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General Information

From the Desk of the First Selectman:

Dear Willington Residents:

We have good news to share - Spring is just around the corner!

Spring in Willington is usually a busy time with several outdoor events and opportunities to connect with friends, neighbors and ways to support local non-profit organizations. You can read about many of these events as well as the parks and trails that are open for hiking in this brochure.

Many important town meetings take place in the spring as well. Our annual budget referendum will be held on May 6th, 2013 (mark your calendars) and prior to that there are several Board of Finance meetings where the budget decisions will be made. Please check the town website (www.willingtonct.org) to find out when they will be meeting. Minutes from the meetings are also available if you wish to follow along and see what spending is requested by the various department and what assumptions are being used to base revenue projections on.

Because of a recent revaluation, many of you have noticed that your property assessment has changed. This does not necessarily mean that your taxes will automatically go up or down as a result. If you want to learn more about revaluation, please see the call-out box on page 5 that explains it or come in to the Town Office Building and ask our Assessor, Mary Huda about it.

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

**Sincerely,
Christina Beebe Mailhos
First Selectwoman, Willington**



TOWN OF WILLINGTON OFFICE BUILDING CONTACTS

First Selectman	Christina Beebe Mailhos.....	860-487-3100
Assessor	Mary Huda	860-487-3122
Building Inspector	Jim Rupert	860-487-3123
Business Manager	Donna Latincsics	860-487-3134
Dog Warden	Tina Binheimer	860-428-4422
Parks & Recreation	Teri Gareau	860-487-3108
Planning & Zoning	Susan Yorgensen	860-487-3123
Public Works	Lynn Nicholls	860-684-9313
Senior Center	Wilbur Gangaway.....	860-429-8321
Tax Collector	Carol Larson	860-487-3111
Treasurer	Tish Ignatowicz.....	860-487-3133
Town Clerk	Donna Hardie	860-487-3121
Social Services	Tara Bergeron	860-487-3118
Registrar of Voters	Christine Psathas & Gail Kapinos.....	860-487-3120

BUSINESS HOURS

Monday 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESS

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279

WEB SITE

www.willingtonct.org

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General Information

General Info

The Willington Town Clerk Office
Fishing & Hunting

Springtime is in the air and that means fishing season. Opening day for Trout Fishing is April 19, 2014. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or on line at www.ct.gov/deep. The Guide Books are available on line at www.ct.gov/deep/fishing or www.ct.gov/deep/hunting and will be in the Town Clerk's office sometime late March or early in April. Check with the clerk's office to see if they have come in. You can contact DEEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Residents 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license. Anyone with a "Lifetime" has to renew each year if you are a hunter or if you salt water fish. Make sure you bring in your old license with the conservation number on it.

Important Budget Dates

Budget Hearing **April 8, 2014**. Attend the hearing and see how our town budget process works. Get involved. Don't forget the Annual Town Meeting on **April 22, 2014**. Budget Referendum **May 6, 2014** cast your Vote at the Town Office Building, Old Senior Center 40 Old Farms Road. Absentee Ballots 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. Make sure and get out and vote. Any questions contact the clerk's office at 860 487-3121

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Dog Licenses

June is the time to register your dog. You will receive renewal reminders at the end of May 2014. There is a 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 30th. 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. "Watch for the #1 Dog Tag Announcement in June"

Passports

Passports are no longer processed in our office. Forms are available online at pptctcsn.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

There are a numbers of Notary Publics in the Town Office Building and can notarize documents. The Clerk's Office will notarize any documents except that which will be filed on the town land records and 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
Donna J. Hardie, Willington Town Clerk

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Willington Economic Development

Invites You to Save the Date

Please Plan to Join Us for the Spring Business Networking Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Hilltop Restaurant & Bar
39 Adamec Road, Willington

If you haven't done so...
CHECK OUT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WEB PAGE

It includes links to the online Directory of Willington Businesses (let us know if your business isn't listed) and Featured Business write-ups that tell you about some of the businesses here in town. Let us know if you would like us to feature your business.

To get to our web page, go to the Town web site (www.willingtonct.org), click on Boards and Commissions and then Economic Development Commission.

From the Desk of the Assessor

Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief
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, 2014 and May 15, 2014.

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

- Have attained the age of 65 on or before December 31, 2013.
- Hold full time residence in Willington as owners of real property
- Received an income not exceeding \$34,100 for a single person or \$41,600 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.

Frequently asked Questions
About Revaluation:

WHAT IS A REVALUATION?

A Revaluation is the process of conducting the data collection, market analysis and modeling necessary to equalize the values of all properties within a municipality for the purpose of a fair distribution of the tax burden.



WILL A REVALUATION INCREASE TAXES?

A Revaluation may result in an increase or decrease of individual assessments, it does not mean that all property taxes will increase. Assessments are only the base that is used to determine the Tax Burden. The Tax Burden is the amount that the Municipality must raise to operate the local government and support the many services each of us has come to expect, such as schools, emergency services, road maintenance, etc. If the same amount of money is to be raised after the Revaluation as the previous year and each assessment doubles, the tax rate would merely be cut in half.

Stay involved and attend the Board of Finance Meetings that will set the mill rate which will determine the taxes you must pay. Taxes are driven by municipal spending, not by your assessment. It is the need to generate revenue to pay for the cost of providing Town services (including education) that controls the mill rate and your taxes.

Get up! Get Out! Get Moving!

General Information/Parks & Rec. Programs

From the Office of the Registrars of Voters

The Registrars of Voters are currently conducting the annual canvass of active voters. If you have received a letter from us, please follow the instructions, fill out the necessary information and return the letter to our office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, call and leave a message at (860) 487-3120. Office hours are Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 noon.

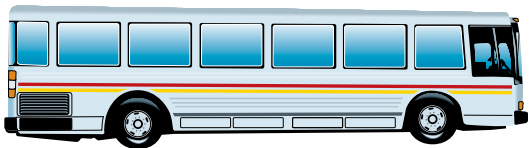
Upcoming voting events:
May 6, 2014 -- Annual Town and Region #19 Budget Referendum
November 4, 2014 – State Election

To check our webpage for up-to-date voting event and voter registration information, click on the “Voting and Voter Information” link from the Town’s main website.

Gail Kapinos
Christine Psathas
Registrars of Voters

Bus Trips

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington ,and Windham. Please register in the Parks and Recreation department in those towns if you live there. Everyone else is welcome to register in any of those towns. The pick up location for people registering in Mansfield and Windham will be the commuter lot behind the Eastbrook Mall on Frontage Road. The pick up location for people registering in all other towns will be at the Exit 68 Commuter Parking Lot, Tolland next to Dunkin Donuts.



A Day on Your Own in Boston
Date: Sat., March 15
(Registration deadline is Feb. 22)
Time: Bus will leave the Exit 68 Commuter Parking Lot, Tolland next to Dunkin Donuts at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m.
Fee: \$32 per person (fee includes bus transportation only)

Plan a fun day in Boston. We'll take you to Boston; drop you off at several locations and round you up again at the end of the day.

Popular attractions: www.bostonflowershow.com
Boston Science Museum: www.mos.org.
Quincy Market and Faneuil Hal: www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com.
Public Transportation: www.mbta.com

A Day in New York City (Lower Manhattan Version)
Date: Sat., April 5
(Registration deadline March 30)
Time: Bus will leave the Exit 68 Commuter Parking Lot, Tolland next to Dunkin Donuts 7 a.m. and returns approx. 10:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45 for everyone (fee includes bus transportation only)

Popular attractions:
www.southstreetseaport.com
www.statueoflibertytickets.com
www.911memorial.org
Several drop offs between Mid-town and South Street Seaport when arriving in NYC. The departure from NYC is the Empire State Building on 34th Street.

Bronx Zoo
Date: May 17th (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 \$60 (ages 2-12 or 65 and up), Children under age 2 \$35 (bus fee only)
For more information go to www.bronxzoo.com



Boston Redsox vs. Cleveland Indians @ Fenway Park
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2014
Location: Fenway Park/outfield grandstands #7.
Game time: 4:05pm (BUS leaves exit 68 off I-84 at 12 noon)
Fee: \$99.00 per person includes ticket to the game, transportation and a cookout prior to the game. Homemade cookies on the way home!! Games such as (price is right) on the way up!!

James Taylor at Tanglewood
Date: Wednesday, July 4th (registration deadline is June 15)
Time: Bus will leave the commuter lot at exit 68 off I-84 at 2 p.m. and will return approximately midnight (2 hours after the fireworks are over.
Fee: \$57 for everyone

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Park & Rec. Programs

Programs

Art Classes “Introduction to Oil Painting”

For those students who have never painted before but have always wanted to try it or for those students who have painted for a while and want to improve their painting skills this course is a great opportunity.

The course will be taught by Jack Broderick at his studio in the Mill Works on River Road in Willington. Jack has taught painting and drawing for twenty years in Connecticut and has taught workshops in Tuscany and Argentina. Although he has painted and exhibited in Europe, Asia and Latin America, he spends most of his time painting here in Eastern Connecticut.

Interested students should **NOT BUY** any materials. The first class will discuss where and how to economically buy the best materials. Again **DO NOT BUY** any materials.

Date: Tuesdays, March 25-April 15
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Fee: \$110 (Class size: minimum 4, maximum 8)
Ages: High School-up

Boating Course

1-Day Combination Safe Boating & Personal Watercraft Safety Certification

A complete basic safe boating certification course taught in one (8 hour) day. Successful completion will allow the student to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, which enables them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length including Jet Skis. An easy to understand classroom format is designed for students age 12 and over. **PRIOR TO TAKING THIS CLASS** each student should create an account online at ct.outdoorcentral.net, and click the **START** button. Create an account if you don't already have one, and then print the page that includes your Conservation ID number and bring it to class. Once we have entered your score in the DEEP system you will use your account to purchase & print the certificate after the class. Students should bring a pen or pencil to class.

Instructor: Professional Marine Education
Date: Saturday, May 31st
Time: 8:30am-4:30pm
Location: Town Office Building-Common Room
Fee: \$75.00 Bring a lunch

Questions: Call Teri Gareau, Parks & Rec Director at 860- 487-3108 or visit www.willingtonct.org for more information.
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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.

This program is available to male and females from age 9 to adult.
Date: Saturdays, April 5th – June 21st (session is 12 weeks)
Location: Old Town Hall (Jared Sparks Rd, Willington)
Beginner Fencing: 9:00 am to 10:00 am (this course is intended for students with no prior experience in fencing.)
Instructor: Jessica Hyde
Open Fencing: 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Instructor: Matt Green
Fee: \$60.00 residents \$65.00 non-residents
Registration: Space is limited; we will accept a maximum of 12 students. Minimum of 5 needed to run each
PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Golf Lessons

Skungamaug River Golf Course in Coventry

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional
Co-ed Adult Classes: Tuesdays: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm- May 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm- September 4, 11, 18, 25
Ladies Classes: Thursdays: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm- June 5, 12, 19, 26
Tuesdays: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm- August 5, 12, 19, 26
Kids Classes: Thursdays: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm- July 10, 17, 31- double class (ages 8-15)
Cost: \$75 per student- min 6/ max 8

Time/day subject to change and class may be combined with other towns. Contact Golf course if weather is questionable-860-742-9348.

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Hours: Pond is CLOSED on Mondays
Tuesday – Friday 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm & Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Pond Pass

Fees: \$60 Willington Resident Family Pass (\$7.50/ week, \$1.25/day) max. 6
\$70 Willington Non-Resident Family Pass (\$8.75/week, \$1.45/day) max. 6
\$40 Resident Individual Pass (\$5.00/week, .83¢/day)
\$45 Non-Resident Individual (\$5.62/week, .93¢/day)

A daily Pond Pass is also available for \$30.00, this allows for 5 daily visits. Day Passes are \$7.00. All passes must be bought at the Town Office Building during normal business hours at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Karate

Traditional Shaolin Kempo Karate and JuJitsu for all ages starting at 3 years old presented by Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts. Shaolin Kempo Martial Kempo Martial Arts was awarded the National Marital Arts School of the Year in 2008 and 2011.

Instructor: Sensei Dan, who is a member of the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame and was awarded the Martial Arts Man of the Year by the same Hall of Fame, will teach the program with highly qualified assistant instructors.

Tuesday Nights:

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th (6 week session)

Location:

Classes will be held at the Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts Dojo, at the Mill Works, 156 River Road, Suite #1301, Willington.

Time of Classes are as follows:

Tigers – 3-8 years old – 5:00pm–5:45pm
Leopards – 9-17 years old – 6:00pm-7:00pm
Adults – 18 and older – 7:15pm-8:45pm

Fee:

\$40 per student payable to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department or WPRD

Students will take class with my school students and that they can join at any time. 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 Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts Tee Shirts for \$15.00. Make checks payable to Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts.

Volleyball-Adult Co-ed

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.

Dates:

Year round on Monday and Thursday

Nights

Times:

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

(no Thursday nights during the Recreation Basketball Season)

Registration

Session Fees: Resident - \$20.00 - 1 night and \$35.00 - 2 nights
Non Resident- \$30.00 - 1 night and \$40.00- 2 nights

Drop In Fees:

(payable at Gym)
Resident - \$3.00 per night
Non Resident - \$5.00 per night

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.



LOOKING FOR PROGRAM IDEAS

If you have a talent or program that you would like to offer, contact Teri Gareau, Parks and Recreation Director, at 860-487-3108.



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Parks & Rec. Programs/Senior Activities

Area Youth Organizations

Eastern Connecticut Hockey Org. - ECHO-
Connecticut Target Archers Association
Northeast Ice Dogs Hockey Club
WAM United Soccer Club
Willington Little League-
Willington Karate Club
Eastern Lightning Hockey Clinics
Mansfield Boys Lacrosse
Northeast United Premier Soccer Club
Tolland Girl's Lacrosse
UCONN Archery Club

Free submissions into the Willington Word are allowed for all local nonprofits, however space maybe limited.

Town Parks & Amenities

Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve

Moose Meadow Road and Burma Road-Hiking/walking trails, bird watching, fishing, non motorized boating, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and picnic area.

Knowlton Property

Mason Road- Hiking Trails

River Road Athletic Complex

511 River Road- Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, multi sport field, volleyball sand court and walking path (one lap=.33 miles). Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags available. Complex is CARRY IN-CARRY OUT. No golfing allowed and dogs are not allowed on baseball field.

Talmadge Tract

Mason Road- hiking (adjacent to the Knowlton Property)

Town Office Building Fields

40 Old Farms Road-Baseball and Softball fields

The Park on Village Hill Road

Overlooking the Roaring Brook, popular fishing spot during fishing season.

FACILITY RENTALS

River Road Athletic Complex has a pavilion and fields/courts available for rent for your next birthday party or family gathering!

Pavilion

Residents: \$75 for 5 hours or \$20 per hour
Non Residents: \$100 for 5 hours or \$30
All Town Non Profits \$55 for 5 hours

Fields/Courts

\$25 for a two hour period

Kayak Rental

Beginning in May

5 Kayaks are available to town residents through a FREE loaner program. All rentals include: kayak, life jacket and paddle. These are available by appointment only-24 hour notice. The loaner agreement is available online or in Parks and Recreation office. Residents are responsible for loading and unloading the kayaks. Kayaks must come back clean and free of water.

Senior Activities

60 OLD FARMS ROAD



Breakfast "All You Can Eat"

Dates: March 15 and May 17
Time: 9:00am-11:00am
Fee: \$5.00

Foot Clinics

Dates: March 24 and April 7
Time: 1:30pm Appointment required. Call for date

Tag Sale


Date: April 26

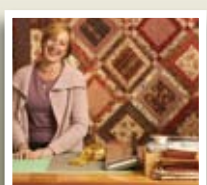
Food Share


Dates: Wednesdays: 3/12, 3/26, 4/12,4/26, 5/9,5/23
Time: 11:00am


Ongoing Activities:


Yoga: Mondays 10:00am
Crafts: Mondays 9:30am – 11:00am
Tai Chi: Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00am – 11:00am
Men's Pool: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm
Pinochle: Fridays 12:30pm
Set Back: Saturdays 7:00pm
Wii Bowling: Mondays and Thursdays 12:30pm














Meeting Dates:

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



• Second Wednesday of every month: Executive Meeting 12:30pm Public is welcome to attend

• Third Wednesday of every month: General Meeting 12:30p Public is welcome to attend

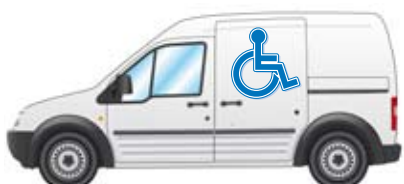
SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

"Flavors of Home"

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

"Handicap Van Fund"

The Town of Willington with the assistance of the Willington Seniors have been able to obtain a used handicap van for the seniors. The van is in need of a paint job and some maintenance before it can be put into service. Private donations are being sought. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please send your donations payable to the Town of Willington, and write "Handicap Van Fund" in the subject line of the check. Memorial gifts are also welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



The Willington Seniors

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

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Community Groups

Willington Public Library



Willington Word Submission: March, April, May 2014

As the following programs dates and times approach, you can find us through many different venues. Look for more information by stopping by the library, calling us at 860-429-3854 or you can visit us on our website, www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org. You may join us on Facebook or read about us, in the weekly Reminder newspaper, or look for our flyers posted throughout ours and neighboring communities.

March 2014

Family Story and Craft Time.

Date: Every Saturday
Time: 10:30 to 12:00

On March 1st, we will be joining in the National Education Association's "Read Across America" as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

World Book Day (for Kids)

Date: Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 PM.

National Craft Month

Come and participate in one of our already existing Knitting, Crochet, or Quilting classes now being offered, at the library.

"How to Make a No-Sew Tied Fleece Pillow"

Date: Thursday, March 13th
Time: 6:30 PM.
Supply list will be available at time of registration.

Social Security Seminar

Date: Tuesday, March 18th, 2014
Time: 6:30-8:00 P.M. with a tentative date of March 25th, should there be inclement weather.

Presented by Michael Alimo and David Weyner. Both gentlemen are certified with the State of Connecticut, in Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits, and are licensed long term care specialists. In these difficult times it is important to give back to the community. Their topics will cover how you prepare, Medicare, Medicaid, The Affordable Care Act, and Long Term Care and especially how and when to file. There is no cost, obligation, or sales involved. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up for this program.



March Family Movie

Date: Saturday the 29th
Time: 12:30 PM

Disney's "Frozen", rated PG. Feel free to bring in your own refreshments to enjoy while watching the movie.

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April 2014

National Poetry Month

Date: Thursday, April 3rd
Time: 6:30 PM

Featuring readings by Connecticut poets. Look for more details coming soon!

"Drop Everything and Read"

Date: Saturday, April 12th
Time: 10:30 to 12:00.

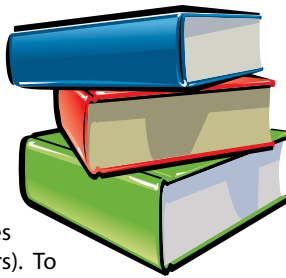


SNAPSHOT Day

Date: Tuesday, April 15th
Libraries all over Connecticut will be taking a "snapshot"- collecting information to capture the impact that Connecticut libraries have on their communities on a typical day.

World Book Night (for Adults)

Date: Wednesday, April 23rd
WBN is a celebration of literacy by publishers, bookstores, libraries and individuals who love books and reading. On WORLD BOOK NIGHT 2014, 25,000 "book givers" will each give away 20 copies of a specially-printed, not-for-sale WBN edition of book they have read and loved (from a list of 25-30 titles selected by librarians and booksellers). To promote this literacy event, libraries and bookstores – as organizational participants in the event – form a nationwide advocacy and distribution network. Anyone participating will be notified and may pick up their books between our regular hours of 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 23rd.



National Princess (Prince) Week

Date: April 21st - 26th.
We will have a special program during our Family Story and Craft Time, on Saturday the 26th between 10:30 and 12:00. Come dressed up as your favorite Princess or Prince.

Disney's "The Pirate Fairy"

Date: Saturday, April 26th
Time: 12:30 PM

Bring a lunch and stay, for our April Family Movie Time. We will be showing Disney's "The Pirate Fairy".



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May 2014

National Elder Law Month

Date: May 1st
Time: 6:30 PM

May is National Elder Law Month. Please join us and celebrate National Elder Law Month for a free "Elder Law Check Up" with Attorneys Robin Murdock Meggers, Julia Morris Paul and Thomas Robinson. They will focus on helping seniors and their families address legal issues that arise with age. Their collaborative approach provides legal guidance every step of the way. Respecting choices and protecting rights! Learn about documents such as power of attorney, living wills, health care directives, last will and testament, long term care planning, Medicaid options, and conservatorships, just to name a few. We are asking that you register for this program, although walk-ins are always welcome.

Teas in Time: "Summertime Tea" Party

Date: Sunday, May 4th
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

With us will be the charming and animated storyteller, Rita Parisi. As her character, Mrs. Gordon, an elegant fashionista from the turn of the last century, she will regale her tea time guests with her observations on everything from the new (Filene's) Bargain Annex to the latest technologies of this time. Summertime... and the living was easy for many at the turn of the last century. The beaches offered amusements for both the rich and poor alike. People enjoyed dancing, vaudeville shows, bandstand concerts, the latest rides and other entertainments. Join Mrs. Gordon as she gives you a first-hand account of what it was like to spend a day at the beach, in the quaint and often humorous world of 1908.

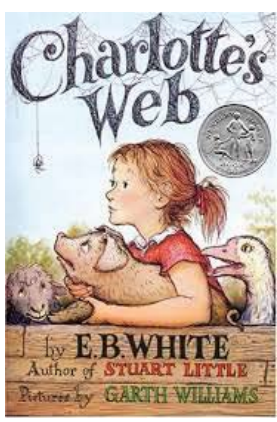
Friends of the Library "Bake Sale"

Date: Saturday, May 10th
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Happy Birthday, Charlotte's Web

Date: Saturday, May 10th
Time: 1:30 PM

In celebration of the author E. B. White's book "Charlotte's Web" upcoming birthday, on May 26 (1952), we will be hosting a visit from his great-niece, Lindsay Morand. Her Grandfather, Albert White was the older brother of E. B. White. She once made a promise that she would never let her Great Uncle E. B. White, be forgotten and that is exactly what she has been doing for over 30 years. She has traveled to 17 countries and most of the United States sharing the wonderful life and stories of his famous books and now she is here with us! So, through this rare collection of hundreds of items of memorabilia and heirlooms, which include photos, autographed first edition books, scrapbooks, and interesting letters written to her by her Great Uncle Elwyn Brooks White, we will get to know the author through their life stories through this unique and special presentation.



Internet: Facts & Fiction

Date: Thursday, May 15th
Time: 6:30 PM

Addressing your concerns about Internet use. "In the 'connected' world we live in, filled with email, Facebook, Google, online shopping and Internet Banking, we increasingly expose ourselves to numerous risks... or do we? This talk will give you a better understanding of the Internet World we live in. Speaking to many Facts and Fictions about Internet activities and answering any questions you may have. Understand and empower yourself to feel more confident in your online activities."

There will be NO Family Movie in May...INSTEAD

Touch-A-Truck

Date: Saturday, May 31st (rain-date:
Saturday, June 7th)

Come enjoy our 2nd annual "Touch-A-Truck". We are always looking for people who would like to share their "something special" with us. Maybe you have some suggestions as to what you would like to see come. If you know of anyone who would like to share with us this day, please notify Ms. Debbie, at the library as soon as possible. Again, stay in touch with us, for more details and information to follow.

Community Groups

WANTED

The Gardiner Hall Jr. Company:
Original Photographs & Artifacts

The Friends of The Mill Works, organized under Windham Arts, a not-for-profit regional cultural service organization, has plans to establish a local museum focused on the development and operation of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company. The objective of this permanent installation is to examine the historical impact and contributions this company made to the Town of Willington and its residents over a period of more than one hundred years. The museum will be located at The Mill Works, formerly the home of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company.

The Friends group is seeking original photographs, artifacts, and any physical items associated with the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company, its founders, employees, or customers. Items that are donated or loaned to the museum will be identified by the donor's name, which will be included on display and in any print materials created for the museum. The intent of this collection is to create an opportunity for the residents of Willington and surrounding towns to learn about the technical innovations, production methods, and the application of unique management practices that shaped the local area.

If you possess any related items, or have knowledge of any, please contact the **Friends of The Mill Works:**
Email: friends@themillworks.us
Phone: 860-487-3827

Thank you for your Support!
Board of the Friends

WILLINGTON RESIDENTS: PLEASE TAKE THE "MEDIA SURVEY"

Girl Scout Troop #65292 is doing a media project to learn how people hear about what is going on in Willington. The Cadettes are hoping that people of all ages will complete the short survey. They will share the results in as many ways as possible at the conclusion of their project.

To take the survey, please find a paper version at the Town Office Building or go online to:
<http://tinyurl.com/willingtonGS>.

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- Self-defense
- Sports
- Dance
- Outdoor Education
- Canoeing & Kayaking

A variety of specialty programs are also available on a weekly basis. These activities are an additional cost. Horseback riding, wood fiber crafts, goat camp, and introduction to draft horses.

Camp Pricing 2014

Day Camp (ages 6-15)	\$235 per week
Resident Camp (ages 6-15)	\$435 per week
Teen Leadership Program (ages 15-17)	\$435 (for the 1st week & \$235 for additional weeks)
Overnight Clover Camp (ages 7-8)	\$160-\$220 per week

Theme Weeks for 2014

Where's Waldo Week	Week 2: Holiday Palooza Week
Week 3: Wacky Water Week	Week 4: Olympic Week
Week 5: International Week	Week 6: Crazy Camp Week
Week 7: Carnival Week	Week 8: Capture the Flag Week

A stayover weekend (July 12th-July 13th) will include a FUN TRIP to the Bronx Zoo in NY for campers who attend both weeks 3 & 4.

Open Houses

Saturday, April 26, 2014 and Sunday, April 27, 2014
Saturday, May 31, 2014 and Sunday, June 1, 2014
From 2:00 to 4:00 PM Each Day

Both Saturdays Only, please join us from 1:30 PM-2 PM for an informational parent panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child hosted by Heather Logee, Camp Director and Daryn Tenenbaum, LCSW/camper parent.

Call the Camp Registrar at (860) 974-3379
Or e-mail us at windham4h@earthlink.net for a camp brochure or additional information.
Visit our website at www.4hcampct.org for updates
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Willington Day 2014

This year's Willington Day event is slated for Saturday, May 24, 2014! (Rain Date: Sunday, May 25, 2014) Save the date!

"The Friends of the Mill Works"

How many times have you driven by The Mill Works on River Road (route 32) and wondered what was going on inside this historic building? Today there's a lot. Dating back to 1860, the mill is a Willington treasure with a long history of creativity and innovation. To recognize just one of the significant successes originating at this spot and its importance to the town, in 1919 the Town of Willington adopted the spool thread design as its corporate seal.



Fast-forward to 2014, and gathered at The Mill Works you will find a synergistic community of creative professionals who demonstrate passion for their craft, respect individual talents, and embrace collaboration.

A nonprofit group called "The Friends of the Mill Works" has been organized under the auspices of the Windham Arts Council. We aim to see that the story of creativity and innovation at the site continues through this new century. Led by a Board of Directors, the Friends' mission is to preserve the physical plant and improve the infrastructure of The Mill Works as a historic landmark, and to support the creative community that makes its home here.

The Friends have committed to building connections between the talent at the Mill Works and the larger community. We will support events that promote the arts-in-place concept by showcasing the building and its artists. There will be classes, "First Sundays at the Mill", workshops, demonstrations, and more offered at The Mill Works, some in collaboration with the Willington Parks and Recreation Department. These offerings will enable residents to enjoy this historic landmark, engage with the artists, and be part of The Mill Works' legacy for the future. The Friends will also support activities such as fundraising and writing grant proposals to help fund infrastructure improvements. Long term... The Mill Works hopes to realize the dream of becoming a recognized cultural destination in Eastern Connecticut.

Check out the offerings at The Mill Works starting in March 2014 in the Willington Word or at the Work Mills website www.themillworks.us. And contact info@friendsofthemillworks.org if you want to learn more about becoming a Friend.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Willington Center School is registering students entering kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents and guardians of children who will be 5 by January 1, 2015 are asked to call Center School at 860-429-9367 if they have not already done so.

Orientation for kindergarten will be held in June. Parents will be contacted to schedule an appointment.



Success SEPTO:

Regional Special Education Parent Teacher Organization meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Willington Public Library. This organization serves Ashford, Mansfield, Stafford, Tolland, and Willington. All others are welcome. Visit successsepto.org for more information and a list of monthly guest speakers.

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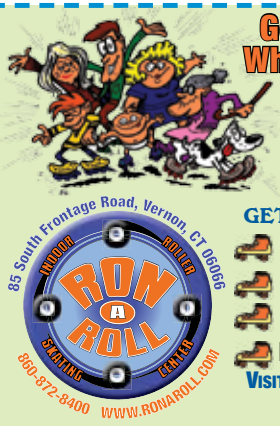
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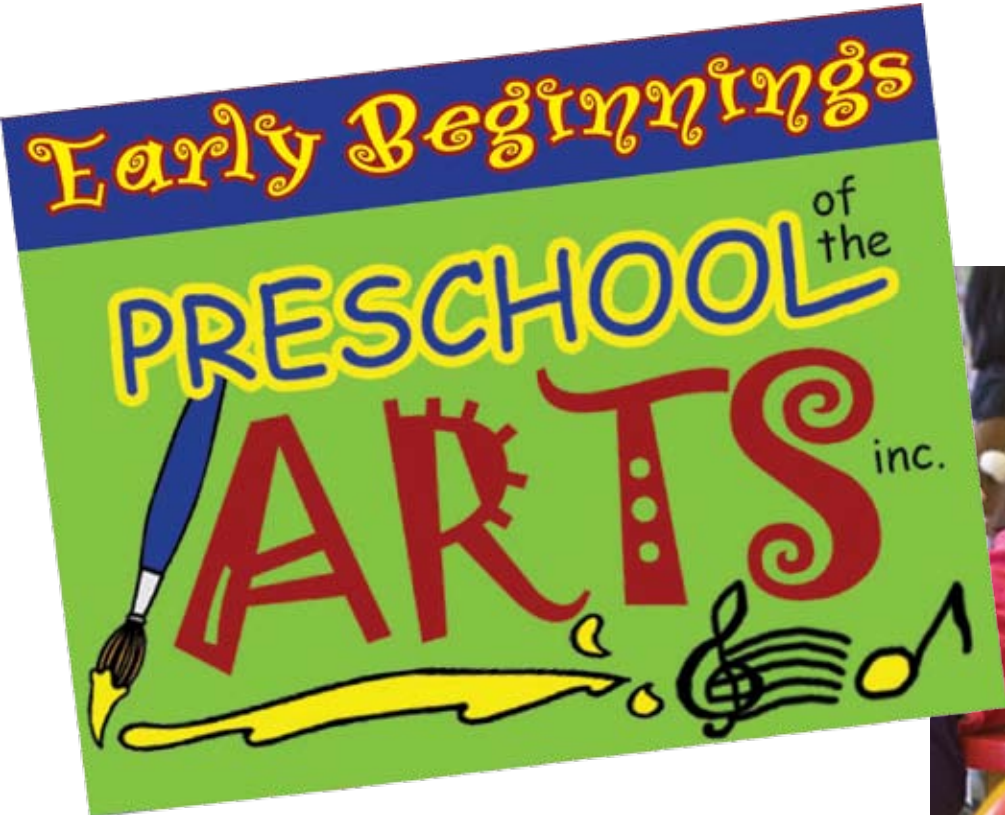
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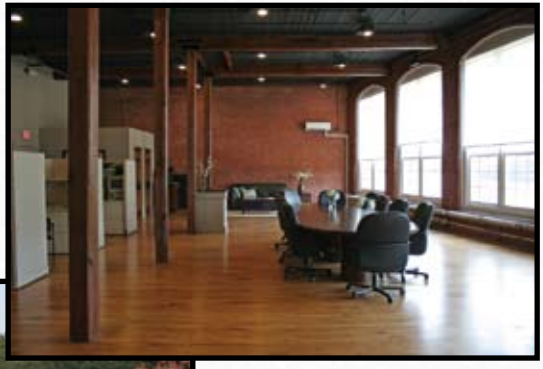
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