!

The Selectmen's Office is open during regular business hours: Monday from 12:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Regards,  
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First Selectman



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## Registrar of Voters

A general election will be held on November 8, 2016 for the following offices – President, US Senator, Representative in Congress (2nd district), State Senator (35th district), State Representative (53rd district) and Registrars of Voters. Voting will take place in the polling room, located on the main level of the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, from 6 am to 8 pm. Voters are reminded to bring identification.

Plan ahead and make sure that you are registered to vote. Registering to vote is an easy process and there are several methods for obtaining a voter application form:

Apply online at [voterregistration.ct.gov](http://voterregistration.ct.gov). Online applications must be completed by November 1.

Call the Elections Department at 860 487-3120 and leave a clearly stated message, including your name and address, asking that an application be sent. Mail-in applications must be postmarked by November 1.

Apply at the Elections Department office on the lower level of the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, on Tuesdays

from 10 am to 12 pm. In-person applications must be completed by November 1.

Register at the Town Clerk's office at the main level of the Town Office Building during business hours on Monday from 12:30 to 7:30 pm and Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. In-person applications must be completed by November 1.

Applications are also available at the Willington Public Library and the Department of Motor Vehicles offices.

There will be a special Voter Registration Session held at the Elections Department on: Tuesday, November 1 from 9 am to 8 pm.

Absentee ballots for those voters unable to vote in person on Election Day are available through the Town Clerk's office. For information on how to apply for an absentee ballot, call the Town Clerk at 860 487-3121 or go to the Secretary of the State's website – [sots.ct.gov](http://sots.ct.gov).

For other election questions, please contact the Elections Department at 860 487-3120, Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm or leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman and Christine Psathas  
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# 14th Annual Willington Car Show

Saturday, October 8, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Rain Date October 9 or 15)

Presented by the Town of Willington and the Connecticut Street Legends.

This show will benefit the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation. A donation will be made to the Foundation which

provides scholarships for higher education to children of Marines and federal law enforcement personnel who were killed on active duty or died while serving our country. The show will be held at the Willington Town Green, located on Route 74. There is no cutoff year! Show car entry

fee will be \$10.00 and dash plaques will be given to the first 100 show cars. Trophies will be awarded. DIRECTIONS: I-84 (east or west) take exit 69, turn right from I-84 east or left from I-84 west onto CT-74 and continue on CT-74 for 2.5 miles. The Town Green will be on the left.

## Success SEPTO

Regional Special Education Parent Teacher Organization meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm 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, Individual Education Program process, autism, special education laws, advocacy and working collaboratively to meet the complex needs of children.

## Subscribe to News

Want to know what's going on in town? We have implemented a new way of keeping our residents informed of events and meetings that are occurring. Whenever a new event or document is posted to our website, you have an

opportunity to receive a copy of that posting in your personal email box, automatically. It won't be necessary to visit the website, although we encourage you to do so, since not all folders will be subscribable. If you decide that you no

longer want to receive notices automatically, you can remove your name from the list. To subscribe to news, please visit the town website at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) and click on Subscribe to News and follow the instructions on "How to Subscribe."

## Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

**40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279**

*Business Hours ~ Monday 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

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Parks & Recreation	Maureen Parsell	860-487-3108
Planning & Zoning	Susan Yorgensen	860-487-3123
Public Works	Derek Dimmock	860-684-9313
Senior Center	Ed D'Agata	860-429-8321
Social Services	Jennie Arpin	860-487-3118
Tax Collector	Lisa Madden	860-487-3111
Treasurer	Tish Ignatowicz	860-487-3133
Town Clerk	Donna Hardie	860-487-3121

# Town Clerk's Office

## FISHING & HUNTING

Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or online at [www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep). The Guide Books are available online 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 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. Watch for changes coming to the fishing and hunting regulations and fees.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY

November 8th voting time is 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Town Office Building. Legal Notice will appear in the Courant Reminder Paper. It will also appear on the Town website.

Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office on October 7th through the close of the clerk's office on November 7th. Any questions, please contact the clerk's office.

## DOGS

Make sure if you get a new dog, to register it at the clerk's office. You will need rabies certificate and spayed or neutered vet papers.

## PASSPORTS

Forms are available online at [pptctcsm@state.gov](mailto:pptctcsm@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. There is 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, and *Lost Mill Sites in Willington Ct* \$25.00. All monies go to the Willington Historical Society.

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# Office of the Assessor

## LEGAL NOTICE

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NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN WILLINGTON CT.  
NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR REAL ESTATE.

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

Applications and Engineer Evaluation forms to request reassessment of residential property due to defective concrete are available in the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Willington web site. Please note, these forms must be accompanied by an Engineer's report. For additional information, contact the Assessor's office.

Filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications for the **2017 Grand List** are as follows:

### Public act 490

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 1, 2017. All applications for classification of farmland and open space must be received by October 31, 2017.

## Solarize Willington

### SOLARIZE/Willington Kicks-off SolarPV Program for Residents - We're in!

Willington has been accepted into Connecticut's program to promote residential solar PV. Our Board of Selectmen has voted unanimously to bring SOLARIZE to Willington. For a limited period, until January 19, 2017, we have an opportunity to purchase premier solar systems at significantly discounted rates (about 20% below open market). Through a competitive process, Earthlight Technologies, based in Ellington, has been chosen by the Town to do the installations. Those who go solar now can also take advantage of State and Federal incentives like a 30% Federal Income Tax credit. SOLARIZE also offers low-cost financing through Earthlight and the Connecticut Green Bank. While SOLARIZE is directed at homeowners, this is also an opportunity for Willington businesses and other institutions to take advantage of Earthlight's presence in town to facilitate participa-

## VETERANS

All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2017. Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

## DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by October 1, 2017.

## HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. You must request an application in February 2017 and file it on or before May 15, 2017.

## RENTERS

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for the State Renters Rebate Program. Guidelines and applications will be available from the Human Services Department between April 1, 2017-October 1, 2017.

The Assessor's Office is open to receive the above lists and applications Monday 12:30-7:30 and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Jody L. Heon, CCMAL, Assessor  
Town Of Willington, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington, Ct 06279  
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tion in other appropriate State solar programs.

To learn more come to one of our several local workshops: next date in Willington is at the Library, Tuesday, December 6. We are also working with the Town of Eastford, who will be sponsoring a SOLARIZE workshop at Eastford Town Hall, 16 Westford Rd. on Thursday, November 10. All are welcome to attend.

Or, you can go to [www.SolarizeCT.com/Willington](http://www.SolarizeCT.com/Willington) get lots of information and sign up right away for a free home and financial assessment.

The first 5 homeowners who sign a contract will get a 5% discount from Earthlight!

PS: Organizations and individuals: If you would like to join our volunteers who are working hard to get this good news out Willington residents, email Pam at [pamw.iam@gmail.com](mailto:pamw.iam@gmail.com). Speakers are available for educational programs and we would love to participate in your local events. Contact us! Join us!



# The Willington Historical Society

## TREE LIGHTING AND OPEN HOUSE

December 2nd at 7:00 pm

Please join the Willington Historical Society and the Willington Selectmen, Friday evening, December 2nd for the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree on the Town Green. Let's join together to start the Holiday Season with a splash of color and a few festive holiday songs. Following the tree lighting, you are invited to gather at the historic Glazier Tavern, at the West end of the green, to enjoy the warmth of the fires in the hearths and light refreshments. Special thanks to the West Family for their annual decorating and lighting of our Community Tree.

### ROOF FUNDRAISING

Just like everything else, roofs wear out too. HELP put a new roof on the Historical Society's 1815 Glazier Tavern (quoted price is \$8,500). Because of this substantial investment, the Society will be soliciting donations to help finance the roof replacement cost. Consider contributing in any of the following ways:

- one square of shingles that will cover 100 sq. ft. of roof area, for \$450.
- one bundle of shingles that will cover 33 sq. ft. of roof area, for \$150.
- donations of any amount are also appreciated.

Donate online at: [www.willingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.willingtonhistoricalsociety.org) or at WHS P.O. Box 214, Willington, CT 06279.

### WHAT A RELIEF ...

The Society's search for a privy has been answered. A three-hole privy has been donated to the Society. It originates from the 'old' Lillibridge Farm, here in town. Stay tuned to our Facebook page, as it makes the move to the Glazier Tavern. Thanks for the donation Bruce!

### GOT OUR BACK ... FIREBACK THAT IS

The bricks at the back of the taproom fireplace will have the protection they need, thanks to the donation of a cast iron fireback with an eagle motif. With thanks for the donation made by Katie Pitts.

### DATA INPUT NEEDED

The Society is seeking help with transferring birth records to spreadsheet format. This involves town records from 1889 to 1922. These recently found documents contain information including the baby's name and DOB, parents' birthplace,

parents' occupation, mother's maiden name and more. This represents a treasure trove of facts for those doing genealogical research. Please contact us if you have an interest in helping with this project by writing to us at our email address at the end of this column.

### BECOME A MEMBER

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

### HATS OFF!

Hats off, to everyone who has responded to our requests for historic items and support. It's everyone's Society, thank you.

### STILL LOOKING ...

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

- \* Old hand tools, tin ware.
- \* 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 items at the transfer station. Oh no! Don't throw them out!
- \* Also, photographs, stories, documents and historical items that relate to Willington, particularly industries such as button factories and other mills (any chance of sharing old family photos from the WW I monument dedication or the 1927 Bicentennial plaque dedication?) Not sure if an item may be of interest? Feel free to contact us, please. (It may take a few days for us to get back to you, we only do this part-time).

Contact the Willington Historical Society with general email at: [WillingtonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:WillingtonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com). Membership forms are available on our website at: [www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org](http://www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org). Donations may also be made through the PayPal link on our website homepage.



## Veteran's Wanted

**Are you a veteran who has not registered for your benefits or you have registered and need additional information about your benefits?**

As a veteran you are entitled to a variety of services through the Veteran's Administration. The first step is applying. Join us in Ashford on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Knowlton Memorial Hall (25 Pompey Hollow Rd. Ashford)

from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm to file your claim and meet with a National Service Officer. Bring your DD-214. For info contact Mark Rivard (860) 933-6877 or [mlrivard@charter.net](mailto:mlrivard@charter.net).

# Willington Parks & Recreation

## BUS TRIPS

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

### Kittery, Maine / Holiday Shopping Trip

(Registration deadline is October 28th)

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Kittery Outlet Stores. Spend the day leisurely shopping at The Trading Post and the Tanger and Premium Outlets. They offer a wide selection of stores including Champion, Calvin Klein, Coach, Jockey, J Crew, Adidas, Easy Spirit, Nautica, Carters, Harry and David, American Eagle and MORE. While you're there, check out these interesting and fun stops like "When Pigs Fly" and an artist's co-op called "Just Us Chickens." Enjoy lunch at your choice of restaurants, many featuring some of Maine's finest and freshest seafood. So, gather your friends and your shopping list and enjoy a day in Kittery!

Date: Friday, November 11th, 2016  
Time: Bus departs from the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot off I-84 at 8:00 am and returns at 6:30 pm.  
Price: \$50.00 (transportation only)

### A Day On Your Own in New York City

(Registration deadline is Friday, November 25th)

Enjoy a day in the "Big Apple" with family and friends. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping, visit the museums, see a Broadway show or just enjoy the sights of the city. Bus drop-offs and pick-ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

Date: Saturday, December 10th  
Departure Time: 7:00 am.  
The bus will depart from the Tolland Commuter Lot at Exit 68 off of I-84  
Return Time: 10:30 pm.  
Fee: \$52.00/person (transportation only)

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).

### 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 pm (time subject to change during basketball season) at Hall Memorial Gym, 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

## 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

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Makes checks payable to: WPRD (Willington Parks & Recreation Department) and mail to 40 Old Farms Road, Willington CT, 06279. Please include your Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone and the address number requested. Also, Horizontal or Vertical. Cost: \$12.00 / Seniors \$10.00. 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.

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## PARKS & RECREATION ... continued from page 8

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

## 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)

## 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 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.

## WILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the last Monday of every month at 7:00 pm 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.

## SUMMER CONCERTS AT RIVER ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX



Sadly, our Summer Concert Series came to a close and we couldn't have had a greater ending than with the talented singers and performers that we had! I am thrilled that Wednesdays in the Park was so well received and such a positive experience for all.

## I'd like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those that helped make this all possible...

Wednesdays in the Park Sponsors: Baywood Kennels, Landon Tire, Tony's Garage, Willington Termite & Pest Control, Knight and Sons Construction, Willington Pizza House, Williams Fuel Oil and Franc Motors.

Hans Hackner & Co. for staining the pavilion and keeping it looking new and beautiful.

Carol Noyes, Paul Plunkett and Bill & Donna Hardie for donating and delivering ice to us every single week, without fail, so that our drinks were ICE-COLD.

Jacob Hall for coordinating the pick-up basketball and volleyball games which was a HUGE hit for the kids.

Willington Fire Department #1 for being on site for every show, keeping us safe and letting the kids climb in and romp around on your trucks.

Willington Public Works for all that you do to keep our park looking beautiful and for helping us out every single time we call you with a new “opportunity.”

Gramma's-on-the-Go, Scott & Kim Gilbert, for cooking us dinner every week when it was just too hot to cook for ourselves!

Our fabulous Snack Shack Girls... Renee Suchy, McKenna Jones, Isa Peczuh, Sophia Mailhos, Ana Peczuh and Sarah Wallet.

And last but not least, Wednesdays in the Park wouldn't have been so successful if it wasn't for all of YOU! Thank you all for supporting the Willington Parks & Recreation Department and the events and programs that we offer.

## COACHES / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you want to help your community? Are you passionate about supporting kids and enhancing their lives?

If so, the Willington Parks & Recreation Department needs YOU! We are looking for volunteers to coach and assist with our upcoming 2016/2017 basketball season. Coaches and assistants for all grade levels are needed. Please contact me if you are interested. Evaluations and team selections will be held at the end of October (date TBD).

For more information, please contact Maureen Parsell, Director of Willington Parks & Recreation at 860-487-3108 or mparsell@willingtonct.org.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

Recreational basketball features basic skills, dribbling, passing, shooting, good sportsmanship and fun! All games and practices are at the Hall School Gymnasium. Registration deadline is October 29th.

## INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

**Grades 1 and 2** (Registration is accepted until 12/2):

Session begins on Saturday, December 3rd and continues through February 4th from 8:00 am - 9:00 am (no session on 12/24 and 12/31).

**Grades 3-8:** Games are played on Saturdays beginning December 3rd (no games 12/24 and 12/31) and the last season game is February 18th. Tournament play will begin the week of February 20th.

**Evaluations/team selection** will be held on Saturday, October 29th. Times will be sent out in an email to all those registered and through the digital backpack.

**Practices** begin on Monday, November 7th. Coaches will email you the exact day and time.

Fees: Instructional (Grades 1-2) \$50.00 per player (8 weeks)\*

Grades 3-4 \$70.00 per player\* (shooter shirt given)

Grades 5-8 \$80.00 per player\* (reversible jersey provided)

Grades 9-12: A separate registration form will come out in November. \*\$225.00 family maximum

Registration Forms can be found online at:

[http://www.willingtonct.org/Public\\_Documents/WillingtonCT\\_Recreation/recreation](http://www.willingtonct.org/Public_Documents/WillingtonCT_Recreation/recreation)

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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. Please email me at mparsell@willingtonct.org to provide your input or suggestions. Better yet, stop in to the Town Office Building during regular business hours.

## UCONN VS. TULANE

\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*

Saturday, November 26th, at Rentschler Field

Game Time: TBA

Fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch and tailgating)

Tickets are available through the Parks and Recreation Department. Please contact Maureen Parsell, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 860-487-3108 or mparsell@willingtonct.org.

## ADULT OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT HAS ARRIVED AT THE RIVER ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX!



As we are continuously seeking new ways to provide outdoor spaces and activities for our residents, we wanted to make exercise accessible, enjoyable, available and affordable for all!

Each piece of equipment includes usage instructions on the product itself, or on an adjacent sign.

Each product also features a QR code that users can scan with their smartphone to view instructional videos that show proper form, options to adapt the workout to their own fitness level and more.

If you have any questions regarding the equipment, please contact the Parks & Recreation office at 860-487-3108.

## THANK YOU!

The Selectmen and staff of the Willington Town Offices wish CAROL NOYES  
a healthy and happy retirement after 26 years of dedication to the Willington community.

PLEASE CHECK REGISTRATION DATES. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

MAIL TO:

Willington Parks & Recreation Department  
40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279

Primary Household Contact (Parent/Guardian)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Household Contact (Parent/Guardian)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL** Emergency Contact (Other than parent/guardian, i.e. grandparent, neighbor, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Program Name	Start Date	Participant's Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Gender	Fee
A scholarship fund has been established for lower income children.			Contribution to Scholarship Fund			
DEPENDING ON PROGRAM OR TRIP PLEASE ADD:			Non Resident\$5.00 OR \$10.00 Additional per person/ per/ activity			
					TOTAL	

*Some Willington residents may be eligible for low-income fee reductions. Check with the Parks & Recreation Office for more information and an application.*

Also fill details below for each participant:

	Grade Entering	Name of Doctor and phone number	Allergies, Special Asst., Meds, Other Info:
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Please make checks payable to: Willington Parks and Recreation Department (WPRD)  
(Separate checks required for each program)

**Release, Waiver and Assumption of Liability and Consent For Medical Treatment**

I, the undersigned, by registering myself or my child in the town's programs/trips understand the nature and risks associated with the participation in this activity. I hereby grant my child permission to participate. I am aware that participation is at one's own risk. I acknowledge that the activity, equipment and facilities may pose a risk of personal injury. I am also aware that each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. I hereby waive and release myself, my heirs, executors or administrators of any and all claims and damage we ever had or now have, against the Town of Willington, its successors and assigns, employees, agents and representative for any and all kinds of injury, including but not limited to personal injury and/or property damage suffered by my child, myself, family members or friends while participating in this program. Consent for Medical Treatment of Minors, as the parent or legal guardian of the above named player, I hereby give consent for emergency medical care prescribed by a fully licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dentistry. This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb or well being of my dependent. I certify that the information contained on this form is accurate and complete.

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

Office Use Only: Payment Method: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash (in office only) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_



# Senior Center Activities

20 Senior Way

SEPTEMBER 19TH & NOVEMBER 21ST

**\$5.00 Breakfast "All You Can Eat"** 8:30 am-10:30 am

Foot Clinics - 1:30 pm - Appointment required.

Call 429-8321 for a date.

## FOOD SHARE DATES

Wednesdays - 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2,  
11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 12/28, at 11:00 am.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Yoga - Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Tai Chi - Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Men's Pool - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Pinocle - Fridays, 12:30 pm

Set Back - Saturdays, 7:00 pm

WII Bowling - Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 pm

Computer Workshop - 4th Monday of every Month, 9:00 am

Craft Classes - 2nd Wednesday of every Month, 4:00 pm

## MEETING DATES

First Wednesday of every month: Birthday and Anniversary  
Celebrations followed by Bingo.

Second Wednesday of every month: Executive Meeting 12:30 pm.

Public is welcome to attend.

Third Wednesday of every month: General Meeting 12:30 pm

Public is welcome to attend.

## SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

"Flavors of Home" Cookbook-a compilation of the seniors' favorite recipes. Cost is \$9.00. Books are sold at the Senior Center or at the Town Clerk Office. For more information, please call 860-429-8321.

The Town of Willington with the assistance of the Willington Seniors has 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.

The Lift on our Handicap Bus has failed and needs to be replaced. We have started a new drive to collect \$6,000.00 to replace the lift. This vehicle is used for shopping trips as well as outings for the seniors in our town. At this time we are still running the bus to these events but handicapped seniors are now excluded from these trips. It is with deep regret that we have to do this but this is not a town supported vehicle. The repairs on the vehicle as well as the operating cost are funded by the Senior Center and funds are raised by the Senior Center through fundraising endeavors/activities. If you wish to contribute to help us to continue to provide this service to the handicapped seniors in town please send any contributions to:

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Willington Seniors Inc. c/o Handicap Lift, 20 Senior Way,  
Willington Ct. 06279

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*(September through December), to be posted in the Bugle:*

**Social Security Administration** to give a talk on changes for retirees. TBA

**Health care insurance options** for individuals on Medicare. TBA

**The Holiday Banquet**, December 21

**Grandparents/Grandchildren Xmas Party**, December 17

**Spaghetti Supper and Country Music Show**, October 22

**Foxwoods Trip**, Casino/Bingo/Outlet Shopping, November 29

**Concert Trips Coast Guard Academy** - October, November, December

**Monthly Shopping Trips** to Walmart Willimantic

**Monthly Trips to Mohegan Sun Casino**

**Lunch Bunch Monthly Trips** to restaurants in the area

**Free Bread and Pastries** every Wednesday

**Daily meals** served at the senior center (must sign up in advance)  
**Mystery Ride**, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. and Dec. TBA

The Senior Center is erecting a Memorial Flagpole centrally located in the Senior Complex. This is to honor senior veterans who live or have lived in the town of Willington. This flagpole will be lit 24 hours a day. To honor those who have served, we will be selling pavers that can have the name, rank, branch of service and the dates of service. These pavers will be placed around the flagpole to form an everlasting tribute to those veterans. The dedication is scheduled for a day during the Memorial Day weekend 2017. We will be honored by Congressman and representatives from the Governor's Office to present flags that have flown over the State and Federal Buildings. If you wish to purchase a paver contact the Willington Seniors Inc. at (860) 429-8321. For more information regarding Senior Activities, please call Jean at (860) 429-8321.

## Town of Willington Department of Human Services

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, Connecticut 06279  
(860)487-3118 / [wylfss@willingtonct.org](mailto:wylfss@willingtonct.org)

Dear Neighbors,

One of the things I love the most about Willington is the perpetual spirit of giving. Here, residents will do anything to lend a helping hand to another in need. That is what the Human Services Department is all about, and what makes our community stronger and more connected.

But we need your help! Our department relies heavily upon donations from generous people like you for our programs. This holiday season, please consider giving a gift to Willington's Department of Human Services! All donations go 100% to our programs that help others, programs such as:

**THE WILLINGTON FOOD PANTRY:** Providing canned and dry goods, eggs, and in-season produce to residents in need. Funds donated to the food pantry are used for restocking food items as needed.

**FUEL BANK:** Providing a one-time gift of 100 gallons of heating fuel to residents in need when no other options are available. Funds donated to the fuel bank are used directly for this purpose.

**WILLINGTON OUTREACH COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Provides produce for local seniors and residents in need. Donations to this fund cover the cost of supplies such as compost, tools, mulch, and soil amendments.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:** Our holiday programs offer families and residents in need with a meal for

Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**CAMPERSHIP:** This program assists lower income families with the costs of sending their children to summer camp or participating in recreational activities.

**BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM:** Providing children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade with backpacks, shoes, and school supplies.

**GENERAL DONATIONS:** These will go to the program most in need!

All donations will be acknowledged by a thank you card and a receipt.

I am grateful for being a part of such a wonderful community that puts people and their needs first. Thank you for all that you do, and for your interest in helping our neighbors in need. Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Jennie A. Arpin, M.P.A, Director  
Department of Human Services

### CURRENT PROGRAMS

**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 pm to 6 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10

am to 12 pm. 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 at 860-487-3118 or email us at [wylfss@willingtonct.org](mailto:wylfss@willingtonct.org).

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM** - Human Services will be talking applications for our holiday programs starting November 1st. We offer both a Thanksgiving Meal and a Holiday Gifts program. Please contact us for further information.

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE** - It's already 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 are currently taking applications for this program. Due to the lengthy application process, no walk-ins please.

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS** - Starting in October, please 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 every other Wednesday from 11-11:30 sharp in front of the Senior Center. Please bring plenty of bags or boxes. Call for more information.

**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.

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

**HOLIDAY HELP** - Wishing you had some time to shop for the holidays without bringing the kids? Consider our "Holiday Help" day, coming this December! Call The Department of Human Services for more information.

**WILLINGTON COMMUNITY OUTREACH GARDEN**  
The Department of Human Services would like thank all who contributed to the founding and upkeep of the Willington Outreach Community Garden:

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Julia Cartabiano and Willow Valley Farm  
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Cynthia Bourgoine  
Christina Mailhos  
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To anyone we inadvertently left out, please accept our heartfelt gratitude jfor making this possible!

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# Willington Conservation Commission News

## Forest Management Activity in Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve

Ensuring a healthy forest and wildlife habitat diversity in Fenton-Ruby Park (Park) requires ongoing active forest management. To meet the Park plan goals, the Willington Conservation Commission has been working with Natural Resource Consultants, LLC and forestry professionals to identify and address these needs.

A timber thinning harvest was recommended on 18 acres of aging forest in the southeast corner of the Park and approved by the Willington Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Board of Selectmen. The timber thinning will be conducted as weather permits between September 24th 2016 and May 15th 2017 to improve growth and mast production from the remaining trees, encourage understory regeneration and establishment of the next forest, and improve cover for wildlife feeding, nesting and brood-rearing.

The harvest area, which does not contain any trails, is located off the far end of Burma Road. Forestry activities, including cutting and trucking, may be conducted Monday through Saturday. No work will be done on Sunday. The harvest and log landing areas will be posted and Park users are asked to avoid these areas for their safety. The rest of the Park and all four trails will continue to be open to the public. Please use the current designated parking area on Burma Road for your vehicles and be alert for occasional logging trucks which will use Burma Road to exit onto Moose Meadow Road.

The Willington Conservation Commission meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm 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.

## Avoiding Charities Fraud

The season of giving is upon us but please be wary when opening your wallet to charitable organizations. The Department of Consumer Protection urges everyone to be cautious and get information on your charity of choice before giving.

### CHARITY CHECKLIST

**Take the following precautions to make sure your donation benefits the people and organizations you want to help:**

- Ask for detailed information about the charity, including name, address, and telephone number.
- Get the exact name of the organization and do some research. Searching the name of the organization online - especially with the word "complaint(s)" or "scam" - is one way to learn about its reputation.
- Call the charity. Find out if the organization is aware of the solicitation and has authorized the use of its name. The organization's development staff should be able to help you.
- Find out if the charity or fundraiser must be registered in your state by contacting the National Association of State Charity Officials.
- Check if the charity is trustworthy by contacting the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar.

- Ask if the caller is a paid fundraiser.

If so, ask:

- The name of the charity the caller represents
- The percentage of your donation that will go to the charity
- How much will go to the actual cause to which you're donating
- How much will go to the fundraiser
- Keep a record of your donations.
- Make an annual donation plan. That way, you can decide which causes to support and which reputable charities should receive your donations.
- Visit this Internal Revenue Service (IRS) webpage (<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>) to find out which organizations are eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.
- Know the difference between "tax exempt" and "tax deductible." Tax exempt means the organization doesn't have to pay taxes. Tax deductible means you can deduct your contribution on your federal income tax return.
- Never send cash donations. For security and tax purposes, it's best to pay by check - made payable to the charity - or by credit card.
- Never wire money to someone claiming to be a charity. Scammers often request donations to be wired because wiring

money is like sending cash. Once you send it, you can't get it back.

- Do not provide your credit or check card number, bank account number or any personal information until you've thoroughly researched the charity.
- Be wary of charities that spring up too suddenly in response to current events and natural disasters. Even if they are legitimate, they probably don't have the infrastructure to get the donations to the affected area or people.
- If a donation request comes from a group claiming to help your local community (for example, local police or firefighters), ask the local agency if they have heard of the group and are getting financial support.

What about texting?

If you text to donate, the charge will show up on your mobile phone bill. If you've asked your mobile phone provider to block premium text messages - texts that cost extra - then you won't be able to donate this way.

Please report suspicious solicitations to your local police and to the Department of Consumer Protection at 1-800-842-2649.

# Willington Transfer Station

## TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am - 3:45 pm, except for holidays.

The Willington Transfer and Recycling Center is located at the end of Hancock Road. It is open 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.

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. For a list of all acceptable recyclables, and policies on household hazardous waste disposal, bulky waste and textile recycling, please visit the Willington Transfer Station website at [http://www.willingtonct.org/Public\\_Documents/WillingtonCT\\_Transfer/transfer](http://www.willingtonct.org/Public_Documents/WillingtonCT_Transfer/transfer).

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# Willington Public Library

## ONGOING EVENTS

### FAMILY MOVIE TIME

Last Saturdays of each month, at 12:30 pm on the BIG screen, in our Community Room. Upcoming dates and showings...

November 26, **"Finding Dorey."**

In December there will be NO showing due to Holiday, and on January 28, **"Secret Life of Pets."** You are invited to bring a lunch or refreshment to enjoy during the movie...Also Friends!

### LEGO CLUB

Meets third Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Community Room. Upcoming dates...November 19, December 17, and January 21. All ages are welcome! Come build, create, and have fun.

### SOUND HEALING MEDITATION & TEA TIME

Meets most third Tuesdays of the month (with occasional exceptions) at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Upcoming dates...November 15, December 20, and January 24. Enjoy a guided meditation journey with the use of crystal bowls and voice for an evening of stress-reducing relaxation. Suggested donation - \$10. All ages are welcome!

### CHAIR YOGA

Meets every Thursday at 4:30 pm in the Community Room. If interested in attending, sign up is suggested. Each class is 45 minutes and seats are limited to a maximum of 8 at a time per class, so registration is required. There is also a quorum that must be met for the class to be held. Fee \$10

### CHILDREN STORY & CRAFT HOUR

We will be trying a new time on Saturday morning's 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please let us know if this works out better for our families.

## UPCOMING SPECIALS

You have all been asking and waiting for this time to arrive, so in honor of the Willington Public Library (WPL) 10th Anniversary, the Friends of the Willington Public Library will be having a PAVERS OF REMEMBRANCE Fundraiser once again and for a limited time only. These "Pavers of Remembrance" are a wonderful way to pay tribute to a friend or loved one, living or deceased. Your donation of \$50.00 will purchase an engraved paver up to 3 lines of 14 characters each (including spaces and punctuation). Engraved pavers will be placed throughout the library memorial path at the discretion of the library. Pavers will be installed weather permitting. Inappropriate pavers will not be accepted and no businesses please. Sale of pavers will take place between September 10, 2016 - December 3, 2016 (last chance to purchase at the Friends Craft Fair & Bake Sale). Cash or check only. Forms may be picked up in the library and then mailed with payment to Friends of WPL, 7 Ruby Road, Willington, CT 06279, or drop off at the library during regular scheduled hours.

For any questions you may call 860-429-3854.

## NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 am

(during our Children's Story & Craft time),

Author June Hyjek will be here with her new children's book called *Being Grace*.

*Being Grace* intends to raise awareness of Scoliosis and shows us the emotional consequences of the condition through the story of Grace, a young giraffe who is diagnosed at an early age. With her curved neck, Grace finds herself bullied at school because she looks different from the other giraffes. But her crooked neck allows her to do something none of the other giraffes can do, and she begins to understand that something that may seem wrong can actually be right. Grace learns that all that matters is what she believes, not what other people say. She finds joy in just being herself, and accepts that all she can do is be "Grace." Take a journey to self-acceptance with Grace, as she realizes that perfect comes in all shapes, sizes and colors, even crooked.

## TIME TO BEAD AND CREATE GIFTS FOR GIVING!

It's that time of year when we are thinking about, and looking to find, that special something to give that special someone. And here to teach us how to create such a gift will be Midge Makuch from Dragonfly Beading Studio, here in Willington. Join us on Tuesday, November 29 from 5:00 to (approximately) 7:00 - 7:30 pm. For only \$5.00 per item, you can make out of beads, a beautiful holiday snowflake ornament, a memory bracelet, or a set of angel earrings. Cost includes all materials and lessons. If you would like to see a sample of these items, come into the library for a peek at just one of the many possibilities. It's all up to your own imagination, as to what you can create and call your own, one of a kind gift to give or keep for yourself.

## DECEMBER

There will be no Holiday Open House celebrated at the library this year due to our special anniversary party AND due to the way our holidays fall on Saturdays this year. But please stop in and visit us at our Craft Fair & Bake Sale, as well as on our 10th Anniversary celebration party. May all your holidays be happy and safe!

## FRIENDS OF WPL'S 5TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Be sure to stop by and check out the wide variety of crafts created by our vendors. It's a perfect time to start (or finish) some holiday shopping! There may still be openings, as of this late date, if anyone is interested in being a vendor. Please check with the library to see if space is still available.



**WILLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

Saturday, December 10

10 am – 2 pm

On December 11, 2006, the new Willington Library opened its doors for the first time to the public. Now join us ten years later as we celebrate our beautiful library's anniversary with good company, fun, laughter, and of course - cake! Stop by any time on Saturday, December 10th to join in on the festivities and see how our library has grown over the past ten years. More info to come!

**JANUARY**

Home School Pokemon Go Club will meet Wednesday, January 11, at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, in the Community Room. For ages

7 - 18. Bring your phone (or your parent's phone.) You will be drawing your favorite Pokemon character to then color. When done, we will go outside to the Battleground. If we need to cancel due to bad weather or closing, we will reschedule on the following Wednesday, January 18th, same time. Bring along a lunch to enjoy during the program. Everyone is welcome!

**CHILDREN'S PAINT DAY**

Do you want to paint a snowman? Saturday, January 7, at 12:30 pm in the Community Room. All supplies provided.

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## Cosmic Bowling Fundraiser

The Albert/Fultz Foundation is having a fundraiser for their organization. This is a great way to have fun rockin' n bowlin' with friends and family!

Organizations and clubs – have a fun night instead of a meeting night! November 11th is only a few weeks away before the holidays... call it “stress relief night” and help our youth!

Where: Lucky Strike Lanes  
185 Stafford Road (Route 32), Mansfield CT 06250  
860-423-8510

When: November 11th  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Fee: \$10.00/person

Questions? Please contact Robert and Laurie Fultz at  
860-315-0431 or [thealbertfultzfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thealbertfultzfoundation@gmail.com).

The Albert/Fultz Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that funds youth of domestic violence to a two-day local campground.



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