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From the Desk of the First Selectman:

As Willington's new First Selectman, I'd like to congratulate all of our newly elected officials and thank our residents who got out to vote in this past election.

As we face the beginning of another tough budget season, it is good to know we have so many qualified and dedicated people serving on our town boards and commissions. There is real work and tough decisions ahead for all of us.

In the meantime, please know that my door is always open and I welcome your ideas for improvement in Willington. Please call (860)-487-3100 or email me at cmailhos@willingtonct.org with your ideas. I look forward to serving all of our townspeople.

Christina Mailhos, First Selectman

≈ FRIENDLY REMINDER ≈

This is a reminder to Willington taxpayers that the second installment of your real estate & personal property taxes billed July 1, 2009 and your motor vehicle supplemental taxes billed January 1, 2010, on the grand list of October 1, 2008, are due in full by February 1, 2010. After this date, the tax becomes delinquent and interest will be charged at a rate of 1 1/2% per month (\$2.00 minimum), starting at 3% on February 2, 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 February 1st. We will check the drop box at closing time on February 1st. We are closed New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.

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 February 1, 2010 to avoid paying interest.

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

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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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Family Skate at UCONN Ice Arena

January 17, 2010 Sunday 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Ice skating rentals are available. No food or beverages are allowed to be brought inside.

Free Snow Shoe Loaner Program

What a great way to stay active and beat the winter blues. Adult and youth snow shoes are available for rental free to town residents.

Loaner equipment is available for rental during Town Office hours.

ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS

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. Trained instructors under the direct supervision of Sensei Dan Armini, will teach the program. The program will run for six weeks, on Wednesday Nights -check out the website for dates. The cost is \$40 per student. Classes will be held at the Hidden Dragon Karate II Dojo, 11 Phelps Way

TRADITIONAL 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.

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

Dates: Sundays, April 18th, 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd (6 classes)

Times: 1:00pm -2:30pm

Fee: \$75.00

Maximum class size is 10 participates- Minimum is 4

ART CLASSES

This class is designed to allow students an opportunity to creatively explore self portraiture through a variety of media and individualized instruction. Students will begin by looking at several examples of self portraits and by learning about the basic proportions of the human face. Students will utilize graphite and charcoal in preliminary sketches of their own face. The class will culminate with a self portrait acrylic painting done on canvas board. Classes are March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Town Office Building- Common Room

Cost: The program fee is \$150 for six classes. Grades 3-8

All art supplies provided.

Registration: Preregistration is required.

Minimum of 8 / Maximum of 12

Art Instructor: Natalie O'Brien is an artist and an art teacher. She holds a Bachelor's in Art Education and a Master's in Fine Art from Pratt Institute. Natalie works in a variety of media, predominately painting and sculpture. She maintains a studio practice at 2 River Road Studios in downtown Stafford Springs. A New York native, Natalie has been a Willington resident along with her husband and two dogs since 2006.

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.

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FENCING

Modern fencing is an amateur sport consisting of three weapons; foil, saber and epee. Fencing can be enjoyed by men and women of all ages at many levels; from a recreational pastime to National and International Competition.

When & Where: January 9th-April 24th
Saturdays at the Old Town Hall (Jared Sparks Road, Willington) 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Cost: \$45 (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 the program if safety rules cannot be followed.

The Coach: Matt Green

GARDENING

Trillium Landscape Design Gardening Program 2010 In Conjunction with Willington Parks and Recreation

5 Sessions: To meet 4th Monday of March, April, May, June and August

March 22, 2010

Seeds and Seeding: How to start your plants from seed. An up close and personal look at seeds, what they are and how to get them to do what you want! We will explore techniques for seed germination, transplanting seedlings, growing on, hardening-off and other really cool stuff to get your garden "sprouting" this spring. Prepare to get your hands dirty trying this in class.

April 26, 2010

Native Plants for Spring Gardens: Identification and proper placement of native plants in your landscape, with tips for rebuilding the natural plant communities in your yard. This class to be held at an outdoor location, with native plant walk, weather permitting.

May 24, 2010 (rain date - May 26, 2010)
Composting, Soil Building, and Weed-less Gardening. Hands -on project starting a new garden from scratch! Get down and dirty building a planting area (at a site to be announced), while learning about soil and how it affects your plants, and how you really can have a weed-less garden.

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.

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 pm - 9:30 pm** The next session begins August 31, 2009.

YOGA

These yoga classes are for everyone who wants to improve their health and well-being. Yoga is a carefully designed and extensive program using gentle and restorative yoga, modified postures, breath work and meditation with the intent of giving relief from physical pain and improving joint and organ functions.

Participants will improve their posture and flexibility. The posture positions improve blood circulation; promote sound sleep and relaxation allowing the body to heal itself. The individually guided breathing techniques promote harmony and release stress. This class is especially appropriate for individuals who wish to get their bodies back to health after illness, surgery or injury. It can help those suffering from various difficult physical conditions, like back pain and arthritis. The techniques taught are appropriate for beginners, older adults as well as advanced yoga students.

Monday nights 6:30-7:30 Center School
Preregistration is required at the Park and Recreation Dept. Min of 8 to run program.

SKI TRIP TO WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN

Come out for some winter fun!

February 17th:

Bus leaves 7:30 am and returns 5:30 pm

Fees:

\$60 includes lift ticket and transportation

Rentals: \$26 **Helmet:** \$6 **Lessons:** \$15

First time beginner package: \$60 (inc. beginner lift ticket, rental and lesson)

Registrations must be received by February 1st. A minimum of 15 to run trip. More information online or give a call.

~ SPECIAL THANKS ~

Michael King and Troop 82 for the construction of the new kayak rack and the painting of the Parks and Recreation shed. The rack is working out beautifully and is very helpful with loading and unloading the kayaks. The shed looks brand new with the new coat of paint.

Nick Townsend and friends for sealing the guardrails at the River Road Athletic Complex.

Lynn Nicholls and Public Works for their collaboration with Parks & Recreation that has allowed this department to accomplish so much over the last year.

~ COMING IN APRIL ~

- **Golf Lessons at Skunkamung Golf Course**
- **Combination Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Certification**
- **MLS Soccer Camp**
- **Summer Camp 2010**
Willington Summer Camp strives to provide a safe and enjoyable program for children in the community. Our themed based sessions offer activities that involve creativity, learning, team building, and that are just plain fun! We encourage positive reinforcement to build children into confident young adults. We are offering a preschool camp from 8:30 am- 12:00 pm, Monday-Thursdays.
- **Cooking Classes for children.**

Check online for fees and location information. Please contact Parks & Rec. with any ideas for new programs or trips.

iParentnetwork.org

iParentnetwork draws 300 parents to connect!

In just the first two months since its inception, iParentnetwork has attracted 300 parents to its membership ranks. iParentnetwork's mission is to provide an online venue for parents to connect with each other to "talk" about all the challenges of parenting. Completely interactive, the web site offers tools that allow parents to post comments on blogs written by parenting experts, to join groups of like-minded other parents to discuss topics focused on a particular area of interest, a Tri-Town calendar to see all events in Mansfield, Ashford & Willington in one place and the ability to "tweet" or shout out to other parents something that is on your mind. Additionally, there is a tool that allows parents to share information they may have stumbled upon, through a "bookmarking" tool. Just by using the site, parents will begin to become familiar with the same technology tools their kids are embracing. The key to keeping your kids safe online is to first educate yourself. Using iParentnetwork is a great way to get started. Membership is free and as simple as visiting <http://www.iparentnetwork.org> and selected a username and password!

Willington PTA Meetings

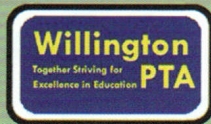
6:30 PM at Willington Public Library
January 21 ~ February 25 ~ March 18

Babysitting provided by Cadette Girl Scout Troop #65103

SAVE THE DATES:

February: Father-Daughter Dance Date: TBD
March: Mother/Son Bowling,
Spare Time Bowling Lanes Date TBD

www.willingtonpta.com



CONSERVATION COMMISSION FALL EVENTS

In October, the Willington Conservation Commission, together with the commissions from Ashford, Chaplin, Eastford and Hampton, co-sponsored a successful workshop on protecting family farms and forests. The more than 50 attendees at Knowlton Hall in Ashford heard about land protection options from foresters, tax attorneys, land trusts, the Green Valley Institute and folks who have already conserved their family lands.

At a fall work day at Fenton-Ruby Park, trails were surfaced with woodchips, a trail was re-routed to avoid wet areas and 3 bridges were constructed. We encourage folks to visit the Park and the Talmadge Trail and Blue Trail off Mason Road. Trail maps and brochures can usually be found at the kiosk at the parking area at Fenton-Ruby, at the Library and at the Town Clerk's office. The Fenton-Ruby trail map is also available on the town website: (willingtonct.org, Bds and Commissions, Conserv. Comm.) Winter, and especially a fresh snowfall, give the forest landscape a whole new perspective. The Parks & Recreation Department now has snowshoes to loan if you'd like to try that experience. Contact Parks & Recreation Director Teri Gareau at 487-3108 for information on borrowing equipment.

We are still waiting for final Conn. DEP approval of the surveys and documents necessary to finalize the purchase of the 135-acre Knowlton property on Mason Road. By spring time we hope to be considering management and use options on that terrific addition to Willington's open space.

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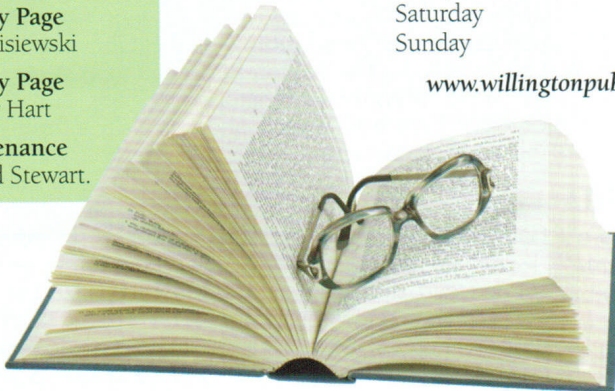
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Wednesday	12 pm to 5 pm
Thursday	12 pm to 8 pm
Friday	12 pm to 5 pm
Saturday	9 am to 2 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org



During the fall and winter months here at the library, will we continue with our Gratitude Journal, which we began in September. This journal will be available for all to participate in- no matter what age- until spring 2010.

Story and Craft Hour

The library holds story time every Saturday at 10am. A story will be read to the children and a craft will follow. This story time is suitable for all ages.

Crocheting Club

Every Thursday from 6:30-8:00pm in the Reading Room. Lessons will be given for beginners and don't forget to bring your crocheting supplies!

Knitting Club

Every Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm in the Reading Room. Lessons will be given for beginners and don't forget to bring your knitting supplies.

The Willington Public Library will have lots of exciting programs and activities coming up for the months of January, February, and March; that will help get us through the long winter months ahead. So, keep in touch with us by calling, or coming in, or by checking on our web site for future information pertaining to these upcoming events. You can also find us advertised throughout many other publications as well. Hope to see you here.



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