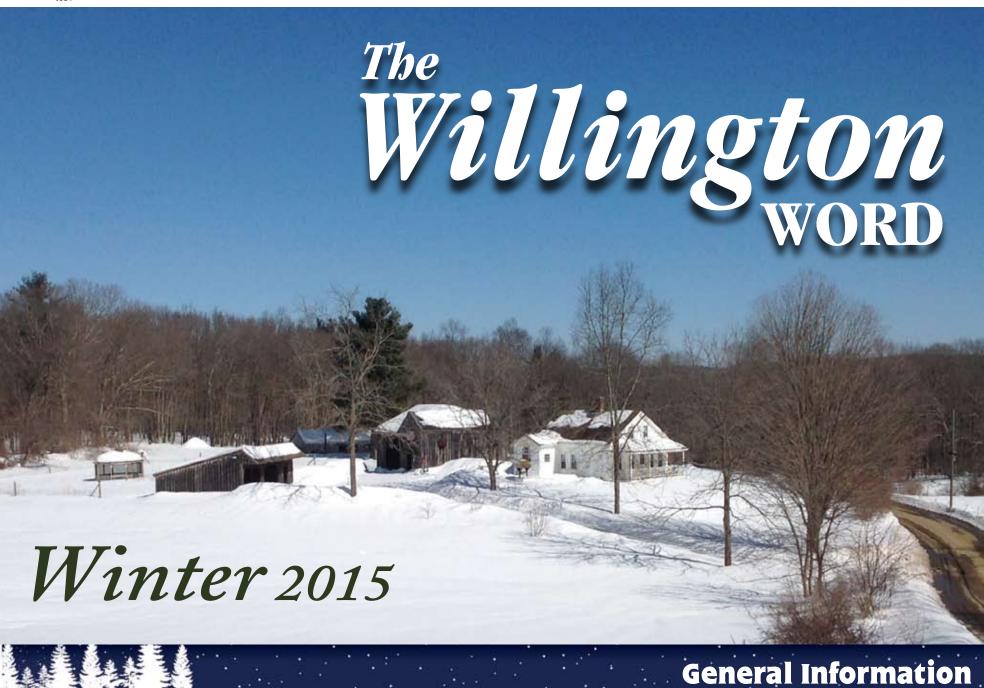
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#### From the Desk of the First Selectman:

#### **Dear Willington Residents:**

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I'd like to thank all of our residents who voted in our municipal election on November 3rd, 2015. I am honored to say that I have been re-elected as your First Selectman, along with Kim Kowalyshyn and John Blessington as Selectmen. All three of us are committed to working together for the betterment of the town. There will be some new faces on our Board of Finance and Board of Education and we are all looking forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting to work on the 2015-16 budget.

If you are interested in a particular town service, such as the library, the Fire Departments, Public Works, education, Land Use, etc., please make contact with the boards that oversee these programs and let them know your questions and concerns; as soon as possible, so they can incorporate your input before their budgets go to the Board of Finance for consideration. It is important to make your views known early and often, in this process. Please sign up for public notices on the town website to learn about when meetings will occur and also to receive minutes from meetings you cannot attend.

This is a great time to consider volunteer opportunities in town. At this point, there are several vacancies on a few Boards and Commissions and we are actively looking for volunteers to serve. The Planning and Zoning Commission, in particular, is in need of one full member and two alternates. No matter your experience or interest, there is probably a Board or Commission that could use your help, either to serve as an official or to volunteer in some capacity. Please contact the Selectmen's Office if you would like to talk with someone about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for your participation and for helping our elected officials, as we make these very important decisions that will affect all of our residents, in the years to come.



Sincerely, Christina Beebe Mailhos First Selectman, Willington

#### TOWN OF WILLINGTON OFFICE BUILDING CONTACTS

First Selectman Christina Beebe Mailhos	.860-48/-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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Parks & Recreation	. 860-487-3108
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Public Works Derek Dimmock	. 860-684-9313
Senior Center Ed D'Agata	. 860-429-8321
Social Services Jennie Arpin	. 860-487-3118
Tax Collector Carol Larson	. 860-487-3111
Treasurer Tish Ignatowicz	. 860-487-3133
Town Clerk Donna Hardie	. 860-487-3121

#### **BUSINESS HOURS**

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

#### **ADDRESS**

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279

#### **WEB SITE**

www.willingtonct.org

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### **General Information**

#### The Willington Historical Society

#### **Tree Lighting and Open House** December 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Willington Historical Society and the Willington Selectmen, Friday, December 4th at 7 pm for the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree on the Town Green. Let's join together to start the Holiday Season with a splash of color and raise our voices with the Hall School Select Chorus for a few festive holiday songs.



Following the tree lighting, you are invited to gather at the historic Glazier Tavern, at the West end of the green, to enjoy the warmth of the fires and lite refreshments.

#### Feeling Handy?

Consider helping at a Historical Society work day. The Society has several projects planned this winter. We need to prep and paint the front parlor, for use as a display room. Additionally, wallpaper needs to be stripped on one wall in the taproom, to uncover the historic features of the wall. Contact us at our email address at the bottom of this column. We'll add you to our e-blast list of supporters and helpers.

If you're a little short on time, consider supporting the Society by becoming a member. Membership forms are available on our website at: www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org

#### Still Looking ...

The Historical Society continues to look for items that help recount Willington history. You can help!!

- \* Items to stock our 1950's kitchen, especially bowls, canisters and kitchen hand tools.
- \* Cast iron fireback for the taproom fireplace.
- \* Children's toys, 1950's and earlier.
- \* Military uniforms, all engagements, full sets, or bits and pieces.
- \* Willington glass, whole items or pieces.
- \* Also, photographs, stories, documents and historical items. Not sure if an item may be of interest, contact us please.

Thanks to the everyone who has responded to our requests for historic items. The 1950's kitchen is looking a lot more inviting because of those donations.

Contact the Willington Historical Society with general email at: WillingtonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

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**Town of Willington** 

#### **Supplemental Bills Friendly Reminder**

This is a reminder to Willington taxpayers, that the second installment of your real estate & personal property taxes, billed July 1, 2015, and your motor vehicle supplemental taxes, billed January 1, 2016, on the grand list of October 1, 2014, are due in full by February 1, 2016. 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 February 2, 2016.

#### REMEMBER: WE DO NOT SEND OUT BILLS OR **REMINDERS FOR THE SECOND INSTALLMENTS IF** you misplaced your bills, or never received one in the mail in July,

you can go to www.willingtonct.org Revenue Collection Dept. view my tax bills, for the amount due. You can print the bill out from here, or you can call tax office during business hours.

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 for New Year's Day on January 1, 2016 and Martin Luther King Day on January 18, 2016.

You must have your envelope post marked by February 1, 2016, to avoid paying interest. If you are requesting a receipt, please be sure to enclose a self addressed stamped envelope, along with your

You can look up and pay your bills online @willingtonct.org - Revenue Collection Dept. - view my tax bills, or you may still 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





#### **Elections Department**

Interested in the statistics from the recent Municipal Election? There are 3,128 registered voters in Willington, with 867 voting on Tuesday, November 3 -- that's a turnout of 27.7%. Your vote counts! Exercise your right to vote!

Please check the Elections Department for current voting event and voter registration information go to the Town's website, click on the "Elections Department" link. Voter registration is now online at voterregistration.ct.gov.

Upcoming voting events and deadlines:

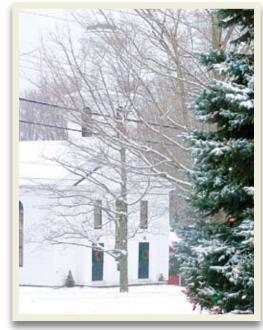
- January 27, 2016 -- The last day voters may change their party affiliation, in order to vote in a party's primary. There is a three-month waiting period to attain voting privileges in the new party. Voters in Connecticut may only vote in a party's primary, if they are affiliated with that party.
- April 26, 2016 -- Presidential Preference Primary.
- May 3, 2016 -- Annual Town and Region 19 Budget Referendum.

Are you interested in working at the polls? Please call and leave a message at (860) 487.3120. Office hours are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

> Suzanne G. Chapman Christine Psathas, **Registrars of Voters Elections Department**

#### 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.



#### **Questions:** call

Parks & Rec Director at 860-487-3108 or visit www.willingtonct.org for more information.

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# Parks and Rec Bus Trips, Programs

# Bus Trips

#### **BUS TRIPS**

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, and Willington. If you live in any of those towns, please register in their Parks and Recreation department. Everyone else is welcome to register with the town nearest to them. The pick up location for Willington will be at the Exit 68 Commuter Parking Lot, Tolland, next to Dunkin Donuts.

If there is not sufficient registration to cover the bus cost by the registration deadline, the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be processed.

#### **Ski Loon Mountain**

March 12th-

more information to come

#### Day on your own in Boston

#### (Registration deadline is April 9th)

Plan a fun day in Boston. We'll take you to Boston, drop you off at the below locations and pick you up at a pre-determined location at the end of the day. Public transportation is available for many others.

#### **Boston Science** Museum:

participants can easily spend an entire day exploring this museum. More information about exhibits and special events can be found at

www.mos.org.

#### Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall:

participants can walk around. shop and get great food at this historic area in Boston. More information can

be found at

www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com.

Public transportation is available for many

Time:

**Public Transportation** information can be found at:

#### <u>www.mbta.com</u>

Location: Boston, Massachusetts Date:

Sat., April 23rd

(registration deadline is Feb. 27) Bus will leave the commuter lot

> at exit 68 on I-84 at 7:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6

FEE: \$45 for everyone

(fee includes bus transportation

only)

Please make checks payable to: WPRD and mail to Willington Parks & Recreation Department, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279; Or drop off at the Parks and Recreation Office during normal business hours or in the tax collector's box

If you have any questions, please call Teri Gareau at 860-487-3108

### Looking Ahead:



May 21st Day on your own in Newport

June 4th **Red Sox vs Blue Jays** 

**July 4th James Taylor at Tanglewood** 





#### **PROGRAMS**

#### **Adult Volleyball:**

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 on Monday and Thursday Nights 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Registration

Fees: \$20.00 for Willington Residents 1 Night

\$35.00 for Willington Residents 2 Night \$30.00 for Non-residents1 Night \$40.00 for Non-residents2 Night

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

> Resident - \$3.00 per night Non Resident - \$5.00 per night

**Yearly Fees:** available to residents only \$65.00

#### **FENCING-BEGINNER** AND OPEN

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 Date:

January 2nd Subject to change if cancellations occur in current

session. MUST BE REGISTERED BY December 26th. March 19th Subject to change if cancellations occur in current

session. MUST BE REGISTERED BY March 5th.

Where: Hall School, 111 River Rd.

Open

Fencing: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Beginner** 

9:00 am - 10:00 am Fencing: Minimum of 5 needed to run

\$60 residents (per session)

\$65.00 non-residents

**Registration:** Space is limited; we will accept a maximum of 12

students. Safety:

Fencing equipment and safety rules, will be strictly enforced. The Parks and 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 first, to discuss

requirements.



### fencing shoe, is best for footwear. **Free Snowshoe Loaner**

The Willington Parks and Recreation Department has obtained Snowshoes through a grant from Eastern Highlands Health District initiative "Healthy Eating, Active Living" (HEAL). The Department has 4 sets of adult

and 4 sets of youth snowshoes for rental.

#### **Reservations:**

**Program** 

Loaner equipment is available Monday-Friday. 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.

\*\*NOTE: Old equipment may not be suitable for class use, please have

Students may wear sweat pants or knickers with full length socks (no shorts). A flat soled sneaker (indoor soccer shoes are good), or

any old equipment inspected before the class begins.

Maximum rental is three days.

Pickup 9:30 am Tuesday - Friday

Drop off 9:00 am the following business day Tuesday-Friday Pickup and drop off on Mondays is 12:30 pm

If snowshoes are 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.

#### 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 location is at Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road.

#### **Registration Info**

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

#### **Questions:**

Call The 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.



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# Town Parks & Amenities, Seniors

#### TOWN PARKS AND **AMENITIES**

#### **Fenton-Ruby Park** and Wildlife Preserve:

Moose Meadow Road and Burma Road-Hiking/walking trails, bird watching, fishing, non motorized

boating, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and picnic area.

#### **Knowlton Property:**

Mason Road-Hiking Trails

River Road Athletic Complex: 511 River Road - Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, multi-purpose field, volley ball sand court and walking path.

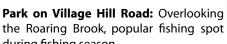
(one lap=.33 miles). Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags available. Complex is CARRY

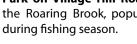
#### **IN-CARRY OUT**



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

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





#### **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

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\$100.00 for 5 hours Non Residents:

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\$25.00 for a two hour period







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# **Seniors**

#### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

#### **60 OLD FARMS ROAD**

- \$5.00 Breakfast
  - "All You Can Eat" 8:30am-10:30am,
  - November 21st
- Foot Clinics- 1:30pm Appointment required. Call 429-8321 for a date.
- **Food Share Dates:**

Wednesdays- 11/18, 12/2, 12/10, 12/30, at 11:00am

#### **Ongoing Activities:**

#### Yoga-

Mondays 10:00am

#### Tai Chi-Tuesdays and Fridays

10:00am - 11:00am Men's Pool-

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm Pinochle-Fridays 12:30pm

Set Back- Saturdays 7:00pm

WII Bowling- Mondays and Thursdays 12:30pm

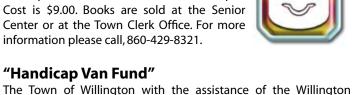
#### **Meeting Dates:**

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

#### SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

#### "Flavors of Home" Cookbook

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



#### "Handicap Van Fund"

Seniors have obtained a used handicap van for the seniors. The van



is in need of ongoing maintenance. 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

#### Upcoming events (November thru December), to be posted in the Bugle:

• Social Security Administration to give a talk on changes for



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- Potluck supper and a talk by the Town Historian TBA.
- The Holiday Banquet December 16th Cost \$10.00.
- · How to use the Internet, for seniors, depending on interest this could be a monthly event (open to the public).
- Trip to the Coast Guard Academy for a concerts November and December.

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

### **LOOKING FOR** PROGRAM IDEAS



If you have a talent or program that you would like to offer, contactThe Parks and Recreation Director, at

860-487-3108.











# Willington Youth, Family and Social Services

#### **Programs and Events:**

Willington FoodShare: Willington FoodShare is every other Wednesday morning at 11:00am in the parking lot of the Willington Senior Center at 60 Old Farms Rd, Willington CT. Low to moderate income participants receive fruit, vegetables, breads, and various other food items. For more information go to: http://fdshr.convio.net/site/ PageServer?pagename=index

Willington's Friendly Visitors: For elderly residents in need of companionship, we are proud to offer Friendly Visitors! For a few hours, our volunteers will come to the home of an elderly person and play a game, have a cup of coffee, or just chat! For more information, please call the WYFSS office.

Energy Assistance- WYFSS is currently taking applications for Energy Assistance. For an appointment or to find out if you qualify, please contact the WYFSS office. Due to the lengthy application process, no-walk ins, please.

Holiday Programs- We are now accepting applications for our holiday baskets and gift programs. For more information or for an application, please contact the WYFSS office.

Caterpillar Club- Thursdays, at the Willington Public Library, we offer our Caterpillar Club playgroup, free of charge. For children ages 12 months to 4 years, come and socialize with other parents, while your children play in a safe, supportive environment.

We are Social! Follow our blog at https://wyfss. wordpress.com. Also, be sure to "Like" Willington Youth, Family and Social Services on Facebook! Keep up to date with our programs and events! Thanks for your support!

On behalf of the Town of Willington's Department of Youth, Family and Social Services, we wish you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday season, and a joyous new year.

#### Get help staying warm this winter! **Apply for** energy assistance!

Willington Youth, Family and **Social Services is currently** taking applications for the CT Energy.

Please call for an appointment or for more information!

Due to the lengthy application process, no walk ins, please.

#### **Preschool Programs**

WYFSS is currently offering preschool programs two days per week.

Let your children play and socialize, learn and do crafts, and build bonds with others in their community that last a lifetime!

10 sessions - \$50.00 Pay as you go - \$7.00 per session

> Call for more information and for dates and times.





Working to assist neighbors in need. Please consider supporting us with a Tax-deductible donation to WYFSS.

Your donation will help programs such as

- Willington Food Pantry and Community Closet
- Youth programs and events Holiday assistance
- Emergency Fuel Bank and more!

Thank you for your commitment to the community, and have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

# THE WILLINGTON **FOOD PANTRY**

Located at the Town Office Building, side door **Food Pantry Hours** Mondays 4pm -6 pm Wednesdays 10am -12pm \*Confidential Service!\*

For more information, please contact WYFSS at (860) 487-3118 or wyfss@willingtonct.org

#### **Medical Transportation for Elderly** and Disabled Willington Residents

Stay healthy. See your doctor.

There are more options for "getting around" than you may realize.

Call WYFSS today for eligibility guidelines and transportation options.

#### Willington's **Community CLOSET**

**Located at Town Office Building** Open Mondays 4pm-6pm Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Offering gently used clothing, shoes and coats for residents in need. Program is income based. Sorry, we are not accepting donations at this time.

For more information, please contact WYFSS at (860) 487-3118 or wyfss@willingtonct.org



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If you are in need of assistance with your heating cost, but do not qualify for Energy Assistance, there are other options...

WYFSS is now working with the **Stafford-based organization Warming** Families Makes Cents, and we can assist!

**Contact WYFSS for more information** or a referral.





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- KIDS CUTS ARE NOW \$10
- SIGNATURE FACIAL SPECIAL \*
- \*Purchase a Facial and buy a Jane Iredale Color Makeup Kit for \$20 (\$34 value).

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# Willington Public Library



#### **Family Story & Craft Time:**

#### Every Saturday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

In our Children's Library Room. We always have something special going on. You never know what we'll be doing or WHO will be visiting. Come join the fun!

#### Friends of the Willington **Public Library's 4th Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale**

#### Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Craft Fair will take place in our Community Room & Conference Room and

our Bake Sale will be held in the Reading Room.

Be sure to stop by and check out the wide variety of crafts created by our vendors! It's a perfect time to start (or finish) some holiday shopping!

#### **WPL's Annual Community Holiday Open House Celebration**

#### Saturday, December 12th, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Come one and all! Share the joy of this holiday season with family, friends, and neighbors. There will be plenty of holiday cheer, a visit from Santa, a Carol Sing with Jason Phillips and the Hall Memorial School Chorus, and enjoy some "special" refreshments. In the Holiday spirit of giving, we ask that you bring in an item(s) to support our local food bank.

#### Seasons of Sound **Healing Meditation**

with Mary Tardif of Sound & Reiki Arts. Join us on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM. Mary will use crystal bowls and

voice, to bring patrons on a journey of stressreducing relaxation. The Community Room provides ample space for patrons to lie down. Please be sure to bring a yoga mat, blanket, or lounging chair. Regular chairs are available for those who prefer. Donations are graciously accepted, but all are welcome to attend.



#### New Lego Club!

Join us on Saturday, December 19th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm, in our Community Room; and then again on January 16th and February 20th. Play dates to be held on the



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**WEEKLY SERVICE** 

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#### **Family Movie Time:**

Every last Saturday of the month at 12:30 PM

December's Movie Showing: Dreamwork's "Minions" Saturday, December 26, at 12:30 PM (January and February movies: TBA)

Each month, we show a family friendly movie in our Community Room on our BIG screen! Movies are either rated G or PG and can run from 80 minutes to 120 minutes. Feel free to bring in your own refreshments (lunch or snack) to enjoy, while watching the movie and don't forget to bring your friends, too!

#### **Holiday Donation Opportunities**

As always, we also have a collection box, located in the Library's foyer, for our local food bank. Any non-perishable food items are appreciated!

This holiday season, you will be able to give and help our family of four-legged friends in need, at the Willington Animal Shelter. While monetary donations are always appreciated, things like dry dog food, dog toys, flea & tick products, and much more are always helpful! We can provide you with a list of needed items. There will be a collection box located in the Library's foyer and a donation jar at our coffee bar inside the library, if you would like to contribute.

In case of inclement weather during these winter months, any cancellations or postponements will be made known through our website (www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org), our Facebook page, and Channel 3 WFSB & NBC 30 (on TV and their websites).

**ALL** programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Willington Public Library...THANK YOU! Visit us on anyone of these social medias for more information... our website (willingtonpubliclibrary. org) and on our Facebook page. You may also sign-up to receive notices of what's going on at your library by our *E-mail Blast. Look* for more programming coming your way!

### **FEDERATED CHURCH HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The annual Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar will take place on December 5th from 9am to 3pm at the church located at the corner of Route 74 and Route 320 in Willington.

Come buy your Christmas gifts from the many Christmas Gift Baskets, Decorated Christmas Wreaths, Fancy cookies by the pound, Recipes in a jar, Baked Goods, Christmas/Attic Treasures, and various crafts.

While shopping you can enjoy a breakfast sandwich or homemade lunch in our Holiday

Menu will include **Egg Sandwiches (Breakfast** 9-10:30am) Corn Chowder, Chicken Soup, Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Quiche & Salad, and homemade Apple Crisp, Coffee, Tea, Soda, and Cider.

For Information call Claudia 860-429-4082 or the church office at 860-429-9911.





**Willington Hill Fire House** 24 Old Farms Road

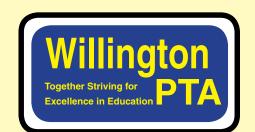
**Community Groups** 

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**Under 10 years old = \$4.00** 

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#### **The Willington PTA** 2015-2016 **Membership Meetings Dates**

Tuesdays at 6:30 at Center School Library Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15, Apr. 26, May 17

\*Dates are subject to change Meetings last approximately one hour. Babysitting will be provided.

Visit us at <u>www.willingtonpta.com</u> or JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE at The Willington PTA

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#### Willington Little League

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In other news, winter clinic and evaluations (for those eligible) are just around Registration information and the corner. schedule for winter clinic and evaluations will be announced shortly. Please visit your WLL website at www.willingtonlittleleague.com for updates.publishing.

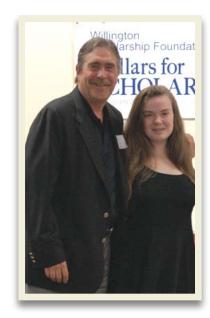


Regional Special Education Parent Teacher Organization meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Willington Public Library. This organization serves Ashford, Mansfield, Stafford, Tolland, and Willington. All others are welcome. Visit successsepto.org for more information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

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.



Left to right Steve Vera, WSFDFS board member, Jasmine Saros, recipient of the First Niagara Bank Scholarship and Deb McCracken representing First Niagara Bank.



Jeff Kelly, owner of Willington Pizza and Willington Pizza Too, with Amy Oberlander, recipient of the Willington Pizza Scholarship.

#### **WSFDFS GEARING UP FOR 2016**

The Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars, Inc. is gearing up for what promises to be an exciting year. Last year was its most successful year since 1995, when the off-shoot Scholarship Committee of the Willington PTA first became affiliated with Scholarship America. The increasing success, since then, is mostly due to the consistently strong support of the residents and businesses in the small town of Willington.

Affiliation with Dollars for Scholars, brings added benefits for students and parents, through the use of ChapterNet . High school students planning on continuing their education, can log on for free to create their own profile with information about them that will be helpful, when they apply for college and scholarships. The website has additional information to help the students and their parents know more about what will be expected of them, relating to the college experience.

A big boost came last year with the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from The Jeffrey P. Ossen Foundation. That money allowed for a Matching Fund Initiative through which individuals and businesses could have their generosity enhanced to the point of awarding a scholarship in their name, the name of their business or the memory of a loved one.

The Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars For Scholars, Inc., is in the planning stages of being able to award a renewable, needsbased scholarship which can help defray costs of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. This year, our chapter was one of just 13



# Community Groups

nationwide and the only one in Connecticut, to receive a \$5000 Matching Grant from Scholarship America to help fund this initiative. WSFDFS hopes to award the first multi-year, needsbased scholarship in Spring of 2016.

The board of WSFDFS is made up entirely of volunteers. It includes active as well as retired teachers, parents of former recipients and residents of Willington who share an interest in helping the youth of Willington defray the high costs of education today. Anyone interested in becoming part of this dynamic group is welcome at any time. This year's Annual Open Meeting will be November 16th at 7:00p.m.. It will be held in the upstairs Common Room of the Willington Town Hall on Old Farms Road. You may also visit us at www.willington. **dollarsforscholars.org** . Donations may be made at any time and mailed to P.O. Box 194, Willington, CT,06279. Anyone having a question may reach Judy Andersen at 860-429-1276 or Chopeta Lyons at 860-429-9594.

Once again, WSFDFS wishes to warmly thank each and every person who has donated any amount to help in this endeavor.



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