

Wilmington Wire

Community E-Newsletter

October, November, December 2022



Wicked Pumpkin Orchards is open Saturdays & Sundays 10am-5pm

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Town Offices Closed

The Town Office Building will be closed on the following holidays:

Columbus Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022
Day after Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 25, 2022
Christmas	Monday, December 26, 2022
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2023

Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

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Boards & Commissions – Meeting Calendar – October November December 2022

Board/Commission	Day		Time
Board of Education	Tuesday	October 11, 2022	7pm
Board of Education	Tuesday	November 8, 2022	7pm
Board of Education	Tuesday	December 13, 2022	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	October 20, 2022	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	November 17, 2022	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	December 15, 2022	7pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	October 3, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	October 17, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	November 7, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	November 21, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	December 5, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	December 19, 2022	6:30pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	October 19, 2022	7pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	November 16, 2022	7pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	December 21, 2022	7pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	October 12, 2022	6:30pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	November 9, 2022	6:30pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	December 14, 2022	6:30pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	October 18, 2022	7pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	November 15, 2022	7pm
Housing Authority	Monday	October 17, 2022	4pm
Housing Authority	Monday	November 21, 2022	4pm
Housing Authority	Monday	December 19, 2022	4pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	October 24, 2022	7:30pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	November 28, 2022	7:30pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	December 26, 2022	7:30pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	October 10, 2022	7pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	November 14, 2022	7pm

Library Board of Directors	Monday	December 12, 2022	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	October 31, 2022	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	November 28, 2022	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	December 26, 2022	7pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	October 4, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	October 18, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	November 1, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	November 15, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	December 8, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	December 20, 2022	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	October 13, 2022	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	November 10, 2022	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	December 8, 2022	7:30pm

First Selectwoman's Corner



Another school year has started, and fall is upon us! This is the perfect time to enjoy the cool crisp days in one of our parks, hiking or one of the many other enjoyable activities you can read about in this publication.

There is also a lot happening at the Town Office Building and with Public Works as we begin our preparations for the winter (and budget season) ahead. We will continue roadside mowing, as well as numerous road repairs that have been occurring this summer.

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.gov, and sign up for agendas and minutes – or better yet, come out to a meeting – we would love to see you there! You can find a listing of town meetings on the pages of this publication or on our town website.

The Town Office Building is open 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. I try to be available during office hours or by appointment. Please stop in to share your ideas and concerns as we begin to plan farther into the future. Otherwise, I hope to see you out and about in Willington!

Regards,

Erika G. Wiecewski
First Selectwoman

From the Assessor's Office

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2022 are hereby notified:

You must file a declaration of your personal property on or before November 1, 2022,
with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25%
penalty.

Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

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, and all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and
fixtures.

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 1, 2022. All applications for classification of farmland and open space must be received by October 31st. Applications are available in the Assessor's office or may be printed from the CT Farm Bureau Association website at <https://www.cfba.org/pa-490>.

Please visit our website for more information www.willingtonct.gov
Departments/Assessor

DEFECTIVE CONCRETE

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 website. Please note, these forms must be accompanied by an engineer's report to be filed with the assessor by December 31st. For additional information, contact the Assessor's office. Information also found on our website

www.willingtonct.gov Departments/Assessor/Concrete foundation information.

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Willington School Building Committee Update September 2022

The Willington School Building Committee (SBC) continues to meet bi-weekly to discuss the future of our school buildings. The SBC is currently (still) evaluating two scenarios for consolidation: a renovation project at Hall Memorial School and the evaluation of land for a new consolidated preschool through grade 8 school. Both evaluations are being performed simultaneously in preparation for the Town referendum vote anticipated to take place as early as this Fall 2022. After an extensive search of approximately 120 existing Town-owned properties and private properties in town, the Land Assessment subcommittee has identified a plot of land which has been appraised and has had a Phase 1 environmental study. SBC representatives continue to meet with the owners to discuss a possible acquisition if the committee and town choose to build a new school. Simultaneously, Hall School has also undergone a Phase I environmental study and both sites have been recommended for Phase II follow-up testing.

Scott Pellman, our Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and a Senior Project Manager at Collier's, has been a wonderful asset to our committee as he guides us through the necessary multi-layered steps in the process. His extensive experience in the programming, design, and management of educational facilities has enabled us to move forward with state requirements for reimbursement; determining if and how buildings and fields fit on the land; and estimation of the costs of the two scenarios. Mr. Pellman continues to update our draft timeline that would result in construction, whether new or renovation, potentially starting as early as Fall 2024.

The SBC is also in the process of preparing a presentation for our community outreach. The community outreach task group has been meeting over the past few weeks gathering information to share with the community. This presentation will outline the start of the SBC committee, what has been accomplished to date, and where we currently are in the process. We anticipate that this presentation will be distributed this Fall 2022. In addition, the SBC plans to hold multiple community outreach meetings/presentations in person to share information as well as to accept questions from the community.

The Board of Education has held several meetings to develop the educational specifications (ed specs) for a consolidated preschool through grade 8 building for a new or renovated school. Ed specs serve as the connection between the educational program and the facilities, and provide clear descriptions of the various learning activities and spatial requirements needed within a building/site. The educational specifications will be used as the driving force behind developing a consolidated preschool through grade 8 building concept. During this stage, they will be used to develop a rough plan with square footage, which will be used to

develop pricing for each of the scenarios to help us in our decision-making. Ed Specs and student enrollment projections are also important in determining the amount of reimbursement money the town would be eligible to receive from the state.

SBC Chairperson Katherine Viveiros, Superintendent Phil Stevens, and OPM Scott Pellman held a meeting with the State's department - OSCGR (Office of School Construction Grants Review) - to review the Town of Willington's consolidation of our two schools. This meeting was to discuss the potential grant funding needed for the consolidation. As part of the SBC's charge, the SBC will continue communications with the OSCGR to gain the available funding needed for this project.

A tour of the new Birch Grove Elementary School in Tolland showed the School Building Committee members all that a 21st-century school has to offer. The existing Hall School and Center School were also toured by members of the committee to see the extent of the existing conditions of our aging schools.

While we plan for the future, the Board of Education continues to make repairs at Hall and Center School. The BOE will be updating its Capital Improvement Plan this fall for both schools, which will include updated pricing for the various projects that need to be completed.

For each of the two years that the SBC has been meeting, the Willington Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has set aside \$100,000 to cover the costs of attorney fees, environmental studies, an enrollment projection, and other professional consultants necessary for this process. As the initial \$100,000 is utilized, we anticipate returning to the Board of Finance in the near future to request additional funds to continue with our charge. The additional funding that will be requested is available from the 2022-2023 town budget that was approved at the referendum in May 2022.

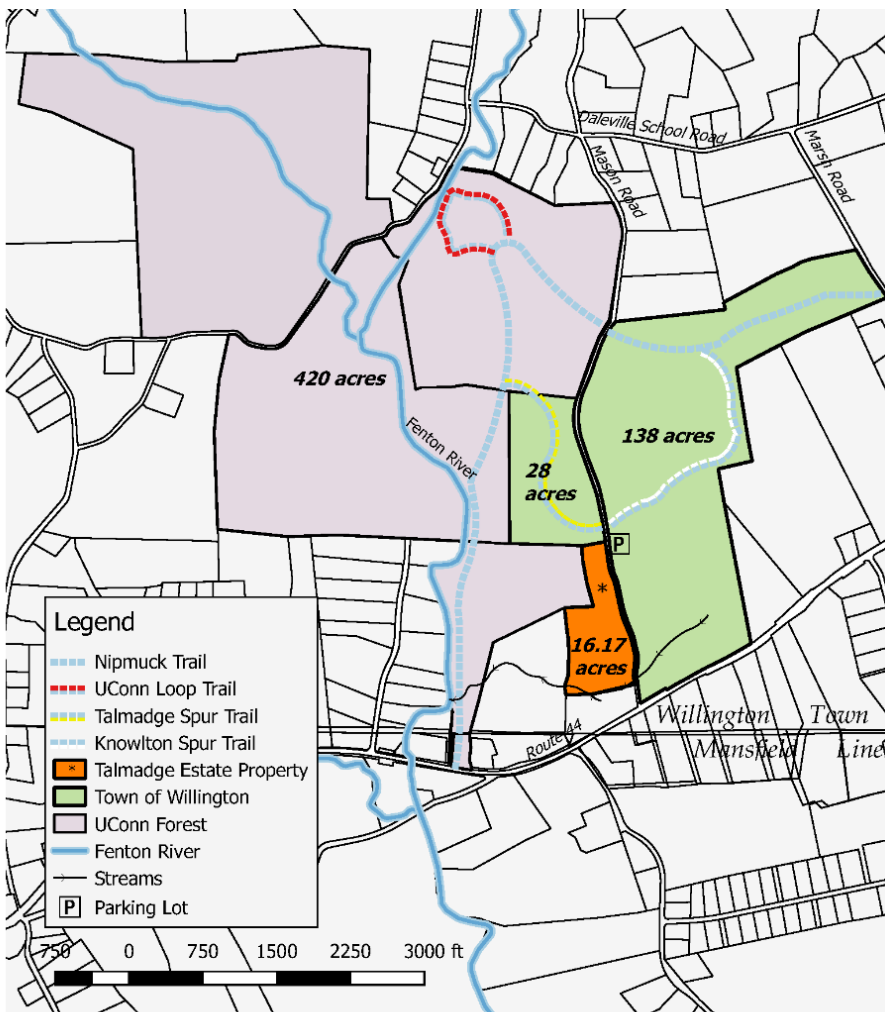
The SBC holds regular meetings via Zoom on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and the [agendas](#) and [minutes](#) can be found on the town website at www.willingtonct.gov. Meetings are being recorded and can be accessed via the town's [YouTube page](#). Official committee information and documents are available on the [SBC webpage](#). The School Building Committee welcomes public feedback. Community members may email their comments to sbct@willingtonct.org or participate during the present to speak portion of the SBC meetings.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTES

New Town Open Space Addition on Mason Road

On June 26th, the Town finalized the purchase of a 16-acre parcel on Mason Road from the Daniel Talmadge Estate. This forested property, which contains a small stream, wetlands and an elevated bedrock outcrop, is adjacent to two other town-owned open space properties on Mason Road: the Talmadge Conservation Tract (28 acres) and the Knowlton Preserve (138 acres). It also borders the 420-acre UConn Forest block. Adding the parcel expands the protected core forest to more than 602 acres and provides important wildlife habitat and corridors. It also protects the underlying aquifer which recharges the nearby Fenton River and UConn's wellfields. The Fenton River contributes to the public water supply watershed, which provides drinking water to parts of Mansfield and Willimantic. The Fenton is also a regionally important cold-water fishery designated as a Class 3 Wild Trout Management Area. The Conservation Commission, on behalf of the Town, applied for and was awarded an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant of \$81,250 from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to help conserve this property for natural resource protection

and passive public recreation. The commission plans to develop a trail next spring on the property, which will connect with the trails on the adjacent town-owned properties. This trail system also connects with the Blue-blazed Nipmuck Trail, which is supported by the CT Forest and Park Association. We encourage everyone to spend some time on these trails and enjoy the health benefits of the great outdoors! A gravel parking lot at the south end of Mason Road, approximately 0.3 miles north of Rte 44, provides a safe place to park and access the trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, and nature observation (see map).



EC-CHAP (Performance update)

EC-CHAP & Performance Update

The Packing House – An Intimate Listening Room

By EC-CHAP



Performing Arts



PACKING HOUSE
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HISTORIC VENUE FOR PERFORMANCE & EVENTS

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The Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance, Inc. (EC-CHAP) represents an important cultural resource serving communities and visitors to Eastern Connecticut and beyond. EC-CHAP operates The Packing House performance venue, the Gardiner Hall Jr. History Museum, the Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery, and an Artist in Residence (AIR) Program.

The Center's purpose is to bring a heightened awareness to the significance of local history and preservation; provide an appreciation for the visual arts through education, creation, and display; and offer performance events and opportunities for creative expression in music, film, dance, literature, and theater.

Please visit the EC-CHAP Calendar at www.ec-chap.org or www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming at The Packing House for additional details, tickets, and a full schedule of events. If you have not subscribed to our newsletter, please do so at: www.thepackinghouse.us.

SAVE THE DATES:

EC-CHAP Performance Series



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022:
EC-CHAP Jazz Series: "*Greg Abate Quartet*" (BeeBop). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022: EC-CHAP Special Program: "The Blues Project" (Rock). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: "*A Special Evening with Tom Paxton and the DonJuans*" (Folk). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022: EC-CHAP Special Program: "*An Evening with Spiritual Medium Maura Geist*". Doors: 7:00pm / Program: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: “Ash & Eric” (Folk/Indie). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: “Solo Artist Tracy Walton” (Folk/Indie). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm

EC-CHAP Film Series

EC-CHAP offers a monthly film screening of documentaries, shorts, animations, feature films, and original works by regional film makers.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022: EC-CHAP Monthly Film Series (2nd Thursday): “Visual Acoustics: The Modernism of Julius Schulman” (Unrated) 2008. Documentary. Doors: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022: EC-CHAP Monthly Film Series (2nd Thursday): “Secret Film?”. Doors: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022: EC-CHAP Monthly Film Series (2nd Thursday): “It’s A Wonderful Life”. (PG). 1946. Doors: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:00pm

Please visit the Calendar at www.ec-chap.org or www.thepackinghouse.us for program information, content, and trailers.

EC-CHAP Talent Showcase

EC-CHAP has been offering our monthly **Talent Showcase** since 2016. Our Talent Showcase was designed as a platform for local and regional artists to share their talents before a live audience. This is a free event, and as always, acoustic musicians, film makers, poets, comedians, jugglers, puppeteers, and creative artists of all ages are invited to perform.

We continue to offer our Talent Showcase at The Packing House at **7:00pm on every 2nd Wednesday of the month** (Doors open at 6:30pm). For information about how you can participate in the Talent Showcase, please visit www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming or call 518-791-9474 to get placed on the schedule. Walk-ins are welcome time permitting.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022: EC-CHAP Monthly Talent Showcase (2nd Wednesday). Doors: 6:30pm / Performance: 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022: EC-CHAP Monthly Talent Showcase (2nd Wednesday). Doors: 6:30pm / Performance: 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022: EC-CHAP Monthly Talent Showcase (2nd Wednesday). Doors: 6:30pm / Performance: 7:00pm

IN CLOSING...

Soft drinks and snacks available. Unless otherwise noted, we are pleased to offer our exclusive "BYOB&F"™ model - Bring Your Own Beverage & Food (Wine & Beer Only - I.D. Required). You can also bring your paid ticket to Willington Pizza House (or WP Too) for eat-in or take-out the night

of the show and receive 15% off your meal purchase. Ask for "The Packing House" pizza! Click [HERE](#) for secret recipe.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.thepackinghouse/upcoming>.

Should you be interested in learning more about EC-CHAP, and how you can support your Willington based cultural organization through our volunteer, membership, and sponsorship programs, please visit www.ec-chap.org; email us at: info@ec-chap.org; or call: 518-791-9474.

EC-CHAP (History)



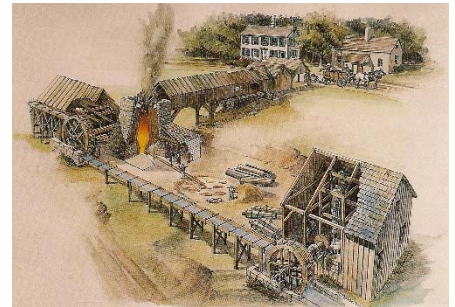
Connecticut Industry During the Revolutionary War

By: Ryan Elgin

The American Revolution (1775-1783) is a topic we are all familiar with. For us growing up in New England, history teachers never seemed to shy away from spending a few extra days on this topic while glossing over some later topic in order to still meet the curriculum. To oversimplify and ignore the contributions of other European powers assisting the US colonies for the time being, the Revolutionary War pitted the industrializing power of the British Empire against the agrarian society of the newly formed United States.

The industrial revolution was well underway in Great Britain by the time of the Revolutionary War. The United States' own industrial revolution would not start until the 1790s, decades after it began in England in 1740. The completion of the Slater Textile Mill in Rhode Island and the Beverly Cotton Manufactory in Massachusetts generally mark this period in American history (1). Industrial activity in Connecticut was dominated by commercial farming up until the mid-18th century. Arguably the most important fixture in every community was the grist mill, used to grind grains into flour or meal.

These were not what we think of as industrial mills, but smaller mills run by a handful of individuals at most or just one miller. So imperative were grist mills to the success of the town that they were built preceding town halls or incorporation (2). Interestingly, Connecticut's farming practices were quite wasteful and resulted in land shortages throughout the colony. This wasteful use of land was one contributing factor towards Connecticut's agricultural specialization. For instance, Windham and Litchfield Counties focused on dairy and meat production due their hilly topography and poor soil compared to the valley regions.



Connecticut had a large merchant class at the outbreak of the war but was limited in external trading partners for its farmed goods. Roughly half of the colony's trade was with other colonies, with the other half going to the West Indies (2). With embargoes on external trade at the start of the American Revolution, Connecticut sought to supply the Continental Army and soon became the largest contributor of food to George Washington's Army compared to any other state (3).



Shipbuilding was Connecticut's other major and well-established industry during the Revolutionary period. In the years leading up to America's revolution, towns with access to Long Island Sound were producing an average of fifty ships per year. The effects of the war also opened up production and acquisition of new ships

to be outfitted for privateering. Essentially, these would be pirates that get a commission from their state government. This form of raiding on British commercial and military shipping provided more supplies for America's own fledgling army and navy. The towns of Essex, Groton, Glastonbury, Norwich, and New London were just a few of the many towns contributing to this commercial, and now wartime, industry. Connecticut had begun building its state navy, which soon counted fourteen vessels (3). Alas, it would lose all of them by 1779 to either destruction or capture. One of the most impressive ships built during the war was the USS Confederacy, a 36-gun frigate built in Norwich and brought to New London for fitting before entering the war in 1779 (4). It would join the Trumbull, built in Chatham, now East Hampton, as Continental Navy Frigates until their capture in 1781.

Embargoes on English imports in the 1760s pushed Connecticut to increase its own manufacturing industries, and the outbreak of war hastened this advancement with its high demand for material. The Salisbury Iron Furnace, supported by the ore-rich region of Northwest Connecticut, more than doubled its production during the years of the war and provided almost all of the cannon and shot used by the large ships built in Connecticut. The contribution of this Salisbury Iron Industry was crucial for the war effort, producing over three-fourths of all of the cannon made in America at the time (5). Glastonbury helped supply gunpowder with the Stocking Gunpowder Mill even through tragedy. It immediately began production with the Revolution but suffered a catastrophic explosion, killing most members of the Stocking family and two additional workers. In a show of true courage and patriotism, the matriarch of the family, Eunice Stocking, along with her son and financial help from Howell Woodbridge, rebuilt the mill and continued to supply the army with gunpowder through the end of the war (7). The towns of Norwich and East Hartford emerged as Connecticut's leading factory towns in the beginning of the war. Indeed, by 1774 Norwich already hosted a chocolate factory, papermill, a felt-manufacturing plant, multiple fulling mills, a nail factory, a bookbindery, and a clock factory. Once the war was underway, more entrepreneurs opened their own manufacturing businesses in the same area. East Hartford had the Pitkin family, owners of several cloth mills, who used the State's assistance to manufacture gunpowder, paper, and iron for the war effort (2).

All of these industries played a part in Connecticut earning the nickname, "The Provision State" as the leading steady supplier of food, clothing, and ammunition to the Continental Army (3). Even in the beginnings of the country, Connecticut held a major role in the Union for its industry and ingenuity. Over time, Connecticut's moniker of being a supply state would continue to ring true. Connecticut would again prove instrumental to the survival of the Union during our next stop on this historical timeline: The Civil War.

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The Gardiner Hall Jr Museum is open to the public Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm. For more information, please call 518-791-9474.



Ryan Elgin serves as EC-CHAP Assistant Director, Curator of the Gardiner Hall Jr History Museum, and Volunteer Coordinator. He may be contacted directly at ryan@ec-chap.org.

EC-CHAP (Visual Arts)



Exhibitions and Artist Residency

By: EC-CHAP

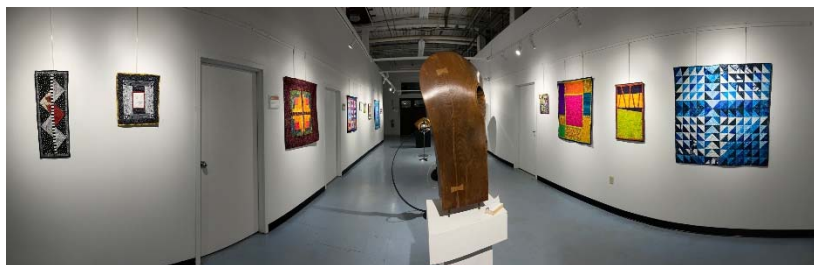


Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery

EC-CHAP is pleased to announce upcoming exhibitions at the Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery!

October 15 – November 12, 2022: "Solo Works by Ken Heyne". Opening Reception Saturday, October 15, 2022, 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

December 3 – December 13, 2022: “Group Show: Art Students of UCONN”. Opening Reception Saturday, December 3, 2022, 5:00pm – 8:00pm.



The Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery is open Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm and by appointment. The Gallery is located at 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. For information, please call 518-791-9474, or visit www.ec-chap.org.

EC-CHAP Artist-In-Residence

Since 2017, EC-CHAP has offered annual Artist Residencies for artists of various genres. This one-year Artist-In-Residence offers studio workspace, promotion, and solo showings or performance opportunities.

EC-CHAP is seeking serious artists to apply for a one-year residency beginning **February 1, 2023**. Interested artists should apply online at: www.ec-chap.org/artist-in-residence. For additional information or answers to questions, please call 518-791-9474.

Department of Human Services

Department of Human Services

20 Senior Way, Willington, Connecticut 06279

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FOOD PANTRY- The Willington Food Pantry offers canned and dry goods, seasonal vegetables, and eggs to Willington residents in need. Located at the Town Office Building, our pantry is open Mondays from 4-6pm and Fridays from 10am to noon.



MOBILE FOODSHARE- Bringing produce, breads, and, on occasion, meats to Willington residents. The Foodshare truck comes every other Wednesday from 11-11:30 sharp at the Town Offices. We ask, in an effort to keep our volunteers safe, please remain in your vehicles.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE – Energy Assistance Appointments are now available! Please contact our office for more information or for an appointment.



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS – The Willington Senior Center is full of exciting programs, trips, and events for members of the community age 55 and older! Our newsletter, the “Button Shop Bugle” is now available online so you can see what’s going on at the Center. Visit <https://www.willingtonct.gov/willington-senior-center/pages/bugle-newsletter> for the latest!



FLU VACCINE CLINIC – Preregister for your Flu shot! We will be holding a clinic on October 11th from 9am to 1pm at the Willington Senior Center in collaboration with our friends from CVS. Limited doses so please register in advance by contacting this office! Protect yourself this flu season!

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! We will be accepting applications for our holiday programs beginning October 24th! Our holiday program includes a meal for Thanksgiving and a meal and gifts in December. Likewise, if you are interested in adopting a family for the holidays, please let us know!



WINTER VACATION CAMP – Exciting news! In collaboration with our Parks and Recreation department, we are now offering Winter Vacation Camp for school age children (up to age 12) during Winter Recess. Please contact us or Parks and Recreation for more information!



WE ARE SOCIAL! –Be sure to “Like” Willington Human Services on Facebook! We are also now on Twitter and Instagram! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!



Willington Public Library

7 Ruby Road, Willington, 860-429-3854, willingtonpubliclibrary.org

We had a great turn out with our Friends of WPL Annual Book Sale. **Thank you** to ALL our friends who made it a success.

Volunteers needed: Please think about joining this great group of people, who are a tremendous asset to the library and our community.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of U.S. Navy Veteran and friend, Mr. Ted Urbanski. Mr. Urbanski won our hearts from the very moment he came and offered to do some programs for our library. We had two great programs scheduled for our Summer Reading. His first program was on Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 pm. He shared stories about life aboard a U.S. Naval Ship. He was

OUTSTANDING! He immediately earned the name of “pied piper” with the children and myself. We hung on his every word. He was delightful, informative, and engaging. By the end of the program, everyone was so excited, and anxious for him to come back again, for his second program in August. We were so sad to hear of his unexpected passing. He was a wonderful storyteller and friend. He will be missed.

"Stick Together" Poster Project

Help us create a picture with stickers. We have two poster projects, one for children and one for adults. All you have to do is ask at the circulation desk for some stickers for your age-appropriate poster. All individuals can get 20 stickers daily. There is a color-key to follow before applying your stickers. Place each sticker in a box with a letter that corresponds to the color of the sticker. As the stickers are applied, the pictures will slowly be revealed. If you want to guess what the picture will be, you can submit your guess at the circulation desk, but you only get one chance to guess and submit your answer. So, think before you decide. A prize will be awarded at the end for a person who guessed correctly.

Upcoming Monthly Fundraising Drawings:

October: Fall Apples Basket: Donated by Wright's Orchard, Tolland, CT

November: Something for the Holidays Basket

December: Drinks to Warm the Body Basket

Our Great American Film Noir Movie Series: Showing on the first Friday of every month at 12:30 pm, on our BIG screen. **Registration is required. Next showings...**

October 7th: “The Second Woman” - (1951) 91m. An architect remains devastated by the death of his fiancée in a tragic car accident. A friend helps him look into a series of “accidents” that seem to be wrecking his life and all that he holds dear. Starring Robert Young, Betsy Drake, and Jason Robards, Sr. Directed by James V. Kern.

November and December features TBA

Our **Adult Book Club** meets every first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Upcoming books for discussion are:

- October 6: “Walking to Listen” by Andrew Forsthoefer
- November 3: Pick your own book to share by author Mary Renault
- December 1: “The Length of a String” by Elissa Brent Weissman
- January 5: “The Music Shop” by Rachel Joyce

Something new for our littlest ones...a story and playtime for children 0-2 years of age called **Bright Beginnings**. This group meets every other Friday morning from 9:00 -

10:00 am. Upcoming dates: October 14 & 28, November 4 & 18, December 2, 16, & 30.

Think about joining our **Eastern CT Writer's Group** which meets on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, 12:30 -2:30 pm. This group is for aspiring and advanced writers who are working on a novel, novella, or collection of short stories or poetry. If interested in attending, contact Felix Giordano at felix@jbnovels.com. Next meeting dates are October 8 & 22, November 12 & 26, and December 10 & 24. **Registration is required.**

Pokemon Club meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Trade and Play.

Sound Healing Meditation classes meet at 7:00 pm in the Community room. These classes are for adults.

Scheduled dates:

In October: Tuesday, 7th and Thursday, 20th

In November: Thursday, 10th, and Tuesday, 22nd

In December: Thursday, 8th, Tuesday, 13th

On the third Saturday of every month, we have a wonderful program called "**Paws and Read with Willow**". Willow is a Therapy Dog with "Cold Noses, Warm Hearts". Willow loves company and being read to. She loves visiting the library and would love to meet YOU! Come and tell or share a story with her. It begins at **1:00 pm** and there are **15-minute time slots** open. An adult must accompany the child. **Registration is required.**

Family Movie Time: on the last Saturday of every month at 12:30 pm, on the BIG screen!

Showings:

- October 29: Something special for Halloween...
"Scooby-Doo and the Witches Ghost" 1h, 6m, Not Rated
- November 26: **"The Bad Guys"** - 1h, 40m, rated PG
- December - NO Showing due to holidays and Library closings on Saturday, the 24th and 31st.

Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm **"Yarn & Thread" Group** meet in the Reading Room. Come and sit a spell while you enjoy some time working on your own project.

We are getting ready for the Holidays!

This year, the staff will be making, for our **2022 annual WPL Holiday Ornament**, a special Guinea Pig version of “Ollie”. These ornaments have always been a special fundraiser for the library. Cost for an ornament is \$5.00 (same as in the past).

NEW, first time ever, **“Secret” Books for Gift-Giving Sale**. For both the “Giver” and the “Receiver,” the gift will be a surprise! There will be a wide selection of books for ALL ages! On the front of each “book” package, it will state a specific genre and its appropriate age range. All packages, whether individual or as a collection, will be beautifully gift wrapped and ready for giving. Try something fun and different this year for gift giving. After all, who doesn’t love books and surprises!

Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale! Saturday, December 10th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact the library. Everything will take place upstairs, on our Main Floor. This year, there will be a total of 15 Vendors, so space is limited. Call or come in, forms are available to sign up and register for a spot. Fee is \$25.00 per table.

The library now has mobile **HOT SPOTS** to borrow, for two weeks at a time, with your active library card.

Check out our new **Museum and Attraction Pass bulletin board** for updates of what programs and events are being offered at these many places of interest.

**We have a few more programs in the works and coming soon.
Please be on the LOOK-OUT**

For all Library related things, join our library E-Blast, where we come to you! Join by calling at 860-429-3854, by coming in person to the library and signing up, or on our website link at www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, & burbio.com

Happy Holidays!



Summer Camp Wrap-Up



This year's summer camp is in the books, and wow did it fly by! Our campers had an amazing time this year enjoying all our activities, guests, and programs. With 50 campers each week, this year's program was the largest ever. A program this size would not have been possible without our amazing staff:

Camp Director	Kellie Sullivan	Counselors in training	Atti Kelly
Counselors	Bella Hamely		Taddy Kelly
	Emma Pierce		Eliza Donaghy
	Jenna Bernardini		Jason Albano
	Kyle Bilyak	Lifeguards	Elizabeth Anderson
	Nick Parker		Kayleigh Dale
	Samantha Graveline		Josh Landon
	Tommy Pavliscsak		Bo Brown

We would also like to thank the following people for supporting our camp and community:

Superintendent Phil Stevens for accommodating our program.

Steve Folino and his custodial staff for helping in daily operations.

Chief Alex Moore and Willington Fire Dept #1 for teaching our youngsters about the tools and vehicles that first responders use.

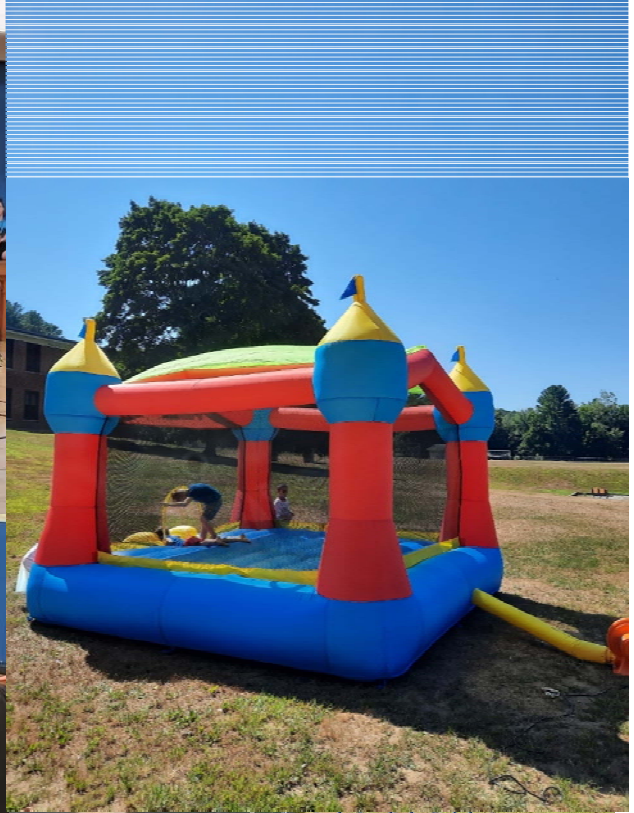
Jeff & Kristie Farrar from Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts for training our campers to become SUPERHEROES!

The Donaghy Family and Mr. Ed's Reptile show for bringing all his awesome animals!

Horizon Wings for showing us their beautiful birds and the amazing eagle.

And finally, Nancy King the popcorn professional for making us popcorn every Friday.







We had a great summer,
and we are looking
forward to next year.
Hope to see you then!

Alan Humphrey
Director of Parks and
Recreation

Jennie Arpin
Director of Human
Services



Don't forget to sign up for....

Lakes League Recreation Basketball



Information and registration forms can be found on the Parks and Rec website and our Facebook page.

We offer instructional level, 3&4th, 5&6th and 7&8th grade levels.

Practices start in November so get those registrations in!

A head coach is needed for each team. The head coach will not be charged a fee for their child to participate this season (Limit 1 child per coach). Coaching or basketball knowledge is preferred but not required.

If interested, please email Ahumphrey@willingtonct.org as soon as possible.



You are invited to a
Halloween Party

Monday October 31st

from 4-6pm at

River Road Athletic Complex

FREE CANDY & REFRESHMENTS!

MUSIC! GAMES! PRIZES!

AND A BOUNCEHOUSE!

Sponsored by WPRD and
Human Services



WPRDs Turkey Scavenger Hunt

WPRD needs your help!!

Turkeys are on the loose at River Road Park and Fenton-Ruby Park & Wildlife Preserve and I need your help to track them down!



**3 and under with Wheel:
Chair Accessibility**

River Road Athletic Complex

For this challenge, you must find 4 missing turkeys around the track. **Wheel chair and stroller accessible**

4 years old and up:

Taylor Pond Scavenger Hunt

For this challenge, you must find 9 missing turkeys on the Taylor Pond Trail.

****This trail is rated easy and is .9 miles long****

The Scavenger Hunt will run from Monday, November 7th through Monday, November 21st. If you find all the turkeys in a location, your family will be entered in a raffle for a chance at a prize!!

One entry per household for each area.

One winner from River Road and one winner from Taylor Pond will be chosen.

Rules

Grab your phone and take a selfie with each turkey. If you find them all, send all the pictures in an email to me at the Parks and Recreation Dept. (see below) Please include your name and number with the subject name of "TURKEY".

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Download the map of Fenton-Ruby and carry with you.
- Wear appropriate foot wear.
- Bring plenty of water and snacks.
- Bring a first aid kit.
- Use tick repellent.
- Dogs must be leashed and under control.
- Leave no trace.
- Please stay on the marked trails.
- Do not disturb wildlife or vegetation.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.

**Please contact WPRD for more information:
860-487-3108 or Ahumphrey@willingtonct.gov**



FUN

WINTER Vacation Camp

GAMES

Registration opens November 1st!

Camp dates: December 27-30th

9am-2:45pm, \$200 per child/ week

Aftercare available for \$50 extra

(until 3:45pm)

Location: Willington Public Library

CRAFTS

**For more information or to
register, please contact
Willington Parks and Recreation
or Human Services at**

ahumphrey@willingtonct.gov

jarpin@willingtonct.gov

860-429-8321



Election Department information for the Willington Wire

October, November, December 2022

The State Election will be held on November 8, 2022. In-person voting will take place at the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, from 6 am to 8 pm.

Voters are reminded to bring identification.

Election Day Registration will take place at the Elections Department, 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. To check your voter registration, go to the Secretary of State's site at

<https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>.

Registering to vote is an easy process and there are several methods for obtaining a voter application form:

- **Apply** online at **voterregistration.ct.gov**.
Online applications must be completed by 11:59 pm November 1.
- **Call** the Elections Department (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 (860-487-3120) on the main level of the Town Office Building, on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm.
In-person applications must be completed by November 1.
- **Register** at the Town Clerk's office (860-487-3121) 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.

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

Absentee ballot applications are available through the Town Clerk's office (860-487-3121) or go to the Secretary of the State's website at **portal.ct.gov/sots**. Absentee ballots become available on October 7.

For other election questions, please contact the Elections Department (860 487.3120), Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm or leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman and Christine Psathas

Registrars of Voters/Election Department

Tax Collector

Happy Holidays from the Tax Office!



Wishing you a
Healthy &
Prosperous
Season!

Janice Clauson,
Tax Collector
&
Michele Cyr,
Asst. Tax Collector

Town Clerk

Greetings, Willington Residents!

Mark your calendars! – this year's State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. In-person voting will be held at the Willington Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road between 6am -8pm.

Absentee Ballots are available through the Town Clerk's office for those Electors meeting one of the following requirements:

- Active service in the Armed Forces of the United States
- Absence from Town during all voting hours
- Sickness
- Religious Tenets
- Serving as a voting official at a different polling station
- Physical Disability

The Absentee Ballot Kiosk (which is located outside the front door of the TOB) is open and ready to accept applications and ballots.

Other Important information

Passport Forms: Are available online at: pptctcsm@state.gov. The Storrs Post Office processes passports. Their 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.

Probate Court for Willington: Barbara Gardner Riordan, Probate Judge; 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084. Phone: 860-871-3640 Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

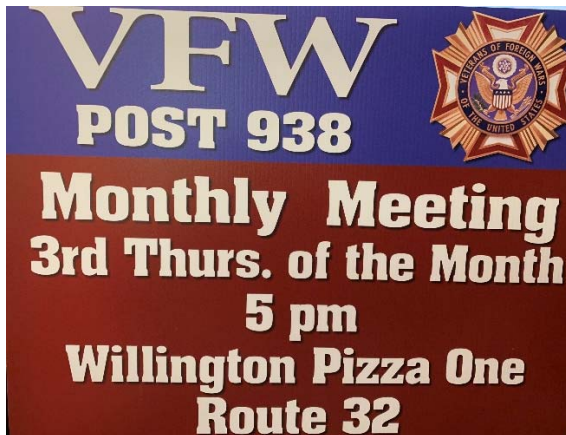
We wish our residents a very happy and healthy holiday season!

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

Robin H. Campbell
Town Clerk

Rachel L. Pierce
Assistant Town Clerk

VFW



edward.dagata@gmail.com

860-377-8051

Corporal Henry Toberman Post #938

Edward D'Agata, Post Commander

Meetings 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM at Willington Pizza
One Route 32 Willington, CT.

Website: VFW938.org

Willington Residents Who Answered the Call!

9/15/22

Starting with the French and Indian War in 1754, Willington residents have been 'answering the call' to serve our country. Willington residents have served during times of conflict and during times of peace. They answered the call and 'wrote a blank check' made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount up to and including his or her life.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED!

49 residents joined the militia to fight during the French and Indian War. Four of them gave their lives during the war. The population of Willington was about 650 people at that time. The Revolutionary War - 1775 – 1783 saw 45 residents, including an 11-year-old boy, go off to fight. Three gave their lives during the war. Willington had about 1001 residents at the time. The War of 1812 and Mexican War saw additional Willington residents go to fight. Ten went to fight in the War of 1812. There are 4 graves in Willington cemeteries from that conflict. The Mexican War - 1843 -1846 saw one resident serve. The Civil War - 1861 -1865 saw over 120 serve out of a population of 1166. 17 Willington soldiers died in the Civil War. There are 39 Civil War graves/markers in Willington cemeteries.

The Spanish-American War - 1893 - 1898 saw two residents answer the call. Both are buried in the Old Town cemetery in Willington.

The First World War – 1914 – 1918 saw fifty-three residents serve out of a population of 1112. Two gave their lives during the war. One is buried in Center cemetery in Willington.



World War II – 1941 -1945 saw over 215 residents sign up and serve. 13 gave their lives during the war. Willington population in 1940 was 1233. Willington has the highest percentage of volunteers in Tolland County. It also has the 2nd highest casualty rate in Tolland County.

The Korean conflict – 1950 – 1953 saw 55 serve. This from a population of 1461. Several veterans served in both WW II and Korea.

Vietnam – 1955 – 1975 saw 81 serve. The population of Willington in 1970 was 2005.

The Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan War saw a number of residents serve in the all-volunteer services. Many served multiple tours during the conflicts.

There are many veterans living in Willington who have served our country. At this time, we are hoping to honor those who were Willington residents who gave their lives in the service of our country.

The Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation goal is to honor all Willington veterans. A master list is being compiled of all veterans who enrolled from Willington as well as all Willington residents who have served.

A total of 39 residents paid the ultimate sacrifice – Giving their lives in service to their country.

Help us honor these brave individuals who died while serving our country by providing a ‘Memorial’ paver for them at the Willington Veterans Memorial located at 20 Senior Way – near the Senior Center. A paver costs \$50. We have a list of those 39 heroes. The list is available from the Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation, which can be reached by email: willvetmemfound@gmail.com

Phil Monty, Secretary

Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation

We Honor Their Memories Forever

We Pass the Memories On Through Membership

We Take Care Of Each Other

We Honor Our Country and Our Flag

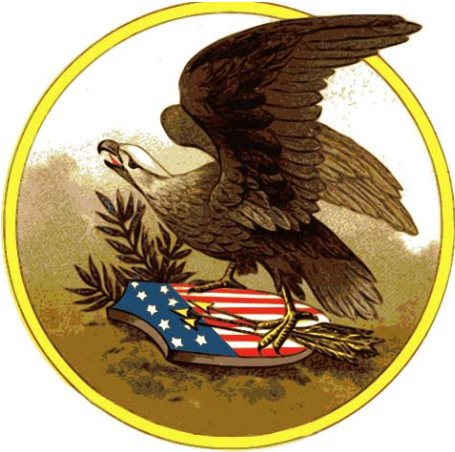
We Mourn Our Comrades

We Grieve Their Passing

And

“WE NEVER LEAVE A BROTHER BEHIND”

JOIN THE VFW TODAY



Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation

The Foundation is new to Willington. The purpose and goal of the foundation is to help maintain and support the patriotic display of flags; to maintain the Veteran's Memorial (located in front of the Senior Center) and Memorial Honor Roll (located in front of the Old Town

Hall); to coordinate with the Town and VFW to get flags and grave markers on the graves of Veterans buried in Willington; to maintain a list of Veterans Memorial pavers; and to help coordinate the ceremonies for Veterans Day and other patriotic days.

Membership is open to all, with dues of \$5 for lifetime membership. There are three classes of Membership: Charter Members, Veteran Members and General Public Members.

**Please fill out a membership form and drop it off at the Willington Senior Center:
Attention: Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation**

Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars



Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars

Consider Giving on Giving Tuesday-November 29th.

Ask your friends and family to join you in giving to WSFDFS on Tuesday!

Participate in Annual Giving with Payroll Deduction

Many employers in the area partner with charitable organizations like the United Way to enable employees to make charitable contributions through payroll deductions. Setting up contributions via payroll deduction makes it easy to achieve your giving goals by automating the process. Regular small contributions add up over time.

Did you know, in most cases, you can direct payroll deducted contributions to the charity of your choice? For example, the United Way maintains a list of many charitable organizations for you to choose from. They also allow you to add organizations to their list. This is a great option if you prefer to see your contributions used locally.

The [Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars](#) is set up with the United Way already. Thanks to the generosity of several Willington residents, we receive regular contributions from the United Way for their payroll deducted contributions.

If your employer encourages you to participate in an annual giving campaign through payroll deductions, consider directing your contribution to the [Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars](#).

If you don't see [Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars](#) on the list as an approved charity in your employers giving program, ask if we can be added!

Join Us! We meet every 3rd Monday of the month at the Town Office Building. For more information on how to join visit our website or email us at Willington@DollarsforScholars.org

Want to Donate NOW? Text: WILLINGTONFORSCHOLARS to 44321



WSFDFS President and Vice President, Chopeta Lyons and Laura Rodriguez with Darienne Halle, 2022 Renewable Scholarship recipient

Check us out on our website at www.Willington.DollarsforScholars.org

