

A photograph of a pumpkin patch with several large orange pumpkins and green leaves. The pumpkins are scattered throughout the field, with one particularly large one in the foreground on the right.

# *The* **Willington** **WORD**

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*Fall 2011*

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# General Information



## TOWN OF WILLINGTON OFFICE BUILDING

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### BUSINESS HOURS

Mon. 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Tues.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### ADDRESS

40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, CT 06279

### WEB SITE

[www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org)

### From the Desk of the First Selectman:

Dear Willington Residents:

Willington is a great place to be in the Fall. There are many opportunities for exercise and getting outside, including walks in the woods, stacking wood for winter, raking leaves, planting bulbs and taking trips to the orchard. In this brochure, I hope you will find some ideas about what you can do to enjoy autumn right here at home.

The fall is also a time for the kids to go back-to-school, which brings new schedules and new opportunities. For many of us, it is a time to reassess priorities and get organized. This means getting out calendars, to-do lists and budgets and making plans for how to get things done.

These are all things we are doing at a municipal level at the Town Office Building.

This is the time for getting organized for the upcoming budget season and there are many things we are doing to prepare for it, including starting early on our Capital Improvement Plan and researching best practices for everything from customer service to snow removal. Speaking of snow removal, we are also preparing for the winter ahead by looking at snow plow routes and coming up with contingency and communication plans. We all hope we will not have another winter like last year, but if we do, we will be prepared.

Here's to a healthy and productive fall for all of our residents. I hope you are able to take advantage of all that Willington has to offer while crossing some things off your own to-do lists!

Sincerely,

**Christina Beebe Mailhos**  
First Selectman

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## General Information

### FROM THE DESK OF THE WILLINGTON TOWN CLERK

#### Friendly Reminder

**Election Day is November 8th**

**Polls will be opened from 6:00am to 8:00pm**

There will be a Municipal Election of Offices which will consist of First Selectman, Selectman, Treasurer, Board of Finance, Board of Finance Alt., Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning & Zoning Commission, Library Directors, Regional Board of Education.

Absentee Ballots will be available October 7th in the Town Clerk's Office for any registered voter from Willington that will be absent from town the day of the election.

Any questions please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860 487-3121

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# Park & Rec. Programs

*Get up! Get Out! Get Moving!*

Questions: Call Teri Gareau, Parks and Rec Director at 860- 487-3108 or visit [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) for more information.  
ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ONLINE

## BASKETBALL

### Adult Over 30 Program

**Day:** Sunday nights  
**Dates:** September 25th to June 17th  
**Times:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Hall Memorial School gymnasium on Route 32 in Willington  
**Fee:** \$45.00 for Willington Residents  
\$55.00 for Non-residents

Registration is open for Willington Residents from September 1-15.

After September 15th the program is open to adults from area towns and Willington Residents. Registration will be limited to twenty, on a first come first served basis. The Adult Registration form must be completely filled out, accompanied by the appropriate fee and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department Office to register. Registrations will not be accepted at the gym or prior to stated dates.



## BASKETBALL

### Youth for boys and girls 1st-8th Grade

Registration ends October 28th. Evaluations will be October 29th, times to be determined. Practices start the first week of November for grades 3-8. Registrations will go out through the schools and be available online in early October.

Volunteer head and assistant coaches are needed for most divisions and applications are online and must be submitted in order to be considered.

## FENCING

### Beginner and Open Foil

General Info – The Willington Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a basic course in modern foil fencing (not theatrical fencing) this fall/winter. This session will have 12 classes and is available to male and females from age 9 to adult. This course is intended for students with no prior experience in fencing.

Modern fencing is an amateur sport consisting of three weapons; foil, saber and epee. Fencing can be enjoyed by men and women of all ages at many levels; from a recreational pastime to National and International Competition.

**Instructor:** Matt Green

**Day:** Saturdays

**Dates:** Session Begins October 8th

**Times:** Beginner Fencing: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
Open Fencing: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

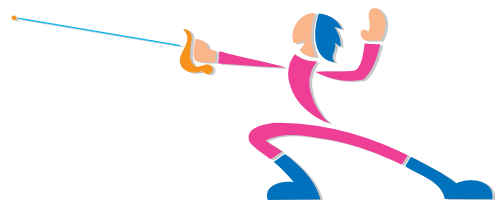
**Location:** the Old Town Hall (Jared Sparks Rd, Willington)

**Fee:** \$60.00/ Session (Session is 12 weeks)  
Minimum of 5 needed to run-PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**Equipment:** The Parks & Recreation Department will have equipment available for use during class time. If you intend to purchase your own equipment please email [piratedojo@gmail.com](mailto:piratedojo@gmail.com) first to discuss requirements. NOTE: Old equipment may not be suitable for class use, please have any old equipment inspected before the class begins. Students may wear sweat pants or knickers with full length socks (no shorts). A flat soled sneaker (indoor soccer shoes are good) or fencing shoe is best for footwear.

**Registration:** Space is limited; we will accept a maximum of 12 students.

**Safety:** Fencing equipment and safety rules will be strictly enforced. The Recreation Department will retain the right to remove students from the program if safety rules cannot be followed.



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**Instructor:** Sensei Dan Arnini

**Day:** Wednesday Nights

**Dates:** Session 1: Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 (6 weeks)  
Session 2: Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (6 weeks)

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hidden Dragon II, Phelp Crossing Plaza

**Fee:** \$40.00; payable to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department-WPRD

Once students have obtained the rank of Yellow Belt, students have the option to join the school full or part time, or leave the program.

**All new students are required to purchase Hidden Dragon Tee Shirts for \$15.00.** Make checks payable to Hidden Dragon II.

### KICKBOXING

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**Day:** Monday Nights

**Dates:** Session 1: Sept. 12-Oct. 24-no class on Oct. 10  
Session 2: October 24-December 5

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Location:** Center School, 12 Old Farms Road, Willington

**Fee:** \$35.00 (per 6 class session)  
Drop ins are welcome \$7.00 per class

**Equipment:** All students must bring their own mat and big towel-Parks and Rec has 3 mats for use.

**Benefits:** Weight Control, Toning, Defense, and Stress Relief

**Registration:** Preregistration is required at the Park and

Recreation Dept. Participation based on space availability. Must have 8 people to run program.

**Instructor:** Natasha Wilczewski

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**Instructor:** Missy Almquist

**Day:** Wednesday nights

**Dates:** Sept. 14, 21, 28 & Oct. 5, 12 and 19 (6 weeks)  
Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (6 weeks)

**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Location:** Hidden Dragon, 11 Phelps Way (Phelps Plaza), Willington - 860-487-9439

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# Park & Rec. Programs

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## VOLLEYBALL

Come play Adult Co-ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School gymnasium. The 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.

**Day:** Monday & Thursday nights

**Dates:** The program runs year round  
The next session begins August 29, 2011

**Times:** 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Times subject to change during Basketball Season.

**Location:** Hall Memorial School gymnasium on Route 32 in Willington

### Registration Fees:

Resident-\$15.00 - 1 night; \$25.00 - 2 nights  
Non-Resident-\$20.00 - 1 night; \$30.00 - 2 nights

### Drop In Fees:

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**Day:** Tuesday Nights

**Dates:** Session 1: Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 18. No class the 11th  
Session 2: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Times:** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

**Location:** Center School All Purpose Room-12 Old Farms Road

**Fees:** Punch card for 6 classes: \$45.00  
Drop ins \$10.00

**Instructor:** Sheri Henderson

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### Forms & Info

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

**Questions:** Call Teri Gareau, Parks and Recreation Director at (860)487-3108 or email me at [tgareau@willingtonct.org](mailto:tgareau@willingtonct.org)

### Inclement weather Policy:

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

### Payment:

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

The Parks and Recreation Commission meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the Town Office-Selectman Conference Table.

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# Youth, Family & Social Services

**Willington Youth, Family & Social Services**  
40 Old Farms Rd. Willington, CT 06279  
Tel: 860-487-3118 • Fax: 860-487-3125

## Office Hours:

**Monday 12:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
*(Please call for an appointment to ensure prompt service)*

[wyfss@willingtonct.org](mailto:wyfss@willingtonct.org)  
[www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org)

Greetings from Willington Youth, Family & Social Services! It is hard to believe that fall is upon us once again. With the start of every new season come new activities, opportunities, as well as obligations. We, here at WYFSS, strive to keep you informed and up-to-date about local events and programs that can both enrich and assist you in your daily life. To this end, we present to you a brief description of Willington's Youth, fall programming, as well as other state assistance programs that help families "make ends meet."

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## Town of Willington Youth & Family Programming

### Early Childhood Programming

**Toddler Time** - Our Toddler Time classes are professionally-instructed and designed especially for children ages 18 months to 4 years of age. This twice weekly classes are both local and affordable! Pay as you go: \$5.00 per class or one 10 class session for \$40.00! Sign-ups for both the Music & Movement Class, as well as the Pre-School Activity Class has already begun, however, enrollment remains open throughout the entire school year. Come play and learn at the Willington Public Library (downstairs) on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Classes begin September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call WYFSS at 860-487-3118 (or visit our homepage at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) > Town Departments > Willington Youth, Family & Social Services) for more information and registration forms.

**Caterpillar Club** - This is a free program for children 18 months to 4 years of age and their caregivers / loved-ones. Both children and adults have the opportunity to socialize, play, and learn new things in our safe, local play group. Caterpillar Club has already begun enrollment, but enrollment remains open throughout the entire school year. Grab your Mom, Dad, Grandma or other loved one and meet us at the Willington Public Library (downstairs) on Thursday mornings; begins September 29<sup>th</sup>!



### Youth Programming

**New Horizons Girls Group** - takes place at both Center Elementary School (for grades k-3) and at Hall Memorial School (for grades 4-8). Girls learn about themselves, each other, and the community in which they live. The goal of this group is that each girl acquires a greater level of self-reliance, self-confidence, and a readiness (and enthusiasm) to become a leader in her community. All supplies are included and hands-on learning and fun are guaranteed! Each New Horizons Girls Group meets approximately twice monthly. Look for schedules and sign-ups in your special girl's backpack today!



### Human Services Where You Live

Did you know that Willington Youth, Family & Social Services department can help you fill out applications for many local, state, and federal benefits programs? Energy Assistance, SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), Renters Rebate, WIC, Care 4 Kids, HUSKY, Charter Oak Health Plans,

# Youth, Family & Social Services

Medicaid, Cash Assistance, and ConnPACE are just a few of the programs that help families endure during difficult financial times...And WYFSS is here to help. WYFSS is here to serve you with individualized case management, information, and referrals. If you or your family are struggling to meet your basic needs, or need information on where to go to access therapeutic services, soup kitchens, mentor programs, etc; call WYFSS to discuss what can be done to improve your financial or emotional situation. Call Tara at WYFSS Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 860-487-3118 with questions, concerns or suggestions.

## Timely Programs

### Renters Rebate for the Elderly and Totally Disabled

Low to moderate income renters who are elderly or disabled can apply for Renters Rebate until September 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a time extension available for individuals who were hospitalized during the standard filing period. If you would like more information on this program, simply call us at 860-487-3118.

### Energy Assistance (CEAP & CHAP)

- WYFSS is currently taking energy assistance applications through March of 2012. Whether you heat with oil, gas, wood or electric, you may qualify to get help paying for your heat. If you would like information on how to qualify for energy assistance, please visit the Department of Social Services website at <http://www.ct.gov> or call WYFSS for income guideline information.



**Food Share** - Did you know that Willington has its very own Food Share mobile site? Unlike the Willington Food Pantry, which contains only shelf-stable food goods, Willington's Mobile FoodShare Site distributes fresh produce to help your family extend its' food budget. Join us at the Willington Senior Center (located at 60 Old Farms Rd.) every other Thursday of each month promptly at 9:00 a.m. There is no income verification required; only a very brief registration form which can be filled out on-site. The schedule for the Willington Food Share mobile site for the remainder of 2011 is as follows: September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, and November 3 & 17, and December 1, 15 & 29. See you there!



## Town of Willington

### Annual Halloween Party 2011

Willington Youth, Family & Social Services will once again

partner with the Willington Public Library to bring you a Halloween extravaganza! Admission is free to Willington residents and includes games, crafts, and a magic show! Come one; come all on Saturday October 29, 2011 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.



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Tuesday ..... 11 am to 8 pm  
Wednesday ..... 11 am to 5 pm  
Thursday ..... 11 am to 8 pm  
Friday ..... 11 am to 5 pm  
Saturday ..... 9 am to 3 pm  
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[www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org)

**Our Summer Reading Program: "One World, Many Stories"** was a great success. We had over 150 children register. There were a lot of fun programs available and they were all well attended.

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month** - a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library and, it's your library card. If you don't have a library card yet, come in and sign up for one.

**Annual Library Book Sale** will be on Saturday, September 10th: Early admission will be from 8:00 until 10:00 AM and the cost is \$5. Free admission is from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.



Meet **Young Adult Author; Caragh O'Brien** who will be revisiting us, on **Thursday evening, September 15th at 6:30 PM**. She was very much enjoyed by our newly formed Young Adult Book discussion group recently. She is currently writing a trilogy. Her first book in this series is called, *Birthmarked*, which is already out and very popular here at the library. It begins with the story of

Gaia, a teen midwife, who is compelled to "advance" babies into a privileged society within a walled city. Gaia's society is divided by the wall into haves and have-nots. Justice is uncompromising, and Gaia spends much of the book trying to save her parents from the Enclave. "It's a pretty dark, twisted, fun book" says the author. Ms. O'Brien's second book, in this series, is being released in November, of this year. It will be entitled, **Prized**. These books can be enjoyed, by both genders of young adults or adults.

**National Screen-Free Week** (formerly Turnoff TV Week) is September 18 - 24 is an annual celebration where children, families, schools and communities turn off screens and turn on life. Instead of relying on screens for entertainment, participants read, daydream, explore, enjoy nature, and spend time with family and friends. Parents are encouraged to shut off all technology for a full 7 days, and do a media fast with their kids. Are YOU up for a worthwhile challenge?

## Musical Pathways

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served the last week of September. Each year, librarians, book-sellers, teachers and countless others, take this opportunity to highlight the importance of intellectual freedom and remind us not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Come view and take out books that have been banned somewhere in America over the past 100 plus years. Celebrate the freedom to read!

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Back by popular demand, our **Free Financial Seminars Series**, will be presented again for those who inquired about them, but were unable to take part, in the first opportunity. These seminars are being offered for general help dealing with the pressures of various financial issues. Registration will be required for all upcoming seminars in this series. You may come in to sign up or give us a call.

**Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 PM: Education Planning & the Financial Aid Process**, will be given by Dr. Gayle Russel who is a Financial Advisor and a former Finance Professor. Joining her will be, Nitsa Benson, who is an Enrolled Agent, and a Tax Practitioner, with 30 years experience. This is a topic, for all ages, and for all situations, not only for young parents, but grandparents, as well as individuals who are not parents themselves, yet have infants or children, in their lives. This is NOT ONLY, for parents and their children currently applying to college. There are so many ways, to help with saving and/or giving, and it is never too early, to start in, with this process. This is a very informative seminar and you are sure to learn a lot. You won't want to miss out, this time around!



**Important date:**

**Thursday evening, 6:30 PM, October 6th**

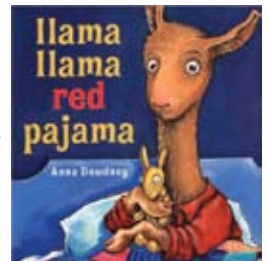
Please plan on joining us, when we welcome, Connecticut author and breast cancer activist, Maureen Hogan Lutz. Ms. Lutz will talk about her battle with cancer, and how it led to the creation of a unique support program called, the Necessities Bag, which was created for mastectomy patients. This offers women

practical guidance and essential supplies needed, for their journey. This outreach has grown now, nationwide. Her experience with cancer, also gave her the idea to write, "Diamonds in the Snow: Rescuing the Senses in the Aftermath of Breast Cancer". Come and hear how her experiences have benefited thousands of women, in Connecticut and beyond.

Maureen has appeared on ABC's The View, where she was honored and received the "Warrior of the Week" award. The Ford Motor Company named her as their Warrior in Pink, which is just one initiative, which raises funds, for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

If cancer has ever touched you or someone in your life, this will be a compelling, down-to-earth speaking style that makes her message memorable as well as informative.

**Read for the Record** will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 8th** during our Family Story Time at 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. We will be having it on this day, instead of Thursday, October 8th due to a conflict in events. Come in and be counted! Read Anna Dewdney's "**Llama, Llama, Red Pajama**" to a child and help set a world record for the most people reading the same book. Join us for lots of fun and bring along someone to read to!



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# Willington Public Library/Community Groups

**Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 PM: Second, in our Free Financial Seminars Series: Wills, Trusts and other Estate Planning** documents and why everyone needs to have a plan in place. Registration required.



**Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 PM: Third, in our Free Financial Seminars Series: Planning for Healthcare Costs in Retirement.** Why it is important to consider both your health and wealth. We'll look at coverage options before and after age 65, including Medicare and Long-Term Care and ways that you can start to prepare for healthcare in retirement now. Registration is required.

**October 16 – 22 is National Friends of the Library Week.** Celebrate the nations Friends of the Library groups, by joining the WPL Friends during this special week and anytime of the year. Friends of the Library "Celebration and Membership Drive." Be a Friend! Everyone needs friends- especially the Library! Joining the Friends says to everyone that you care about your library and value its resources. Each new member makes us stronger. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting our mission. We can never have too many friends! It's easy to join, ask how to...today!

**October 16 – 22: Teen Week-** Come in and check out our great selection of Young Adult books. We are always looking for suggestions to add to your collection.

**The Annual Halloween Harvest Festival,** will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 29, 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.** There will be games, crafts, and lots of fun. Come in costume!



## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, November 1st, at 7:00 PM: Fourth, in our Free Financial Seminars Series: Social Security & Medicare.** According to the 2010 Census, nearly 40% of retirement income that the average American receives comes from Social Security. Discussion will be on eligibility, how your benefits are determined, and ways that you can maximize the benefits paid to you. Registration required.

**Tuesday, November 8th, at 7:00 PM: Fifth, in our Free Financial Seminars Series: Strategies for a Rising-Tax Environment.** Discussion of current tax laws and strategies individuals can use, to reduce taxes. While taxes are an automatic deduction, you can still influence how much you pay by being tax savvy. Come learn some strategies to reduce your bills. Registration required.

**November 12 is National Gaming Day:** Join in different games which will be set up throughout the library. Bring the family or a friend.

During the month of November, we will be sponsoring, a **jewelry making class.** Just in time for gift giving. Date to be announced.



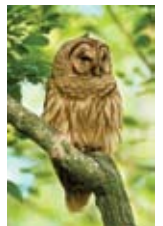
## Conservation Commission October Event

The Willington Conservation Commission will host a dedication ceremony and hike on the **Royal Knowlton Preserve** on **Saturday, October 15th** (Rain date October 16) beginning at **11 am.** The 138 acre parcel was recently purchased from the family heirs of the Royal Knowlton estate with funds from the Town and a matching grant from the State Department of Environmental Protection's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program. As a condition of the State grant, the property will be preserved by the Town in perpetuity, predominantly in its natural, scenic and open condition, for the protection of natural resources, while allowing for passive recreation, including hiking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and wildlife viewing. The Preserve has borders on Marsh Road, Mason Road and Route 44 in Willington with much of it lying along Mason Road adjacent to the Town's 28 acre Daniel W. Talmadge Conservation Tract and UConn's 80 acre "North Property" (formerly held by Connecticut Forest and Park Association) which are also protected with conservation easements. The Royal Knowlton Preserve contains almost a ½ mile section of the Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Trail, mixed forest areas, glacial erratics, vernal pools, stone walls and is home to many wildlife species, including deer, fisher, barred owls, pileated woodpeckers, spotted salamanders and wood frogs.



The dedication ceremony will also include the annual presentation of the **Raymond K. Daley Environmental Action Award** which is given to an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the Town's environment. Following the dedication and award presentation, attendees can enjoy a leisure, 1 mile guided hike through portions of the Preserve to observe some of its natural beauty. The hike will take place partially along old logging trails, so wear sturdy shoes and bring your walking stick. It's a great way to get some exercise on a crisp fall day and socialize with other folks who appreciate the outdoors and our wonderful open spaces.

More details will be available on Willington's community email bulletin board and public notices in various print media closer to the event. If you want to be notified by email directly about Willington Conservation Commission's open space events and Fenton Ruby Park activities, contact Chris Demers at [cdemers@mindspring.com](mailto:cdemers@mindspring.com) to be placed on our "Friends of the Park" list.



If you are interested in taking an active part in helping the Town manage its environmental resources, the Conservation Commission has openings for alternate members. Anyone is welcome to attend Commission meetings in the lower level of the Town Office Building on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Contact Peter Andersen, Chairman at 860-429-1276 or [andersen108@sbc-global.net](mailto:andersen108@sbc-global.net) or Kathy Demers, Vice Chair at 860-429-8384 or [c-demers@mindspring.com](mailto:c-demers@mindspring.com) for more information.

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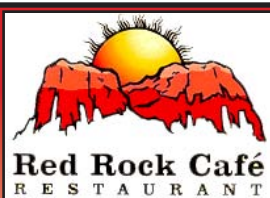
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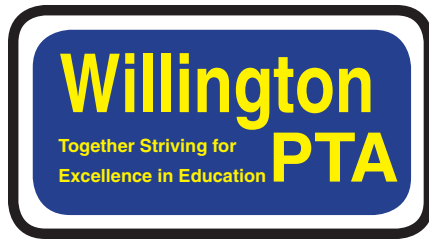
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Direct donations from individuals – \$720.36

Corporate Fundraising – \$322.00

Tag Sale – \$471.25

Profit from Kid's Kreations fundraiser at Center – \$589.66

Penny War at Center School – \$2,222.20

The clothing drive ended August 2, 2011; the funds raised will be published later.

We appreciate the support of everyone who has contributed to this cause through monetary donations, tag sale items, clothing, etc. We are still accepting monetary donations through paypal at [www.willingtonpta.com](http://www.willingtonpta.com) or contact Dee Gilbert 860.429.6777 or Tracey Anderson 860.429.9430.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Annual PTA Membership Drive & Ice Cream Social

**Friday, September 9th, 6:30pm-8:00pm** – Willington Hill Fire Department. All are welcome to be served Ice Cream Sundaes by CES & HMS Faculty! Sundaes are free with a PTA Membership or \$3 for Non-members.



### Upcoming PTA Meetings

6:30 PM at Willington Public Library

September 22, 2011

October 20, 2011

November 17, 2011

We welcome your attendance at our meetings and new committees are forming. Remember only members may vote. You can join at anytime! Membership forms are available online.

**Look for our Fall Fundraisers to Support the PTA**

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