

Willington Wire

Community E-Newsletter

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Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

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Business Hours—Monday 12:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. / Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Willington's Vision Statement

Willington is a community that seeks to preserve its rural character and protect its natural, historic and agricultural resources. At the same time, the community recognizes the need to balance the conservation of these resources with residential and business development to meet the needs of its citizens and promote long-term fiscal stability.

To achieve this vision and enhance the quality of life in the community, Willington will strive to:

- preserve and protect our environment,
- create social, educational, recreational, agricultural, economic and housing opportunities,
- balance conservation and development; and
- encourage civic involvement and interaction at the local and regional level.



Boards & Commissions—Meeting Calendar—Nov & Dec

Board/Commission	Day	Date	Time
Board of Education	Tuesday	November 13th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Education	Tuesday	December 11th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	November 15th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	December 20th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	November 5th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	November 19th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	December 3rd	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	December 17th	6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	November 21st	7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	December 19th	7:00 p.m.
Economic Development Comm	Wednesday	November 14th	5:30 p.m.
Economic Development Comm	Wednesday	December 12th	5:30 p.m.
Historical Society	Tuesday	November 20th	7:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	November 12th	6:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	November 19th	6:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	December 10th	6:00 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	November 26th	7:30 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	December 10th	7:30 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	November 13th	7:00 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	December 11th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	November 26th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	December 17th	7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	November 20th	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	December 4th	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	December 18th	7:30 p.m.
Youth Services Advisory	Monday	November 26th	6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	November 8th	7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	December 13th	7:30 p.m.



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The Town Office Building will be closed on the following days:

Election Day—Tuesday, November 6th
 Veterans Day—Monday, November 12th
 Thanksgiving — Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd
 Selectman's Day —Monday, December 24th
 Christmas Day—Tuesday, December 25th

Please note a change in hours on the following days:

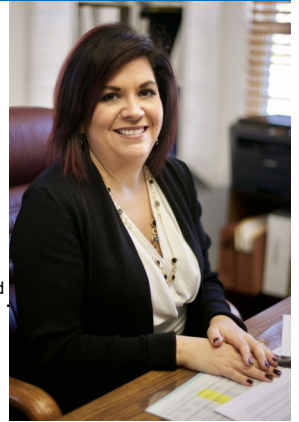
December 14th—9-12:00 p.m.
 December 31st—10-5:00 p.m.



First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents,

Another school year has started and fall is upon us! There are so many things going on around town and we hope you take some time to take advantage of the opportunities Willington can offer. Try a hiking trail, spending a day in one of our parks, or take a bus trip to New York City. There is also a lot happening at the Town Office Building and with Public Works as we prepare for the winter (and budget season) ahead. The roadside mowing continues as the rain storms we had this summer put things behind. The Town Office Building will be getting some much needed repairs. The front steps and ramp are being replaced beginning October 22nd. A temporary ramp will be installed on the side entrance, which will serve as the main entrance until the repairs are complete. At the same time, new support pillars will be installed under the Assessor/Town Clerk's wing of the building. November 6th is Election Day. This year is an important Governor's race in CT, as well as many other state offices. Voting will take place in the Common Room of the Town Office Building despite the construction. In the event the construction is not completed, the Town Offices will be closed to the public on Election Day. We will be open during the construction and hope to cause as little disruption to residents as possible. As winter approaches, the various boards and commissions will also begin their budget preparations. For those interested in following the budget process, be sure to go to our town's website, www.willingtonct.org, and sign up for agendas and minutes – or better yet, come out to a meeting – we would love to see you there! The Selectmen's Office is open during regular business hours: Monday from 12:30pm – 7:30pm and Tuesday – Friday from 9:00am – 2:00pm.



Regards,

Erika G. Wiczenski
First Selectwoman

Talk of the Town

Talk of the Town (Employees that is)...

This month's edition is dedicated to those unsung heroes who helped hold things together in the Town Office Building and Public Works this summer. **Robin Campbell** is not only the right hand to the First Selectwoman, she is also the Office Manager. She seems to do it all and this summer she stepped up to coordinate two much needed Capital Improvement Projects. She always shows us how she can do just about everything!

Eileen Smith is the Public Works Administrative Assistant and this summer she helped hold down the office in the Public Works Director's absence. She worked not only longer hours, but helped the Public Works crew with everything they needed to be successful. She showed what a great team player we always knew she was.

Peggy Dupilka is the first line of defense in the Land Use Department. She is always there to greet residents and contractors and help with anything they need. This summer saw the retirement of our longtime Zoning Agent, and while we are continuing the search for a replacement, Peggy has not skipped a beat in her work. She continues to go above and beyond to support her department and co-workers in any way she can.

These three employees remind us why we love to come to work here at the Town Office Building. We are truly a team, and when we need it, someone always rises to the occasion.

Thank you Robin, Eileen and Peggy for all you do every day but especially when we really needed you!!





NOV:6:2018

POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

To Vote: The entrance to the polls—when facing the Town Office Building—will begin at the temporary ramp on the right side of the building. This temporary change is due to the renovation of the front entrance.

For Election Day Registration: The entrance will be the small wooden, grey door at the right on the front of the Town Office Building.

Follow the directional signs.

On Election Day the Town offices will be closed to the public. The building will **BE OPEN ONLY FOR VOTING.**



Animal Control



Reminder that ALL dogs over 6 months of age, living in CT MUST be licensed with the Town Clerk in the town which they reside. Dog licensing is done every June. Any dog owner found to be owning/keeping a dog on their property which is not licensed will be subject to a \$75.00 infraction.

Dog licenses are \$8.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$19.00 for intact dogs. There is a \$1.00 per month penalty fee charged by the Town Clerk for each month you are overdue. You will need to bring a copy of your dogs current rabies certificate.

After receiving the dog license delinquent list from the Town Clerk, it appears that we still have quite a few dog owners who overlooked their renewals this year. Also, if you licensed a dog last year which you no longer own, or if you have moved out of town, please contact me so we can remove the dog from our list.

If your dog is not wearing a blue triangle shaped tag with 2018 on it, please check to be sure he/she is licensed for this year.

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday 12:30 to 7:30 or Tuesday—Friday 9:00 to 2:00. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at animalcontrol@willingtonct.org.

Thank you to those who have already licensed and for the cooperation of all others in getting their dogs renewed and or new dogs licensed! Besides it being state law, it truly helps us return lost dogs to their rightful owners, as well as how many dogs we may need to assist in a particular home, apartment, or neighborhood during emergencies.

Tina Binheimer, Animal Control Officer, Town of Willington

Assessor



The Assessor's Department would like to thank all property owners for their continued cooperation during the 2018 town wide revaluation process. Once the Assessor's Office has completed the 2018 revaluation of all real property, notices of new assessments will be mailed to property owners.

Since the last revaluation conducted in 2013, real estate values have changed.

The following 4 questions can help you to decide if your assessment is correct:

- Is the assessment 70% of current market value?
- Does the Assessing Department have the correct information on my property?
- How much are similar properties in my neighborhood selling for?
- How much are similar properties in my neighborhood being assessed for?

For a list of answers to frequently asked questions regarding the revaluation process, you may visit this website: <http://www.vqsi.com/vision/applications/revall/Home.aspx>

If you have a question or concern about the proposed valuation, you will be given the opportunity to request an informal hearing. This appointment is meant to allow a brief discussion about the valuation process. Most hearings will last 10-15 minutes.

It is important to remember that an informal hearing is not a forum to discuss taxes or town politics nor is it an in-depth class on appraisal practices and theory. It is strictly meant to answer general questions on the proposed property assessments. The hearing officer will take notes during your meeting to document the information you have discussed. They will later determine if further review of your property assessment is necessary based on these notes. The proposed values are not final until all hearings and any data or value changes resulting from the hearings are completed.

At the conclusion of the hearings for your town, appraisal staff will review the notes from your hearing and any information you have provided on your property. They will make changes to the data and/or value of the property if appropriate. After this final review process is complete for all properties, another notice is sent to you. The new value on this notice will reflect the changes made based on your hearing. This value will now be considered your new assessment and will be reflected in the Assessors records.

If any property owner believes the assessment on their property is in excess of its fair market value, they should appeal it before the Willington Board of Assessment Appeals. If the property owner still feels that after their meeting with the Appeals Board the assessment is still incorrect, they may appeal to the Superior Court. Please contact our office at (860) 487-3122 with any questions. The Assessor's Office is open Monday 12:30-7:30 and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Richard Kryzak
Assessor

Rachel L. Pierce
Assistant Assessor



Willington Public Schools

Is Now Accepting Applications for Substitute Teachers!

We thank our current substitutes for their service!



*Also hiring
Para-educators
(as needed)*

**Center Elementary
School
and
Hall Memorial
School**



**Join our educators
as a
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!
(as needed)**

Why?

Work at a great place.

Work close to home.

Assist your community.

If you are interested, please call

860-487-3130

Building Department

New Building Code

I wanted to take a moment and share with you that a new building code edition will take effect on October 1, 2018. It comes to us after a long vetting process. There are some significant changes with the residential building code in particular. What this means is that any permit applied for beginning October 1, 2018 is subject to the provisions of the new code. The new building code consists of the following books;

1. 2015 International Building Code
2. 2015 International Residential Code
3. 2009 ICC ANSI A117.1
4. 2015 International Plumbing Code
5. 2015 International Mechanical Code
6. 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
7. National Electrical Code NFPA 70- 2017
8. 2015 International Existing Building Code

If you are interested in learning more about the code adoption process you may do so on the website of the Connecticut Office of the State Building Inspector. Should you wish to view the new code you may use the free E- Code Viewer on the same website. You will find the E- Code viewer provided by ICC under the Laws and Regulations at the bottom of the page. The international Code Council is currently working on printing Connecticut specific books for the residential and commercial building codes. When they are complete you should also be able to view them for free in the same place.

****Safety Note****

As we approach heating season it is important to have your fuel fired appliances cleaned and serviced. This includes boilers and furnaces, wood, pellet and gas heaters and stoves. Don't forget to clean and inspect chimneys and flues. You will find that properly serviced appliances will provide better reliability and will function safely and more efficiently.

Conservation Commission



Voters To Decide November 6th
Ballot Question: Should There Be A Constitutional Amendment To Strengthen Protection Of Public Lands in Connecticut?

During this November's election, CT voters will have an opportunity to decide whether there should be a state constitutional amendment that would further protect public (state) lands. Voting "Yes" on November 6th, would essentially amend the state constitution to require that before the CT General Assembly could sell, transfer or dispose of public lands it must:

- 1) First hold a public hearing; and
- 2) Achieve a two-thirds supermajority vote on lands held by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (e.g., state parks, forests, wildlife management areas, etc.) or the Department of Agriculture (e.g., state-owned farmland).

Conservation Commission Continued...

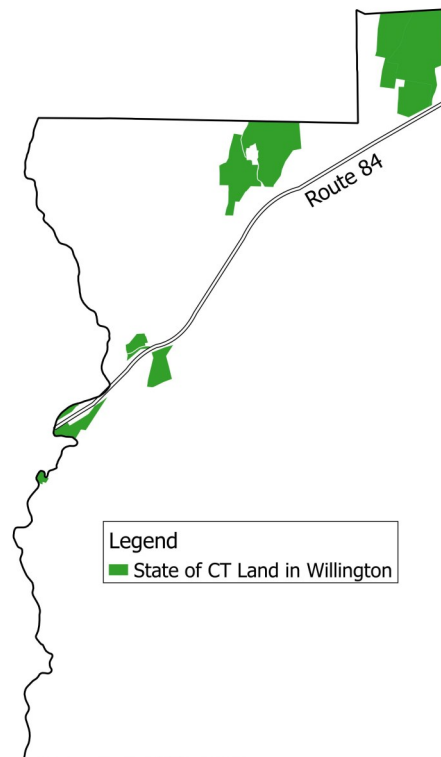
In Willington, CT DEEP holds and manages 1,161 acres that are considered public open space (mainly portions of the Nipmuck State Forest and Nye-Holman State Forest). The Town could potentially lose a significant amount of open space if these state forest lands are sold or given away in the future.

Currently, the General Assembly can sell, swap or give away state parks, forests and other valuable public lands to private companies or local governments with little to no public input. By requiring public hearings, the proposed amendment would ensure an opportunity for public comment and government transparency related to decisions about state parks, forests and other public lands.

Public lands are valuable to Connecticut residents and wildlife. For many people, our state forests and parks are their only source to enjoy the outdoors and learn about nature. State forests and wildlife management areas provide important habitats for many animals and birds. These public natural areas and forests are also critical for protecting our water resources by filtering out pollution.

The Willington Conservation Commission supports the proposed Constitutional amendment, since it would ensure public participation in the decision making process.

The Willington Conservation Commission has current openings for two alternate members. It meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Lower Meeting Room of the Town Office Building. For more information, contact Peter Andersen, Chairman, andersen108@sbcglobal.net or 860-429-1276.





The **Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance (EC-CHAP)**, is *your* local cultural center serving communities in Eastern Connecticut and beyond. EC-CHAP, a nonprofit all volunteer member-based organization, operates *The Packing House* performance venue, the *Gardiner Hall Jr History Museum*, the *Dye and Bleach House Community Gallery*, and "Artist In Residence" program located at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT.

EC-CHAP offers a full schedule of live music, film, programs, and exhibitions from September to June. Recurring monthly events include our "Talent Showcase" (2nd Wednesday); Social Dance (2nd Thursday) and Information Exchange Meetings. Please check our website (thepackinghouse.us/upcoming) for any schedule changes, additions, and cancellations. Original works, "AS /S" by EC-CHAP "Artist In Residence" Rebecca Zablocki is currently on exhibit through December 8, 2018. Showing by appointment (call 518-791-9474).

We are pleased to offer the following performances and films through January 2019. Senior and student discounts available.

November 2018

11/03: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: Carla Ulbrich (Musical Comedy)**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

11/10: **EC-CHAP Jazz Series: Bruno Raberg - Ear Dharma Trio**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

11/13: **EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting**. 7:00pm

11/14: **"Talent Showcase"**. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free admission – All ages.

11/15: **EC-CHAP Social Dance Series with Kelly Madenjian**. Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm (3rd Thursday)

11/17: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: Dan Stevens in Concert (Blues)**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

11/18: **EC-CHAP Film Series – "To Kill A Mockingbird" (NR). 1962**. Doors 2:30pm / Show 3:00pm

11/30: **An Evening with Spiritual Medium Maura Geist**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

December 2018

12/01: **Intuitive Workshop with Maura Geist**. Doors 9:30am / Workshop: 10:00am – 12:00pm

12/01: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: Belle of the Fall (Indie / Folk)**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

12/02: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: Eclectica (Classical)**. Doors 3:30pm / Show 4:00pm (HOLIDAY)

12/08: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: Seat of our Pants**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm (HOLIDAY)

12/11: **EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting**. 7:00pm

12/12: **"Talent Showcase"**. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free admission – All ages.

12/13: **EC-CHAP Social Dance Series with Kelly Madenjian**. Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm

12/14: **EC-CHAP Film Series - "It's a Wonderful Life" (G). 1946**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

12/15: **Kat Kennedy CD Release (Indie)**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

January 2019

01/09: **"Talent Showcase"**. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free admission – All ages.

01/10: **EC-CHAP Social Dance Series with Kelly Madenjian**. Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm

01/12: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series Kala Farnham (Indie / Folk)**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

01/15: **EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting**. 7:00pm

01/18: **EC-CHAP Film Series – "Maudie" (PG-13). 2017**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

01/19: **EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series Patti Rothberg (Indie/Rock)**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

01/26: **EC-CHAP Jazz Series: Sarah Hanahan with Steve Davis**. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm

All performances and film showings are located in The Packing House at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT. For information about EC-CHAP membership, performances, programs, or reservations, please Call: 518-791-9474; Email: info@ec-chap.org, or visit us at www.ec-chap.org.



Garden Club

The Willington Garden Club has been very busy this year! Our service projects have included tending to the geraniums in front of the Old Town Hall and beautifying the grounds around the Town Offices. With the start of this holiday season, we will be filling the pots in front of Center School and Hall School. One of the joys of the growing season is visiting member gardens. Jenny Krueger, Denise Gantick and Regina Chatel opened their gardens to our members and Willington residents. The Fill-A-Pot event at Tri-County Greenhouses was a major success. With help from Chris Campbell and his crew, the planters which we created are taking us through the fall season! In addition, our Facebook page is filled with gardening tips and mushroom foraging adventures. Be sure to search for the [Willington Garden Club](#) and "Like" us on Facebook.

This spring, Bob Anderson, Shirley Ernst, David Chatel, Cooper Hettlinger and Liam and Ethan Parsell, prepared the garden under the Town Offices sign for planting. Back-breaking work given the tough top layer of old plantings and weeds. We are so grateful to Select Seeds, Union, CT for their donation of the many perennials and annuals to our gardening projects. Many heart-felt thanks to Jenny for her contribution to the selection and planting of shrubs in front of the Willington Town Offices. Do stop by to see our latest additions to the grounds. Looking pretty...professional but not fussy. We'll be adding more as time goes on.

Fall clean-up was a success thanks to Margaret Gankofskie, Denise Gantick, and Jenny and Annabelle Krueger. They worked very hard work to relocate the garden in front of the Willington Town Offices ramp. We moved the azaleas into a temporary location where they will stay for the winter, planted a beautiful hydrangea in the border garden in front of the Town Offices and moved the sedums to the newly revamped garden at the entrance to the School Superintendent's office. The plastic landscaping fabric was a bear to remove but the end result is pleasing. We hope Willington residents will stop by to enjoy the gardens.

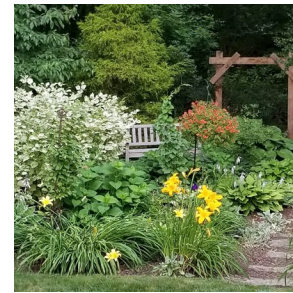
As fall begins, we have a full agenda of events including flower and seed gathering and storage. This event is open only to current garden members. Tuesday, October 30th is our next club meeting at the Town Office Building. Please bring along a pumpkin to dress up the town hall gardens. We are also looking for garden enthusiast/ experts willing to give the club a lecture/demonstration on gardening. If you'd like to present your ideas to the garden club, please contact Regina Chatel at reginachatel@charter.net. Carol Bigl created a garden club roster with contact information of our club members. This roster will also help us maintain a current list of our members and facilitate new member membership. Thank you Carol. If you'd like to present your ideas or join the garden club, please contact Regina Chatel at reginachatel@charter.net. We look forward to hearing from you!



We spent much of the summer visiting member gardens. Regina's gardens focused on old-fashioned roses. The original rose came from Ann Cilfone.



We enjoyed a wonderful evening visiting Jenny Krueger's gardens. They show the artistic side of gardening. Such beautiful pairings, elegant planters, and her delightful children greeted us!



Denise Gantick opened her stunning gardens to the club and the public. The gardens started when Denise and her husband purchased the 1868 farmhouse. They transformed an old property into showcase gardens. The property is graced by roses, peonies, azaleas, clove currant, Rose of Sharon, hemlocks, and many, many more plants.



David Chatel, Bob Anderson and Shirley Ernst



Cooper Hettlinger



Margaret Gankofskie Jenny and Annabelle Krueger



Annabelle Krueger

Not pictured: Denise Gantick



Historical Society



Ahh Fall and this year fall meant the necessity for a new boiler at the Glazier Tavern. First a little background - last spring at the end of our heating season, our once faithful, fifty-five year old steam

boiler failed. DONE! The Society solicited bids for a new boiler, and selected Heritage Oil as our contractor for the replacement work. The boiler was recently installed and is up and running.

Because of this unforeseen major expense, the Society is now reaching out to our members, friends and neighbors in the community, seeking donations to help offset the \$7,500 cost of the new system.

Donations have helped to defray the total cost of other large projects that the Society has undertaken in the past in order to maintain our 1815 tavern building. Our fundraising pressure gauge will be keeping track of our progress in this effort. Please consider a donation for this latest project.

These individuals and foundation have; Dale Smith, Evelyne Parizek, Susan & Bruce Smalheer, Bruce Lyon, Reid & Riedge Foundation (matching Bruce Lyon), Christine Psathas & Bob Shabot, Corrine Passardi, Clyde & Jean Hall, Chopeta Lyons & Mark Palmer, Karen Rabe and Robert Wilkins.

Coming Up November 30th, 7pm Tree Lighting on the Town Green:

Please join the Society for an open house, at the Glazier Tavern, in conjunction with the annual Town Green tree lighting.

The Society invites all members of the Willington community to participate to kick off the traditional holiday season, with good song, community spirit, fun and lite refreshments as we join together to add some festive color to the evergreen tree on the historic Willington Town Green.

Plan on attending to enjoy the surroundings of our 1815 tavern and the glowing warmth of the inviting fires in our two working fireplaces.

Other News:

During the summer, the Society was able to purchase a second metal fireback for our taproom fireplace. The previous fireback was moved to the kitchen hearth. Now the brick work in both fireplaces will be protected from the erosion caused by the heat of the fires.

As an off-shoot of the Willington Garden Club, there was an interest to research and plan a period kitchen garden on the East side of the Tavern building. Anyone interested in joining this effort may contact Pam Wheeler at 860-429-9804 for more information.

Monthly Meetings The Historical Society holds monthly meetings, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Meetings are held at the Town Office Building at 40 Old Farms Road, during the fall and winter months. The meetings are always open to anyone interested in the history of Willington and the on-going activities of the Society.

Sure, it's fall, but we're still looking ...

The Society continues to be interested in items that help recount Willington History. You can help!

- * Oral history
- * Genealogical information
- * Historical items
- * Historical documents including letters, diaries or photos relating to:

- Willington residents
- Schools, churches, mills, farms
- Town government
- Willington glass, buttons or Hall thread
- Bicentennial Celebration

Contacting the Willington Historical Society:

- email at: willingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
- website at: www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org
- like us on [Facebook](#)

Donations may be made through the [PayPal link](#) on our website homepage or regular mail at the Society's P.O. 214, Willington CT, 06279.

The Society is organized as a designated IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Final thought:

Do you have an hour or two to spare?

Let's work together!

Volunteer.

HELP

The Historical Society needs to raise \$7,500 to replace our steam boiler at the 1815 Glazier Tavern. Please consider funding this project. Donations of any amount are appreciated. (All donations are tax deductible).

To Donate:

www.willingtonhistoricalsociety.org

OR

WHS, P.O. Box 214, Willington CT 06279

Become a local History Supporter!



Human Services



This fall, we are raising awareness of our Fuel Bank!

What is the Fuel Bank? It is actually not a "bank", but rather money set aside to give a one-time gift of 100 gallons of oil (or other heating fuel) to a Willington resident in great need.

How does it work? The resident contacts the Human Services office. After some financial information is obtained and long-term sustainable solutions are discussed, the office contacts a local supplier who delivers 100 gallons of oil to the family's home.

*****The fuel bank is an income-based program, and is meant for a one-time emergency only.*****

A few facts-

- Over 70% of our recipients are employed.
- Nearly half have children in the household.
- 46% are homeowners.
- 92% were accepted into the CT Energy Assistance Program in 2016-2017.

How can you help? Consider a donation today. Contact us for more information or visit us at the Town Offices!

Current Programs:

Caterpillar Club- This is a free program that allows children, ages 12 months to 4 years, and their caregivers a safe place and time to play and socialize together. Come for as many sessions as you'd like! Thursdays from 9:30-11am at the Willington Public Library.

Food Pantry- The Willington Food Pantry offers canned and dry goods, seasonal vegetables, and eggs to residents in need. Located at the Town Office Building, our hours are Mondays from 4pm to 6pm, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12pm. Also open during these hours is our Community Closet, a place to pick up some gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories. For more information or to see if you qualify for this service, please call at 860-487-3118 or email us at... humanservices@willingtonct.org.

Holiday Program- Human Services is currently taking applications for our holiday programs. We offer both a Thanksgiving Meal and a Holiday Meal and Gifts program. Please contact us for more information on these income-based programs.

Energy Assistance- It's already getting colder out! Get a jump start on those heating bills and apply for energy assistance, a state program for lower income residents. We are currently taking applications for this program. Please call for an appointment or for more information. Due to the lengthy application process, no walk-ins please.

Mobile Foodshare- Bringing produce, breads, and on occasion, meats to Willington residents. The Foodshare truck comes every other Wednesday from 11-11:30 sharp in front of the Senior Center. Please bring plenty of bags or boxes. Call for more information. All are welcome!

Senior Center Hours- We now have office hours on Thursdays from 9am until 11 at the Willington Senior Center. Stop by and say hi, or come with any questions you have about state programs, Medicare or Medicaid, or anything else! No appointment needed.

We are Social! –Be sure to "Like" Willington Human Services on [Facebook](#)! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!

Jennie A. Arpin, M.P.A.
Director of Human Services



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PERMIT FEES

Effective November 1, 2018 new fees will be assessed for all building, electrical, mechanical and gas permits as approved by the Board of Selectmen at their October 15, 2018 meeting.

The following is the **NEW** fee schedule:

- All permits shall have a minimum fee of \$35.00 for the first thousand or portion thereof.
- For 1 and 2 family residential homes, an additional fee of \$12.00 per thousand or portion thereof after the first thousand, shall be assessed.
- For other than 1 and 2 family residential homes, an additional fee of \$14.00 per thousand or portion thereof after the first thousand, shall be assessed.

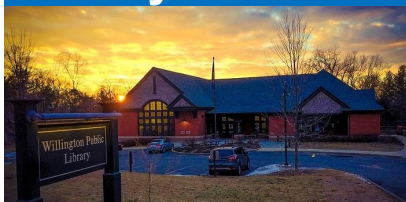
In addition, the state educational fee of \$.26 per thousand or portion thereof, shall be calculated and added to the regular municipal fee.

Thank You!

Jim Rupert
Building Official
860-487-3123



Library



Willington Public Library 7 Ruby Road

There's always something fun to learn and do at the Library... meeting people's wants and needs!

Please contact the Library if there is a program you would like to see or if you have a program you would like us to consider presenting. We do our best to offer all of our programs at no cost, to our community, thanks to the Friends of WPL.

First off, we would like to thank the many Volunteers who help out at the Library. Please know that we could NOT run this Library without YOU and we are so very grateful for you being here and helping in the many ways needed.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Also another special THANK YOU to our Friends of the WPL. Again, we couldn't have and do the many wonderful things, that the Library offers, without your help, hard work, and dedication to the Library...**MANY, MANY, THANKS for everything.**



We had an outstanding BOOK SALE. Thank you to all who made it the great success that it was. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people. They are always

looking for new members to join in. We have an upcoming Bake Sale on Saturday, December 1st and we are always looking for people to help with bringing baked "goods" in for us to sell. Maybe this is one way you could be a part of getting involved? We are also looking for new or gently used "giftable" items for our upcoming Craft Fair to sell, as well as donations for Raffle Prizes. All items can be dropped off at the Library. We are here to help and thank you, for all your help.

Thursday, November 1st @ 7:00 pm...Adult Book Club.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 pm...the Knitting Group meets. Thank you, Ladies!

Every Thursday @ 4:00 pm...FREE Gentle Chair Yoga

Every Thursday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm... a new "Mommy & Me Play Group. This group offers the chance for parents and their young children to come together, to make friends and share experiences and it's FREE! Many thanks to Jamielee, who heads this program up, here at the library.



Every other Friday morning...November 2nd, 16th, 30th and December 14th, from 9:30 - 11:00 am..."Sing, Spell, Read, & Write". This is a total language arts curriculum for the 21st century!

Teaching 3-6 year olds learning readiness, phonemic awareness, letter recognition, manuscript writing, visual and auditory discrimination. Many thanks to Missy!

Every 1st and 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 - 11:00 am...Children's Story & Craft Time Hour.

Every other Saturday of the month from 12:30 - 2:30, the Eastern CT Writer's Group meet in our Reading Room. This program is given by author Felix Giordano. Thank you, Felix!

Every third Tuesday of the month...November 20th and December 18th at 7:00 pm...Sound Healing Meditation given by instructor Mary T. Thank you Mary!



Last Saturday of the month...Family Movie Time. November 24th & December 29th at 12:30 pm...Titles TBA.

Our annual Mrs. Passardi's "Gift-A-Book" program will run from November 12th until December 15th. Give the Gift of Reading this holiday season to someone in need. Choose from a selection of different age-levels between pre-school and high school. Purchase a book, then donate. Each gift will then be given to and distributed through our own Willington Human Services. Unwrapped books must be brought to the library no later than December 15th.

Vendors *Wanted!*

As of this notice, we still have a few tables left for our upcoming Craft Fair on Saturday, December 1st. If you have any handmade items you would like to sell, this is the place and time. Cost is \$25.00 per 3 x 6 tables. Not interested yourself, know of someone who might be, please pass the word along. It's a fun time for all!

The Friends Holiday Raffle Sale will run for two weeks. Starting on Monday, November 26 and running through Saturday, December 8th. This will be one week prior to the Craft Fair and run until, one week after the Craft Fair and Bake Sale date, on Saturday, December 1st. Drawing will take place on Monday, December 10th, before closing time at 5:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale for \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Front Circulation Desk during regular opened hours. Everything will be on display, so you get to choose.



Library Continued...

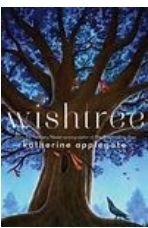
This year marks our 7th annual "Friends of WPL Craft Fair & Bake Sale" to be held on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Make sure to visit the Friends Gift & Bake Sale tables, take a chance at winning one or more of the many exciting raffles to be offered, and maybe catch a surprise visit from Santa; all while you are visiting the library throughout the day.

This year, join in on our first Holiday Book Gifting Author's Trail too! The Connecticut Author's and Publishing Association will partner with us to bring local author's in for this new and exciting event taking place with our Craft Fair. We will have approximately 16 local author's ALL selling their books. There will be books to give as gifts, for every age group; Children, Young Adults, and Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction, to choose from. Something for EVERYONE! Come "Follow the Trail"!

During the Friends Craft Fair & Bake Sale, look for our annual Staff's "2018 Keepsake Ornament". This is another fundraising way, to help raise money for the library and to have something special, from everyone on the staff. These will continue to be on sale throughout the holiday season for purchasing.

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm...WPL's Friends meeting. Come see what we are all about and think about joining.

Thursday, December 13th @ 6:30 pm, in our Community Room...A special children's Holiday PJ Party & Story-Time. We are going to settle down and get ready for a long winter's night. So, come in your pajama's, bring a favorite stuffed animal, pillow, or blanket along, for some fun...there will be dancing, a craft, cookies, and finally, a quiet holiday bedtime story, to send you off on your way to Dreamland. If the weather is bad and we need to postpone, we will plan on the alternative date of Thursday, December 20th.



During this time of year, we will be presenting a "Wishtree", outside on the library grounds, based on the book by Katherine Applegate. We will also have many other wonderful books on display, with this same theme, for you to check out and read for your pleasure. Our Wishtree will be available to anyone who would like to make a "wish" that will be represented, in the form of a ribbon (you can bring your own, or we will supply one) and then tied to the tree's branches. This "wish", in whatever form your heart wishes to call it, will not be written down, you will just know it in your heart and mind. You may also choose to have it represent an intangible blessing or a prayer request. Wishes could be for peace, rest, health, etc. These tidbits can represent hopes for something better. If you were to tie a Wishtree, what would it be? Only you will know. Help fill our tree with Wish Knots. Everyone needs to hope. Be the change you WISH to see in the world.



We have also been working on a new project called "The Story Walk". We will be combining wonderful children's picture books with all the joys and benefits of reading and walking together outside. Our first book is titled "Only One You" by Linda Kranz. We hope to have it up very soon.

Notice of Cancellations: For cancellation of programs due to inclement weather, check our website at www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org, or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/willingtonpubliclibrary, or watch or check out at WFSB-TV Channel 3 or NBC 30 WVIT.

WPLibrary Survey 2018



Take Our Library Survey
Let us know how we're doing!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3LB7XRW>



Parks & Recreation



All Bus Trips are coordinated with the towns of Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Mansfield, Tolland and Willington. Please register with the recreation department in the town in which you reside. If you do not live in any of the listed towns, you may register with

any department. The pick-up location for all is the Commuter Parking Lot at I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



This is a trip to mark off of your bucket list!!

The Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade marks the start of the holiday season with more than 8,000 participants setting off down

the streets of Manhattan with dozens of balloons, marching bands and celebrities!!

Enjoy Thanksgiving morning with family and friends watching the historic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in person! Enjoy the floats, bands and entertainment as they pass by right in front of your eyes.

Drop off in NYC will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

Date: Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 22nd

Depart: 5:00am (Tolland Commuter Parking Lot Exit 68, I-84)

Return: 2:00pm (approximately)

Fee: \$68.00/person (transportation only)

****Registration Deadline—November 7th****

A Day on Your Own in New York City



Enjoy a day in the "Big Apple" with friends and family. Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping, visit the museums, see a Broadway show, explore some fine dining, take in the views at Times Square, or just enjoy the sights of the city.

Bus drop-offs/pick-ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

Date: Saturday, December 1st

Depart: 7:00am (Tolland Commuter Parking Lot Exit 68, I-84)

Return: 10:30pm (approximately)

Fee: \$68.00/person (transportation only)

****Registration deadline is November 14th****

We're working on some great bus trips for 2019. Be sure to check our website for more information.

April: Mangia, Mangia
Walking food tour in Boston's Little Italy and a tour of the Sam Adams Brewery.

June: Yard Goats Family Day

July: James Taylor at Tanglewood

September: Vermont Vine to Wine
Putney Mountain Winery and Grafton Village Cheese Company

October: Roger Williams Spooky Zoo

December: New York City—Day on your Own

Did you know?



"Conor's Law," which expands the helmet requirement in Connecticut, takes effect October 1, 2018.

Below is a summary of Public Act No. 18-167 outlining the expansion of protective headgear requirements. The new law expands the types of activities during which children under age 16 must wear protective headgear and **adds parks** to the places where such headgear must be worn. Current law requires any child under age 16 who rides a bicycle on a public road to wear protective headgear that meets the minimum specifications established by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation. The new statute expands the types of activities during which these children must wear such protective headgear **to include skateboarding, non-motorized scooting, roller skating, and in-line skating; it adds parks, including skateboarding parks, to the places where the protective headgear must be worn;** and it requires that the protective headgear is properly fitted and fastened. By law, failure to wear protective headgear is not considered a violation or an offense and cannot be considered contributory negligence by a parent or a child or be admissible in any civil action.

Snowshoe Loaner Program



Winter is right around the corner!! Just a reminder that WPRD has four pairs of adult snow shoes and four pairs of kids snow shoes for residents use. Be sure to reserve a pair or two today and head outside and enjoy!!

Why go snowshoeing? What started thousands of years ago as a mode of transportation has evolved into a popular winter activity for recreation and fitness. Here's why... it's fun, it's easy, it's inexpensive, it's a good workout and it's versatile.

Reserve a pair today!!



Parks & Recreation Continued...

Gentle Flow Yoga Classes



Calm Your Mind and Promote Wellness

Gentle Flow classes are designed for people of all levels and bodies, great for beginners or those seasoned yogi's looking for a more relaxing class to balance out your practice. Kimberly will guide you through a gentle flow yoga class designed to promote grounding and strengthening to help you reach a deepened state of relaxation. This class will focus on centering the mind with breath work to help bring the mind to rest and prepare the body for yoga postures. Primary focus is on gentle stretches and then moving into a light flow practice to warm and stretch the body.

Days: Wednesday Evenings
Dates: November 7th-December 26th
****No class on 11/28 and 12/5****

Time: 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Fee: \$45.00/6 classes
Drop In Fee—\$10.00/class

Location: Willington Public Library
Lower Level Community Room
(7 Ruby Road, Willington)

Instructor: Kimberly Ratti, RYT 200 and owner of Giving Tree Farm, LLC

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own mat and props.

Tai Chi



This NEW 10-week course will cover an introduction to Yang Style Tai Chi and will cover the following:

- Strengthening Postures
- Releasing Exercises (Soong)
- The Yang Style Long Form
- 2-person Training Drills
- Push Hands Training
- Martial Applications

The benefits to Tai Chi are better posture, enhanced balance, increased range of motion and better overall mental well-being.

Dates: January 2nd-March 6th / Wednesday Evenings
Time: 7pm—8pm
Location: Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road, Willington
Fee: Resident: \$95.00
Non-Resident: \$110.00
Seniors 65+: \$75.00

Registration Deadline—December 28th

Must have a minimum of 10 Students to hold the class
Minimum Age—12 years or older

Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing and low-heel footwear

International Folk Dancing



This program features dances from around the world, starting with easy walking-based dances and progressing to more advanced dances as the class is ready. Adults of all ages have found this program to be fun and great exercise. It is a good way to learn about cultural backgrounds and make new friends! No experience is necessary and no partners are necessary. Wear comfortable clothes, close-toed shoes and bring water. Drop-ins are welcome!

Dates: This class is held on Thursday evening's
Time: 7-8:00 p.m.
Location: Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road, Willington (Located on the Town Green)
Fee: This program is being offered at no cost
Instructor: Veronica Craig



International Folk Dancing Class performing at the Ashford Senior Center.



Willington Day is looking for volunteers to join the Committee!

Do you LOVE Willington Day?

Do you have ideas on how to make Willington Day better?

THEN WE NEED YOU TO JOIN!!

The Willington Day Committee has lost a few members and is looking for help! If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact Robin Campbell at...

rcampbell@willingtonct.org
860-487-3100



Parks & Recreation Continued...

Volleyball Adult Co-Ed



Come play Adult Co-Ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium. This 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 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. (time subject to change during basketball season) at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium, 111 River Road, Willington, CT.

Registration Fees Per Session:

Resident - \$20.00/1 night or \$35.00/2 nights

Non-Resident - \$30.00/1 night or \$40.00/2 nights

Session 1: September-December

Session 2: January-April

Session 3: May-August

Drop-in Fees: Resident - \$3.00/night

Non-Resident - \$5.00/night

Yearly Fees available to residents only: \$65.00

National Take a Hike Day



Join WPRD for a hike on National Take a Hike Day!

NOVEMBER 17th at Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve 10-12:00 p.m.

We'll meet in the parking lot of Fenton Ruby Park (located on Burma Road) and take a leisurely walk on the trails.

****All are welcome. Pets must be leashed****

Wear comfortable walking shoes, pack a water bottle and a snack.

911 Reflective Address Signs

The First Step to Providing Emergency Services is Finding Your House

Makes checks payable to: WPRD (Willington Parks & Recreation Department) and mail to 40 Old Farms Road, Willington CT 06279.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Address Number Requested:

Horizontal: _____ Vertical: _____

Cost: \$12.00
\$10.00 Seniors

Signs are highly visible both day and night!!

Completed signs must be picked up at the
Parks & Recreation Department.

Help Wanted

WPRD Basketball Gym Supervisors

Willington Parks and Recreation Department

Seasonal/Part Time Gym Supervisor Positions Available

Early December 2018– Early March 2019

Saturdays and Sundays at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium

Approximately 4-10 hours/week



WPRDs 2nd Annual Holiday Tree & Wreath Giveaway

WPRD is hosting a tree and wreath decorating night on Monday, November 26th. We are looking for groups/organizations to sponsor and decorate a holiday tree and/or wreath.

WPRD will supply the trees/wreaths but we encourage that each group decorate their tree/wreath as it represents their individual group. The decorated trees/wreaths will be on display in the Old Town Hall on the evening of the Community Tree Lighting, Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Each decorated tree and wreath will be given to a Willington family in need!

When: Monday, November 26th

Where: Old Town Hall

Time: 6-8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00—Tree (Fee includes tree/stand but each group must supply lights and decorations.)
\$25.00—Wreath (Fee includes wreath but each group must supply decorations.)

Register by Friday, November 16th

Maximum 10 Groups for Wreaths

Maximum 7 Groups for Trees

Please contact the Willington Parks and Recreation Department if you are interested in sponsoring a tree or wreath at 860-487-3108 or mparsell@willingtonct.org

Registration Form



Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Tree or Wreath: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____





WEDNESDAYS *IN THE* PARK

Willington's Summer Concert Series

Thank You 2018 Sponsors!!

Sole Concert Sponsors—\$800.00

United Bank

Co-Concert Sponsors—\$400.00

Baywood Kennels

One of Four Concert Sponsors— \$200.00

C & T Electric

Landon Tire

Riley & Scranton Auto Service

Willington Pizza

The Jean Family

Mycoscience

Tony's Garage

Willington Termite & Pest

One of Eight Concert Sponsors—\$100.00

Cable Technology, Inc.

Jeff & Kirstie Farrar

Hipsky Construction

Kids Kingdom

The Wiecenski Family

Bill & Suzanne Chapman

Maureen Gantick

Holiday Spirits, Inc.

Shawn & Kim Kowalyshyn

Supporting Sponsor—Up to \$100.00

Creative Mark Engraving

David & Tish Ignatowicz

Willington Democratic Town Committee

DDrobney Photography

The Psathas-Shabot Family

****Thank you to those that have donated anonymously — You know who you are.****



Parks & Recreation Continued...



Please call 860-487-3108 or email mparsell@willingtonct.org for program information and registration. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.willingtonct.org>.

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission

Our commission requires seven members per the Board of Selectmen, and we presently have six members. It is a non-compensation position and has a term of three years. The Commission meets on the last Monday of the month and is responsible for the oversight of our town's recreation facilities, recreation programs within and beyond those facilities, and managing the development of new facilities and programs.

With one seat still available, if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department. The commission will meet with all respondents.

The Recreation Commission meet the last Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building—Selectman Conference Table.

Policies & General Information

Fees: There will be a \$20.00 fee for all checks returned as unpaid due to insufficient funds, stop payment, or any other form of cancellation. Payments shall be made by check or cash. Credit cards are not accepted. All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department or WPRD.

Financial Assistance: Funding is set aside to assist Willington families that require financial help in registering for programs. For further information and an application, please contact the Human Services Department at 860-487-3118.

Inclement Weather Policy: In the event of inclement weather, programs may be cancelled, and a makeup date may or may not be scheduled. If schools are closed, all programs will be cancelled. Notifications will be placed on WFSB 3 TV.

Non-Resident Policy: Non-residents will be charged an additional \$5.00/\$10.00 depending on the program/bus trip.

OOPS! Sometimes despite our best efforts, a misprint may make its way into our magazine. In this case, changes may be made to some of the programs listed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Payment: Payments may be made by cash or check. All checks should be made out to the Willington Parks and Recreation Department (WPRD). Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge. Credit cards are not accepted at this time. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Photo Policy: WPRD reserves the right to photograph program participants for publicity purposes.

Program Cancellation: WPRD reserves the right to cancel any program that does not meet minimum enrollment requirements. PROGRAM TIMES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME. When schools are closed due to inclement weather or school activities, all programming held at the schools will be cancelled for that day/evening. Every effort will be made to notify you. Notification will be placed on WFSB 3 TV. A make-up class will be scheduled if time permits.

Refunds: The Parks and Recreation Department has the right to cancel or consolidate programs if registration is insufficient. Any program cancelled by the Department will result in a full refund. There are no refunds once a program has begun unless accompanied by a doctor's note which will result in a prorated refund. All refunds must be in writing, received at least a week prior to the start of the program (three weeks if a bus trip) and will be assessed a \$5.00 processing fee.

Register Early: Please be sure to register **EARLY** for programs and trips you wish to participate in. WPRD reserves the right to cancel programs and/or trips due to low enrollment.

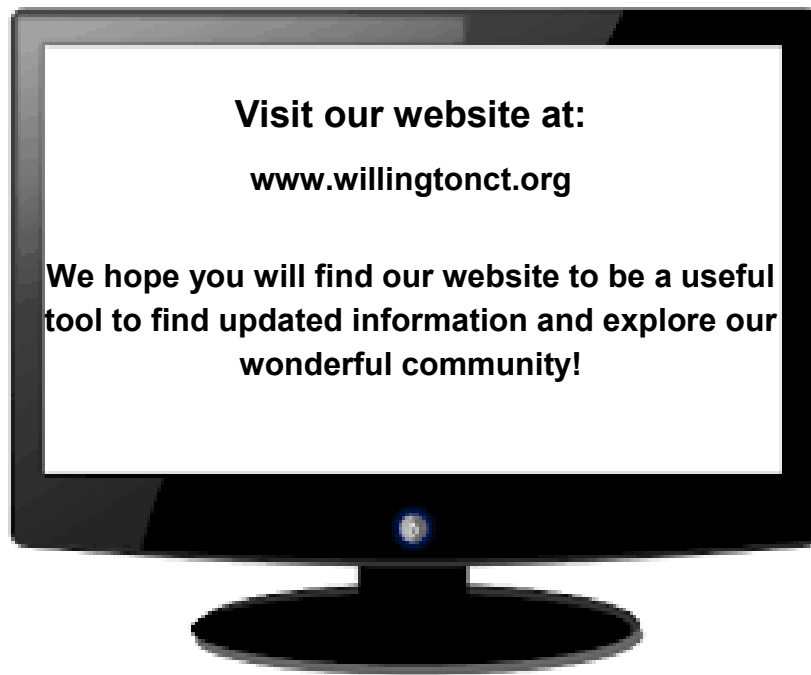
Scholarship Program: A scholarship program was created to help Willington families participate in all recreational activities offered no matter their financial circumstances. **Donations are always accepted.** Please make checks payable to WPRD and mail to 40 Old Farms Road, Willington.



Parks & Recreation Continued...

We are Social! Be sure to **“LIKE”** Willington Parks & Recreation on Facebook! Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation website at www.willingtonct.org for all of our latest events and programs. Be sure to [Subscribe to E-Alerts](#) at www.willingtonct.org and stay informed of all that we have to offer!

We Want to Hear from You! Do YOU have a hidden talent? We want to see it! Please take a few moments to share your ideas with us. Do you have a talent or program that you would like to see offered? Your input, opinions, suggestions and comments are an invaluable part of our continued improvement to our offerings. We welcome and value your input as we work together to make our parks and programs the best they can possibly be.



Registrars



The state election will be held on November 6, 2018 for the following offices – Governor/Lt. Governor, US Senator, Representative in Congress (2nd district), State Senator (35th district), State Representative (53rd district), Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and Judge of Probate. There will be two state constitutional questions on the ballot.

Are you registered to vote in Willington? Check the Secretary of State's website: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>.

Register to vote online 24/7: voterregistration.ct.gov.

Voting will take place in the Common Room, located on the main level of the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, from 6 am to 8 pm. **Voters are reminded to bring their identification.**

If you have questions, please call our office at 860-487-3120 and leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman
Christine Psathas
Registrars of Voters/Elections Department



Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS)

Help us reach our goal!

Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS)



2018 Recipients Macon Jeffreys and William Toomey with Elizabeth Toomey

Help Needed! The Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS) has a grant on the table where we are only half way to raising \$4000 from Willington residents who did not donate to WSFDFS in 2017.

If you haven't donated yet, please consider sending WSFDFS a donation, of *any* amount, for this 2018 award from the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation.

Over the past 23 years, the WSFDFS has awarded more than 390 Willington high school graduates scholarships totaling more than \$400,000 in both merit and financial need-based scholarships.

In these times, there are so many deserving charities, but if you have even just a few spare dollars, please consider donating to the Willington Scholarship Foundation to help our current and future students afford post-secondary education.

Every dollar will help fund scholarships for Willington students. To send a contribution, mail to **The Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars; P.O. Box 194; Willington, CT, 06279**. Or you can donate online, using the ["Donate" button](#) on our site at... www.willington.dollarsforscholars.org.

Want to learn more about WSFDFS? We meet every third Monday at 7:00 pm upstairs in the Town Office Building Community Room. Follow us on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and Twitter!

And please like us on [Facebook](#) and share the word!

Superintendent's Update

Willington Public Schools 100 Days of Building Relationships and Data Collection

It is truly an honor to be given the opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of the Willington Public Schools. I am humbled to serve the town of Willington, a town that I am passionate about, and to continue the work of prior leaders. Throughout my career in education, I have achieved success as a result of the relationships that I have built and will continue to utilize a collaborative leadership style as Superintendent.

During my first 100 days I will be listening to parents, community members, staff, and students as I collect critical data necessary to develop short and long-term plans for the district. I encourage all stakeholders to share their experiences and opinions regarding district strengths and areas in need of improvement. Your feedback is integral to drive our strategic planning as we push the boundaries of our institution to improve academic achievement and help our students develop into successful community members. Please feel free to reach out with feedback at any time as we are continually trying to learn, grow and improve as a district.

Willington is a special place and I have every intention of leading the district with passion and integrity and look forward to working with the board, parents, staff, students and community members to provide our students an outstanding education.

Sincerely,
Phil Stevens
Superintendent
pstevens@willingtonct.org
860-487-3130



Tax Collector

Happy Holidays from the Tax Office!



**Wishing you a
Healthy &
Prosperous
Season!**

**Town of Willington
Revenue Department**

Lisa A. Madden
lmadden@willingtonct.org

Town Clerk

Municipal Election Day

November 6th Voting time is 6:00am to 8:00pm at the Town Office Building

Legal Notice will appear in the Courant Community Paper

It will also appear on the Town Website

[Sample Ballot on the Town Website](#)

[Absentee Ballots](#) will be available in the Town Clerk's Office on October 5th through the close of **the clerk's office on November 5th. Any questions contact the clerk's office.**

Fishing & Hunting

Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or on-line at www.ct.gov/deep. You can contact DEEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Resident 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license.

Dogs

#1 Dog this year was "**Tuukka**" a beagle/bulldog mix owned by Jen Fagan and Amanda Grabowski.

Make sure if you get a new dog, register it at the clerk's office. Need rabies certificate and spayed or neutered vet papers.

Passports

Forms are available online at pptctcsm@state.gov

The Storrs Post Office processes passports. The Storrs Post Office phone number is 860 429-9681.

Notary Services

There are a number of Notary Publics in the Town Office Building. There is a \$5.00 fee for each notary seal being placed on a document.

Probate Court for Willington

Barbara Gardner Riordan, Probate Judge

21 Tolland Green- Tolland, CT 06084 860 871-3640

Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

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

Amy R. Lam,
Town Clerk

Maureen A. Gantick,
Assistant Town Clerk



Town Parks & 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

Willington's Public Works Department recently finished constructing a parking lot for hiking trail access on Mason Road. This lot will allow safe parking for access to the Talmadge Spur Trail and the Knowlton Spur Trail. Both trails connect to the Nipmuck Trail, part of the Connecticut Blue Trail System.

Talmadge Tract:

Mason Road – Hiking Trails (adjacent to the Knowlton Property)

Chenes Roches Preserve:

Chenes Roches (transl. oaks rocks) is a 56-acre wooded preserve in northeast Willington and owned by Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust. Trails wind through a varied terrain of hardwood forests, stands of pines and along a hemlock-shaded stream in a steep-sided valley. A round trip of 1.8 miles will take you across several small spring-fed streams and an altitude change of about 250 feet from the parking lot to the valley stream. A trail map and additional information about the preserve, including directions, can be found on the Joshua's Trust website, joshuastrust.org. There is a kiosk with trail maps at the small parking area 500 feet past the south end of Laurel Drive. ***Please stay on the trail and respect boundaries where the trail passes near private property.***

Note: The parking area is not plowed in the winter and parking on the road is not advisable.)

River Road Athletic Complex - 511 River Road:

Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, swings, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court, walking path (one lap = .33 miles) and outdoor fitness equipment. No golfing allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags are available. Complex is CARRY IN-CARRY OUT. Dogs are not allowed on the baseball field. **State Statute 22-364 states that dogs must be under the direct control of their owners at all times when using town parks. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up all dog waste.

Town Office Building Fields - 40 Old Farms Road:

Baseball and Softball fields

The Park on Village Hill Road:

Overlooking the Roaring Brook, a popular fishing spot during fishing season.

Facility Rentals:

River Road Athletic Complex has a pavilion, fields and courts available for rent for your next birthday party or family gathering!

Pavilion Rental:

Fee:

Residents:	\$75.00 for 5 hours or \$20/hour
Non-Residents:	\$100.00 for 5 hours or \$30/hour
Town Non-Profits:	\$55.00 for 5 hours

Fields/Courts Rental:

Fee:

\$30.00/2 hours



Help Keep Our Parks Clean

At all of our parks, pets must be leashed at ALL times. For your convenience, WPRD has two dog poo stations with poo bags at River Road Athletic Complex.

Help keep our parks clean and PLEASE pick up after your pets.



The Town of Willington is seeking a Full Time Director of Public Works and a Part-Time Assessor.

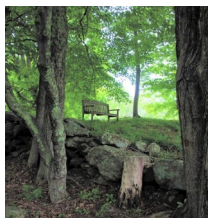
Click [HERE](#) for complete job descriptions, employment application and more information.

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Save the Date

Nature Photo Exhibit at Willington Public Library—October 23rd—November 3rd



Students from recent photography classes sponsored by the Willington Parks and Recreation Department, and taught by local photographer Dot Drobney, will be showing some of their work at an exhibit in the Community Room at the Willington Public Library. The last class of each series was a field trip to Fenton Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve, so many of the photos will be from those excursions or other scenic spots around town. The exhibit is open to the public, and will run from Tuesday, October 23 through Saturday, November 3, 2018, during regular library hours. An opening reception will be held on Tuesday evening, October 23rd, from 6:30-7:30 pm, and is open to the public. Come out and meet the photographers, hear about their work, and share some light refreshments. For more information about the exhibit, and classes, contact Dot at ddrobneyphotos@gmail.com.

Photo courtesy of Christel Barry

Holiday Tree AND Wreath Giveaway Decorating Night—Monday, November 26th



The time is here to get into the holiday spirit but don't get your tinsel in a tangle! Let's get into the true holiday spirit by giving to those in need this season!

WPRD is hosting a tree AND wreath decorating night on Monday, November 26th and we are looking for groups/organizations to sponsor and decorate a holiday tree and/or wreath. WPRD will supply the tree and wreath but we encourage that each group decorate their tree and wreath as it represents their individual group. The decorated trees and wreaths will be on display on the evening of the Community Tree Lighting, Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Each decorated tree and wreath will be given to a Willington family in need!

When: Monday, November 26th
Where: Old Town Hall
Time: 6-8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$40.00—Tree (Fee includes tree/stand but each group must supply lights and decorations.)
\$25.00—Wreath (Fee includes wreath but each group must supply decorations.)

Register by Friday, November 16th
Maximum 7 groups for trees and 10 groups for wreaths

Annual Community Tree Lighting—Friday, November 30th



Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. on the Town Green
We are looking forward to another festive holiday season! Please join the Willington Historical Society and the Willington Parks and Recreation Department on the Town Green for the Annual Community Tree Lighting! We are still in the planning stages so please check our website for more information.

Want to help out? Have a great idea? Please contact us!

Photo courtesy of Dot Drobney of DDrobney Photography

Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar—Saturday, December 1st



The annual Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 1st from 9am to 2pm at the Hill Church at the corner of Routes 74 and 320. Come buy your Christmas gifts choosing from gift baskets, hand decorated Christmas wreaths, fancy cookies by the pound, baked goods, Christmas/attic treasures, RADA knives, etc. While shopping, enjoy breakfast sandwiches and homemade lunch in the Holiday Café. **For information, call Barbara at 860-429-9247.**



**Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year
from all of us at the Town Office Building**

Jennie Arpin, Human Services
Tina Binheimer, Animal Control Officer
Robin Campbell, Office Manager
Derek Dimmock, Public Works
Maureen Gantick, Assistant Town Clerk
Todd Hettlinger, Public Works Crew
Matt Karosi, Transfer Station
Amy Lam, Town Clerk
Lisa Madden, Tax Collector
Dick Palmer, Fire Marshall
Maureen Parsell, Parks & Recreation
Rachel Pierce, Assistant Assessor
Jason Righenzi, Transfer Station
Jim Rupert, Building Inspector
Eileen Smith, Administrative Assistant
Nancy Vogel, Assistant Tax Collector
Erika Wiecenski, First Selectwoman

Lucien Bessette Public Works Crew Leader
John Blessington, Selectman
Suzanne Chapman, Elections Department
Peg DuPilka, Land Use Department Secretary
Jeff Hansen, Public Works Crew
Tish Ignatowicz, Treasurer
Richard Kryzak, Assessor
Donna Latincsics, Business Manager
Liza Makuch, Selectwoman
Amanda Palotti, Payroll/Personnel Coordinator
Emily Perko, Assistant Zoning and Wetlands Agent
Christine Psathas, Elections Department
Bekah Rupert, Account Analyst
Jeff Semmelrock, Public Works Crew
Phil Stevens, Superintendent
Brenda Weber, Assistant to the Superintendent

