

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

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***Summer 2011***

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# General Information



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40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, CT 06279

### WEB SITE

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

### From the Desk of the First Selectman:

Dear Willington Residents:

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.

This year Willington has more to offer than ever before, thanks to the recent construction at the River Road Recreation Complex on Rt. 32. Funded by a state of Connecticut STEAP grant, the ball fields have undergone a positive transformation. In addition to playing baseball and soccer, residents can now walk their dog on the walking trail (1/3 of a mile long), enjoy a picnic with friends under the pavillion, play basketball or volleyball and now our youngest residents have a playscape to enjoy (the first public playscape that is accessible to younger children during school hours.)

Please join me in thanking the Willington Parks & Recreation Commission for their hard work and dedication over the years. If not for their vision and "can-do" attitude, we would not have the beautiful park or the variety of programs available to our residents that we have today.

The Town Office Building is open 12:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9-2 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday. I try to be available during office hours or by appointment. Please stop in to share your ideas about how we can continue to improve the quality of life for our residents and make Willington an even better place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

**Christina Beebe Mailhos**  
First Selectman

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# General Information

## FROM THE DESK OF THE WILLINGTON TAX COLLECTOR

This is a reminder to Willington taxpayers that the first installment of taxes billed in July 2011, on the assessment list of October 1, 2010, are due in full by August 1, 2011. After this date, the tax becomes delinquent and interest will be charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month (\$2.00 minimum), starting at 3% on August 2, 2011.

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 1ST. We will check the drop box at closing time on August 1ST. We are closed July 4, 2011 and July 5, 2010 the 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 1, 2011 to avoid paying interest.

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

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

**Carol A. Larson, CCMC, Willington Tax Collector**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE WILLINGTON TOWN CLERK

### Dog Licenses

June is the time to register your dog. You will receive renewal reminders at the end of May 2011. 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 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.

### Passports

Passports are no longer processed in our office due to new government regulations. Forms are available online at [pptctcsn@state.gov](http://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

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 no fees for this service for town residents.

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

**Donna J. Hardie, Town Clerk**

## FROM THE DESK OF WILLINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

### 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 you and your neighbors



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# Programs

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ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ONLINE

## FENCING

**General Info** – 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.

**Instructor:** Matt Green

**When:** June 25th

**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](mailto:piratedojo@gmail.com) first to discuss requirements.  
*NOTE: Old equipment may not be suitable for class use, please have any old equipment inspected before the class begins.*

Students may wear sweat pants or knickers with full length socks (no shorts). A flat soled sneaker (indoor soccer shoes are good) or fencing shoe is best for footwear.

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**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Course in Coventry

**Instructor:** Rick Nelson, PGA Professional

### Co-ed Adult Classes

**Day & Dates:** Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22  
**Time:** 6-7 pm

### Ladies Classes

**Day & Dates:** Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23  
**Time:** 5-6 pm

### Kids Classes (ages 8-15)

**Day & Dates:** Thursdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21  
**Time:** 6-7 pm

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

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### Hours: Pond is closed on Mondays

Tuesday – Friday 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 12:00 – 6:00 pm

### Pond Pass Fees:

\$55 Willington Resident Family Pass

\$65 Willington Non-Resident Family Pass

\$35 Resident Individual Pass

\$40 Non-Resident Individual

A daily Pond Pass is also available for \$25.00, this allows for 5 daily visits. Day Passes are \$6.00. All passes must be bought at the Town Office Building during normal business hours at the Parks and Recreation Department.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

**Day:** Tuesday – Friday. In case of inclement weather, make-ups will be held on Mondays.

**Dates:** **Session 1:** July 12- 22 *must be registered by July 6th*

**Session 2:** July 26- August 5th *must be registered July 22th*

**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00pm

**Fee:** \$45 per child, per session w/ a Pond Pass

\$55 per child, per session w/out a Pond Pass

Class size is limited to 10 swimmers, so sign up early. Check out the website for specific level schedules which are subject to change.



## Kayak Loaner Program

### Beginning in April

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!!** Loaner agreement is available online or in the Parks and Recreation office.



## KARATE

Traditional Shaolin Kempo Karate and Jujitsu for all ages starting at 3 years old presented by Hidden Dragon II Karate. Hidden Dragon was awarded the 2008 National Marital Arts School of the Year. 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.

**Day:** TBA

**Dates:** Check website for specific class dates

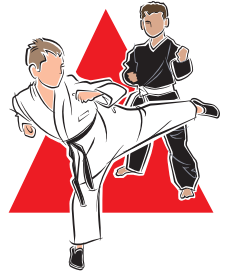
**Time:** TBA

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

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

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.

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# Programs

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## KICKBOXING

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**Day & Dates:** Monday Nights starting June 27th

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Location:** The Old Town Hall, 1 Common Road (corner of Jared Sparks Road), Willington

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

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

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

**Registration:** Preregistration is required at the Park and Recreation Dept. Participation based on space availability. Must have 8 people to run program.

**Instructor:** Natasha Wilczewski

## VOLLEYBALL-ADULT CO-ED

Come play Adult Co-ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School gymnasium. The program is available to all individuals ages 18 and out of high school. USVBA rules are followed and mastery of skills is encouraged. Space is limited to 21 players per night. The program runs year round.

**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  
\$30.00 - 2 nights

### Drop In Fees: (payable at Gym)

Resident - \$2.00 per night

Non Resident - \$3.00 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.

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

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

### Inclement weather Policy:

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

### Payment:

Payments may be made by check or cash.

All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department.

Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge.

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



## Summer Camp 2011

**Get ready for some summer fun!!**

A detailed 2011 Summer Camp registration packet is available in Town Hall Office Building and on our website. Back by popular demand are weekly field trips (except July 4th week).



# Youth, Family & Social Services

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<http://willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net>

## **Renters' Rebate for the Elderly & Totally Disabled: Program Opens May 15, 2011 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 2010, 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 Town in Connecticut. Renters should apply for their rebate in the Connecticut town in which they resided in 2010. Just like state and federal income tax returns, 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.

### **5 BASIC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES For the 2010 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, 2009, 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 2009, you or your spouse must have been deemed disabled by the Social Security Administration for the year of 2010... Proof of your disability status is required.
- **Rent-** You must have been a renter for all, or part of 2010.

- **Gross Adjusted Income:**

Unmarried Renter must have an adjusted gross income that was less than \$32,000 for 2010

Married Renters must have a combined adjusted gross income that was less than \$39,500 for 2010

If you have questions about eligibility, or would like to make an appointment to apply for the 2010 Renters' Rebate Program, please call Tara Bergeron at 860-487-3118. Or, you may email WYFSS at: [wyfss@willingtonct.org](mailto:wyfss@willingtonct.org).

## **You've Got Mail!**



Are you "hooked up" with Town of Willington Email alerts? The Town of Willington, in an effort to communicate more effectively with its' residents, offers email alerts on Board and Commission meeting agendas, meeting announcements, meeting minutes and other local events of interest. You can choose the Town department(s) or Boards and Commissions for which you would like to receive news and happenings. Visit the Town of Willington website at <http://willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net> and click "subscribe to news" to choose which items of interest for which you would like to start receiving emails. Town emails are a great way to get involved, get informed, and get active in the Town decision-making processes!



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Against Substance Abuse (NECASA), is proud to offer a **FREE** diversionary trip to **Nomads Adventure Quest** in South Windsor, Connecticut. This trip is open to all current 8<sup>TH</sup> grade students at Hall Memorial School. Save the date for healthy, stress-relieving, adolescent "play" on **Monday, June 13, 2011**. Busses will depart from HMS back parking lot immediately following school dismissal. Students will return to the school at approximately 7:15 pm that evening. This trip serves as both a night-off for parents, as well as a chance for Willington 8<sup>TH</sup> grader to enjoy the companionship of life-long friends before entering into a new and exciting chapter in their lives; high school!



**FREE admission** includes the unlimited access to the following activities/facilities: Laser tag arena, AMF mini bowling, bumper cars, APA

billiards, black light mini golf, rock climbing wall, basketball arena, and bounce house! Also included are two slices of pizza and one soft drink! Dress for comfort, dress for fun! Students may wish to bring money for video games and additional snacks, but this is optional.

Look for paper notices and registration forms in your child's backpack very soon! Or, go to the WYFSS homepage to download all notices and forms at: <http://willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net>>Town Departments>Willington, Youth, Family & Social Services. You can visit Nomads Adventure Quest's website at: <http://willingtonct.virtualtownhall.net> to obtain further details about activities and facilities.

### **Congratulations to Hall Memorial School's Class of 2011!**

## **New WYFSS Outreach Baskets in Willington Public Schools**

In an effort to reach as many Willington residents as possible with helpful information and available support services, WYFSS has placed "outreach baskets" at both Hall

and Center schools. These clear, plastic brochure holders contain information on the following topic areas; health insurance, housing and emergency shelter, clothing and household goods, food resources, and issues particular to seniors citizens. Also in these baskets is contact information for the WYFSS office. Please call any time with question, concerns, or suggestions regarding our services.

## **Gratitude and Good-bye to WYFSS Intern**

It is with much appreciation and some sadness that WYFSS says thank you and good-bye to Marie Cyr, WYFSS Intern from Edwin O. Smith High School's Depot Campus. Marie, Willington thanks you for your dedicated, competent service and wishes you only good things for your future! Congratulations on a job very well done!

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Join us for our annual **Summer Reading Program** where, there will be plenty of fun activities and prizes, for children of all ages. Come in and register, beginning Saturday, June 25th through Saturday, August 20th. Our theme this year will be **"One World, Many Stories"**. We will be announcing soon, the particular programs along with their specific dates and times.

Back by popular demand, our **Free Seminars Series**, will be presented again for those who inquired about them, but were unable to take part, in the first opportunity. Look for the date and time this September when, **Education Planning & the Financial Aid Process**, will be highlighted. Given by Dr. Gayle Russel. Gayle is a Financial Advisor and a former Finance Professor. Joining her will be, Nitsa Benson, who is an Enrolled Agent, and a Tax Practitioner, with 30 years experience. This



is a topic, for all ages, and for all situations, not only for young parents, but grandparents, as well as individuals who are not parents themselves, yet have infants or children, in their lives. This is NOT ONLY, for parents and their children currently applying to college. There are so many ways, to help with saving and/or giving, and it is never too early, to start in, with this process. This is a very informative seminar and you are sure to learn a lot. You won't want to miss out, this time around!

**Young Adult Author, Caragh O'Brien** will be revisiting us again, on **Thursday evening, September 15th at 6:30 PM**. She was very much enjoyed by our newly formed Young Adult Book discussion group recently. She is currently writing a trilogy. Her first book in this series is called, **Birthmarked**, which is already out and very popular here at the library. It begins with the story of Gaia, a teen midwife, who is compelled to "advance" babies into a privileged society within a walled city. Gaia's society is divided by the wall into haves and have-nots. Justice is uncompromising, and Gaia spends much of the book trying to save her parents from the Enclave. "It's a pretty dark, twisted, fun book" says the author. Ms. O'Brien's second book, in this series, is being released in November, of this year. It will be entitled, **Prized**. These books can be enjoyed, by both genders of young adults or adults.



Come view or take out to read, any books from the large selection of banned books, we will have available for you, during **"Banned Books Week"** at the Library, **September 25th through October 2nd**.

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# Community Groups



## Cub Scout Pack 82 Calendar for the 2010-2011 Year

Cubs can go to Camp Akela for a day camp program at Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford (we have been doing this for years). But, for the first time, we are offering an overnight, residential program as well. Cubs can go to Camp Tadma in Bozrah. The camp is 100% Cub Scouts (no Boy Scouts) --- so the whole program is focused on the younger scouts. (Cubs are 1st through 5th grade)



### June Dates

#### March in Memorial Day parade

When: Mon., May 30, 8 – 10 am

Where: 1 Common Place, Willington, CT

#### District Meeting

When: Wed., June 1, 7 – 8 pm

Where: 61 Darlin Street, East Hartford, CT

#### Round table

When: Wed., June 8, 7 – 8 pm

Where: Parrish Hill High School

#### Pack 82 Executive Committee Meeting

When: Wed., June 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: 49 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT

#### Pack meeting - picnic

When: Sat., June 18, 12 – 2 pm

Where: 24 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT

#### Tiger Meeting

When: Sun., June 19, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Where: 49 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT

### July Dates

#### District Meeting

When: Wed., July 6, 7 – 8 pm

Where: 61 Darlin Street, East Hartford, CT

#### Round table

When: Wed., July 13, 7 – 8 pm

Where: Parrish Hill High School

#### Tiger Meeting

When: Sun., July 17, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Where: 49 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT

#### Camp Akela

When: Mon., July 18, 8am – Fri., July 22, 4pm

Where: Webster Scout Reservation, Ashford, CT

#### Pack 82 Executive Committee Meeting

When: Wed, July 20, 6:30 – 8 pm

Where: 49 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT

### August Dates

#### District Meeting

When: Wed., Aug. 3, 7 – 8 pm

Where: 61 Darlin Street, East Hartford, CT **Cub**

#### Round table

When: Wed., Aug 10, 7 – 8 pm

Where: Parrish Hill High School

#### Pack 82 Executive Committee Meeting

When: Wed, Aug 17, 6:30 – 8 pm

Where: 49 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT

#### Harkness State Park overnight

When: Fri., August 19, 3:30 pm –

Sat, August 20, 4:30 pm

Where: Harkness State Park, New London, CT

#### Tiger Meeting

When: Sun., Aug 21, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Where: 49 Old Farms Road, Willington, C

For more information please contact Steven Park @ 860.429.8656 or Steven.H.Park@sbcglobal.net. More Calendar Events can be found online @ [http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ee6us36t7do5i1jtshtk2vccj4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ee6us36t7do5i1jtshtk2vccj4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York)



GIRL SCOUTS

## GIRL SCOUT TROOP 65014

We would like to thank the Willington Residents that came out for our Troop's Bronze Award Project: "Town Clean Up Day" on April 23rd. We collected approximately 1,600 pounds of trash. The winning group was Den 5 that collected approximately 330 pounds just on Pinney Hill alone.

We also would like to thank the local businesses for their donations to this event:

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# Community Groups

## PTA News

*Letter From Dee Gilbert-Co-President*

As the school year comes to a close, so has my time serving on the Willington PTA Executive Board. I joined the PTA five years ago, a mom to a new kindergarten student, who knew I wanted to be involved! I didn't know much about the PTA, so I became a member and attended my first meeting. It wasn't long before I had started participating in discussions, voting on issues / decisions, and volunteering on committees. At the end of that school year, I was elected to serve as Co-Treasurer for a two years, then Co-President, now completing my two year term. My time as a PTA Board member has been an eventful time! We have instituted a budget, and simplified the administration of our treasury, raised funds for both schools to provide enrichment, or items often not included in the schools budget and provided many wonderful memories for families in our Community Events!

We wish a fond farewell to our families moving on to high school, and to a new PTA. We wish you much luck as your children enter this next stage and we will miss you. To our amazing teachers and administrators, we thank you for all that you do to inspire our children. You continuously raise the bar and we appreciate the exceptional gift you offer our community. It has been a true pleasure and privilege to serve as co-presidents of this PTA. The Willington PTA is lucky to be able to work with two very special schools, CES & HMS, where wonderful things happen every day. At the time of this publication, our new PTA Executive Board awaits election. I am excited for them to continue the support of our schools, and each of them to bring freshness to our PTA! I hope to work with you all again, as I will continue to be a member & volunteer for our PTA.

We wish to thank the entire Willington community for its support and generosity throughout the past year. Without each and every one of you our fundraising initiatives and community events would not have been so successful. Our CES Playground Fundraiser continues - Direct donations accepted by cash or check, or visit [www.willingtonpta.com](http://www.willingtonpta.com) and donate securely using paypal!

I have enjoyed the service to children and school communities. It truly takes a PTA village to move inaction to productive action. I want to take the time to say thank you for your advocacy to and for children. Last but certainly not least, thank you to our current board for all of their hard work: Christy Sleezer, Co-Treasurer; Tracey Anderson, Co-Treasurer; Valerie Moseley, Membership Chair; and Justine Hill, Secretary. Have a wonderful & safe summer!

*Dee Gilbert, Co-President*

*Letter from Gianna Stebbins- Co-President*

It is with mixed emotion that I compose this note. . . I have been a member of the PTA Board for the past five years and have enjoyed every minute of it! I've seen many wonderful events take place as well as some terrific additions to our schools - new

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Holly DiBella-McCarthy - 860.429.1969

climbing equipment and a musical voice recording device at Center School, a weather forecasting/analysis system (Weatherbug) and new lighting equipment for the music and drama department at Hall Memorial, and our Phone Messenger System which has become an excellent tool in "getting the word out"!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Willington PTA~ all of you volunteers who help out on Willington Day, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Bowling, Teacher Appreciation Events, Clip-n-Save, Election Day Bake Sale, SCRIP Card ~THANK YOU!! Without YOU our PTA would not exist! I have most recently become a Region Director for the CT-PTSA Board of Directors. I am very excited to learn about PTA issues on a state and national level and bring the information back to our local PTAs!

Best of luck to all the incoming and existing Willington PTA Board Members ~ you are going to do a wonderful job!!!!

*Gianna Stebbins, Co-President*

# Community Groups

# 911

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The Town of Willington has a number of opportunities for citizens looking to volunteer for our community. Do you have a special interest, skill or knowledge you are willing to share? We have opportunities on many of our Boards and Commissions, as well as at our non-profit organizations. Read on to see if something interests you:

- Our newly formed Emergency Services Efficiency Committee is looking for members to analyze the town's emergency services expenses and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance prior to the next budget season.
- Do you enjoy going to the Transfer Station and/or have ideas for improvement? We are looking to re-energize our Solid Waste Advisory Committee and need several members. In addition, we are looking for an "Inventory Manager" for the Swap Shop - this would be someone who would be willing to spruce up and organize the Swap Shop on a regular basis.
- Do you have an interest in Green Energy? Would you like to help the Town of Willington reduce our energy costs? Consider joining the Energy Advisory Committee.
- Our local businesses are important to the future of Willington. If you agree, perhaps you would be willing to serve on the Willington Economic Development Committee and help retain the businesses we have while attracting new ones.
- Do you have an interest in open space or land use? Our Conservation Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals are still looking for alternate members. Serving as an alternate member is a great way to learn the ropes on these boards!
- We have a Safety & Facilities Committee that is looking for new members. Anyone with a background in safety and/or building would be a welcome addition to this committee.
- Do you have an interest in Willington history or historical buildings? We are looking for a Municipal Historian and Assistant Municipal Historian. In addition, The Willington Historical Society has open spots and the Historic District Commission is looking for someone to serve as an alternate member.
- The newly formed Welcome Sign Committee is in place to help secure locations, raise funds and oversee the installation of "Welcome to Willington" signs.

We need a few dedicated and organized people to help make Willington more welcoming!

Please contact First Selectman Christina Beebe Mailhos at 860-487-3100 for more information about any of the above positions.

Not interested in formally serving on a Board? There are plenty of other volunteer opportunities with the Willington Public Library, Willington Senior Center, Willington Youth & Family Services, Willington Parks and Recreation Commission, the V.F.W., both of our Fire Departments as well as other organizations in Town. Call 860-487-3100 to find out more about volunteer opportunities and to see if you have an interest or skill that matches up to a need in Town.

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