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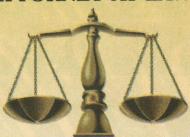
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From the Desk of the First Selectman: Dear Willington Residents:

Summer is a time for rest, relaxation and fun in the outdoors and we hope you will find ways to enjoy all that Willington has to offer this year.

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote in the recent budget referendum. Our many boards and commissions, particularly the Board of Finance, worked hard to bring a budget to voters that kept a tax increase to a minimum while maintaining programs and services. While many compromises have been made in this process, I am pleased that our boards worked well together, focused on the bottom line and considered the impact each program and service has on our residents.

The effects of the recession are definitely being felt in Willington, not just by individual residents but by the Town on a municipal level. As difficult as things are now, we know that next year (July 2011-June 2012) will be an even tougher year to budget for because we are facing a serious revenue downfall in state funding. Our Boards are already considering what we will do about this and keeping residents informed will be a priority. Expect to hear more about this in coming months.

The Town Office Building is open 12:30-7:30 on Mondays and 9-2 on Tuesday-Friday. I try to be available during office hours, or by appointment. Please stop in to share your budget ideas and concerns as we begin to plan farther into the future.

Sincerely, Christina Beebe Mailhos First Selectman Willington

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General Information

Friendly Reminder

This is a reminder to Willington taxpayers that the first installment of taxes billed in July 2010, on the assessment list of October 1, 2009, are due in full by August 2, 2010. After this date, the tax becomes delinquent and interest will be charged at a rate of 1.5% per month (\$2.00 minimum), starting at 3% on August 3, 2010.

You can pay your tax bills in person at the Tax Collector's office in the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Rd. Public hours are Mon. 12:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Tues. through Fri. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If these hours are inconvenient, please use the payment drop box installed outside the Town Office Building.

If paying in person or using drop box, to avoid interest, you must do so before the close of business on August 2nd.. We will check the drop box at closing time on August 2nd.. We are closed July 2, 2010 and July 5, 2010 for the Fourth of July holiday.

You can mail your tax payment using the green envelope enclosed with your tax bill. If you are requesting a receipt, please be sure to enclose a self addressed stamped envelope along with your payment. You must have your envelope post marked by August 2, 2010 to avoid paying interest.

You may also pay by credit card by calling 1-800-272-9829 or on line at http://www.officialpayments.com. Willington's jurisdiction code is 1707.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Office at 860-487-3111.

Carol A. Larson, CCMC, Willington Tax Collector

Willington Residents!

Enclosed in your personal property tax mailing is a reminder about the Willington Transfer Station



bulky waste procedure and an updated bulky waste card. We are reminding residents about the bulky waste procedure because of safety concerns and also because we hope to reduce associated with disposal. If you have any questions about bulky waste please procedures, contact the Selectmen's office at 860-487-3100.



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Parks & Recreation Get Up! Get Out! Get Moving!

~ 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.

Effective July 28, 2009: A pre-registration policy for activities has been set. Pre-registration for all activities is required or a \$5 late fee will be assessed. Registrations are to be done at the Town Office Building only.

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

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.

Certified Instructor: Julia Cartabiano

Dates: Sundays, September 12th, 19th, 26th,

October 3rd, 10th and 17th (6 classes)

Location: Classes will be held at Town Hall Fields, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington.

Class Times: 1:00pm -2:30pm

Fee: \$60.00

Maximum class size is 10 participants;

minimum 4 to run program.

Fencing - Session 3

The Willington Recreation Dept. will be offering open fencing this fall. 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 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.

The Coach: Matt Green

Date: August 21st - December 4th

Open Fencing: Saturdays at the Old Town Hall (Jared Sparks Rd, Willington) 10:00 to 11:00

Beginner Fencing: Saturdays at the Old Town Hall (Jared Sparks Rd, Willington) 9:00 to 10:00

Minimum of 5 needed to run

Cost: \$60 per session

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.

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

will retain the right to remove students from the program if safety rules cannot be followed.

Tennis

Women's Double Tennis League: is looking for more beginner and intermediate players for recreational match play on Thursdays evenings at 5:00 or 6:30 pm and Saturday mornings at 8:00am or 9:30am. Sessions run 6 weeks, \$15 per person/session. To inquire or register contact: syork@ashfordtownhall.org Session 1: May 22 - Jun. 26, Session 2: Jul. 10 - Aug. 4, Session 3: Aug. 26 - Oct 2.

Tennis Teaching Pro Mike Miller: will return this Summer for clinics or private lessons. If you are interested in a clinic please sign up with the Rec. Dept (space is limited) If you want a private lesson please contact Mike directly at 860.576.1464

Adult Clinics: Ages 13+ (2-6pp) \$15 pp. Mon., Jun. 14, 5:30-7:00; Sat., Jul. 10, 11:00 - 12:30; Mon., Aug. 5:30 - 7:00.

Youth Clinics: Ages 7-12 (2-6pp) \$15 pp. Sat., Jul. 10, 11:00 - 12:30; Mon., Aug. 5:30 - 7:00; Sat., Aug., 14, 11:00 - 12:30

Parks & Recreation Get Up! Get Out! Get Moving!

"For the Love of the Game" Baseball Camp

Participants are grouped by age, physical ability, and maturity. Players will learn the fundamentals of batting skills, throwing, baseball running, and sliding and primary and secondary position play. Individualized attention as well as introduction to position play and daily "game" experience will be featured.

Participants should bring a hat, glove, bat, water and a snack that does not require refrigeration everyday. For more information visit www.fortheloveofthegamecamps.com

Directed by: Steve Cervizzi, Marty Gomez, Kevin Ericson,

and Stan Harris

Date: July 26-30 **Time:** 8:30 am-12:00 am

Fee: \$110 includes camp tee shirt

Town Office Fields-Registration has begun

Gardening

Trillium Landscape Design, Gardening Program in conjunction with Willington Parks and Recreation

2 Sessions

Presenter: Julia Cartabiano, a native of Willington, holds

a B.S. degree in Environmental Horticulture from UCONN, operates Trillium Design, 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 organic gardening and landscaping and loves to share

her expertise with others.

Date: 4th Monday of June and August

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: Town Office Common Room

Fee: \$15/class

June 28, 2010 *Fruits are not just for the nutty!* There are a lot of backyard (and front yard!) edible landscaping options. We will explore some old favorites and some unusual choices.

August 23, 2010 *Fall Gardening* from lawns to flowers to veggie gardens, there are many gardening opportunities in the fall. It's not too early to plan for winter. We will consider some of the best things to do for your garden this time of year.



Golf Lessons

Teaching the game of golf has long been a tradition at Skungamaug River Golf Whether you are an Club. accomplished player or just a beginner, fine tune your game with basic skill set to accommodate players of all levels. We are also proud to have the finest practice facility in the area. Our driving range has grass tees, a large putting green, and a private instruction tee for your lessons with our PGA Professional. Do yourself a favor and make an important step to improving your golf game with some instruction. Your game will improve as well as your enjoyment of this great game!

Willington Parks and Recreation is pleased to offer golf lessons at Skungamaug River Golf Course in Coventry.

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA

Professional

Class Times and Dates:

Kids: Thursdays: 6:00pm-7:00

pm- July 2nd, 9th, 16th double session ages 8-15

Ladies: Tuesdays: 5:00pm-6:00 pm- August 4th,

11th, 18th, 25th

Co-ed Adult: Thursdays: 6:00pm-7:00 pm- September 3rd,

10th, 17th, 24th

Fee: \$60 per student- min 6/ max 8

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Session 3: Tuesdays, Jun. 29 - Aug. 10,

no class Aug. 3, Hall School Gym

Session 4: Tuesdays, Sept. 7 - Oct. 12, Center School

Instructor: Sheri Henderson

Date & Time: Tuesday nights 6:30 pm -7:30 pm. **Fee:** \$45 for 6 weeks, \$10 Drop-ins

Dates & Location: April 27th - June 15th at Hall School

Gym - 111 River Road

Note: Maximum of 40 people/Minimum or 10

Parks & Recreation Get Up! Get Out! Get Moving!

Outdoor Aquatics at Halls Pond

Come swim and play at one of the area's cleanest natural facilities. The pond will open for the season June 26th. Obtain unlimited use of Halls 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 Parks & Recreation Department.

Pond Pass Fees:

\$55 Willington Resident Family Pass \$65 Non-Resident Family Pass \$35 Resident Individual Pass \$40 Non-Resident Individual Pass

A daily pond pass is also available for \$25.00, this allows for 5 daily visits. Daily passes are \$6.00. All passes must be bought at the Town Office Building during normal business hours

Swimming lessons Swimming Lessons will run from 10:00am-12:00pm, Monday - Thursday. In case of inclement weather, make-ups will be held on Fridays. Class size is limited to 10 swimmers, so sign up early.

Swimming Lesson Schedule & Descriptions:

Session 1: July 5th-16th Session 2: August 2nd-13th

Check out the website for specific level schedules.

Fee:

\$45 per child, per session, w/pond pass \$55 per child, per session, w/out pond pass

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. Sensei Dan, who was just this past February inducted into the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame and Awarded Martial Arts Man of the Year by the same Hall of Fame, will teach the program.

The program will run for 6 weeks, Wednesday Nights

Fee: The cost is \$40 per student.

Location: Hidden Dragon Karate II Dojo, 11 Phelps Way, Willington.

The next session will be as follows:

Class Times: Beginning Dragons - (ages 4-7)

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm - White Belt Advanced Dragons - (ages 4-7)

5:45 pm to 6:15 pm, Yellow Belt-Orange Belt

Preteens (ages 8 and 17)

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, White Belt-Orange Belt

Times subject to change

Once students have obtained the rank of Orange 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.

Kayak Loaner Program-Free for Residents

The Willington Parks and Recreation Department has obtained Kayak Equipment through a grant from Eastern Highlands Health District initiative "Healthy Eating, Active Living" (HEAL). All rentals include one life jacket and one paddle per kayak. Reservations Loaner equipment is available Monday-Friday. Special requests can be made in writing to the Director of Parks & Recreation for longer periods of time. The public may reserve for any service up to four weeks in advance. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household. After the completion of one reservation, another will be allowed. You may cancel your reservation up to 1 week prior to checkout of equipment without penalty. If you cancel inside 1 week of reserved checkout, you will forfeit

your ability to rent again for the season unless the cancellation is due to documented family illness or severe weather conditions.

Jun.1-Aug. 17: Pickup 9:00 am- 10:00 am Drop Off 2:00 pm -3:00 pm

If a unit is not reserved or a cancellation occurs, any qualified patrons may walk-in (to the Parks & Recreation Office, Town Office Building) and borrow an item during posted office hours of operation.

Equipment Check-out/in Hours:

By appt. only from Aug. 17 - Jun. 1.

Call (860) 487-3108 during office hours:

Monday 12:30 pm -7:30 pm; Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am -2:00 pm, to schedule an appointment. Check in & check out at Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road.

A copy of your license and a credit card are required.



Parks & Recreation Get Up

Summer Camp 2010

Explore the great outdoors!

Session 1 - June 28 - July 2 Go Green! We've got the Green Power! Let's get together to have fun learning by doing projects that focus on ways we can help the earth with environmentally friendly activities. We'll learn about where our food comes from and grow some in our garden, discover our friends of the forest on nature walks and through fun craft projects, track the weather, learn how to turn our yucky left over food scraps into rich food for our garden, and play lots of great "green" games and activities. Come and join the green revolution!

Session 2 - July 5 -9 Fun and Fitness, Get Up! Get Out! Get Moving! Our theme for the week will be fitness and developing healthy lifestyles. We will play lots of fun games, take the fitness challenge, engage in team building activities, learn about, make and eat healthy snacks, dance, sing, and have fun through fitness. It's hip to be fit!

Session 3 - July 12 - 16 Thriving and Surviving in the Great Outdoors. Do you have the pioneer spirit? Come and find out this week as we delve into the mysteries of outdoor survival. Discover skills you can use to enjoy being out in the natural world. Try finding your way with a compass, what makes a good shelter, things not to eat or touch in the woods, and fun things to know and do before you hit the trail to enjoy the great outdoors.

Session 4 - July 19 - 23 Celebration of Nations Each day we will explore a different country, its people, culture, wildlife, and games. This year we will visit Kenya in Africa, Peru in South America, Canada in North America and New Zealand. While we visit there each day we will sample their music, food, popular games and natural world. So come along for our trip around the globe.

Session 5 - July 26 - 30 Animal Planet Get ready to have some wildlife fun! This week we will do all things "animal". Whether it is about wild beasts of the jungle or your favorite bunny rabbit we will be thinking about and doing animal projects. If we're very fortunate we might even see some live snakes and other reptiles. So get ready for some "wild" times at summer camp.

Session 6 - August 2 - 6 Holidays Everyone loves holidays, so come and enjoy a different one each day at summer camp. How about Easter eggs, snowball fights, parades, and picnics in August? There is fun for everyone as each day this week is a different holiday theme. Come ready to party and join the holiday fun.

Session 7 - August 9-13 No Theme Week! This is our last week of camp for 2010. We have done a lot of fun and educational activities this summer, so now we can replay some favorites, and just enjoy the pleasures of summer. We will play lots of great games, make fun crafts and cook up yummy snacks. Come hear an exciting story, sing a silly song or take a nature hike. Come be surprised! Anything is possible at No Theme Week!



Camp Costs

A non-refundable, \$25.00 deposit per child, per week, is due at the time of registration. Camp balances are due NO LATER than Friday, June 11th unless prior arrangements have been made with the Park & Recreation Director. All payments must be received one week before the start of a session. Pay balance by June 1st and receive \$5 discount per Summer camp week.

> Plan A-5 Days \$135 per week • \$145 for Non Residents

Plan B-3 Days \$85.00 per Week • \$95.00 for Non Residents

Plan C-2 Days

\$55.00 per week • \$65.00 for Non Residents

Extended Hours - 7:30am-8:30am and 3:00pm to 5:30pm \$5.00/hour rounded to the nearest 1/2 hour No extended hours on the last day of camp August 13th

C.I.T. Program

Back by popular demand, the Counselor in Training program is for teenagers ages 14-15. C.I.T.s will have the opportunity to take part in detailed training program with the Camp Director. All C.I.T.s must complete a C.I.T. application, Deadline for C.I.T. registration is April 16th. All C.I.T.s must attend on mandatory training session to be fully qualified. Training dates TBD. All training will be held at the Town Office Building's Common Room at 40 Old Farms Road, Willington. Pre-registration is required.

Cost per Week: \$60 residents, \$70/non-residents

Half-Day Pre-School Camp!

Children ages 3-5 will be offered the opportunity to learn about what camp life is all about. The half-day program will be play group orientated games and create beautiful art projects. The camp is held Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:00 pm same dates and themes as above.

Cost for 4 days: \$55.00/residents \$65.00/non-residents Cost for 2 days: \$30.00/residents \$35.00/non-residents Cost for 1 day: \$15.00/residents

\$20.00/non-residents

Youth, Family & Social Services

Tara Bergeron Martin: Director wyfss@willingtonct.org 40 Old Farms Rd., Willington, CT 06279, 860-487-3118 http://willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net

Grow Your Garden: Grow Your Town's Safety Net

Happy spring from Willington Youth, Family & Social Services! It is, once again, time for many resident "green thumbs" to trek out to the gardens for another season of hope, fulfillment, and yes, bug bites.

You mulch, rake, dig, plant, water, hope, pray, watch and wait. Your garden gains momentum slowly. The tiny plants reach shyly for the sun. Your spirit feels hopeful and refreshed by the promise of new, abundant, and healthy life. The momentum of growth quickens as summer progresses onward. Plants get larger, thirstier, and more aggressive as the summer months go by. Then all of a sudden it is time to finally reap what sewed...

...There are tons of tomatoes, boxes of beans, square miles of squash, loads of lettuce and mass quantities of cucumbers! Your hopes and dreams have all come to pass! Your garden has given back to you in food, what you put forth in determination, attention, and love.

If you find that your family is blessed with "too much" abundance from this summer's garden, please consider dropping your extra produce off at the Willington Town Office Building (40 Old Farms Rd). Willington Youth, Family &

Social Services will distribute any donated food items in the following ways: (1) Your gift will be brought to the Willington Mobile FoodShare Site to be distributed alongside FoodShare food supplements, or (2) Your donation will be kept at the Willington Food Pantry where low-income families and seniors can pick it up, or (3) Your donation will be shared with the Willington Senior Center and its' members.

Why the complicated distribution structure? Because, your donation of fresh food is a valuable commodity and should never be allowed to spoil! Thank you in advance for your good will! If you have any questions about donating food, the Willington FoodShare Mobile Site, or other social or youth services programs, please call Tara at 860-487-3118.

Renters' Rebate for the **Elderly & Totally Disabled:**

Program Opened May 15, 2010 Throughout the State of Connecticut.

Willington Youth, Family & Social Services is now taking applications for the Renters' Rebate Program. This tax abatement program gives a tax credit (payment) to low-income renters who, in the year of 2009, were either: (1) over the age of 65 years, or (2) were totally disabled (as determined by the Social Security Administration).

The Renters' Rebate Program is overseen by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, but is administrated locally by each and every Connecticut town. Renters should apply for their rebate in the Connecticut town in which they resided in 2009. Just like state and federal income taxes, Renters' Rebate "looks back" to the previous year to determine both program eligibility, and the amount of the tax credit due to a qualified applicant.

Do you quality?

5 Basic Eligibility Guidelines For The 2009 Program Year

- Residency: You must have lived in CT for any one year period prior to filing an application for Renters' Rebate
- · Age: You, or your spouse, must have reached 65 years of age by Dec. 31, 2008, or 50 years of age (if you are the surviving spouse of a deceased, age-qualified renter) OR
- · Disability: If you or your spouse were not 65 by the end of 2008, you or your spouse must have been deemed disabled by the Social Security Administration for the year of 2009... Proof of your disability status is required.
- Rent: You must have been a renter for all, or part of 2009.
- Gross Adjusted Income: Unmarried Renter (Under age 65) your income must not exceed \$9,350.00; Unmarried Renter (over age 65) your income must not exceed \$10,750.00; Married (at least one person 65) your income must exceed \$19,800.00; Married (both age 65 or over) your income must not exceed \$20,900.00

If you have questions about eligibility, or would like to make an appointment to apply for the 2009 Renters' Rebate Program, please call Tara at WYFSS at 860-487-3118.



Youth, Family & Social Services

Willington Safe Kids Camp 2010:

For Incoming Kindergarteners Aug 16-Aug 19, 2010 • 9:00am - 12:00pm At Center Elementary School

Give your kindergartner-to-be a great end-of-summer experience that not only teaches life-long lessons on school, household and personal safety. Safe Kids Camp is also a great opportunity for children who may be a bit apprehensive about starting school to have another chance to see and play in their new school environment before their "big first day."

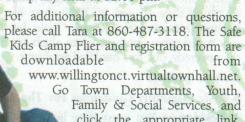
Each safety curriculum lesson is reinforced with fun, hands-on interactive activities with our community's real-life "Safe Team." Safe Kids Camp features visits and demonstrations from local law, fire, EMT rescue, and self-defense professionals each and every day.

Curriculum Highlights:

- Bike & Pedestrian Safety
- Bus & School Safety
- Fire, Drug & Poison Education
- 911 Education & Practice Sessions
- Body Boundaries & Self-Defense
- Good Citizenship & Our Laws

Safe Kids Camp begins at 9:00 am each camp day. As well as the exciting visits from local rescue pros, campers will also enjoy professionally staffed and supervised activities such as arts & crafts, games, sports, and playground time! A light

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click the appropriate link. Have a safe and happy summer!

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Both the Willington PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and Success SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) work hard to support the best outcomes for all Willington students. These organizations both need your time and talents in order that they may continue to serve as a vital part of our school children's education.

Subscribe to WYFSS emails to receive reminders of both PTA and SEPTA meetings in the upcoming school year. To subscribe, simply visit the Town of Willington web site at http://willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net and "subscribe to news" in the left column. It's simple, fast, and will keep you in the loop about PTA, SEPTA, and other important town happenings!



Date to be determined, look for flyer from the schools!

If you are a Willington resident who is in need of financial assistance please call Tara Martin, WYFSS Director at 860-487-3118.

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To our many Friends,

I'd like to take this time to share with you all, what a wonderful community we all live in. There are many among us, who give of their time, talents, and treasures, unselfishly to the betterment of our library and its patron. Whether it is in volunteering to help out with the many tasks in the running of the library, to the giving of books, or the donations made to the many craft projects we do, bringing flowers to brighten up and add more cheer, to the giving of their time and talents, and often monies, to share with us what they know, have, and love, most times without any cost to the library. So, so many more things as well have been shared or given. This kindness and thoughtfulness, goes even beyond Willington, into our surrounding communities as well. There has been much given and there are many of you who have and continue to give in these many ways. There are too many to name individually, but we know and you know, who you are. For this, I would like to say whole heartedly and most sincerely, "thank you, thank you, thank you", to each and everyone who has given of themselves and what they possess. We are truly blessed to have such love and generosity among us.

Summertime is busy here at the library! We start off with our Summer Reading program at the end of the school year, starting Saturday, June 26 and running until Saturday, August 21. There is much that is still in the planning stages, but here are some of the programs and events, you can look forward to:

We will have another counting jar during this summer's vacation. This time it's gumballs! Try to guess how many are in the jar. If your guess is correct, you win. Winner will be notified on Monday, August 23.

Our "Gratitude Journal" is still circulating within our community. Call if you would like to know where it is next.

Mitch Saba, who is a Willington resident, will be at the library in the beginning of this summer to teach us some important things we should be aware of and know; pertaining to how we are to protect ourselves. Course line up to follow soon.

On a Tuesday afternoon, in July, we will have with us here at the library, the Gregoire family of "Horsin' Around", for pony rides.

Saturday, July 10, there will be a "Teddy Bear Picnic"

Join us Tuesday, July 13 for "Puzzle Day"

Sunday, July 25 is "Parents Day". Come see what fun we'll be having on Saturday the 24th, in honor of this day.

Saturday, July 31st, at 11:30 AM, Movie Showing: "Finding Nemo". Part of our summer reading program.

Saturday, July 31, Nan King is back by popular demand, as we continue to explore our "creative" side of writing. We will explore the elements of fiction, poetry, journaling and more on memoirs. This is a 3 hour "Women's Creative Writing Retreat", 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Come and allow your creative self to blossom. Preregistration is required. Refreshments will be provided.

In honor of Youth Day on August 12, we will be having a fun evening of "Karaoke" with The Music Spinner, Emile Poirier. Stay tuned for day and time.

September is "Library Card Sign-Up Month". If you don't already have a card, come in and register, there's no time like the present to apply. It's free of charge and can be used at any of the many other Connecticut libraries. Take advantage of the most important card you'll ever own.

Sunday, September 12, is Grandparent's Day. We will be doing something "special" in their honor the Saturday before. So, join us on September 11th.

Special craft time, Saturday, September 18, at 10:30 until 12:00 noon, during our Family Time, we will be making homemade play dough, for "Play-Doh" Day

September 19th thru 25, is National Turn-Off T.V. week. Join us Thursday evening at 6:30 PM for another fun filled Family Game Night and bring along a friend. We also have a newly formed Game Club which meets every second Thursday evening at 6:30 PM. Come and join in on all the fun!

World Gratitude Day is upon us again-September 21st. Our Gratitude Journal will be back "home" after a year long tour of visiting many people and places within our community. Hopefully everyone has had the opportunity to share in it as to, what you are most thankful for in life.

"Banned Book Week" is September 27 thru October 4. We will have books on display that you can preview and/or borrow. See how times have changed and where freedom of speech has been and where it has taken us today.

We will have children's author, Jane Sutcliffe visiting the library in September or October, so look for more details to come.

Put Your Creativity Cap On!

We will be holding a contest to create a logo for the Willington Public Library! The winner will be announced January 2011.

For more information please contact Mrs. Passardi or Deb Linares at the Library!

Community Groups

Conservation Commission Notes

Summer is upon us and the members of the Conservation Commission hope that you had a chance to observe the beauty of the spring season unfold in some of the preserved natural areas in Willington. The Commission

sponsored two informative sessions this past spring: A hike with a natural resources expert from UConn to learn about some of the complex interrelationships in a forest ecosystem, and a hike with an experienced naturalist to observe and identify many of the fauna andflora one might not notice on a casual walk. We do not have any formal activities planned for the summer months, but we hope you will have a chance to explore some of the beautiful hiking areas we have in Willington.

The 300-acre Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve and Drobney Sanctuary on Moose Meadow Road has 4-plus miles of trails through woods, over ridges and along ponds and streams. A kiosk with maps is located at the parking area and a box with nature trail guides is located a short distance down the Taylor Trail. Brochures and trail maps can also be found at the Town clerk's office and the same information is available on the Conservation Commission website (see below). The 28-acre Talmadge Tract, which contains the Talmaclge Spur Trail with 1 1/2 and 2-mile loops, will take you through scenic woodlands and along gravel Mason Road. This tract abuts the 400-acre UConn Moss Forest Tract which now includes the 96-acre North Several miles of the Property. Connecticut Blue Trail run through this area with a portion along the Fenton River as it flows through a deep ravine. Trail access locations and further description can be found in brochures available at the library and Town Clerk's A description of a office.

worthwhile hike along Roaring Brook can be found in the spring edition of The Willington Word.

Of note, also, are the numerous opportunities to appreciate the outdoors on the properties managed and overseen by Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust. Although the Trust has no properties open to the public in Willington, many are close-by in Ashford, Mansfield and Tolland. The Willington library has two copies of the Joshua's Tract Walk Book, one of which can be signed out. Walk Books can be

purchased for \$15 at the Willington Town Clerk's Office, Mansfield Supply and the UConn Co-op. Up-to-date information on Trust events, walks and programs can be found at www.joshuaslandtrust.org.

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 you would like to receive email notification of Conservation Commission educational programs and events such as those mentioned above, 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. We would also be happy to hear any comments you may have about your experiences regarding Willington's outdoor resources.

Plan to take advantage of Willington's protected forest resources this summer for appreciation of their beauty, observation of the varied ecosystems and habitats, for exercise and for their restorative powers (shinrin-yoku: Taking in the Atmosphere of the Forest).

Have a good summer! We hope to see you on the trail.



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

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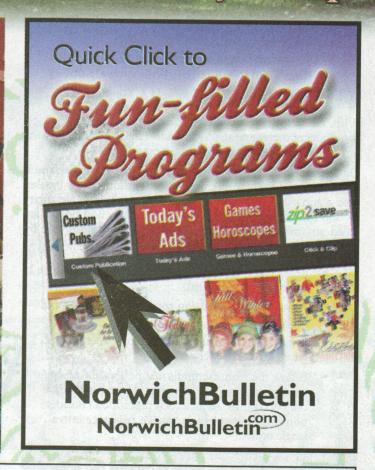
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Community Groups

The Annual Willington Flea Market 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Rain or Shine.

(Route 74, 3 miles east from Exit 69 off I-84). The Flea Market is held on the Town Green, an outdoor setting on green grass with large maple trees along one side; a three acre site with lots of space for exhibitors and patrons. It is a quiet, casual, beautiful setting for the fair. The Federated Church of Willington sponsors it and has been for 48 years. Any questions you may have, you can contact the church office at (860) 429-9911 or FedChurchWillington.org.

The church does the food booths which includes the Chowder Booth, home made Clam and Corn Chowder; best around, home made sandwiches, desserts. There is Bake and Preserve Booth Craft Booth, Vegetable and Plant Booth and a White Elephant Booth. The Top of the hill there is a Hot Dog and Hamburger Booth.



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With the warmer months approaching and the use of air conditioners increasing the Willington Fire Department wants to remind you of a few electrical safety guidelines.

On average there are over 38,000 residential home fires each year associated with wiring, outlets, extension cords, breaker boxes, and other equipment involved in distributing electricity around the home. Of these fires approximately 350 people are killed and over 1,300 are injured. Keep your homes safe by following these simple tips:

- Replace any appliance or electrical device with a loose or damaged cord.
- Avoid running extension cords over doorways and under carpets.
- In homes with small children, plug outlets should have plastic safety covers.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a plug outlet. Most outlets have only two plugs. As an added precaution consider plugging only one high wattage appliance into a single outlet.
- In the kitchen, push back cords for counter top appliances to keep young children or pets from pulling them off the counter.
- Place lamps on level surfaces and away from anything that will burn.
- Use bulbs that match the lamps recommended wattage.

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as well, to thank the many individuals and businesses who made this possible; hear about the next steps for the

at 860-487-3100.



Summer Mowing Caution

While everyone enjoys a freshly mowed lawn in the summer, please take care not to throw grass clippings, leaves or other yard debris into the road. This debris can clog or fill catch basins and cause water problems for and neighbors. Thank for your cooperation!

Eagle Scouts Drew Brown and Matt Rains for their contributions to the newly completed Senior Recreation Area, at the Senior Center. Drew Brown constructed wooden raised garden beds and Matt Rains built a storage shed. Thank you for leaving your permanent footprint in Willington.

Clem Langlois, Tolland Public Works Operations Manager, and his crew for refurbishing our fields in time for the 2010 opening day of the season. They look fantastic. Your efforts are appreciated by all.

Thank you to the many non-profit groups, small businesses and residents who pulled together to make Willington Day 2010 a success. A special thank you to the event's organizer, Jennifer Jeffreys, for her hard work, determination, enthusiasm and love for our small town!

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PZC Meets:

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