

# Wilmington Wire

## Community E-Newsletter

### Oct, Nov & Dec 2019





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**The Town Office Building will be closed on the following holidays:**

**Columbus Day—Monday, October 14th**

**Veterans Day—Monday, November 11th**

**Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 28th**

**Day After Thanksgiving—Friday, November 29th**

**Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25th**



# Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279—[www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org)

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—Oct, Nov & Dec

Board/Commission	Day	Date	Time
Board of Education	Tuesday	October 8th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Education	Tuesday	November 12th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Education	Tuesday	December 10th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	October 17th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	November 21st	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	December 19th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	October 7th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	October 21st	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	November 4th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	November 18th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	December 2nd	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	December 16th	6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	October 16th	7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	November 20th	7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	December 18th	7:00 p.m.
Economic Development	Wednesday	October 9th	6:30 p.m.
Economic Development	Wednesday	November 13th	6:30 p.m.
Economic Development	Wednesday	December 11th	6:30 p.m.
Historical Society	Tuesday	October 15th	7:00 p.m.
Historical Society	Tuesday	November 19th	7:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	October 21st	4:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	November 18th	4:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	December 16th	4:00 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	October 28th	7:30 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	November 25th	7:30 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	December 23rd	7:30 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	October 8th	7:00 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	November 12th	7:00 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	December 10th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	October 28th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	November 25th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	December 30th	7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	October 1st	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	October 15th	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	November 19th	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	December 3rd	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	December 17th	7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	October 10th	7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	November 14th	7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	December 12th	7:30 p.m.



# First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents,

Another school year has started and fall is upon us! This is the perfect time to enjoy the cool crisp days in one of our parks, hiking or one of the many other enjoyable activities you can read about in this publication.

There is also a lot happening at the Town Office Building and with Public Works as we begin our preparations for the winter (and budget season) ahead. We will continue roadside mowing, with the new roadside mower that was purchased in August, until the work is complete.

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](http://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! You can find a listing of town meetings on the pages of this publication.



The Selectmen's Office is open during regular business hours: Monday from 12:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Regards,  
Erika G. Wiczenski  
First Selectwoman

## Talk of the Town

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

Did you know that there is a record of every meeting held by a Town Board or Commission?

These important documents are preserved by the hard work of our Recording Secretaries. This critical position works with the Board Chairman to be sure an agenda is filed prior to such meetings and an accurate account of the meeting is written and recorded in the Town Clerk's office after a meeting. If someone isn't able to attend a meeting in person, the minutes are a great source of information that captures both the discussion and action taken by each board. This month we want to recognize our wonderful Recording Secretaries and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

**THANK YOU!**

**Emily Perko, Marysa Semprebon, Mary Vertefeuille, Eileen Smith, Brenda Sullivan,  
Marilyn Schreiber, and Peggy Dupilka**



**State Representative  
Pat Wilson Pheanious**  
*Proudly Serving Ashford, Tolland, Willington*

*Please join Representative Pat Wilson Pheanious for office hours at the Willington Public Library on the following dates:*

<i>Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>6:30-8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>6:30-8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>6:30-8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>6:30-8:00 p.m.</i>





# Welcome

**Please welcome the Town of Willington's Newest Employees!**

Michelle Cyr, Assistant Tax Collector

Michael Conde, Assistant Transfer Station Operator

Welcome Michelle and Michael! We wish you a long and happy career with the Town of Willington!



## The CIP Committee is in need of a Recording Secretary.

Hours will be on an "as needed" basis (upon determination of the CIP meeting schedule) which begins in late November/early December.

Pay rate is \$20 per hour to record and transcribe minutes.

The complete job description can be found on the Town's website: [www.willingtonct.org/employment](http://www.willingtonct.org/employment)

If anyone is interested (or needs more information) please contact the Selectmen's Office at 860-487-3100 or email: [rcampbell@willingtonct.org](mailto:rcampbell@willingtonct.org)



**MANY, MANY THANKS** to the Willington Garden Club for their tireless efforts in constructing and maintaining the gardens around the Town Office Building. If you haven't seen the gardens yet, please be sure to visit to see what they have accomplished. We are so grateful for all of the time and energy they have spent and continue to spend on this project! The gardens are truly **GORGEOUS!**



*These pictures don't do our gardens justice. You really must see them in person!*



## Office of the Assessor

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2019 are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2019, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN WILLINGTON CT

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR REAL ESTATE

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, vehicles registered out of state but domiciled in Willington, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

### **DEFECTIVE CONCRETE**

Applications and Engineer Evaluation forms to request reassessment of residential property due to defective concrete are available in the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Willington website. Please note these forms must be accompanied by an Engineer's report. For additional information, contact the Assessor's office.

### **PUBLIC ACT 490**

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 1, 2019. All applications for classification of farmland and open space must be received by October 31, 2019. Applications are available in the Assessor's office or may be printed from the CT Farm Bureau Association website at <https://www.cfba.org/pa-490>.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

The Assessor's office is actively pursuing motor vehicles that should be paying taxes in Willington but are not currently. This includes all CT registered vehicles that are domiciled here and all vehicles registered out of state but domiciled in Willington as of October 1st. In an attempt to identify these vehicles we have contacted the owners of all apartment units, four units and greater. We have created a form to collect this information for those vehicles affected. We kindly ask if this applies to you to complete the form or if you don't have a form contact the Assessor's office at either 860-487-3122 or [rpierce@willingtonct.org](mailto:rpierce@willingtonct.org). We would also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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**MUNICIPAL ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019**  
**6:00 AM-8:00 PM**

**WILLINGTON TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**  
**40 OLD FARMS ROAD, WILLINGTON CT 06279**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

Willington, Connecticut	Municipal Election	November 5, 2019
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Be sure to complete your vote on the reverse side of this ballot.

OFFICE ↑	PARTY →	1 FIRST SELECTMAN VOTE FOR ONE	2 SELECTMEN VOTE FOR ONE	3 TREASURER VOTE FOR ONE	4 BOARD OF FINANCE VOTE FOR ANY TWO	5 BOARD OF FINANCE VOTE FOR ANY TWO	6 BOARD OF FINANCE ALTERNATE VOTE FOR ANY TWO	8 BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR ANY FOUR	9 BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR ANY FOUR	10 BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR ANY FOUR	11	12 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS VOTE FOR ONE	13 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION VOTE FOR ANY TWO	14	
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	1A ERIK G. WIECENSKI	2A LEA BORITZ	3A	4A TODD SZABO	5A STEPHANIE SUMMERS	6A CHRISTINA MALLIOS	7A	8A MICHELLE D. CUNNINGHAM	9A MEGHAN P. SZABO	10A CHIARA BAMBARA	11A	12A LAURIE M. SEMPREON	13A ROBERT SHABOT	14A
REPUBLICAN PARTY	REPUBLICAN PARTY	1B PETER TANAKA	2B JOHN BLESSINGTON	3B DIANE BULLCK	4B GEOFFREY PRUSAK	5B JAMES BULLCK	6B MIKE PERRY	7B	8B DONNA V. COOK	9B BRENDA ABRAMS	10B LIZ PERRY	11B HERB ARICO	12B EDWARD C. TANMAN JR.	13B DOUGLAS ROBERTS	14B
WRITE-IN VOTES	WRITE-IN VOTES	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	11C	12C	13C	14C

OFFICE ↑	PARTY →	15 LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FULL TERM VOTE FOR ANY TWO	16 LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL VACANCY FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ANY TWO	17 LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL VACANCY FOR FOUR YEARS VOTE FOR ONE	18 LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL VACANCY FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ANY TWO	19 LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL VACANCY FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ANY TWO	20 REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR ANY TWO	21 REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR ANY TWO
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	15A	16A	17A	18A	19A	20A CHIARA BAMBARA	21A ELIZABETH PECZUH
REPUBLICAN PARTY	REPUBLICAN PARTY	15B JOY WRONA	16B ELENA V. TESTA	17B	18B CARI DONALDSON	19B LIZ PERRY	20B HERB ARICO	21B
WRITE-IN VOTES	WRITE-IN VOTES	15C	16C	17C	18C	19C	20C	21C



# Conservation Commission



Fall weather is upon us and the members of the Conservation Commission hope that you will take the opportunity to put your feet on the ground along some of the trails through the forests and along the waterways in the preserved natural areas we are fortunate to have in Willington.

The 300-acre Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve and Drobney Sanctuary on Moose Meadow Road has 4-plus miles of trails through woods, over ridges and along ponds and streams. A kiosk with maps is located at the parking area on Burma Road, and a box with nature trail guides is located a short distance down the Taylor Trail. Several picnic tables and benches are available in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot and a wildlife observation deck overlooks the Beaver Pond. Dogs are welcome to accompany owners, but must be kept on a leash for their safety and to protect the Park's wildlife.

Getting around on any of the 4 main trails is easy. Most trails can be walked in 30-45 minutes. Trail maps are located at all trail intersections to help orient you if there are no maps at the kiosk or if you choose not to carry a paper map. For more adventure, consider using the Park's trail system to hike to the Langhammer Preserve in Ashford. Start by taking the Park's Ruby Trail to the Ashford Link Trail. From there, it's only another 0.1 miles to Lustig Road in Ashford, where you can connect to the Ashford Trail immediately across the road.

The 28-acre Talmadge Tract, which contains the Talmadge Spur Trail with 1 ½ and 2-mile loops, will take you through scenic woodlands and along gravel Mason Road. This tract abuts the 400-acre UConn Moss Forest Tract, and on the other side of Mason Road is the 138-acre Royal Knowlton Preserve. Several miles of the Connecticut Blue Trail (Nipmuck) run through this area, with a portion along the Fenton River as it flows through a deep ravine. The ¾-mile Knowlton Spur Trail connects the Nipmuck Trail to the Talmadge Trail. Paper maps can usually be found on the sign at the Talmadge trailhead on Mason Road across from the gravel parking area, and also at the sign where the Nipmuck Trail crosses Mason Rd onto the Knowlton Preserve. Brochures and trail maps for these areas, as well as for Fenton-Ruby Park can be found on the Conservation Commission website (see below).

Chenes Roches (translation: "oaks rocks") is a 56-acre wooded preserve in northeast Willington 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 via new bridges added by volunteers this June 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, [www.joshuastrust.org](http://www.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.**

If you are interested in taking an active part in helping the Town manage its environmental resources, the Commission has openings for alternate members. Alternate members participate in meetings and may be seated as voting members in the absence of regular members. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings in the lower level of the Town Office Building on the third Wednesday of every month. Contact Peter Andersen, Commission Chair, at 860-933-6380 or [andersen108@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andersen108@sbcglobal.net), or Kathy Demers, Commission Vice-Chair, at 860-377-6416 or [kdemers48@gmail.com](mailto:kdemers48@gmail.com) for more information. Please visit the Conservation Commission website under "Boards and Commissions" on the Town of Willington home page, [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org), for information on conservation issues, programs and links to other websites. Last, we would be happy to hear any comments you may have about your experiences regarding Willington's outdoor resources.

Plan to take advantage of Willington's protected forest resources this fall for appreciation of their beauty, observation of the varied ecosystems and habitats, for exercise and for their restorative powers (shinrin-yoku: Taking in the Atmosphere of the Forest).

Enjoy the lovely fall weather! We hope to see you on the trail.



## “Performance Update” By EC-CHAP

Welcome to our 4<sup>th</sup> Performance Season! We have a great line-up of new and returning artists this fall.

We plan to change things around a bit this season in an effort to bring greater cultural diversity and scope to our programming. We also plan to expand our educational offerings providing a series of unique, interesting and relevant content.

We have two Benefit Concerts scheduled for October as fundraisers to support EC-CHAP programming. As a part of EC-CHAP’s Jazz Series, we are grateful to have international Jazz Artist, Steve Davis with **The Steve Davis Correlations Band** taking the stage on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. On **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, we are also honored to host a special “**Evening of Music and Conversation with Singer/Songwriter Kate Taylor**” as part of EC-CHAP’s Acoustic Artist Series. Come listen and meet these outstanding artists!

If you haven’t participated in our recurring monthly programs, please visit us each month for: “**EC-CHAP Talent Showcase**” (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday); “**EC-CHAP Social Dance with Kelly Madenjian**” (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday); **Monthly Information Exchange Meeting**; and our **Film Series** (check website for details [www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming](http://www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming)).

The Packing House is located at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. Parking is free and located onsite and across the street. For questions, program or rental information and table reservations, please call 518-791-9474. Email EC-CHAP ([info@ec-chap.org](mailto:info@ec-chap.org)) or The Packing House ([info@thepackinghouse.us](mailto:info@thepackinghouse.us)).

Peace.  
EC-CHAP Board

## October 2019



**Saturday, 10/05: Jazz Series: Steve Davis Quintet in Concert. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, 10/09: “Talent Showcase”. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free admission – All ages.**

**Thursday, 10/10: Social Dance Series with Kelly Madenjian. Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm**

**Friday, 10/11: Film Series – TBD. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, 10/16: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00pm**



**Saturday, 10/26: Acoustic Artist Series: An Evening of Music & Conversation with Kate Taylor. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm**

## November 2019

**Friday, 11/01: An Evening with Spiritual Medium Maura Geist. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm**

**Saturday, 11/02: Jazz Series: Matt DeChamplain Trio Project. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm**

**Saturday, 11/09: Jazz Series: Austin McMahan Trio. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, 11/13: “Talent Showcase”. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free admission – All ages.**

**Thursday, 11/14: Social Dance Series with Kelly Madenjian. Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm**

**Friday, 11/15: Film Series – TBD. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, 11/19: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00pm**

## December 2019

**Friday, 12/05: Jazz Series: Tolland High School Jazz Band. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm**

**Saturday, 12/07: Acoustic Artist Series: Grace & Grit - Kala Farnham & Jeff Przech (Folk / Americana). Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, 12/11: “Talent Showcase”. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm. Free admission – All ages.**

**Thursday, 12/12: Social Dance Series with Kelly Madenjian. Doors 6:30pm / Dance 7:00pm**

**Friday, 12/13: Film Series - “It’s a Wonderful Life” (G). 1946. Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:00pm**

**Saturday, 12/14: Acoustic Artist Series: Seat of our Pants. Doors 7:00pm / Show 7:30pm (HOLIDAY)**

**Tuesday, 12/17: EC-CHAP Information Exchange Meeting. 7:00pm**

*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](mailto:info@ec-chap.org), or visit us at [www.ec-chap.org](http://www.ec-chap.org).*

*Visit The Packing House directly at: [www.thepackinghouse.us](http://www.thepackinghouse.us).*

## EC-CHAP Continued...

**EC-CHAP** The Dye & Bleach House  
Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance, Inc.  
Visual Arts Community Gallery” By Rebecca Zablocki

The Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art & Performance (EC-CHAP) would like to welcome you to visit The Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery. This recently established gallery space resides on the first floor of The Mill Works facility at 156 River Road in Willington, CT. When passing by this historic mill on Route 32, or perhaps attending a performance in The Packing House, which is located in a different part of our building, you may not realize that our Community Gallery space is just inside the main entrance, filled with wonderful works of art from local and regional artists! The Community Gallery functions through the participation of artists, whom are able to display their work in exchange for being present in the gallery space while we are open to the public. Each exhibit is on view for eight weeks and consists of the work of multiple artists. During the eight week period, each artist takes turns gallery sitting on Saturdays from 10am until 2pm.

This program has created an ever constant flow of art and artists that come through our doors and has allowed for us to showcase some amazing people that live and work in our community. Artists from Connecticut and throughout New England can apply to have their work, or a group of artist’s work on display.

Our current exhibition, ‘View’ will be open from September 7 to October 26, 2019. This exhibit will consist of work from five Connecticut artists, **Vilnis Atrens, Diane Diedrich, Penny Guerin, Arpita Kurdekar & Steve Schumacher**. Each of them will be displaying a variety of 2-dimensional works. All five of them have very different approaches to creating their work and have taken different journeys to get to where they are today.

We encourage artists of all styles, media, levels of practice and age to inquire about exhibiting here. We are very lucky, that in the short lifespan of the Community Gallery, we have already had a wonderful group of artists and patrons, some patrons have even become exhibiting artists, like Vilnis Atrens, who we met during one of our Gallery events. Our next show will be on display from **November 9 through December 21, 2019**. Please check our website for details and artist bios ([www.ec-chap.org](http://www.ec-chap.org)).

If you are a hobbyist that is just beginning your creative endeavors or a professional artist looking to have work displayed in a local, less commercial setting, or maybe you are a teacher with a group of talented students that need to get their work out into the world, this is a great place for you! Come check out our space and visit the art during our open hours, or send an e-mail to [communitygallery@ec-chap.org](mailto:communitygallery@ec-chap.org) to inquire on how to get involved!

Rebecca Zablocki,  
Director, Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery

## Garden Club

We have been working very hard to create an interesting series of events for the garden club for the 2019 fall season. We have been able to move the club meetings to WEDNESDAYS in order to better meet the needs of our members. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be in the Town Hall Offices on Old Farms Road. Doors will open at 6:00 with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

### September 25, 2019

Speaker: Cari Donaldson (one of our newest members)  
Topic: Natural History of Vegetables

### October 23, 2019

Speaker: Michele Maclure  
Topic: The Wonders of Lavender (Make and take workshop!)

### November 20, 2019

Speaker: TBA  
Topic: Harvest Pot Luck  
Location: Regina’s 172 Daleville Rd

### December 11, 2019

Speaker: Jen Krueger  
Topic: Holiday Wreath Making Workshop

Hope to see you all at these events! You are sure to enjoy the friendship of this wonderful group of gardeners and garden lovers!

In addition to planning the fall schedule, here are some highlights of this year’s events.



With the completion of the new front steps and the access ramp, we have revamped the front gardens. Select Seeds is a wonderful and generous group which has donated flowers to us for the past two years with the promise of more to come next year. Their donations have allowed the Willington Garden Club

to beautify the grounds around the Willington Town Offices. In addition to the varied plant donations, the gorgeous plantings to the left of the front steps are the latest gift. We are so grateful to this wonderful organization. In addition, we would be totally remiss not to thank Knight Construction for their annual donation of soil and mulch! Bobby is a gem!



Our newest member, Pat Stukel, and our wonderful Cooper planted much of the garden behind the Town Office Building. Pat is a nurturer of both plants and people. Also, the planters greeting visitors at the entrance to the Human Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the School Superintendent’s office were made possible with the donations from Select Seeds.



## Garden Club Continued...



You're invited to stop by and enjoy the radiant geraniums gracing the front of the "Honor Roll" sign adjacent to the Old Town Hall. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary provided the flowers and mulch and Margaret Gankofskie took the lead in planting them.

Margaret and Joan Taraskiewicz

have maintained the garden during the summer. Their gentle tending of this garden means we can still enjoy the geraniums as fall approaches.

With the passing of summer, we would like to ask the Willington Community to donate pumpkins and a few bales of hay to decorate the grounds in preparation for the November elections! Please drop off your donations in the garden in front of the Town Offices Building. Many thanks.

You can find the Willington Garden Club on Facebook and on the Web at <http://willingtongardenclub.org/calendar/>. Be sure to "Like" us when you visit our Facebook page!

## Historical Society



**Society Membership ...** start your relationship with Willington History!

So here we are again, as Summer fades and we slowly transition into the subtle changes brought about by cooler weather ushering in the bril-

liance of our autumn colors. With this as a background, the Historical Society is set hopefully to begin an active fall in and around our Glazier Tavern.

It's hard to believe that the Society has made our home at the tavern now for ten years. That time has rewarded the Society and the residents of Willington with a stable and attractive two hundred (plus) year old building that reflects the history that preceded us all to this little piece of Connecticut's quiet corner.

Over those ten years at the tavern we have often talked about using the building as an interactive platform to bring interesting and educational programs to our members, neighbors and friends in the community. Which brings me to the next pending project in order for the Society to more actively use the building as a public space. That project centers around addressing being compliant with present day building codes and ADA accessibility. To bring this to a positive conclusion we are presently working alongside the town's building and fire officials.

The remainder of this year will be a time for developing a strategy to raise funds for this substantial undertaking for our 2019-2020 fiscal year. I would ask interested members of our Willington community to consider helping to "ramp" up this fundraising effort. Drop us an email!

## Historical Society Continued...

Well, so much for what we're planning on the inside ... there's also something for you to watch on the outside of the property, this Fall. Keep your eyes on the small field to the side of the tavern that borders Common Road. A New England rail fence is taking shape along the road. The fence will grow to completion as time permits for rail splitting. To this point Ted Demers and I have split our way through at least two 14-foot logs.

### Coming Up, December 6th, 7 pm ..... 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. This is the time 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, the glowing fires and the Society's ten years of making the Glazier Tavern it's home.

### News from the Tavern

Older than thought ... recent research by Willington Town Historian, Mark Palmer, has revealed that the tavern building could have been built as early as 1806 and not by Daniel Glazier.

Carpenter Wanted ... to help with the restoration of the Society's 1850's three hole privy. The privy is a Willington original from Polster Road.

Split-rail fence, update ... It's going up! The project was approved this summer by the Historic District Commission, continued building can progress, once more rails are split. If you're handy with a maul and wedges or would like to learn ... contact the Society. We'll be splitting rails that are 14 feet in length. Believe me, the ash logs split quite easily, if started in the right direction!

New apple tree planted ... an antique cider apple tree was planted in the tavern yard where a large soil pile had been. Now we sit and wait for it to grow a few years! Interesting thing, when digging the hole for the tree, pieces of an old sheet cast iron stove came out of the hole. No, not on their own!

Wall Restoration ... at present work is still progressing on the interior, north wall in the taproom area. The focus of the project is to restore the missing peg and chair rails to the wall as well as restoring the original wall and moulding colors.

Wanted ... 3 Locust poles, for use as fence posts (8 ft. long).



## Historical Society Continued...

Monthly Meetings ..... The Historical Society holds monthly meetings, on the third Tuesday at 7 pm. Meetings are held at the Town Office Building at 40 Old Farms Road, during the fall and winter months, and at the Glazier Tavern on the Town Green during the summer months. Check the Society's or Willington Town website for a complete listing. The meetings are always open to anyone interested in the history of Willington and the on going activities of the Society.

### If you're cleaning up and throwing out ... we're looking for ...

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

- Oral history
- Genealogical information
- Historical items (old stuff)
- Historical documents including letters, diaries or photos relating to:
  - \* Willington residents
  - \* Schools, churches, mills, farms and houses
  - \* Town government
  - \* Willington glass, buttons or Hall thread
  - \* Bicentennial Celebration
  - \* Willington's 275<sup>th</sup> celebration parade

### Society Memberships support these Programs

- Tavern Preservation
- Yard and Grounds
- Archive Maintenance
- Programing and Publicity

Join us as we move forward but keep our eyes on the past!

Memberships are available for:

Student \$10 \_\_\_ Individual \$25 \_\_\_ Family \$35 \_\_\_

Corporate \$75 \_\_\_ Lifetime \$300 \_\_\_

Membership forms may be downloaded from our website and are available at the Town Clerk's office.

### Contacting the Willington Historical Society:

Email at: [wilmingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wilmingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

Website at: [www.wilmingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org](http://www.wilmingtonhistoricalsocietyct.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:

Volunteer, the change of pace can relieve stress.

## Human Services

**THANK YOU!**- The Department of Human Services wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated food to our Back to School Program! We appreciate your generosity and all you do to help our residents!

**FOOD PANTRY**- The Willington Food Pantry offers canned and dry goods, seasonal vegetables, and eggs to Willington 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 at the same time and place is our Community Closet, where residents can pick up some gently used clothing, coats, and accessories.

**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.

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE** – Energy Assistance Appointments are now available! Please contact our office for more information or for an appointment.

**GOBBLE GOBBLE GIVE!**- Save the Date! November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be accepting donations of fresh or frozen turkeys at Phelps Plaza for our local families in need! We will be there from 10am until noon, so join us for our Third Annual Turkey Drive!

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**- Starting November 1, Human Services is taking applications for our holiday programs. We offer both Thanksgiving Meal and a Holiday Meal and Gifts programs. Please contact us for more information on these income-based programs. Likewise, if you are interested in sponsoring a family in need, please let us know!

**PAJAMA CLUB**- Human Services is pleased to be running our new Pajama Club for kids. Just \$10 per child for 3 hours, and we will keep them occupied with games, crafts, toys and more! Perfect for a date night! Look on our social media, or on the Town website for dates that you can sign your kids up!

**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**- Join this fall for a night of fun and prizes! Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, join us at the Town Offices for a night of family fun and prizes from local businesses! Admission is \$10 for one card each game, plus dauber. Additional cards available! Hope to see you there!

**WE ARE SOCIAL!** –Be sure to “Like” Willington Human Services on Facebook! We are also now on Twitter and Instagram! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!

**REUSABLE BAG FUNDRAISER** –Purchase these reusable bags that show your support for Willington! All proceeds from the purchases of these bags goes to the Willington Emergency Housing Assistance program, a collaboration between our department and It Takes a Village Hill. Let's help our community together!



# GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GIVE!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# Wilmington Turkey Drive

Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

10am – Noon

Phelps Plaza, Wilmington

*Last Year we provided turkey dinners to 35 Wilmington Families!!*

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All of the turkeys received will go directly to the Wilmington Food Pantry to be distributed to local Wilmington families in need. Please help us give back to our community and ensure that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner!

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Also accepting donations of perishable (potatoes, bread/rolls, pies, ect.) & non-perishable food items (please make sure they're not expired) that will go to the Wilmington Food Pantry.

For more information please contact Wilmington Human Services Department at (860)487-3118 or [humanservices@wilmingtonct.org](mailto:humanservices@wilmingtonct.org)



## Human Services Continued...

Help the Town of Willington's  
Human Services Department and It Takes a Village Hill  
support our residents in need!

\$10 for this reusable bag, proceeds go to the  
Emergency Housing Fund for Willington residents.

Bags available at the Town Office building.





**It Takes a Village Hill  
& Willington's Department of  
Human Services together are  
now offering:**



# Willington Emergency Housing Assistance

## FACTS:

- Almost half of all renters and homeowners with mortgages spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing.
- Housing-related matters are the top requests for assistance to Willington Human Services.
- Among 3,444 CT homeless households, the most common reason for leaving their last residence was "rent problems."

### How can you help?

We are accepting donations to assist our community members in need of a one-time gift toward housing costs. Please make checks payable to Willington Human Services, and note in the memo line "WEHA".

**For more information or to seek assistance, please contact It Takes a Village Hill at [ittakesavillagehill@gmail.com](mailto:ittakesavillagehill@gmail.com) or Human Services at 860-487-3118**



# PTA

We hope everyone had a great summer! Our 2019-2020 PTA board is looking forward to all the fun, and educational activities we have planned for this year. To be successful in planning and continuing to run these events for the children of Willington, we need volunteers. If you do not currently receive emails from the PTA, please email us at [membership.willingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:membership.willingtonpta@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list to ensure that you don't miss out on any upcoming events or volunteer opportunities.

## **We want to remind everyone of some easy ways to earn money for the schools:**

Collecting Box Tops



Sign up for Amazon Smile



The Willington PTA is an association of parents, teachers and administrators who raise funds to enhance and enrich our children's school experience. Money raised in the past has been used to pay for field trips, assembly programs and scholarships. We also organize family fun events to bring our children and parents together. Anyone can join the PTA for only \$10.00 (Active) or \$25.00 (In-Active Members). Our events are not possible without our Active member volunteers. Visit our Meet and Greet tables to sign up as a volunteer for one or more of the awesome events we put on for our kids. Our monthly meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Center School Library @ 6pm. Join our Facebook page at The Willington PTA.

## **2019-2020 Executive Board**

|                                |                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tanya Smith, President         | <a href="mailto:tanyasmith.willingtonpta@gmail.com">tanyasmith.willingtonpta@gmail.com</a> |
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## **2019-2020 PTA Sponsored Events and Fundraisers**

|                |                                                    |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| September 27th | Cassidy Hill Wine Tasting Fundraiser               |
| October 23rd   | Trunk or Treat (raindate of 10/24)                 |
| November 5th   | Election Day Bake Sale at the Town Office Building |
| December 17th  | Staff Cookie Buffet                                |
| February 9th   | Mother/Son Bowling                                 |
| March 28th     | Father/Daughter Dance at Hall School               |
| May 4th-9th    | Teacher Appreciation Week                          |
| May 23rd       | Road Race/Silent Auction                           |

# 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 and drop-off location for all is the Commuter Parking Lot at I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland.

## **Roger Williams Spooky Zoo**

Spooky Zoo is back, offering daytime outdoor autumn activities for the whole family. Come trick-or-treat (while supplies last) with us beginning at 10:00 a.m. Kids and adults will enjoy a packed schedule of seasonal activities including: animal encounters, the annual elephant Pumpkin Stomp, meet & greet with costumed characters, hands-on crafts, and free trick-or-treat bags provided by National Grid!

**Date:** Saturday, October 26th  
**Departure Time:** 8:30am  
**Return Time:** 5:30pm  
**Fee:** \$46/person (ages 13+)  
\$41/person (age 12 and under)

## **A Day on Your Own in NYC**

Enjoy a day in the Big Apple with family and friends. 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 and pick-ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

**Date:** Saturday, December 7th  
**Departure Time:** 7:00am  
**Return Time:** 10:30pm  
**Fee:** \$68/person (transportation only)

**\*\*Registration Deadline is September 26<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**\*\*Registration Deadline is November 22<sup>nd</sup>\*\***



# Parks & Recreation Continued...

## Gentle Flow (All Level) 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.

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

- Dates:** Wednesday Evenings  
October 16th-November 20th
- Time:** 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Location:** Willington Public Library  
Lower Level Community Room
- Fee:** \$45.00 / 6 classes  
Drop In Fee—\$10.00/class
- Instructor:** Kimberly Ratti, RYT 500

## Gentle Flow Yoga and Sound Healing



Join Kimberly Ratti for this special class as she leads you through a gentle flow yoga class followed by an enlightening sound healing with beautiful quartz crystal bowls facilitated by Edie

Jemiola. Everything in and about our bodies resonates to sound. Sound used with intention can shift the energy in and around the body to help reestablish physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. Join Kimberly and Edie for an evening of deep relaxation and stress reduction for the body, mind and spirit!

- Date:** Friday, November 15th
- Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Fee:** \$25.00
- Location:** Willington Public Library  
(Lower Level Community Room)
- Instructors:** Kimberly Ratti (RYT 500)  
Edie Jemiola  
Usui & Karuna Holy Fire III Reiki Master/  
Teacher, certified Holographic Sound Healing  
Teacher/Practitioner, Melchizedek Method  
and Magnified Healing Instructor

**Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own mat, props, pillow and blanket**

## Yoga in the Park



Gentle Flow Yoga (All Levels). Calm your mind and promote wellness. All Levels Welcome.

- Dates:** Wednesdays  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Time:** 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Location:** River Road Athletic Complex  
(Under the Pavilion)  
511 River Road, Willington
- Fee:** **FREE**
- Instructor:** Kimberly Ratti, RYT 500

*\*\*Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own mat and props.*

## Adult Co-Ed Pickleball



Come play and learn the game of Pickleball, a fun sport that combines many elements of Tennis, Badminton, and Ping-Pong. All levels, from beginners to advanced, are welcome!

- Tuesdays:**  
**Recreational League**—September 10th—October 29th
- Wednesdays:**  
**Competitive League**—September 4th—October 30th  
*No pickleball on September 25th*

- Time:** 7-8:30 p.m.
- Location:** HMS Gym
- Fee:** \$35.00 / 8-week session
- Drop In Fee:** \$5.00/night



*Equipment is available for use. Minimum 18 years old to play.*

## 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. 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. *USVBA Rules are followed and mastery of skills is encouraged. Space is limited to 21 players per night.*

- 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 Fee available to residents only: \$65.00\*\***



# Parks & Recreation Continued...

## 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 evenings
- 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 Annual Willington Community Tree Lighting

## Free Kayak Loaner Program



Autumn is a perfect time to kayak! The days are still warm and the leaves are beginning to change which make for a beautiful day on the water!

All loaners include one life jacket and one paddle per kayak. Loaner equipment is available Monday-Friday by appointment. May - October (weather dependent)

- Pickup:**  
9:15-2:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday  
12:45 -7:30 p.m. Mondays

- Drop off:**  
9:15-2:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday  
12:45-7:30 p.m. Mondays



**EQUIPMENT MUST COME BACK CLEAN**

## Youth Recreation Basketball



**Registration opens on September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Evaluations/Assessments will be held in late October or early November (TBD). Times, dates and registration forms will be available on the Recreation Department website and will also be sent out in the Digital Backpack.

Our Recreational Basketball Program teaches basic skills, dribbling, passing, shooting, good sportsmanship and fun!

All home games and practices are held at the Hall Memorial School Gymnasium.

### About the Program

#### Instructional League—Grades 1 and 2

Registrations accepted until November 1st  
This 10-week program begins on Saturday, December 7th and continues through Saturday, February 8th.

#### Grades 3-8

Games are played on Saturdays beginning in December with the last game of the season in February. Jamboree/ Tournament play will be held following the regular season games.

#### Program Philosophy

It is expected that players will do their best at all times and avoid negative remarks (or gestures) to any player and act in a sportsmanlike manner always, win or lose. All participants shall treat one another with dignity and respect. Be generous when you lose; be gracious when you win.

#### Parents

Volunteer parents are needed to help with keeping the book, running the time clock, cleaning bleachers, sweeping the floor and picking up bathrooms. Please remember no food or drink besides water is allowed in the gym. Please keep siblings in the bleachers with you and not wandering the gym or entry way.

**Together we can have a successful program!**

#### Adult Over 30 Basketball Program



**There's still space! Call today to register!**

The season will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> on Sunday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial School Gymnasium on Route 32 in Willington.

- Fee**  
\$65.00 for Willington Residents  
\$75.00 for Non-Residents

**LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS**



# Parks & Recreation Continued...

## Summer Camp

Thank you to our wonderful staff for helping to create so many special memories for our campers; swimming at Hall's Pond, dodgeball, and so many adventures! Our staff helped our campers build self-confidence and independence as they explored, learned new activities and formed new friendships. You are all superstars!

**THANK YOU Owen D'Agata, Abigail Donaghy, Connor Grosse, Quinn Hills-Gunn, Richie Mailhos, Nick Mercado, Nick Parker, Ana Peczuh, Charlotte Stalker, Amelia Steele (Director) and Kellie Sullivan!**



## Hall's Pond



It's always a sad day when the pond closes for the season and it's one of the first signs that summer is coming to an end.

A HUGE thank you to our incredible staff for keeping our patrons safe all summer long!

**THANK YOU Elizabeth Anderson, Bethany Dostie, Sophia Mailhos, Nick Parker, Tommy Pavliscsak, Molly Sullivan and Will Toomey!**

## Eagle Scout Projects



The Parks and Recreation Department was the recipient of TWO Eagle Scout Projects this year!

**Atticus Makuch** completed a Community Sports Equipment Shed at River Road Athletic Complex. The shed is filled with donated sports equipment; basketballs, soccer balls, bats and balls, etc. that may be **borrowed and returned** by anyone at the park. If you have items to be donated, please feel free to add it to the shed.

**Jacob Mitchell** built a bulletin board for all of our bulletins, flyers, registration forms, etc. at Hall's Pond.

**Thank you Atticus and Jacob for your hard work, dedication and perseverance! Your willingness to give back to your community is greatly appreciated!**

*Both gentlemen are members of BSA Troop 82 under the direction of Ken Fluet, Scoutmaster.*

## Summer Concert Series

While our Wednesdays in the Park seemed to be everyday BUT Wednesday, Mother Nature didn't stop us completely! We were able to make-up every concert and listen to some great music with our family, friends and neighbors! Huge shout out to Isla, Jessie & Bella for helping out with concessions this summer!



# **Annual Community Tree Lighting**

## **Willington Town Green**

### **December 6th at 7:00 p.m.**



**Please join the Willington Historical Society, Willington Parks and Recreation and the Willington Selectmen for**

## **Willington's Annual Community Tree Lighting**

- \* **Hall Memorial School Select Chorus will perform at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Community Tree.**
- \* **After the Select Chorus performance, take a walk down to the historic Glazier Tavern, at the west end of the Green, for light refreshments.**
- \* **Ongoing activities at the Old Town Hall include...**
  - \* **Caroling led by Val Rogers and Friends**
  - \* **HMS Jazz Band**
  - \* **Boy Scouts Troop 82 will have their annual wreath fundraiser at the Boy Scout Hall and will host a warm bonfire.**
  - \* **The Girl Scouts will be handing out Reindeer Candy Canes.**
  - \* **Face Painting by Jennie and Nan (Willington Human Services Dept.)**
  - \* **AND.... I heard Santa may be visiting on his sleigh!**





**WEDNESDAYS *IN THE* PARK**  
*Wilmington's Summer Concert Series*

## **THANK YOU 2019 SPONSORS!!**

### **Platinum Concert Sponsors**

United Bank  
Wilmington Termite & Pest Control

### **Gold Concert Sponsors**

Baywood Kennels  
Shaolin Kempo Martial Arts

### **Silver Concert Sponsors**

Brookside Garden Center      Bill & Suzanne Chapman  
Connecticut Valley Orthodontics  
Franc Motors, Inc.    Landon's Tire    Price Chopper  
Wilmington Pizza

### **Bronze Concert Sponsors**

C & T Electric      Maureen Gantick  
Hipsky Construction    Holiday Spirits, Inc.  
William & Sarah Jean  
Kelleher Construction Services  
McCaughtry & Associates, Inc.  
Secret Pages Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, LLC  
Derrick, Erika, Jacob and Kyle Wiecenski

### **Copper Concert Sponsors**

Creative Mark Engraving      DDrobney Photography  
Mark & Dot Drobney  
David & Tish Ignatowicz



# Parks & Recreation Continued...



Please call 860-487-3108 or email [mparsell@willingtonct.org](mailto: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. 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.

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 our office at 860-487-3108.

**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, check or credit card. 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 now accepted! Visit [willingtonct.viewpointcloud.com](http://willingtonct.viewpointcloud.com) for registration/payment for all programs, donations and sponsorships.

**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.

**We are Social!** Be sure to **'LIKE'** Willington Parks & Recreation on Facebook! Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation website at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) for all of our latest events and programs. Be sure to **Subscribe to E-Alerts** at [www.willingtonct.org](http://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.



# Parks & Recreation Continued...

## 911 Reflective Address Signs

*The First Step to Providing Emergency Services is Finding Your House*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$12.00 / \$10.00 Seniors

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Number Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Horizontal: \_\_\_\_\_ Vertical: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Signs are highly visible both day and night!!**

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

# Registrars



A municipal election will be held on November 5, 2019. Voting will take place in the polling room, located on the main level of the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, from 6am to 8pm. **Voters are reminded to bring identification.**

Plan ahead and make sure that you are registered to vote. Registering to vote is an easy process and there are several methods for obtaining a voter application form:

- **Apply online** at [voterregistration.ct.gov](http://voterregistration.ct.gov). **Online applications must be completed by October 29.**
- **Call the Elections Department** at 860-487-3120 and leave a clearly stated message, including your name and address, asking that an application be sent. **Mail-in applications must be postmarked by October 29.**
- **Apply at the Elections Department office** on the main level of the Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road, on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm. **In-person applications must be completed by October 29.**
- **Register at the Town Clerk's Office** at the main level of the Town Office Building during business hours on Monday from 12:30pm to 7:30pm and Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 2pm. **In-person applications must be completed by October 29.**
- **Applications are also available** at the Willington Public Library and the Department of Motor Vehicles offices.

There will be a special Voter Registration Session held at the Elections Department on:

- Tuesday, October 29 from 9am to 8pm.

Absentee ballots for those voters unable to vote in person on Election Day are available through the Town Clerk's office. For information on how to apply for an absentee ballot, call the Town Clerk at 860-487-3121 or go to the Secretary of the State's website at [portal.ct.gov/sots](http://portal.ct.gov/sots).

For other election questions, please contact the Elections Department at 860-487-3120, Tuesdays 10am to 12pm or leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman  
Christine Psathas  
Registrars of Voters/Election Department  
[www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org)



# Save the Date



## 17th Annual Willington Car Show—Saturday, October 5th

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the Willington Town Green. Car show presented by the Town of Willington and the Connecticut Street Legends. Rain dates will be October 12th or 13th.  
*For additional information please call Joe at 860-429-5475 or the Connecticut Street Legends at 860-383-6131.*



## Willington PTA Trunk or Treat—Wednesday, October 23rd (Rain date October 24th) Center Elementary School—Time TBD



## Election Day—Tuesday, November 5th

Willington Town Office Building - 6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.



## Family Bingo—Saturday, October 19th

Willington Human Services is excited to host a Family Bingo Night in the Town Office Building Community Room from 6:30-8:00 p.m. \$10.00 Admission includes one card per game and one Bingo dauber. Additional game cards 5 for \$10.00. This event is designed to include all family members, from kids to seniors.



## Connecticut Veterans Day Patriot Race—Saturday, November 9th

Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street, Coventry CT Opening Ceremony—9:45 a.m. Race Start—10:00 a.m. Enjoy the USTAF/RRCA certified 4-mile Patriot Race. Choose to run the 4-mile certified course or a 3-mile walker's course to support our veterans. [CTVeteransDayRace.com](http://CTVeteransDayRace.com)



## Gobble, Gobble, Give! Willington Turkey Drive—Saturday, November 23rd

Phelps Plaza—10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. All of the turkeys received will go directly to the Willington Food Pantry to be distributed to local Willington families in need. Also accepting donations of perishable and non-perishable food items (please make sure they are not expired).



## Annual Community Tree Lighting—Friday, December 6th

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 at 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Community Tree Lighting!

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

*Photo courtesy of Dot Drobney of DDrobney Photography*



## Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar—Saturday, December 7th

The annual Federated Church of Willington Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 7th 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.**



# Science Corner with Emily

## Ancient Civilizations

Last article I wrote about the Great Sphinx and posed a theory the structure is thousands of years older than popular opinion. This theory was reinforced with the discovery of Göbekli Tepe, an ancient temple, through radiocarbon analyses, dates back between 10,000-12,000 years ago. An even more fascinating discovery, the temple was intentionally buried 1,000-2,000 years after it was constructed. This poses a mystery as to why the temple was buried and what happened to these advanced civilizations we did not believe existed until 7,500 years later.

First, the climate around the time was extremely cold, continental glaciers extended much farther than we see today. The climate then began to warm slowly but reverted back to a very short cold spell known as the Younger Dryas. Based on Greenland ice core data the Younger Dryas only lasted about three years until there was a rapid shift and warming occurred, ultimately causing these glaciers to recede. Abrupt climate shifts such as this are not a natural Earth cycle, they can only be explained by catastrophic events. Comets hitting the land or shallow oceans was an initial hypothesis, however the rock record does not support this. A comet breaking through the oceanic crust and releasing hot magma would still not cause rapid warming as ice core data indicates. So if a comet impact is not the answer, then what?

Ancient script and cave paintings may actually provide us with the answer. Examining the concept of the fourth state of matter, plasma, which consists of electrically charged particles. A plasma event often visible on Earth today is the northern lights. In Earth's history much more powerful events sometimes took place due to solar outbursts and coronal mass ejections from the Sun. This type of plasma phenomena could cause strong electrical discharges from the Sun to hit Earth burning and incinerating materials on the surface. This is believed to be what caused the rapid temperature change thousands of years ago. Dr. Peratt, a physicist from Los Alamos found a petroglyph worldwide believed to have recorded these intense plasma events. Ancient text known as the Easter Island rongorongo tablets depict the same images found in caves across the globe.

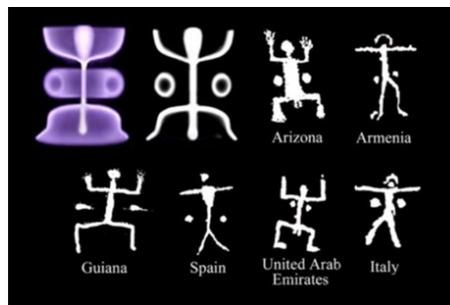


Image illustrating a lab created electrical discharge in comparison to carvings from across the world.

Plasma hitting the surface of the Earth could heat and fuse rock, incinerate flammable materials, melt ice caps, vaporize shallow bodies of water and send the climate into rapid warming. The world would have been in chaos and the only survivors would have been those in secure locations, underground or in structures to protect them from the outside world. This could very well explain the mysterious burial of Göbekli Tepe. Recovering from a global catastrophic event such as this would have taken thousands of years which also explains the large gap in time of evidence between these advanced civilizations.

### Willington Flag Display Committee

Thank you to the following individuals for organizing and creating the Willington Flag Display Committee:

**Joe Csiki**      **Phil Monty, Chairman**      **Joe Rondeau**

Early this spring, the Committee made contact with all homeowners on the route from Senior Way to the Willington Public Library and received permission to raise and display American flags on the telephone poles. On May 18th, the Committee assembled and raised a total of 31 flags with additional flags going up later. The flags were on display from Memorial Day and left up until after the 4th of July.

**Thank you Joe, Phil & Joe!!**

*\*\*The Flag Committee is seeking additional sponsors so they can add flags from the Willington Public Library to Willington Hill Cemetery.*



# Senior Center

**Breakfast Dates:**  
 11/16/19 and 1/18/20  
 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
 All you can eat \$5

**FOODSHARE Dates:**  
 Wednesdays at 11am sharp  
 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

**\*\*Free Bread available every Wednesday\*\***

- Ongoing Activities:**
- YOGA Tuesdays at 1pm
  - BINGO 1 Wednesday 1:30 pm  
 4&5 Wednesdays at 12:30 pm
  - TAI CHI Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-11am
  - MEN'S POOL Thursdays 6:30 pm
  - PINOCHLE Fridays 12:30 pm
  - SETBACK Saturdays 7:00 pm

**Meeting Dates:**  
 First Wednesday of every month is the Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations followed by Bingo at 12:30 pm.

Second Wednesday of every month is Executive Meeting at 12:30 pm. Public is welcome to attend.

**Senior Fundraisers: *Flavors of Home*** Cookbook is a compilation of the seniors' favorite recipes. Cost is \$9.00. Books are sold at the Senior Center, please call for more information.

**Pumpkin Painting:** The senior center will be having pumpkin painting this fall as well! Please contact the center for more information.

**Mitten Tree:** The Willington Seniors will have a Mitten Tree this holiday season, accepting donations of mittens and gloves of all sizes! For more information, or to donate, please call.

**Handicapped Bus Fund:** The Town Of Willington, with the assistance of the Willington Seniors, has used a handicapped bus for transportation to many events and places. The bus 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 "Handicapped Bus Fund" in the subject line of the check. Memorial gifts are also welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

**Annual Tag Sale:** Are you looking to downsize? Our Annual Tag Sale Fundraiser is held every April. Are you looking to get rid of some things? Give us a call at the Center.

**Hours:** The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday. Drop by for a cup of coffee, a cookie, and some conversation! 20 Senior Way, Willington.

**Veteran's Memorial:** The new Veteran's Memorial has been dedicated and we are still taking orders for memorial stones to be placed in the Memorial. The program has been established to be ongoing, with stones placed twice a year, for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. To date, the Memorial now consists of 129 pavers honoring veterans who have served from Willington. For more information, please contact the Senior Center.



For more information regarding Senior activities, please call Jean at 860-429-8321.



## Superintendents Update

Dear Willington Public Schools Community Members,

Over the last several years the Willington Board of Education has been working to gather information and community feedback regarding the future of our school facilities. At their September meeting, the Board of Education unanimously voted to request that the Board of Selectmen establish a School Building Committee for a new preschool through eighth-grade building on a new site in town.

The extensive effort that went into this recommendation spans several Superintendents and Board of Education members. The establishment of a building committee would continue the critical work that has already been completed. The role of the School Building Committee would be to identify a new school site location, establish building specifications and architectural plans, and be responsible for supervising all aspects of the project. The committee would also identify the cost and the specifics required to send the project to a town referendum.

The Board of Selectmen will be discussing whether or not to form a building committee at their October 7 meeting with the potential for a vote that evening.

Sincerely,

Philip Stevens  
Superintendent



## Town Clerk

**Municipal Election Day** is November 5th. Voting time is 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building. Sample Ballot will be on the Town Website.

**Absentee Ballots** will be available in the Town Clerk's Office on October 4<sup>th</sup> through the close of the clerk's office on November 4th. 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](http://www.ct.gov/deep). You can contact DEEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Residents 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license. The trout stamp is \$5.00 and is not free for residents 65 years of age or older.

### Dogs:



The #1 Dog this year was "**Red**" a Redbone Coonhound owned by Ernie Hart.  
**Congratulations Red!!**

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

**Passport** forms are available online at [pptctcsm@state.gov](mailto:pptctcsm@state.gov). The Storrs Post Office processes passports. The Storrs Post Office phone number is 860-429-9681.

## Town Clerk Continued...

### 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](http://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.



## Town Parks & Amenities Continued...

**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.

### **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.

**NOTE: All activities at River Road Athletic Complex are now monitored under 24-hour video surveillance.**

### **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

### **Community Sports Equipment Shed**



Willington Resident, Atticus Makuch, built a **NEW** Community Sports Equipment Shed for his Eagle Scout project. All of the equipment inside has been donated; basketballs, soccer balls, bats, balls, etc. and may be **borrowed and returned** by anyone at the park. If you have any equipment to donate, feel free to add it to the shed!



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

## Willington Public Library



**Willington Public Library**  
7 Ruby Road

### **Museum and Attraction Passes Available**

Our library is bringing in wonderful programs and offering many outside programs and events, for you to take advantage of, through our many new PASSES Program. PLEASE, take advantage of them, they are here for you to use. These many Passes that are offered, are provided by and thanks to, the Friends of the Willington Public Library's group. We are bringing the outside WORLD to you, for FREE or at a fraction of the cost. We now offer many museums and attractions, both in-state and now, out-of-state. Our PASSES are available to Willington residents only, with a Willington Library Card.

### **Out of state PASSES now include:**

We are now able to offer, until the end of this year, 6 FREE admission tickets for **"Six Flags Amusement Park"** in Agawam, MA and for the 2020 season, we will have 4 of these tickets still available for our patrons to use. We will also have at this printing, the **"Springfield Museums"** Pass located in the heart of downtown Springfield, Massachusetts. The Springfield Museums offer access to **five** world-class museums, which includes the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum, the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden, the Springfield Science Museum (Seymour Planetarium), the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History, all under a single admission. While visiting in the area, you might want to take advantage of the Iconic Illustrators Trail, so along with The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum, also visit the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, and the Norman Rockwell Museum.

Come in to check out our selection or view them on our website at [www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org). We would suggest you check out the individual passes themselves, to see what they are offering, as they change often throughout the year.

People have been enjoying our pass to **"Old Sturbridge Village"**, in Sturbridge, MA. Begin your 19th-century adventure at Old Sturbridge Village, New England's largest outdoor living history museum. Old Sturbridge Village, the largest outdoor history museum in the Northeast, depicts a rural New England town of the 1830s. Step inside more than 40 original buildings, and explore homes, meetinghouses, a district school, country store, bank, working farm, three water-powered mills, and trade shops – all situated on more than 200 scenic acres. Talk with authentically costumed historians and see heritage breed farm animals. Old Sturbridge Village... More than a museum.

We had an awesome **Summer Reading Program**. Thank you to all who participated in this year's space theme events and congratulations to all of the prize winners.



# Willington Public Library Continued...

Thank you also, to our Friends of WPL, for their support in making our Summer Reading Program such a great and fun success! Next year...Imagine Your Story: Fairy Tales, Mythology, and Fantasy! We would love to hear suggestions from you, as to what you'd like to have presented along these themes.

**"Dream Big - READ!"** Read a favorite story (of your choice) and tell us all about it. Fill out a **Book Report** form. Then place it in your very own "Kids Favorites" Recommendation and Suggestion notebook for others to check out and possibly read too. It's a wonderful way to share with others why and what you like about the things you are reading. Often, others are looking for help with what to choose in reading. Grown-ups do it all the time at the Library. Now, you can be that someone helping! You will then get a special star, to place among the night sky, where it will shine bright for all to see. As a plus, for every book report you hand in, you will get to choose a book to keep of your own, which will come from a wonderful collection we will have available. Grades 3 - 8.

We would also like to thank our **Friends of WPL** for all their hard work, time, energy and efforts, that go into our most successful and largest fundraiser...the annual September **BOOK SALE**. Thanks to everyone who stopped in and picked up some awesome deals; your support is greatly appreciated.

Join us, for any or all, of our **FREE** ongoing programs, listed below:

**WPL Adult Book Club:** meets on the **1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm** in our Reading Room.



- October 3:** Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini  
**November 7:** Where the Crawdads Sing by Della Owens  
**December 5:** Leaving Mother Lake by Yang Erche Namu and Christine Matthieu

**Family Movie Time: last Saturday of the month at 12:30.**



- October 26:** Disney's new "Aladdin"  
**November 30:** The Grinch  
**December 28:** Pokemon Detective Pikachu



**Knitting Group:** Group meets every **Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00**

**Gentle Qigong:** Class meets every **Thursday at 4:00 pm**

**Sound Healing & Meditation:** Class meets every **3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm**...upcoming dates: **Oct. 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17**



**Mommy & Me Play Group:** Group meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**



**Sing, Spell, Read, & Write:** Class meets on the **1st & 3rd Fridays** of the month, **9:30 - 11:00 am**. This is a total language arts curriculum for the 21st century! Teaching for 3-6 year olds learning readiness, phonemic awareness, letter recognition, manuscript writing, visual and auditory discrimination. Upcoming dates: There will be **no class on Oct. 4**, class resumes again on **Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & 15, Dec. 6 & 20, and Jan. 3 & 16**.

**Family Story & Craft Time:** Program is on the **1st & 2nd Saturdays** of the month, **10:00 - 11:00 am**.

**Eastern CT Writer's Group:** Group meets on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays** of the month, **12:30 - 2:30 pm**

**Guidelines:** Submissions are expected no later than one week prior to the meetings and are due on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Submissions can be novel chapters, short stories, memoirs, and poetry and are limited to no more than 3,000 words and no more than 10-12 double-spaced pages.

Critiquing must be respectful and the author of each piece should not interrupt the critique or comment on the critique unless asked. Verbal critiquing should consist of major issues such as point of view, plot and character development, or the story arc of the short story, poem, memoir, or novel.

Grammar, punctuation, and other items not dependent to the story should be written as part of the critique but not verbalized during the discussion. Each submission will be allotted an even amount of time for critiquing based upon the number of submissions and available time.

The **Eastern CT Writer's** group also meets for their monthly meetings on every **first Saturday** of the month (unless otherwise noted). **Meet & Greet @ 9:30 am, Writing Discussion @ 10:00 am, Meeting @ 10:30 am, Lectures, questions, & answers @ 11:00 - Noon...** where they bring to us guest lecturers and authors on many interesting topics related to publishing, reading, writing and many other topics of interest regarding books in our world today. A variety of programs of interest to published authors, aspiring authors, and interested writers are presented. There are no dues, the public is invited and participants are welcome to attend either the meeting, writer's group, or both. For more information go to... <https://easternconnecticutwriters.blogspot.com>

Don't forget our **"Wishtree"** outside, on the library grounds! Our **Wishtree** is 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 can supply one). You can then tie it to the tree's branches. It is filling up quite nicely and very pretty to look at! Has anyone's "wishes" come true yet?

Our **"StoryWalk"** is now ready for all to enjoy! StoryWalk is a book that has been dismembered, laminated and presented page by page along an outdoor path to promote reading and exercise. StoryWalk provides an innovative and delightful way for children (and adults) to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.



## Willington Public Library Continued...

Please stop by and enjoy the beautiful outdoors as you walk along and read **"Only One You" by Linda Kranz**. Bring a snack and rest awhile on one of our beautiful benches and enjoy! Thank you to our Public Works Dept. for all their help with installing.

We are **in need** of some **White Birch wood**, for an upcoming Friends craft project we will be working on for our Holiday Craft Fair, which will be held on Saturday, December 7th.

**Friends of WPL Meetings...**The Friends meet on the **second Tuesday**, in (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec.) at **6:00 pm**, in our Conference Room. Upcoming dates: **October 8th and December 10th**.

Right after the Friends meeting, you are welcome to attend our **Library Board Meetings...**The Board meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **7:00 pm** in the Conference Room.

**Needle-Felting** w/ Angelina Fleury from American Made Crafter's By A & W

What is Needle Felting? Needle felting is a process which uses barbed needles to interlock wool fibers to form a more condensed material.

Classes: Class size is limited to 10 participants. There is a fee of \$12.50 per person, which is paid at time of registration ahead of time and upon registration. The price includes 2 hours of teaching and materials. Everyone leaves with a finished project. Upcoming projects: (pictures are available to see what these projects could look like).

**Harvest Pumpkins:** Thursday, October 10th at 6:00pm...FILLED

**Snowman Head Ornaments (2):** Thursday, November 21st @ 6:00pm...we still have a few openings for this class

**2D Winter Scene:** Saturday, December 14th @ 12:30pm, openings still available in this class

**Is there anyone who would like to learn the Art of Needle Felting?**

We have the opportunity to bring a Needle-Felting CLUB to the library and need to know ahead of time, if there is anyone who would be interested in attending. **Registration will be necessary** for this program because we can only accommodate for 10 participants at a time. If there is an interest, please let us know. We are not sure when the club will meet at this time. It would help to know what will work best for those who would like to join. Details of when, would then follow. **CAUTION:** Felting can be addicting!



**Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 pm:**  
**The Grotesque 10—Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges & Universities**

Join Matthew Duman (Photographer and Author) who embarked on a "grotesque safari" in order to photograph the **gargoyles** and other architectural

sculptures roosting on college buildings across the country. Duman presents a selection of his best finds in this illustrated lecture, including Connecticut examples on the campuses at Yale and Trinity. The presentation offers a closer look at these somewhat hidden gems of architectural ornamentation tucked in the nooks and crannies of Collegiate Gothic buildings.



**STARGAZING the Night Sky at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 22**

**RAIN DATE: Tuesday, October 29 - same time, 6:30 pm**

Chris Markiewicz from the Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford, which is part of NASA's Night Sky Network, will be here for this amazing Stargazing event. Now with sunset being earlier this time of year, which will be at 6:00 pm these evenings, we should be able to point out and look at all four planets, possibly. With no moon (and assuming the lighting is not too bright) we should be able to see a fair selection of other objects - some galaxies, nebulas, star clusters. We plan on having a "rocket" launching party afterwards. Fingers crossed for nice weather!

**EVERYTHING YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT PRESS RELEASES**

**Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 from 11:00 am – 11:30 w/time for questions.** Eastern Connecticut Writers meeting to be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Did you miss the last meeting of your club only to learn that you had been "volunteered" to be the Media Person for the coming year? Did you hold an event and only your friends and relatives showed up? **NEVER FEAR - JOE MEHAN IS HERE!** Having survived years of writing press releases for his son's high school PTO, his wife's square dance club, and his 20+ years involvement with the state-wide arts/crafts movement, Joe is a willing volunteer when it comes to sharing his experiences. Please use the signup sheet at the front desk to reserve a seat.

**Self-Publishing Workshop...Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 pm.** Finally finished writing your work? What's the next step? Felix Giordano, author of the mystery/suspense series, The Jim Buchanan Novels will share his experiences at a free lecture: **"Self-Publish Your Book in the Digital Age"**. Experience a systematic guided tour that will take your completed manuscript step by-step through the rigorous aspects of self-publishing. Topics will include: creating a professional copyright page, converting your book to KDP, copyrighting your work with the U.S. Copyright Office, and registering it with the Library of Congress.

Join us on **Thursday, November 7, 2019** at 6:30 pm, for the 14th anniversary of **Jumpstart's Read for the Record®**. Children and adults worldwide will take action by participating in the world's largest shared reading experience. Help us break the world reading record (again!) for the most people reading the same book on the same day.



## Willington Public Library Continued...

This year's Jumpstart *Read for the Record*® book is **Thank You, Omu!** by the talented author-illustrator Oge Mora! *Thank You, Omu!* tells the story of a generous elderly woman who makes a fantastic pot of thick red stew. The scent from her stew travels all throughout her neighborhood and brings all of her community members over to her home for a taste. By the end, she shares a lovely feast with her neighbors where everyone contributes to the meal.

After our story time, we will be working on a craft related to our story's theme.

Our very own **Alice Allan returns on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30pm** to launch her new book, **The Families of Samuel and Hannah (Fuller) Eldredge: Colonial Times through the Revolutionary War—Willington, Connecticut.** This is her sixth book, the first, in her Connecticut series to come.

**About the Author:** Alice Allan, a Colorado native and retired accountant, used her analytical training to research her family's rich history, then wrote several books from her findings. She now resides in Connecticut, USA, where she writes for her own amusement. She is a former Willington resident and has spoken at our Library many times before about her books and adventure. We have many of Alice's books for you to read and enjoy. We are so happy to have her back.

**About the Book:** Born in Connecticut Colony, Samuel Eldredge and Hannah Fuller inherited the culture of their ancestors—personally affected by the Great Migration, beginning with the Mayflower; inevitable changes caused by the settling of New England; brutal encounters with Indians which resulted in the loss of immediate family members; the toll of migrating with young families to a new land, establishing towns and churches all the while enduring harsh New England winters and unsanitary conditions we cannot begin to comprehend. Samuel Eldredge first served in the militia of Connecticut Colony. His final service was in the Connecticut line, for the United States of America. He was not famous, didn't serve in a court of law, a town council or any leadership position in the church. He was a common farmer whose probate inventory included a canteen, gun bayonet, and cartridge box. *The Families of Samuel and Hannah (Fuller) Eldredge: Colonial Times through the Revolutionary War—Willington, Connecticut* is a collection of documented data of their ancestral families, their life in Willington, and their part in the evolution of this country.

*Books by Alice Allan:*

- THE BALLOU FAMILY SERIES
- *1873: Diary of One Progressive Woman (Addie L. Ballou)* (edited and appended by Alice Allan)
- *Addie L. Ballou: Spiritualist Reformer, Poet, and Artist*
- *Evangeline Ballou: Born April 11, 1866*
- *The Families of Samuel and Hannah (Fuller) Eldredge: Colonial Times through the Revolutionary War—Willington, Connecticut*

- *He Said: Diary of a Civil War Hospital Steward* (edited and appended by Alice Allan)
- *Mrs. Ballou: A novel inspired by actual people and events*
- *Glenwood Springs, Colorado, circa 1957: 2011 Edition* (anthology of a Colorado resort town)

Join us **Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 pm** for **'Women in Retirement'** workshop, given by Mike Alimo from USA Financial. Mike has hosted many seminars here at our library, speaking to groups about a broad array of financial, investment and retirement topics. He is an Investment Advisor Representative with over 30 years of experience helping people. Attend this free event to learn:

- The most common mistakes regarding Social Security, how to avoid them, and how to maximize this benefit!
- The need-to-know strategies to prevent outliving your hard-earned money in retirement.
- How to create a legacy plan that protects you, your spouse or your heirs from the IRS and probate courts.
- Protecting your money from market volatility and the dozens of options available to you.
- Increase your knowledge and confidence which will assist you in making the best decisions for a stress-free retirement!

**To register, please call (860) 430-2138.**

Our **9th Annual Friends of the Willington Public Library "Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale" Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Just in time for holiday shopping!**

Find some great **GIFTS** for the holiday or a little something just because! We will have over two dozen vendors with unique and beautiful, one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items. Examples of what you will find: hand carved wood crafts, pebble art, jewelry, knit, crochet & sewing items, paintings on feathers, essential oils, country decor, beading, paper-crafts, handbags, soap, wreaths, trees, cards, ornaments, felting crafts, stuffed animals and local honey, just to name a few. There will also be **BOOKS**, by many of our local authors for gift-giving. A **BAKE SALE** filled with homemade goodies to satisfy every sweet tooth. Grab a cup of hot or cold, fresh lemonade as you stroll along. Try your luck at winning, either our **50/50 CASH DRAWING** or one of the **BASKET DRAWINGS**. The **DRAWINGS** will run for two weeks from Monday, December 2nd (one week prior) and until, Saturday, December 14th (one week after the Craft Fair & Bake Sale).

For more information, please check our website, Facebook, or Burbio, for updates on more programs and events to come during this time.

**Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays to all!**



## Willington Public Library Continued...

### Willington Public Library Welcomes Clevell Roseboro, II as their new Director!

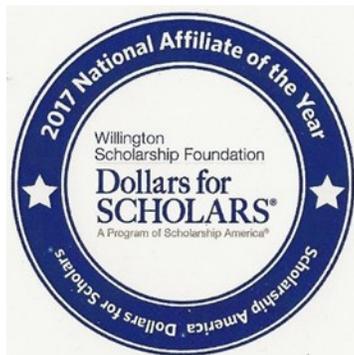


Clevell Roseboro, II comes to our library with a new insight along with extensive experience and knowledge in both being a teacher and a library director. Clevell started in the Army from 1990 to 1994 and received the rank of Corporal. After, he became a Document Delivery and Circulation Manager at Winston- Salem University from 2001 to 2005 while also earning his Bachelor's degree from Winston- Salem in 2005. He achieved his Master's degree in Library Science from North Carolina Central University in 2008.

Clevell went on to St. Augustine's University in 2009 where he was the Dean of Library Services and University Archivist until 2013. He has also worked as a Director of Library Services, Associate Professor, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, Library Director and, most recently, as Director of University Libraries and University Archivist/ Assistant Professor at Felician University.

Clevell has extensive knowledge with knowing how to get the job done. He has used outside resources to expand library collections, involve the community through outreach programs and work with non-traditional ways to improve libraries as a whole. He has an excellent way of 'thinking outside of the box' and we would like to extend a warm welcome to him as he will be starting as our new Library Director on Monday, September 16th. Come on in to the Library and welcome him as our new Library Director!

## Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars



WSFDFS Awards Night- Grateful students celebrate receiving their scholarships thanks to generous donations from people like **YOU!**

### This Fall- Pay it Forward with Payroll Deduction

Many employers in the area partner with charitable organizations like the United Way to enable employees to make charitable contributions through payroll deductions. Setting up contributions via payroll deduction makes it easy to achieve your giving goals by automating the process; and regular small contributions add up overtime.

Did you know, in most cases, you can direct payroll deducted contributions to the charity of your choice? For example, the United Way maintains a list of many charitable organizations for you to choose from. They also allow you to add organizations to their list. This is a great option if you prefer to see your contributions used to benefit your local community.

The [Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars](#) is set up with the United Way already. Thanks to the generosity of several Willington residents, we receive regular contributions from the United Way for their payroll deducted contributions.

If your employer encourages you to participate in an annual giving campaign through payroll deductions, consider directing your contribution to the [Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars](#).

If you don't see [Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars](#) on the list as an approved charity in your employers giving program, ask if we can be added!

**Want to Donate NOW? Text: WILLINGTONFORSCHOLARS to 44321**

Check us out on our website at [www.Willington.DollarsforScholars.org](http://www.Willington.DollarsforScholars.org)

