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General Information

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 participate in the budget process over the past several months and 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.

While many of our Boards and Commissions take the summer months off, our town employees, particularly Public Works, are very productive when the weather cooperates. Our new Public Works Director, Derek Dimmock, and the crew are looking forward to the many projects ahead on the roads and at our Old Town Hall.

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 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
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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 Info

Town of Willington
REVENUE COLLECTION DEPARTMENT
40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT. 06279

FRIENDLY REMINDER

This is a reminder to Willington taxpayers that the first installment of taxes billed in July 2014, on the assessment list of October 1, 2013, are due in full by August 1, 2014. 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, 2014.

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, 2014 for 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, 2014 to avoid paying interest.

You can now look up and pay your bills on line by going to www.willingtonct.org - Go to Town Depts. - Go to Revenue Collection Dept. - Click on link "view and or pay my tax bill". Type in last name leave a space and type in your first initial (Doe J). Click on search and you will be able to see your bills. Follow instructions on screen.

You may also pay by credit card by calling 1-800-272-9829 or on line at 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 Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

June is the time to register your dog. You will receive renewal reminders at the end of May 2013. 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 pptctsm.state.gov. 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 is a \$5.00 fee for this service.

Primaries: State, District and Municipal

Watch for notices of primaries for absentee ballots in July, primaries to be held on August 12th if there is one.

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

Donna J. Hardie, Town Clerk

From the Registrars of Voters:

Please 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. If you have any questions, call and leave a message at (860) 487-3120. Our office hours are Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 noon. Upcoming voting events: November 4, 2014 – State Election

Gail Kapinos and Christine Psathas
Registrars of Voters



Thank you from your Willington EDC!

We had a great turnout for our April Business Networking Meeting, with 34 business leaders and town officials joining us to meet and learn about opportunities to help their businesses grow. Thanks to Beni and his staff at the Hilltop Restaurant & Bar for hosting this wonderful event!

We are looking at more opportunities to help our local businesses, from networking events to business courses, and would like feedback from current and prospective business owners on what they would like to see. Please send us an e-mail with your suggestions!

We are also looking for a volunteer to join the Economic Development Commission as an alternate member. If you are excited to help our local business grow, please e-mail us for more information.

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

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
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If you answered yes to either question, then the **Town of Willington needs you!**

The Board of Selectmen are trying to reinstate the "Safety and Facilities Committee" and we need a few good people. If you are interested in joining this committee and would like to help keep the town you live in safe, please contact Kim Kowalyshyn at kkowalyshyn@willingtonct.org.

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.

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Parks & Rec. Programs

- Area summer camps:
Boys and Girls Camps
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GOLF LESSONS

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional
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Class Times and Dates:

- Co-ed Adult Classes:** 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.

FENCING WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER-CHECK ONLINE FOR START DATE

Hall's Pond

Come swim and play at one of the area's cleanest natural facilities. Obtain unlimited use of Halls Pond by purchasing a Pond Pass for you and your family.



Open for the Season June 21st Closes August 17th

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

Pond Pass Fees:

- \$60 Resident Family Pass- (\$7.50/ week, \$1.25/day) max. 6
- \$70 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.

SWIMMING LESSON

WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED

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.

Dates: **Tuesday nights-Contact Parks and Recreation for dates**

Location: Classes will be held at the Shaolin Kemp 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.**

Kayak Loaner Program

TOWN OF WILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION

Policy & Procedures for Free Kayak Loaner Program

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 are a must: Loaner equipment is available Monday-Friday by appointment. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household.

24 hour rental unless equipment is available May 15, 20124 - October 15: Pickup 9:15 am Tuesday –Friday Pickup; Mondays is 12:45 pm - Drop off 9:15 am the following morning (unless a weekend then drop off is Monday at 12:45)



All loading and unloading of the kayaks is the sole responsibility of the renter.

Call (860) 487-3108 during office hours: Monday 12:30 -7:30 pm; Tuesday- Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, to schedule an appointment. Check in & check out location is at Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road.

Equipment Condition: Loaner will be assessed all repair or replacement fees for damaged equipment as per loan agreement. Patrons who develop a trend of misuse will be denied further use. Pre and post inspections will be conducted and signed for by the patron and on-duty attendant.

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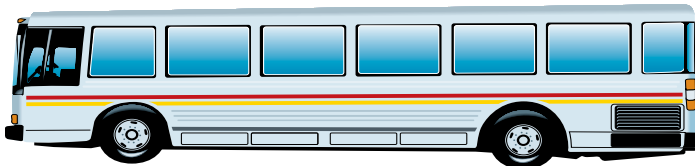
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Parks & Rec. Programs

Bus Trips



SUMMER TEEN BUS TRIPS

(minimum of 25 to run trip)

BROWNSTOWN PARK

Wednesday, July 2nd

Spend a beautiful summer day at the Brownstone Exploration & Discovery Park!

It is the Number 1 Adventure Park in Southern New England. Tons of stuff to do all day!

The school bus will leave from Ashford Town Hall at 8:45 am and Willington Town Hall at 9:00

am. Get your friends together and grab your swimsuit, your shades, and your sunscreen. (Sneakers or rock climbing shoes must be worn to climb)

You may bring or buy your lunch there. We will return to Willington about 5:00pm and Ashford at 5:15 pm. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Fee: \$38.00-Fee includes bus and Adventure Pass.
\$15.00-Transportion Only for Season Pass Holders

Register by Wednesday, June, 25th



Great activities for all ages!

Zip lines, rock climbing, cliff jumping, wakeboarding, inflatable toys, kayaking, swimming, scuba diving, challenge courses and more

SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND

Wednesday, August 13th

The Place for Summertime Family Fun! Six Flags has it all! Rides, games, contests,

water fun, concerts and more!

The school bus will leave from Ashford Town Hall at 8:45 am and Willington Town Hall at 9:00 am. It's a 1 hour ride to Six Flags

Amusement and Water Park. We will return to Willington at 5:00 pm and Ashford at 5:15 pm. Food may not be brought into the park. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Fee: \$47.00- includes transportation and an all inclusive park admission pass
\$15.00- Transportation only

Register by Friday, August, 6th



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Park & Rec. Programs

Programs

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 for year round on Monday and Thursday Nights 7:30 - 9:30 pm - may change during Basketball Season

Registration Fees: Resident-\$20.00 - 1 night
\$30.00 - 2 nights
Non Resident- \$30.00 - 1 night
\$40.00 - 2 nights
Drop In Fees: (payable at Gym)
Resident - \$3.00 per night
Non Resident - \$5.00 per night
Yearly fees \$65.00 available to residents only.



BASKETBALL SEASON WRAP UP!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE 2013-2014 VOLUNTEER YOUTH BASKETBALL HEAD COACHES AND TO THE MANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THIS SEASON SO SUCCESSFUL!

Grades 3-4

Amy Redding
Dan Pierce
Steve Davis-1st place in their tournament
Jacob Hall

Grades 5-6

John Frassinelli
Patrick Ryan
George Paquin -1st place in their tournament
Rich Mailhos-1st place their tournament

Grades 7-8

Dan Cote
Patrick Ryan-2nd place in their tournament
Adam White-1st place in their tournament

Grades 9-10

Al Ference-1st place in their tournament

Grades 11-12

Butch Littell-2nd place in their tournament
John Wojtyna

Travel Boys 7-8

Jerry Jose

Instructional

Greg Suchy, Isa Peczuh and Renee Suchy

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

Town Parks & Amenities

TOWN PARKS

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, soccer 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

Talmadge Tract: Mason Road- hiking (adjacent to the Knowlton Property)



Town Office Building Fields: 40 Old Farms Road-Baseball and Softball fields

Park on Village Hill Road: 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: \$75.00 for 5 hours or \$20.00 per hour
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Questions: Call Teri Gareau,
Parks & Rec Director at 860- 487-3108
or visit
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for more information.
**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE ONLINE**

Registration Info

You can download registration forms; get updated information on upcoming programs, events, and facility rental information! www.willingtonct.org

Questions:

Call Teri Gareau, Parks and Recreation Director at (860)487-3108 or email me at tgareau@willingtonct.org

Inclement weather Policy:

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

Payment:

Payments may be made by check or cash. 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.



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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Senior Activities

Senior Activities 60 OLD FARMS ROAD

- **June 11- Antique Appraiser 6:00pm-9:00pm**
- **July 19- \$5.00 Breakfast "All You Can Eat" - 9:00-11:00 am**
- **June 9 and July 14- Foot Clinics -**
1:30pm Appointment required. Call for date.

Food Share Dates:

Wednesdays - 6/4 and 6/18, 11:00am

Ongoing Activities:

Yoga: Mondays 10:00am

Tai Chi: Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 am

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

Pinochle: Fridays 12:30 pm

Set Back: Saturdays 7:00 pm

Wii Bowling: Mondays 12:30 pm



Meeting Dates:

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

Public is welcome to attend

SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

"Flavors of Home" Cookbook-

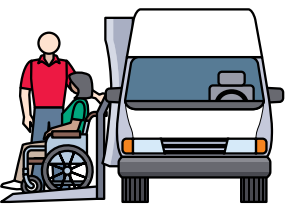
a compilation of the Senior's favorite recipes. Cost is \$9.00. Books are sold at the Senior Center or at the Town Clerk Office. For more information please call, 860-429-8321.



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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The Willington Parks & Recreation Department

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40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Address Number Requested _____

Horizontal _____ Vertical _____

**Cost
Only \$12
Seniors \$10**

From Conservation Commission

Do You LIKE TO HIKE?

Willington Conservation Commission is seeking local volunteers who enjoy hiking and the outdoors to become trail stewards for Fenton-Ruby Park off Moose Meadow and Burma Roads, as well as the Talmadge Tract and Knowlton Preserve properties on Mason Road. Stewards would agree to walk a trail on a regular basis and report to the Commission on needed maintenance. If you are interested in becoming a trail steward or assisting with trail maintenance projects, please contact Kathy Demers at cdemers@mindspring.com or 860-429-8384.



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Community Groups

Friends Of The Mill Works

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The Gardiner Hall Jr. Company:
Original Photographs, Artifacts, & Oral Histories

The Friends of The Mill Works, a nonprofit group organized under Windham Arts, 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 has had on 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, formally the home of the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company.

The Friends group is seeking original photographs, equipment, artifacts, and any physical items associated with the Gardiner Hall Jr. Company, its founders, employees, and customers. Items that are donated or loaned to the museum will be identified by the donor's name, and included on display and in any print materials created for the museum. In addition, the Friends are also interested in conducting interviews with folks that may have worked for or had a relationship with the Hall Company. 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, have knowledge of any, or are interested in sharing thoughts or reflections about the Hall Company, please contact The Friends of The Mill Works:

Email: info@friendsofthemillworks.org
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graphs from their personal collections, although the majority of the photographs are from the Willington Historical Society's collection. The authors are donating all proceeds from the sale of the book to the Historical Society for use in restoring the Daniel Glazier Tavern, which will eventually be home to the Society's museum. The Historical Society is offering the books for \$20.00 each. They are available at the Town Clerk's office, along with other publications from the Society. Joe and Trish will be signing copies of books purchased at the Historical Society's booth on Willington Day, Saturday, May 24, 2014. In addition, autographed copies will be available for sale at the Historical Society's booth at the Flea Market on the town green on Saturday, September 6, 2014. To learn more about the Willington Historical Society and the Daniel Glazier Tavern visit our website, willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org.

"The Friends of the Mill Works" First Sundays at The Mill Works

Date: Sunday June 1st, 2014
Time: 12 noon to 5PM

Experience *First Sundays at The Mill Works* June 1st, 2014! Come participate in workshops, tours, demonstrations, readings, and more... Musical guests will be onsite to entertain you!

Visit the *Gardiner Hall, Jr. Museum at The Mill Works* and become more aware of the significance this innovator and his company has had on the development of Willington. Consider making The Mill Works your workplace!

On June 1st, the *First Sunday at The Mill Works* will be focused on children of all ages. Activities include a cartooning session, sketch & write workshop, puppeteer shows during the afternoon, a dulcimer music presentation, open studios and painting demonstrations. Come for the classes, come for the art, the history or the performers, but COME and bring the kids. Activities are free. A detailed description of activities and times can be found on-line. We will resume First Sunday at the Mill Works on Sept 7th, so save the date. Check website <http://themillworks.us/events.html>

for schedule or call 518-791-9474 for more information.



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Public Education Message--Pool Safety

Millions of us enjoy warm weather every year by swimming in our backyard pools. Tragically though, over 300 young children drown in backyard swimming pools each year.

- Prior to constructing a pool always consult with the Willington Land Use Department.
- Secure your pool with appropriate barriers. Completely surround your pool with a 4-foot high fence or barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Place a safety cover on the pool or hot tub when not in use and remove any ladders or steps used for access.
- Install a pool alarm that goes off if anyone enters the pool.
- Keep children under active supervision at all times. Stay in arm's reach of young kids. Designate a responsible person to watch the water when people are in the pool—never allow anyone to swim alone.
- Have young or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim well by enrolling them in age-appropriate water orientation and learn-to-swim courses.
- Keep your pool or hot tub water clean and clear. Maintain proper chemical levels, circulation and filtration. Regularly test and adjust the chemical levels to minimize the risk of earaches, rashes or more serious diseases.
- Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as "no diving," "stay away from drain covers," "swim with a buddy" and "walk please."
- Ensure everyone in the home knows how to respond to aquatic emergencies by having appropriate safety equipment and taking water safety, first aid and CPR courses.

Courtesy of Chief Tyler Millix,
Willington Fire Department Inc.



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 successepto.org for more information and a list of monthly guest speakers.

Each month parents, educators, legislators, and professionals meet to learn and share information about topics such as transitioning, IEP process, autism, special education laws, advocacy, and working collaboratively to meet the complex needs of children.



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Mark your calendars! Monthly list of events for June, July, August.

Summer Reading 2014 Science Fizz!, Boom!, READ!

A summer of science fun is just around the corner! This year's theme is Fizz, Boom, READ, a theme centered on STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), or STEAM (adding Arts).

Our summer reading program is for children of all ages, both family readers and independent readers. Beginning Saturday, June 21, 2014, you can register at the library at any point during the summer program which will run until the middle of August. We have the best-ever prizes for you to choose from. Check out our display cases in the

Opening Day Kick Off for WPL's SRP will begin Saturday, June 21 from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM with our 2nd Annual "Worm Racing" Contest. Instructions and Rules: 1) Dig up, place in soil, and bring in a live earthworm 2) Name and register your worm 3) Play/race with manners and courtesy 4) Have fun! 5) When releasing worms, be sure they are placed in a cool area where soil is damp so they can burrow down. That's it...Let the races begin!



Also on Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM...Authors of all genres will be situated throughout the library for you to learn from and enjoy. Get to know these authors and their books. You will also be able to purchase personally autographed copies.



Other summer events you can look forward to:

Tuesday, July 8 at 3:00 PM- Magician Marissa Michaels: "M Squared Magic" Miss Michaels is energetic and funny. She placed first for 2013 in the Magician's Alliance of Eastern States.

The Friends of the Library are having an indoor Tag Sale on Saturday, July 12 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Community Room. Just to let you know, we are always stocking up and preparing for our Annual Book Sale in September. Donations are always welcome and accepted throughout the entire year.



Wednesday, July 16 at 2:00 PM - Sparky's Puppets "Time Machine" With the help from the audience, a scientist builds a time machine. In his search for strange and wonderful stories, he sets the dial for the past...and then the future! What will he discover?

Wednesday, July 23 at 3:00 PM- The Children's Museum "Chemistry In Your Kitchen" All kinds of reactions can be done using simple chemicals found at the supermarket. Strange color changes, production of multiple gasses, solids that dissolve, and the most famous fizzing experiment in the world. And they will show you how you can try them at home.



Tuesday, August 12 at 1:00 PM - "Save the Monarchs" with Joanne Miller.

The monarch butterfly may be the most widely recognized of all American butterflies with its distinct orange, black, and white wings and it is tougher than it looks. Did You Know? Monarchs can travel between 50 - 100 miles a day; it can take up to two months to complete their journey

to winter habitats. We will learn about their diet, behavior and threats to their very existence. Hopefully there will be butterflies!



We now have an E-mail Blast as well to go along with our own website and Facebook page, so that there is no reason or excuse to not be informed about the many wonderful and exciting things going on at your library. Sign-up now. You can also read about us weekly in the Reminder Newspaper.

Willington Youth, Family & Social Services

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Renters' Rebate for the Elderly & Totally Disabled:

Program Opened April 1, 2014 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 2013, 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 2013.

Just like state and federal income taxes, Renters' Rebate "looks back" to the previous calendar year to determine both program eligibility, and the amount of the tax credit due to a qualified applicant.

Do you qualify?

5 BASIC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES For the 2013 Program Year.

- **Residency-** You must currently live in Connecticut, AND have lived in Connecticut for any one year period prior to filing an application for Renters' Rebate.
- **Age-** You or your spouse must have reached are 65 by Dec. 31, 2013, or age 50 if you are the surviving spouse of a deceased, qualified renter.

OR

- **Disability** - If you or your spouse were not 65 by the end of 2013, you or your spouse must have been deemed disabled by the Social Security Administration for the year of 2013... Proof of your disability status is required.
- **Rent** - You must have been a renter for all, or part of 2013.
- **2013 Gross Adjusted Income:**
 - Unmarried Renter's household income must not exceed \$34,100.
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If you have questions about eligibility, or would like to make an appointment to apply for the 2013 Renters' Rebate Program, please call Tara at WYFSS at 860-487-3118.

The deadline for applications is October 1, 2014.

Municipal Medical Transportation for Elderly and Disabled Residents

You must be age 60 or older, or considered disabled (by the Social Security Administration) in order to use this grant-funded transportation option.

We kindly ask that when possible, you use other means of transportation. Your options in Willington are as follows:

- **WRTD Buses** – The Windham Region Transit District has route options that depart from the 4 corners of Rt. 44 and Rt. 195 and travel to Willimantic. See route and schedule details at <http://www.wrtd.net/> or call WRTD at 860-456-2223. Dial-A-Ride – Anyone in Willington can use dial-a-ride! This service travels from Willington (and surrounding Towns) to Storrs Mansfield, Willimantic and North Windham every weekday. Call 860-456-1462 to schedule your ride.
- **Title 19 Medical Transport** – If you have Medicaid, you can usually get medical transport for free. Call LogistiCare at 1-888-248-9895. (Make sure to have your ConneCT card available when you call).
- **Ace Taxi** – Taxi service to and through Willington is available to you 24/7. Call 860-647-1546.

We are here to help! After you review your options, if you find that you are still unable to find transportation to your medical appointment: We encourage you to call the Town of Willington at 860-487-3118 to find out more information.

Upon Approval: After you have scheduled your medical appointment, call Dagmar at 860-456-2221 with the following information:

- Your name, home address and date of birth
- Appointment location and telephone number
- Appointment Date and time
- Estimated appointment length

IMPORTANT:

Arrangements for transportation must be made a minimum of 2 business days in advance. This transportation is not intended for emergency use.

We hope you find this helpful and encourage questions! Call Tara at 860-487-3118 for a confidential conversation about transportation.

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