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WEB SITE

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From the Desk of the First Selectman:

Dear Willington Residents:

So far 2012 is shaping up to be a nice year, at least considering the weather! After the extreme weather we all experienced last year, many of our residents have a new appreciation for each mild and sunny day. Our road crew in particular hopes the good weather continues into the Spring!

Speaking of Spring, there are several outdoor events coming up and we hope you all will get a chance to get out and enjoy some time connecting with friends, meeting neighbors and possibly supporting a deserving local non-profit organization. You can read about many of them in this brochure.

2012 has also been a productive year so far for many of our Town Boards, Commissions and departments. The Board of Finance has begun their budget process for the 2012-2013 fiscal year that begin on July 1st, 2012. It is a tough task that has only gotten tougher over the last few years. I would like to thank the dedicated members of the Board of Finance (who meet every Thursday night during budget season), as well as the many groups who come before them to present their budget requests. I would also like to thank our Capital Improvement Committee that has taken a serious look at the Town's needs and come up with a plan for funding a few key projects over the next 5 years. Please check the Town Website (www.willingtonct.org) to learn more, and mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 8th to vote in the budget referendum.

I hope to see you all out and about in Willington as the days get longer and air gets warmer!

Sincerely,

Christina Beebe Mailhos
First Selectman

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General Information

FROM THE DESK OF THE WILLINGTON ASSESSOR

Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief
NOTICE
Town of Willington
Elderly Homeowner State Tax Credit Program

Elderly and totally disabled tax relief program applications must be filed with the Assessor's office between February 1, 2012 and May 15, 2012.

The State of Connecticut Program is available to residents of Willington who:

- Have attained the age of 65 on or before Dec. 31, 2011.
- Hold full time residence in Willington.
- Received an income not exceeding $32,300 for a single person or $39,500 for a married couple.

Applications can be obtained at the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, 40 Old Farms Road, Monday 12:30 pm- 7:30 pm and Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm or one can be sent to you by mail if you call 860-487-3122 during the hours above.

Proof of income, social security and 1099 earnings required. ***Those persons who are already on the program but required to renew will automatically be mailed an application.***

FROM THE DESK OF PUBLIC WORKS

New Connecticut Legislation
Fines Doubled in Municipal Work Zones
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On Oct. 1, 2011, a new law was enacted that will allow municipalities to double fines in local work zones.

The municipality will need to ensure appropriate signage is placed in the work zone in order for the law to be enforced. Please visit this link for the text of the entire Public Act: http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00256-R00HB-06540-PA.htm

For more information about the Connecticut Technology Transfer Center, Visit us at: www.T2center.uconn.edu

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Fishing & Hunting

Springtime on the way and that means its fishing season. Opening day for Trout Fishing is April 21, 2012. Licenses are available in our office or on line at www.ct.gov/dep. The Guide Books are available on line also at www.ct.gov/dep/fishing or www.ct.gov/dep/hunting and will be available in the town clerk's office in beginning of April. Check with the clerk's office. You can contact DEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Residents 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license. Anyone with a "Lifetime" has to renew each year if you are a hunter or if you salt water fish. Make sure you bring in your old license with the conservation number on it.

Important Budget Dates

Budget Hearing April 10, 2012. Don't forget the Annual Town Meeting on April 24, 2012. Budget Referendum May 8, 2012 cast your Vote at the Town Office Building, Old Senior Center 40 Old Farms Road. Absentee Ballets will be available for residents at the Town Clerks Office if you will not be in town on the day of the referendum. Please contact the Clerk's Office for date of absentee ballots will be available.

Any questions contact the clerk's office at 860 487-3121

Dog Licenses

June is the time to register your dog. You will receive renewal reminders at the end of May 2012. There is fee of $8.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and a $19.00 fee for male/female dog. You can license your dog in person or by mail. All dog license requests must be received in this office in person or in the office via the mail by June 29th. An updated rabies certificate, if not current is required, a check payable to the Willington Town Clerk and a self addressed, stamped envelope should be included, if by mail. New dogs being registered would need the rabies certificate, spayed/neutered papers, check payable to Willington Town Clerk and a self addressed, stamped envelope, if mailed, for us to process your license. Please register your dog in June to avoid additional late fees as of July 1st. There is a $1.00 per month and $1.00 each additional month per state statute.

Passports

Passports are no longer processed in our office due to new government regulations. Forms are available online at pptctcsm@state.gov Get your passport, as soon as possible, if you know you will be traveling. An approximate processing time is about 4 weeks to 6 weeks. The Probate Judge's Office in Tolland or the Storrs Post Office processes passports. The Probate Judge's telephone number is 860 871-3640 or the Storrs Post Office is 860 429-9681.

Notary Services

We are Notary Publics and can notarize documents. We will not notarize any documents that will be filed on the town land records or persons wills. There will be a $5.00 fee for each document being notarized.

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

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

BOATING COURSE

Connecticut Safe Boating and Personal Watercraft Course. This single session, 8-hour course, taught by Professional Marine Education, provides a certificate of completion as partial fulfillment of the requirements to obtain the Certification of Personal Watercraft Operation, which allows the operation of motorized recreational vessels up to 65' and sailboats 19 ½' in length and longer. Upon successful completion of this course, the student can mail or deliver the diploma to any State DEP office, and combined with an application for certificate (provided) and appropriate fee, qualifies the student to obtain the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The certificate is a one-time, lifetime certification. Students should bring a pen or pencil to class.

Age: Designated for ages 12+
Instructor: Professional Marine Education
Date: Saturday, June 2
Time: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
Location: Willington Public Library
Fee: $75.00 *Bring a lunch.*

FENCING

The Willington Recreation Dept. will be offering open fencing this fall. 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 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
When: Saturdays starting April 14th
Where: Old Town Hall, Jared Sparks Road
Open Fencing: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Beginner Fencing: 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Minimum of 5 needed to run
Cost: $60 (per session)
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.

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 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.

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Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course in Coventry
Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional

Co-ed Adult Classes
Day & Dates: Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 5-6 pm
Day & Dates: Thursdays, August 30, September 6, 13, 20
Time: 6-7 pm

Ladies Classes
Day & Dates: Thursdays, May 31, June 7, 14, 21
Time: 6-7 pm
Day & Dates: Tuesdays, July 31, August 7, 14, 21
Time: 5-6 pm

Kids Classes (ages 8-15)
Day & Dates: Thursdays, June 28, July 5, 12, 19
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Day: Wednesdays
Dates: Session 1: April 11-May 16 (6 weeks)
Session 2: May 23-June 27 (6 weeks)
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts Dojo
Mill Works, 156 River Rd. Willington
Fee: $40.00; payable to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department or 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 purchase Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts Tee Shirts for $15.00.*** Make checks payable to purchase Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts.

KICKBOXING

Cardio-kickboxing is sweeping the nation because it takes the excitement, music, and energy of an aerobics class but you're learning self-defense techniques like punching, blocking, and kicking in an action packed workout. No belts, no uniforms, and no physical contact. It's one of the most fun ways to get into shape ever!

Day: Monday Nights
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Dates: Session 1: March 5th – April 9th
Session 2: April 23rd – June 4th
(no class on May 28th)
Location: Center School, 12 Old Farms Rd., Willington
Cost: $42.00 per session (6 classes)
Drop ins are welcome $8.00 per class-please have exact amount
Equipment: All students must bring their own mat and big towel-Parks and Rec have 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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Due to very low enrollment last year and anticipated lower enrollment for this year we will no longer be holding Summer Camp!

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Programs

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Days: Monday and Thursday Nights
Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Registration Fees:
Resident-$15.00 - 1 night $25.00 - 2 nights
Non Resident- $20.00 - 1 night
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Instructor: Sheri Henderson
Days: Tuesdays
Dates: March 6th – April 10th
April 24th - May 29th
Times: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Instructor: Kate Levesque
Days: Thursdays
Dates: March 8th – April 12th
April 26th - May 31st
Times: 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: Center School
Fee: $45.00 - 6 week punch card,
Drop ins $10.00
LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE

Kayak Loaner Program

Beginning May 10

Through a Grant from the Eastern Highlands Health District initiative "Healthy Eating, Active Living" (HEAL) there are several kayaks available to town residents through a FREE loaner program!! All rentals include kayak; one life jacket and one paddle. ***These are available by appointment only!!*** The Loaner agreement is available online or in the Parks and Recreation office.

OOPS! Sometimes despite our best efforts, a misprint may make its way into the Word. In this case, changes may be made to some of the programs listed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

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.
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A DAY IN NEW YORK CITY

(registration deadline March 23)

Enjoy a day in the "Big Apple" with friends and family. Bus drop offs/pick ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

Day: Sat., April 14

Time: Bus picks up at the Exit 68 Commuter Parking Lot, Tolland next to Dunkin Dounuts at 7 a.m. and returns approx. 10:30 p.m.

Fee: $40 for everyone
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Date: Saturday, May 12th (Register by May 1st)

Time: The coach bus will leave the Tolland Commuter Lot at exit 68 off Rte #84 at 7:30 am; we will leave the zoo at 4:30 pm and stop for dinner on the way home. Return time is approximately 8:00 pm. Register early this popular trip always fills.

Fee: Adult $65,
Child/Senior (ages 2-12 or 65 and up) $60.
Children under age 2 are free at the zoo, fee for bus only $35.
(Price includes the coach bus and your ticket to the zoo.)

Tanglewood

JAMES TAYLOR AT TANGLEWOOD

(registration deadline is June 15)

Tanglewood presents The Essential James Taylor, featuring Mr. Taylor with his extraordinary band of musicians. Fireworks will follow the July 4 concert. Register early. Tickets are expected to sell out. We will not have a stop on the way to Tanglewood. The show starts at 7 p.m. The grounds open at 4. We will arrive shortly after 4 p.m. There are plenty of places to buy dinner inside, but you're welcome to bring in food, coolers, wine, etc. There is no cooking allowed on the grounds.

Location: Tanglewood, Lenox, MA

Date Mon., July 4

Time: The coach bus will leave the Tolland Commuter Lot at exit 68 off Rte #84 at 2 p.m. and will return approximately midnight (2 hours after the fireworks are over.

Fee: $57 for everyone
Fee includes bus and lawn ticket to the show.

Youth, Family & Social Services

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Early Childhood Programming

Caterpillar Club: This free play group runs every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Willington Public Library. Parents and children (ages 18 months-4 years) socialize and play together; creating family and community bonds that will last a lifetime.

Toddler Time Music & Movement Class: This very affordable and professionally instructed class meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Willington Public Library. This class is specially designed to promote motor and social skills in children ages 18 mos. to 4 years of age. Join anytime and pay as you go! Music & Movement Class is an affordable $5.00 per class, or $40.00 per 10 week session.

Toddler Time Pre-School Activity Class: This class meets at the Willington Public Library on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Professionally instructed, this class helps to prepare your child for the activities of the pre-school classroom. Join anytime and pay as you go! This activity class is $5.00 per class or $40.00 per 10 week session.

Youth Programs

New Horizons Girls Club: Welcome to your future girls! This activity and leadership group meets approximately twice monthly and helps to prepare girls to engage in their community and become independent thinkers. The club runs for girls grades K-6 in the Willington Public Schools. Check out all the details on the WYFSS homepage!

Coming Soon

Town of Willington April Camp: Do you have to work through your child's April vacation? Send him or her to April Camp! This WYFSS camp will run from April 16-20, and features a different theme each day. Download your program description and registration forms on our homepage after March 15th.

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The Town of Willington's News & Notifications Directly to your inbox The Town of Willington encourages you to get involved and stay informed! Go to www.willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net/subscriber and choose the town departments for which you would like to receive email announcements about special events, department meetings, and town-sponsored programs for all ages.

Willington FoodShare Mobile Site: Families and seniors alike may attend FoodShare every other Thursday morning at 9:00am sharp. The mobile truck utilizes the parking lot of the Willington Senior Center at 60 Old Farms Rd, Willington CT. Low to moderate income participants receive fresh fruit, vegetables, breads, and various other perishable food items. For more information on FoodShare go to: http://fdshr.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=index

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

Saturday, May 12th

"3rd Annual Willington Clean-Up Day"

8:30 am - 11:30 am at the Transfer Station to weigh and dump your trash

In celebration of Earth Day, residents are encouraged to adopt a road (or a portion of a road) and clean-up the trash along the roadway. Bring your trash bags full of trash and recyclables to be weighed at the Transfer Station. Let's see how many pounds of trash we can collect! Collection can occur prior to date.

All participants will receive a ticket for pizza and a drink at River Road from 12pm-1pm.

Pre-registration and road selection can be done in person at the Town Office Building or you can email Tara Bergeron at tbergeron@willingtonct.org or Teri Gareau at tgareau@willingtonct.org. You can also sign-up at the Willington Transfer Station on the day of the event.

Gloves and two trash bags will be provided for each participant.

Willington Public Library

INFORMATION

7 Ruby Road, Willington, CT
Phone: (860) 429-3854
Fax: (860) 429-2136

HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.....11 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday and Thursday.....11 AM - 8 PM
Saturday.....9 AM - 3 PM

www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org

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Adult Book Discussion

Join us, on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm in the Reading Room, all are welcomed.

Intermediate Nutmeg Book Club

You must be in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade to join.

Teen Nutmeg Book Club

**looking for someone to lead this group, if interested, please contact Mrs. Passardi* . You must be in the 7th or 8th grade to join.
Please join us for the Nutmeg Book Clubs, on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm

T.O.A.D. Book Club

(Teen Observation and Discussion Book Club)
If you are a teenager in 8th-11th grade and you love to read books and discuss them, then this is the group for you!
We will meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM and this group is only open to teens in 8th-11th grade.

Knitting Club

We meet every Tuesday from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Reading Room. Lessons given for beginners. Please bring your own supplies.

Crocheting Club

We meet every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Reading Room. Lessons given for beginners. Please bring your own supplies.

Family Story Hour

Saturday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.
Each week we will read different stories and then make a theme related craft, play games, enjoy music, with even an occasional film showing. All ages are welcome!

Come watch on our BIG screen!

"Film Fridays for Adults" on the first Friday of the month 7 p.m. in the WPL Community Room.
"Family Movie Time" on the last Saturday of the month 12:30 p.m. in the WPL Community Room.

Museum Passes are for Willington Residents only.
Contact us for a complete listing of museums.

In the past year, usage of the library and its services has continued to rise. In our search to raise funds, a generous Willington family has once again proposed a donation challenge, with the hopes of raising enough money to continue funding the "restored" hours added back into the library's schedule last summer. This family will match your donation, dollar for dollar, up to $10,000. With a fund-raiser of this nature, every cent counts. If you donate $25.00, with the match, the library receives $50.00; if you donate $5.00, it will be as if you donated $10.00!
If you would like to contribute to our Donation Challenge, please let us know.
We are looking for donations of Lego pieces for all ages, dress up clothes and costumes for children of all sizes and toy Thomas and Brio trains to add to our collection/ Thank you for your support!
For all other upcoming events, check out our website at *willingtonpubliclibrary.org*, see us on face book, or call or come in for a visit.

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Willington Senior Activities

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

60 OLD FARMS ROAD

- **March 24** - $5.00 Breakfast "All You Can Eat" 9 am-11 am
- **April 2** - Foot Clinic- 1:30 pm Appointment required
- **April 21** - Tag Sale - 9 am – 2 pm
- **April 23** - Foot Clinic - 1:30 pm Appointment required
- **April 26** -Trip to Sturbridge Village-time to be determined
- **May 19** - $5.00 Breakfast "All You Can Eat" 9 am - 11 am

Bingo Dates: Wednesdays - 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 5/30, 6/27 12:30 pm

Food Share Dates: Wednesdays- 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23, 6/6, 6/20 from 11 am - 11:30 am

Ongoing Activities:

Yoga: Mondays starting March 5th 6 pm

Crafts: Mondays 9:30 am – 11 am

Tai Chi: Tuesdays and Fridays 10 am – 11 am

Ladies' Pool: Tuesdays 12:30 pm

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

Pinochle: Fridays 12:30 pm

Set Back: Saturdays 7 pm

"Out to Lunch Bunch": 2nd Thursday of every month 12:30 pm

Wii Bowling: Thursdays 12:30 pm

Meeting Dates:

- First Wednesday of every month: Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations followed by Bingo
- Second Wednesday of every month: Executive Meeting 12:30pm Public is welcome to attend
- Third Wednesday of every month: General Meeting 12:30pm. Public is welcome to attend.

For more information regarding Senior Activities, please call Jean at 860-429-8321.

Meryl Levesque
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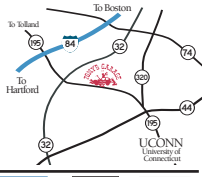

MOST MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

NEWS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is in the process of putting together a Business Directory. If you are a Willington business and would be interested in including your business in the directory, please send the following information by email to willingtonedc@gmail.com or by mail to Kim Kowalyshyn, 29 Lindsey Lane, Willington, CT 06279:

Business Name	Business Type
Business Address	Business Phone
Cell Phone	Email Address
Website	Contact Person

If you have already submitted your information to us there is no need to submit it again. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim at (860) 487-9449.

BUSINESS NETWORKING MEETING

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) will be hosting a Business Networking Meeting on **April 11, 2012** at the Willington Public Library from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Our guest speakers will be Roberta Dwyer from Northeast CT Economic Alliance and Linda Riquier from CTWorks. Please join us to find out what these two groups can offer small businesses in Willington and take the opportunity to meet other Willington businesses.

To be sure we will have enough seats and refreshments, please R.S.V.P. if you are interested in attending to Kim Kowalyshyn at (860) 487-9449 or email us at willingtonedc@gmail.com. (Be sure to include your business name, contact name and phone number.)

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RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

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2012 "Circle of Friends" Fundraising Events

March 8th: Foxwoods Casino Trip $25.00 Bus leaves the Town Office Building at 2:30pm and returns at 9:30pm. You will receive a $15.00 food coupon and a $10.00 Keno Bet. Contact Carol Larson (860) 487-3111.

March 24th: "Chili Cook Off" at the Willington Hill Fire Department 4:00pm – 8:00pm $8.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 10 and under. Contact Teri Gareau (860) 487-3108.

April 7th: "Zumba for a Cure II": 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Hall Memorial School Gymnasium Registration begins at 12:30 pm. $20.00 for the Event Three incredible instructors will provide 2 hours of Zumba excitement! Raffles!! All proceeds go directly to "Relay for Life" in hopes of finding a CURE!! Don't miss out on the fun!! Contact Teri Gareau (860) 487-3108 to register your spot or for more information.

May 5th: "Plant Sale- $25 Hangers and Town Wide Tag Sale"-$20 a space at the Town Offices or $15 to be on the Town Map. Contact Carol Larson for Plant Sale Information (860) 487-3111 and Carol Noyes (860) 487-3107 for Tag Sale Information

May 15th: "Red Cross Blood Drive" at the Town Office Building in the Common Room 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Contact Carol Larson (860) 487-3111

May 26th: Willington Day: "Cotton Candy" Fundraiser

Last year our team earned the Platinum Status and finished 3rd in overall fundraising teams, raising over $7,500!

June 8th and 9th: "5th Annual Relay for Life" at Tolland High School

Mark Your Calendars for Willington Day 2012! Saturday, May 26, 2012 from 11am-3pm at Center School Field.

Other events in Willington on Memorial Day Weekend:

PTA 5K Fun Run, Saturday, May 26

Fishing Derby, Saturday, May 26
(at Thompson's Pond 4-5:30 p.m)

Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 28

Dear Neighbors:
The Willington Day Committee would like to invite you to come to and participate in Willington Day 2012.

There will be music, great food, vendors, demonstrations, old fashioned games and tons see and do! The Fishing Derby will be held at Thompson's pond from 4-5:30 p.m. Willington Day will follow the Willington PTA's 5K race and should make for a full day of fun for all!

Please consider having a booth at Willington Day and placing an ad in our Program. The money we collect from these ads along with donations are the only funds used to produce Willington Day. It is a great way to promote your group or business to a targeted Willington audience!

Please contact Robin Campbell at the Town Office Building - (860) 487-3100 or rcampbell@willingtonct.org - if you would like to participate as a vendor or place an ad in our program.

Sincerely,
The Willington Day Committee

Christina Mailhos, Robin Campbell and Tara Martin, Tish Ignatowicz, Jennifer Jeffreys

Help Wanted! The Willington Day Committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee to help plan for Willington Day 2012. Interested? Call Robin Campbell at the Town Office Building - (860) 487-3100 or rcampbell@willingtonct.org

United We Dance to Cure ALS™ Zumbathon®

March 11, 2012
at Hall Memorial School, 111 River Road, Willington, CT
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The Zumba dance portion of the event will run from 4:00 – 5:30.
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For more information, or to reserve your spot, please call Kate Levesque at (860) 319-7476

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Willington PTA
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No TV Week – April 23 – 27, 2012
The PTA will be hosting a Candy Bar Bingo night on Friday, April 27 at Center School. Look for more information about this and other events happening during that week.

11th Annual Run for Health, Fitness and Recreation – May 26, 2012
Lace-up your running shoes and join us for the ½ mile or 1 mile Fun Run. Feeling ambitious? Go the distance and sign up for the 5K race. **Sponsorship and registration forms can be found at www.willingtonpta.com.** After the 5K race, join us at Willington Day.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Spirit Wear – Have you heard? Our line of spirit wear has expanded to include school logo tees, sweatshirts, polo shirts, and fleece jackets. We also offer Willington cinch bags, water bottles, and tote bags just to name a few.

SCRIP Gift Card Program – The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program!
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Upcoming Events:

Ron-A-Roll Skate Night – Saturday, March 31, 2012, 4:30pm– 6:30pm

Mother/Son Bowling - TBD

No TV Week Candy Bar BINGO @ Center School, Friday, April 27, 2012, time TBD

PTA Fun Run/5K – Saturday, May 26, 2012, events begin at 9am

Upcoming PTA Meetings: 6:30pm Willington Public Library (On-site childcare provided)
April 12 and May 17

We welcome your attendance at our meetings and new committees are forming. Remember only members may vote. You can join at any time! Membership forms are available online. ($10 for active members, $20 for non-active members). Contact Robin Campbell at 860-684-3623 for more information.

Join our Facebook Group Page to stay current!
www.willingtonpta.com

Hunger in America

Hunger- *The uneasy or painful sensation caused by lack of food.*

Although America is one of the most well equipped countries in the world we still have a hunger problem on our hands. For example 1 in 6 children in America goes hungry; which is approximately 16 million children.

But, there is hope; you can make a difference in these people's lives! Go to your Town Hall or Food Pantry and provide a monetary or non-perishable food donation. Just by doing this you are providing for your community and families in need. Chances are it may even be you neighbor!

Hunger is not just limited to having to rely on the food pantry; food stamps are also just as widespread. In total about 15% of Americans are currently on food stamps. This is approximately 45,753,078 people.

Food drives are a great way to serve the community's less fortunate. But don't always rely on the town to host a food drive, try starting your own!

By raising awareness about hunger, the ratio of hungry people to non-hungry people will steadily decline. So please, raise awareness about hunger and donate to your local Town Hall or local Food Pantry because you alone can make a difference in the lives of so many people.

In fact Willington has its' own Food Pantry! Due to changes in the inner workings of the system, the pantry will be open on Mondays 3PM to 6P.M., and Wednesdays 10AM to 1PM.
For more info visit www.endhungerct.org

- Kurdt Polttila
Willington Youth, Family & Social Services Intern

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