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FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

We are pleased to have this new avenue of coverage for the Town of Willington. Speaking of coverage, have you visited the Town's new website yet? We have redesigned our site and it is easier to use. Please visit us at www.willingtonct.org.

The Town has just completed the budget process and the Board of Finance will hold their Budget Hearing at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The Budget Referendum will be held on May 5, 2009 at the Town Office Building from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Please plan to attend these important meetings and vote on May 5, 2009.

May 25, 2009 is Memorial Day and the Willington Memorial Day Parade will start at the Town Green at 8:30 P.M. Willington Day will be held that same day, starting at 11:00 A.M., on the grounds of Center School and the Willington Hill Fire Department.

If you have something you would like to present to the Board of Selectmen, please attend a Selectmen's meeting on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. or contact me at 487-3100.

Mike Eldredge
First Selectman

WILLINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NEWS

The Willington Scholarship Foundation is pleased to use the new Community Calendar to be able to "speak" again to our town's residents and businesses. As this new publication arrives at your door, we are in the midst of our 2009 Annual Appeal to provide scholarships to this year's Willington high school graduates going on to college. Donations to the WSF are welcome any time of the year, but those received by April 30 will allow us to provide best for this year's class. If you have been meaning to donate but have just not gotten around to it, here is a reminder:

Mail your donation today to:
Willington Scholarship Foundation
P.O. Box 194
Willington, CT 06279

Awards will be presented at the annual high school ceremonies later in the spring. Thanks for your generosity to those who have already donated this year, and we hope more of our community will realize the importance of investing in our students' futures.

For more information, or to find out how to become involved, call Judy Andersen at 429-1276, or Kathie Mindek at 487-1211.

TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

The Town Clerk's office is located in the Town Office Building at 40 Old Farms Road. The Town Clerk can assist you with the following items:

- certificates; marriage, birth, death, trade name
- licenses; sports, dog, marriage, liquor, notary
- legal notices
- voter registration
- military discharges
- election/referendum procedures
- passport applications
- land records
- maps



April 18th
Fishing Season Opens

May 5th
Willington Budget Referendum

Month of June (All Month)
Dog License Renewal

MISSION STATEMENT

In an ongoing effort to provide the citizens of Willington with programs and facilities for everyone's recreational needs, the Willington Parks & Recreation Department will always commit it's resources to expand and adapt to those needs.

The Willington Parks & Recreation Department in association with the Public Works Department, and outside contractors will maintain the playing fields at Hall School and Center School, the River Road Athletic Complex, and the Town Hall Offices.

By offering a diverse group of recreational programs with the equipment and facilities to safely and properly implement these programs, we hope to get our community to "come out and play". Good health, social interaction, and promoting learning of new physical and mental skills are available to everyone who wants to participate.

The Willington Parks & Recreation Commission meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Town Office Building at 7:00 pm. Your input is welcome.

SPORTS

Karate

Traditional Shaolin Kempo Karate for all ages presented by Hidden Dragon II Karate. Hidden Dragon was recently awarded the 2008 National Martial Arts School of the Year. Trained instructors under the direct supervision of Sensei Dan Arnini, will teach the program.

Fee: \$40 per student for 6 weeks
Dates: Check Recreation Website
Location: Hidden Dragon Karate II Dojo
15 River Road, Willington

The Parks & Recreation Commission is excited to announce the introduction of a **New Free Kayak Loaner Program** starting in May. Funding was granted through an Eastern Highland Health District Grant, "Healthy Eating Active Learning."

Check out the website for more information or call 487-3108.



Traditional Archery

If you have never experienced the timeless sport of Traditional Archery now is the time to give it a try! This is a fun sport for any fitness level for archers ages 9 to 99. All equipment is provided and no experience is required. We will begin with an overview of proper safety and technique then proceed to mastering the skills necessary to consistently hit the mark! Using recurve bows we will explore both target and 3-D archery styles. Maximum class size is 10 participants.

Location: Town Office Building Fields
40 Old Farms Road,
Willington.
Dates: Sundays, April 19th, 26th
May 3rd, 17th, 30th
June 7th
(6 classes)
Class Times: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Fee: \$75



Willington Recreation presents

A New Garden Program

Julia Cartabiano, a native of Willington, holds a B.S. degree in Environmental Horticulture from UCONN, operates a landscape design and installation business, was past President of RI-Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA), and is a current member of CT-NOFA. She has many years experience in all phases of sustainable and organic gardening and landscaping and loves to share her expertise with others. Program will be cancelled one week prior if the minimum of 5 participants is not met. This program will be held 5 times throughout the growing season compassing the following topics:

Vegetable Gardening.....March 3rd
Herb Gardening.....April 7th
Flower Gardening.....May 5th
Composting/Lawn Care.....June 2nd
Fall Planting.....September 1st

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Willington Public Library
Fee: \$10.00 per person or
\$45 for all the classes

GOLF LESSONS & DANCE CLASSES COMING SOON!



Check out our website at
www.willingtonct.org
for new starting dates

BEGINNER FOIL AND OPEN FENCING

Beginner Fencing

The Willington Recreation Dept. will be offering a basic course in modern foil fencing (not theatrical fencing) this winter. This session will have six 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.

Open Fencing

The Willington Recreation Dept. will be offering open fencing this winter. This session will run for 16 weeks. This class is intended for students with prior experience in fencing.

SUMMER CAMP 2009

Coming Soon, Mark Your Calendars!

Willington Summer Camp strives to provide a safe and enjoyable program for children in the community. Our theme-based sessions offer activities that involve creativity, learning, team building, and are just plain fun! We encourage positive reinforcement to develop children into confident young adults. New this year; we are offering a preschool camp from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday-Thursdays. Our CIT (Counselor in Training) Program returns this year. For more information log onto the Recreation website or call 487-3108.

Dates to Remember:

June 1st Registration Fees due to confirm your spot
June 4th Camper/Parent Informational Night at the Willington Public Library
June 29th Camp Starts Session 1

SPORT CAMPS



Soccer Camp

Come out and have some fun playing soccer!!

Dates: April 20th – April 24th
Time: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
Location: River Road Athletic Complex

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Multisport Camp

(Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)

Dates: June 22nd - June 26th
Time: 5 pm - 7 pm
Location: Center School



COURSES

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Age: Designed for ages 12+
Instructor: Professional Marine Education
Location: Willington Public Library
Dates: April 4th and June 6th
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (bring a lunch)
Fee: \$75.00

Questions? Please contact Teri Gareau, Willington Recreation Department 487-3108 or email tgareau@willingtonct.org.

AQUATICS

Outdoor Aquatics at Hall's Pond

Come swim and play at one of the area's cleanest natural facilities. The pond will open for the season Saturday, June 20th. Obtain unlimited use of Hall's Pond by purchasing a Pond pass for you and your family.

Hours: Monday - Friday 1:00pm - 7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm - 7:00 pm
 All passes are available for purchase at the Recreation Department or online.

Pond Pass Fees:

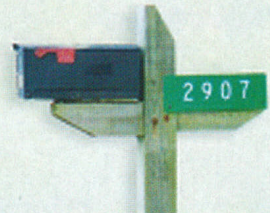
\$50 Willington Resident Family Pass	\$55 Non-Resident Family Pass
\$30 Resident Individual Pass	\$35 Non-Resident Individual Pass

A daily pond pass is also available for \$15.00, this allows for 5 daily visits.

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Teri Gareau, 40 Old Farms Road
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~ INFORMATION ~

Erin Dickerman, Director
40 Old Farms Road
Willington, CT 06279

Phone: (860) 487-3118

Fax: (860) 487-3125

Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30am - 3:30pm

All programs follow the
Willington Public School calendar.

For more information visit the WYFSS
website or contact Erin at 487-3118.

~ YOUTH, FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ~

The following programs are
currently being offered:

New Horizons Girls Group (K-5)

The New Horizons Girl Group will begin
October 1st at Center School and October
3rd at Hall Memorial School

Kids of Willington (KOW)

The Kids of Willington (KOW) will meet the
first Tuesday of every month from 2:30-4 PM
at Hall Memorial School. New members are
always welcome!

~ TODDLER TIME ~

Programs for Children 18 Mos - 5 Yrs

Caterpillar Club

The Caterpillar Club is held on Thursdays,
from 9:00am-11:00 am at the Willington
Public Library.

Music and Movement

Music and Movement is held on Tuesdays
from 9:00 am- 11:00am at the Willington
Public Library.

Pre-School Activity Group

The Pre-School Activity Group is held on
Fridays from 9:00am-11:00 am at the
Willington Public Library.

April Vacation Camp

April Vacation Camp is April 20th-24th at
Hall School, the cost is \$100 per camper.
Please contact Erin for more information.

WILLINGTON, ASHFORD AND MANSFIELD (WAM) SENIOR SERVICES

A Service of the Access Community
Action Agency, WAM is supported in
part by a Title III grant through Senior
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At WAM Senior Services individuals
60 years and over can get information
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programs that can save you money on
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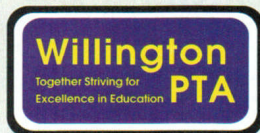
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Community Groups

WILLINGTON WILLING WORKERS 4-H CLUB

Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Willington Hill Firehouse at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Jan Castle for more information at 429-1214.



May 23, 2009

Willington PTA Fun Run
Meet at Center School, 12 Old Farms Road

May 25, 2009

Willington Day
Parade at 8 am & Fair Events 11 am

LITTLE LEAGUE

Opening Day is May 2, 9:00 am at the Town Office Building Fields, rain date is May 3rd.

Fund Raisers:

Track Nine Waiter Night:
Friday, May 2nd

Spaghetti Dinner in June TBD

Willington Night:

New Britain Rock Cats Baseball Game
June 14th, additional available at the concession stand.



Willington Public Library

INFORMATION

7 Ruby Road Willington, CT

Phone: (860) 429-3854

Fax: (860) 429-2136

Hours:

Monday	11 am to 5 pm
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
Sunday	CLOSED

www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org

STAFF

Library Director
Roberta S. Passardi

Library Assistant
Margaret Gankofskie

Library Aide
Brittany McDougal

Library Page
Kathy Lisiewski

Library Page
Deb Linares

Maintenance
Raymond Stewart

Crocheting Club

Meets every Thursday from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome! Lessons will be given to anyone who needs help. Please bring your own crocheting supplies.

Knitting Group

Meets every Tuesday from 1pm - 3pm in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome! Lessons will be given to anyone who needs help. Please bring your own knitting supplies.

Movie Showings

The library shows a movie once a month that is suitable for all ages. We usually hold the movie every last Saturday of the month, unless there is a holiday that weekend. Snacks are served and everyone is welcome!

Family Story Hour

The library holds story time every Saturday at 10am. A story will be read to the children and a craft will follow. This story time is suitable for all ages.



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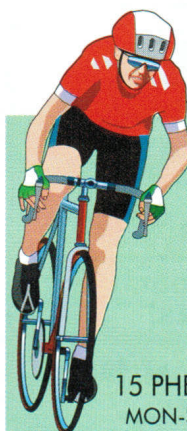
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Boards and Commissions

~ CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPRING EVENTS ~

Last Green Valley

From mid-April through mid-June, The Last Green Valley, will be sponsoring a multitude of events to increase public awareness and appreciation for the water-related resources of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor. www.thelastgreenvalley.org

As a part of this event, on Saturday June 6, 2009 10:00 AM, members of the Willington Conservation Commission will lead a one-mile round trip walk along a scenic section of Roaring Brook, whose rock-strewn, 20-30 foot wide river bed is flanked by mountain laurel and large oaks, pines, hemlocks and sycamores. The rapids, pools and clear, fast waters of this major tributary of the Willimantic River bring many fishermen to this Conn DEP-classified Class 3 Wild Trout Management Area. An important part of Connecticut's early history is reflected in the stonework remains of the foundations, sluiceways and millpond dams of three early to mid-eighteenth century water-powered mills. Steep, layered rock formations on the river bank lend an interesting geological note.

Directions: .15 miles north of the I-84 overpass on Rte 32 in Willington, turn right onto Village Hill Road. Go .3 miles to the parking area on the right just before the bridge over Roaring Brook.

The terrain is generally moderate on a natural trail, but with some steep slopes, rocks and some brushy areas. Recommended for children over 12. No dogs, please.

Raindate: Sunday June 7, 10:00 AM

Questions: Pete Andersen, 429-1276 or andersen108@sbcglobal.net

Vernal Pool Program

Commission will possibly be doing a Vernal Pool Program in April. Please watch for announcements on the Willington Web Bulletin Board, Horizons, E.O. Smith TV Community Events Channel or for flyers posted around Town.

Please visit the Conservation Commission website under "Boards and Commissions" on the Town of Willington home page, www.willingtonct.org for updates on conservation issues, programs, information and links to other websites.

If citizens would like to receive email notification of Conservation Commission educational programs and events including opportunities to help maintain trails and facilities in Town parks and preserved properties, email either Pete Andersen, Commission Chair at andersen108@sbcglobal.net or Kathy Demers, Commission Vice-Chair at cdemers@mindspring.com.



The Willington Board of Education meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Please visit our website for agendas and minutes.

Superintendent of Schools: David C. Harding 860.487.3130

Board of Education Chairman: Mark Makuch

Board of Education Members:

Herbert Arico, Christina Mailhos, Christine Psathas, Laurie Semprebon, David Tharp

Center Elementary School Principal:
Colin McNamara 860.429.9367

Hall Memorial School Principal:
Deborah Sullivan 860.429.9391

Willington Pupil Services Director:
Holly DiBella-McCarthy 860.429.1969

~ LAND/USE BUILDING ~

Office Hours:

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

Planning-Zoning/Wetlands Agent:
Susan Yorgensen 860-487-3123

Building Inspector:
Ed Staveski 860-487-3123

Asst. Planning-Zoning/Wetlands Agent:
Gary Jones 860-487-3123

Land Use Department Secretary:
Margaret DuPitka 860-487-3123

Eastern Highland Health District:
487-3116

Fire Marshal:
Dick Palmer 429-7757; cell 860-933-4768

Fire Department:
Stuart Cobb 429-0288

Commission Meetings Each Month 7:30 pm,
Lower Level TOB-check website for exact dates
Planning and Zoning-1st & 3rd Tuesday Inland
Wetlands & Watercourses-2nd & 4th Monday
Zoning board of Appeals- 2nd Thursday

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Directions From Willimantic

Take Route 32N to Willington. After passing the Route 195 intersection, Willington Pizza House is half a mile down on the left.

Directions From Hartford

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