
Willington Wire Community E-Newsletter January, February, March 2023



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Town Offices Closed

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

New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20, 2023

Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

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Assessor	Kara Fishman	860-487-3122
Building Inspector	Jim Rupert	860-487-3123
Business Manager	Donna Latincsics	860-487-3134
Fire Marshal	Trevor Gantick	959-929-4181
Human Services	Jennie Arpin	860-487-3118
Land Use	Michael D'Amato	860-487-4123
Parks & Recreation	Alan Humphrey	860-487-3108
Public Works	Troy Sposato	860-684-9313
Registrar of Voters	Christine Psathas & Suzanne Chapman	860-487-3120
Senior Center	Nan King	860-429-8321
Tax Collector	Janice Clauson	860-487-3111
Town Clerk	Robin Campbell	860-487-3121
Treasurer	Laurie Semprebou	860-487-3133

Boards & Commissions – Meeting Calendar – January February March 2023

Board/Commission	Day		Time
Board of Education	Tuesday	January 10, 2023	7pm
Board of Education	Tuesday	February 14, 2023*	7pm
Board of Education	Tuesday	March 14, 2023*	7pm
		*Subject to change	
Board of Finance	Thursday	January 19, 2023	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	February 16, 2023	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	March 16, 2023	7pm
Board of Selectmen	Tuesday	January 3, 2023	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Tuesday	January 17, 2023	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	February 6, 2023	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Tuesday	February 21, 2023	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	March 6, 2023	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	March 20, 2023	6:30pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	January 18, 2023	7pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	February 15, 2023	7pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	March 15, 2023	7pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	January 11, 2023	6:30pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	February 8, 2023	6:30pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	March 8, 2023	6:30pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	January 17, 2023	7pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	February 21, 2023	7pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	March 21, 2023	7pm
Housing Authority	Monday	January 23, 2023	4pm
Housing Authority	Monday	February 27, 2023	4pm
Housing Authority	Monday	March 20, 2023	4pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	January 23, 2023	7:30pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	February 27, 2023	7:30pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	March 27, 2023	7:30pm

Library Board of Directors	Monday	January 9, 2023	7pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	February 8, 2023	7pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	March 8, 2023	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	January 30, 2023	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	February 27, 2023	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	March 27, 2023	7pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	January 3, 2023	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	January 17, 2023	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	February 7, 2023	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	February 21, 2023	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	March 7, 2023	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	March 21, 2023	7:30pm
School Building Committee	Thursday	January 12, 2023	7:30pm
School Building Committee	Thursday	February 9, 2023	7:30pm
School Building Committee	Thursday	March 9, 2023	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	January 12, 2023	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	February 9, 2023	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	March 9, 2023	7:30pm

First Selectwoman's Corner



On behalf of the Board of Selectmen I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Winter is probably the toughest season for Willington and snow is always a winter challenge, but as always, our Public Works crew stands ready to help us deal with whatever comes our way. Please check the website and WFSB for town building closures and parking bans.

This time of year is particularly busy for our town departments and boards and commissions as we work to prepare the budgets for the next fiscal year. There are many meetings that occur in January, February and March. Please check the town website at www.willingtonct.gov for meeting dates and times. Our many boards and department heads will be working together over the coming months to find ways to maintain services and programs while being mindful of any tax increase. If you are interested in a particular town service, such as the library, public safety, human services, education, recreation, etc., please make contact with the boards that oversee these programs and let them know your concerns and suggestions as soon as possible. They may be able to incorporate your input as their budgets go before the Board of Finance for consideration. This process leads to a proposed budget that is sent to the budget referendum to be voted upon in early May.

Selectman Bulick and I are committed to continuing our work for all Willington residents. The Board of Selectmen meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Our meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to join us in our hybrid meetings, either in person at the Town Office Building or remotely via Zoom.

The Town Office Building is open 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. I try to be available during office hours or by appointment. Please stop in to share your ideas and concerns as we continue to plan farther into the future. Otherwise, I hope to see you out and about in Willington!

Warmest regards,

Erika G. Wiecenski
First Selectwoman, Willington

Assessor

From the Assessor's Office

Elderly/Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program

Application packets will be available at the end of January. Persons already receiving the credit and required to renew will automatically be mailed an application. Renewal applications are due every other year, that is, biennially.

Applications are accepted by mail and in person starting February 1st. Applications are due by May 15, 2023. Anyone applying after April 15, 2023 must apply in person. We will be happy to assist you in filing your application. Be sure to contact us in advance for an appointment. Call 860-487-3122 or email nsnyder@willingtonct.gov.

To be eligible for such a tax credit:

You or your spouse must be at least 65 years of age as of Dec 31, 2022 or over 18 and permanently and totally disabled per Social Security.

You must be a permanent resident of the State of Connecticut and have lived at your property for more than 180 days of 2022. You must own the property or hold a tenancy for life or for a term of years, which makes the applicable liable for payment of taxes (CGS Sec. 12-48) as of October 1, 2022. The property must be the applicant's primary residence (domicile).

Your 2022 income cannot exceed \$ 40,300 (single) or \$ 49,100 (married). Income definition: Qualifying income is defined as adjusted gross income for IRS purposes plus any other income not included in such adjusted gross income.

You must provide the Assessor with a copy of your SSA 1099 for 2022, or its equivalent, from Social Security and your 2022 federal income tax return if you file one. The Assessor may require any other proof of income that may be necessary for the certification of the claim, such as interest/dividend statements and pension statements.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet during the month of March for the purpose of hearing appeals on the Grand List of October 1, 2022. Applications must be received in the Assessor's Office on or before February 20, 2023. Dates and times of the hearings will be determined by the number of appeals received. Applicants will receive confirmation and notification of appointments by mail. Appeals will be heard only from those property owners filing complete, written applications by the February 22nd deadline.

Please visit our website: www.Willingtonct.gov/departments/Assessor ~ for more information.

School Building Committee



Scan the QR code for the BOE educational specifications



WILLINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE PK-8 CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

SBC email:
sbc@willingtonct.org



Scan the QR code to go to the SBC website



The School Building Committee is tasked with defining a consolidated preschool through grade 8 school to meet Wilmington's educational needs. A new or renovated building would provide a 21st century school with flexible learning spaces, efficient mechanical systems (heating, cooling and ventilation), the latest security and safety measures, and accessibility for all school community members. The SBC is currently considering a **new school on a new site** or an **alteration/extension** project at Hall Memorial School. Public input is critical in the process and your feedback is desired. Please use this informational handout to guide your feedback and questions.

New School, New Site Options

Option 1 – Build a new PK-8 school

Option 1A – Build a new PK-8 school with auditorium

*Both projects have an anticipated completion date of fall, 2026

Proposed Location: Glass Factory School Road
(parcel 24/009-00; abuts Adamec and Glass Factory School Road)

Advantages

- Completely new facility designed to maximize flexibility and 21st century learning
- Room for expansion
- Eliminates 4 year construction impact to students and staff
- Separate ball fields with room for future field development
- Less expensive than renovations
- All parking directly adjacent to the building – improved parent drop off

Disadvantages

- Hall Memorial School reverts back to trust

**ESTIMATED
OPERATING
COST
SAVINGS
\$532,000
(for either
project)**

HMS Alteration/Extension Options

Option 2 – Renovate HMS, demolish 2-story academic wing, add a two-story addition (anticipated completion date of fall, 2027)

Option 2A – Renovate HMS, demolish 2-story academic wing, add a two-story addition, and construct a new auditorium (school anticipated completion date of fall, 2027; auditorium fall, 2028)

Advantages

- Maintains HMS, including original building that has strong community ties
- No site acquisition costs
- Small area for expansion (no expansion area if auditorium is built)

Disadvantages

- Construction in an occupied building is challenging and disruptive
- Parking required across a busy state road (RT 32)
- Longer construction process
- Estimated budget exceeds new building option
- Exterior and framing of the original building is 100 years old
- Potential for hidden conditions resulting in added project costs

Scan the QR code for a PDF of the SBC presentation from 11/9/22



Scan the QR code for background information on the SBC process



Willington Project Budget Summary - PK to 8 School Consolidation

	Total Estimated Budget	Estimated State Funding without waiver	Estimated Cost to Town without waiver	Estimated State Funding with waiver	Estimated Cost to Town with waiver
OPTION 1 New School	\$60,634,253	\$24,509,780 40.83%	\$36,124,473	\$31,940,851 53.21% <small>Waiver to 75,134s.f.</small>	\$28,693,402 <small>Waiver to 75,134s.f.</small>
OPTION 1A New School with Auditorium	\$66,564,350	\$23,210,337 36.90%	\$43,354,013	\$31,858,067 50.65% <small>Waiver to 79,134s.f. 50% Aud 4,000s.f. ineligible</small>	\$34,706,283 <small>Waiver to 79,134s.f. 50% Aud 4,000s.f. ineligible</small>
OPTION 2 Alteration / Extension HMS	\$62,386,633	\$19,875,640 47.37%	\$42,510,992	\$26,522,917 63.21% <small>Waiver to 82,311s.f.</small>	\$35,863,716 <small>Waiver to 82,311s.f.</small>
OPTION 2A Alteration / Extension HMS with Auditorium	\$69,949,654	\$19,731,188 42.91%	\$50,218,465	\$27,780,566 60.41% <small>Waiver to 86,311s.f. 50% Aud 4,000s.f. ineligible</small>	\$42,169,087 <small>Waiver to 86,311s.f. 50% Aud 4,000s.f. ineligible</small>
Reimbursement % from State of Connecticut					

SBC Community Engagement Events
Community members are invited to attend the School Building Committee's Community Engagement Events with presentations by the Superintendent of Schools regarding a consolidated preschool through grade 8 school building. Each presentation will include educational specifications, project options, and estimated costs. A question and answer period will follow each presentation. All presentations will be facilitated in person.

Date	Day	Time	Location
Dec. 6	Tues.	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Center School cafeteria
Dec. 8	Thurs.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Willington Public Library
Dec. 17	Sat.	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Willington Public Library
Dec. 21	Wed.	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Senior Center
Jan. 5	Thurs.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Town Office Building
Jan. 11	Wed.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Center School gymnasium

COST AVOIDANCE SUMMARY

Capital Improvement Plan 5 years	(\$2,648,566)
Recommended updates CES	(\$6,064,000)
Recommended updates HMS	(\$10,162,000)
Total	(\$18,972,866)

Feedback? Comments?
Email the SBC at SBC@Willingtonct.org

Willington Conservation Commission

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTES –Winter 2023

Winter is a great time to get out on Willington's trails. The forests are full of snowy wonder and animal tracks are easy to see.

The Town's 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 Pond Trail. Dogs are welcome to accompany owners, but must be kept on a leash for their safety and to protect the Park's wildlife.

Located off Mason Road, the Town's 28-acre **Talmadge Conservation Tract** on the west side of Mason Road and the 138-acre **Royal Knowlton Preserve** on the east side of Mason Road each contain ½ mile "spur" trails that connect with the **Nipmuck Trail** (part of the Connecticut Blue Trail system) and can be combined with the Nipmuck Trail to form a loop trail back to the trail head parking lot off of Mason Road. Maps can be found on the signpost at the Talmadge trailhead on Mason Road across from the gravel parking area, and also at the signpost 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 also be found on the Conservation Commission webpage under "Boards and Commissions" on the Town of Willington's website/ home page: www.willingtonct.org

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 wooden bridges 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 . 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.***

Conservation Commission, cont.

If you are interested in taking an active part in helping the Town manage its trails and natural resources, the Conservation Commission has openings for new members. The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are held online via Zoom. Contact Kathy Demers, Chairman, at 860-377-6416 or kdemers48@gmail.com for more information. Please visit the Conservation Commission webpage under “Boards and Commissions” on the Town of Willington’s website/home page: www.willingtonct.org, for more information on agendas/minutes, conservation issues and upcoming events.

We are always happy to hear any comments you may have about your experiences with Willington’s open space and natural resources.

We hope to see you on the trails!

EC-CHAP (Performance update)

EC-CHAP & Performance Update

The Packing House – An Intimate Listening Room

By EC-CHAP



Performing Arts



ec-chap.org thepackinghouse.us

The Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance, Inc. (EC-CHAP) represents an important cultural resource serving communities and visitors to Eastern Connecticut and beyond. EC-CHAP operates The Packing House performance venue, the Gardiner Hall Jr. History Museum, the Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery, and an Artist in Residence (AIR) Program.

The Center’s purpose is to bring a heightened awareness to the significance of local history and preservation; provide an appreciation for the visual arts through education, creation and display; and offer performance events and opportunities for creative expression in music, film, dance, literature, and theater.

Please visit the EC-CHAP Calendar at www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming or www.ec-chap.org for additional details, tickets, and a full schedule of events. If you have not subscribed to our newsletter, please do so at: www.thepackinghouse.us.

SAVE THE DATES:



SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: "Ramblin' Dan Stevens" (Blues). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023: EC-CHAP Jazz Series: "Gypsy Jazz Artist Luke Hendon" (Gypsy Jazz). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: "Sperry Creek" (Bluegrass).

Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023: EC-CHAP Jazz Series: "Matt and Alta DeChamplain" (Jazz). Doors: 7:00pm /

Performance: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: "A Special Program with Claudia Schmidt, Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen" (Folk).

Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: "An Evening with Crys

Matthews" (Indie). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: "Poor Monroe" (Bluegrass). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm

Soft drinks and snacks available. Unless otherwise noted, we are pleased to offer our exclusive "BYOB&F"™ model - Bring Your Own Beverage & Food (Wine & Beer Only - I.D. Required). You can also bring your paid ticket to Willington Pizza House (or WP Too) for eat-in or take-out the night of the show and receive 15% off your meal purchase. Ask for "The Packing House" pizza! Click [HERE](#) for secret recipe.

EC-CHAP Film Series

EC-CHAP offers a monthly film screening of documentaries, shorts, animations, feature films, and original works by regional film makers on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023: EC-CHAP Monthly Film Series (2nd Thursday): “*Girl With A Pearl Earring*” (PG-13) 2003. Doors: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:00pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023: EC-CHAP Monthly Film Series (2nd Thursday): “*Deep Blues*” (Unrated) 1992. Documentary. Doors: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:00pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023: EC-CHAP Monthly Film Series (2nd Thursday): “*Thelonious Monk: Straight No Chaser*” (PG-13) 1988. Documentary. Doors: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:00pm

Please visit the Calendar at www.ec-chap.org or www.thepackinghouse.us for program information, content, and trailers.

EC-CHAP Talent Showcase

EC-CHAP has been offering our monthly **Talent Showcase** since 2016. Our Talent Showcase was designed as a platform for local and regional artists to share their talents before a live audience. This is a free event, and as always, acoustic musicians, film makers, poets, comedians, jugglers, puppeteers, and creative artists of all ages are invited to perform.

We continue to offer our Talent Showcase at The Packing House at **7:00pm on every 2nd Wednesday of the month** (Doors open at 6:30pm). For information about how you can participate in the Talent Showcase, please visit www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming or call 518-791-9474 to get placed on the schedule. Walk-ins are welcome time permitting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023: EC-CHAP Monthly Talent Showcase (2nd Wednesday). Doors: 6:30pm / Performance: 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023: EC-CHAP Monthly Talent Showcase (2nd Wednesday). Doors: 6:30pm / Performance: 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023: EC-CHAP Monthly Talent Showcase (2nd Wednesday). Doors: 6:30pm / Performance: 7:00pm

EC-CHAP (History)



Connecticut Arms Industry During The Civil War

BY: Ryan Elgin

Previously in the *Connecticut Industry During Times of War* series, we discussed how

Connecticut earned the moniker of “The Provision State” during the Revolutionary War for its steady supply of food, clothing and ammunition to the Continental Army. Connecticut would maintain its earned nickname in the Civil War, once again due to its industry and ingenuity. A clear departure from the Revolutionary War era, Connecticut had advanced considerably in manufacturing and industrial capacity by the early-mid 19th century. This can clearly be seen with the topic of our previous article on the Hazard Powder

Company. While gunpowder manufacturing was small-scale during the Revolutionary Period, mostly taking place in small mills with a handful of workers, by the Civil War Connecticut was home to one of the largest gunpowder manufacturing facilities in the United States that spanned hundreds of buildings and provided nearly half of all the Union’s gunpowder.



The firearms industry saw a great deal of advancement in Connecticut. At the start of the war, Connecticut was home to: The Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Company, Whitney Armory, Colt’s Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Savage Revolving Firearms Company, New Haven Arms Company, and the Joslyn Firearms Company (1). All would provide their manufacturing capabilities to the war effort in either assisting with production of an established military arm or providing their own models, such as the Colt Model 1860 Army revolver, the Sharps rifles, and the Joslyn rifle. Various other businesses with the capacity to help supply the Union turned to rifle manufacturing as well. Norwich Arms and Eagleville Manufacturing Company, both textile manufacturers of Norwich, were contracted to build rifled muskets. Parker Snow & Company of Meriden switched from making kitchen utensils and sewing machines to firearms (1). Eli Whitney’s original idea of interchangeable parts for his rifles made in New Haven in the late 1700s, in a time where most rifles were individually hand fitted, had made great strides in the decades after his passing. It was this idea of interchangeable parts that allowed Connecticut to expand so rapidly in firearms manufacturing at the start of the war. Both the main armories and subcontractors of the standard Union rifle could produce parts to the same specifications, leading to synergy between Connecticut companies, ease of production, and later repair of the rifles if needed (2). By the end of the war in 1865, Connecticut had produced 43% of all the rifled muskets, breech loading rifles and carbines, and revolvers purchased by the War Department (1).

A notable figure in ammunition procurement was Benjamin Hotchkiss. Working at Hotchkiss and Sons in Sharon Connecticut, he was awarded multiple patents for artillery projectiles and the fuses to be used in them. His design of a cast iron projectile,

often made of iron from North-West Connecticut, joined by a band of lead in the middle section allowed the shell to better engage the grooves of a cannon's rifling, creating a more accurate projectile (3). The various artillery shell designs created and produced by Hotchkiss and Sons would be among the most commonly used during the war (4).

With Connecticut manufacturing mass quantities of rifles and pistols along with the ammunition to go with it at the Hazard Powder Company - the bayonet or sword was the missing component. Oftentimes the armory or contracted manufacturer would make bayonets in addition to the rifles they were already producing. However, the extremely well regarded Collins Company of Canton, Connecticut used their experience in edged tool and agricultural equipment making to manufacture swords and bayonets for Union forces (1). Angular bayonets were then sent to Sharps, Whitney, and Colt companies of Connecticut to help supplement their own production. Collins Company catered to officers or wealthy cavalymen directly with swords or custom highly polished blades featuring elaborate etching (1).

The photo included in this article is sourced from the Library of Congress (5). It shows an unidentified Union Cavalryman sporting a Colt Army revolver and a Sharps Carbine - both made in Connecticut. The saber he holds could possibly be Collins made as well, but there's no way to know with any certainty. This ambrotype portrait serves as just a small example of how Connecticut helped arm the Union. Just as in the Revolutionary War, Connecticut industry proved again to be a symbol of America's industrial might and a vast wellspring for the Northern States to call on when needed.

Citations

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The Gardiner Hall Jr Museum is open to the public Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm. For more information, please call 518-791-9474.



Ryan Elgin serves as EC-CHAP Assistant Director, Curator of the Gardiner Hall Jr History Museum, and Volunteer Coordinator. He may be contacted directly at ryan@ec-chap.org.

EC-CHAP (Visual Arts)



Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery



Visual Arts



The Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery open Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm and by appointment. The Gallery is located at 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. For

information, please call 518-791-9474, or visit www.ec-chap.org.

Introducing Sarah Moon. EC-CHAP Artist-In-Residence

By: EC-CHAP



Since 2017, EC-CHAP has offered annual Artist Residencies for artists of various genres. This one-year Artist-In-Residence offers studio workspace, promotion, and solo showings or performance opportunities.

Please join us in welcoming EC-CHAP's new Artist-In-Residence, Sarah Moon! Sarah will be producing several original projects during her residency, and will serve as Director of the Dye & Bleach House

Community Gallery.

Sarah Moon is a playwright and assistant professor of humanities at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. She has taught creative writing at Plymouth Center for the Arts and playwriting at Mark Twain House in Hartford.

A recipient of the Harold and Mimi Steinberg Award for Best New Play and winner of Best Book for a Musical or Play with Music in the 2013 Planet

Connections Theater Festivity, her plays have been produced in Boston, Washington D.C. and New York City.

Most recently, her radio play adaptation of the novel *Not So Quiet* was produced by No Epilogue Productions. She is the organizer of the food-centered community writing and performance project Write Your Roots. She holds an MFA in Playwriting from Brandeis University and a PhD in English Rhetoric and Composition from the University of Connecticut. Sarah lives with her husband and three children in Coventry, CT.

The Dye and Bleach House Community Gallery encourages all local and regional artists alike to participate in our gallery shows! Whether you are a beginner or an experienced professional, we would love to show your work. Consider adding a gallery show to your resume! We love finding new and exciting art to fill our space, and our next feature could be yours. If you are interested in joining us in showing art, please contact us at info@ec-chap.org.

The Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery open Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm and by appointment. The Gallery is located at 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. For information, please call 518-791-9474, or visit www.ec-chap.org .

EC-CHAP Monthly Information Exchange Meetings (3rd Thursday)

EC-CHAP is reinstating our monthly "Information Exchange Meetings" in 2023! These informative meetings are intended to share information about our organization, review our mission, discuss membership benefits, volunteer opportunities, and review program offerings. We are very interested in obtaining your input and feedback with respect to how we can best meet your interests and needs as a cultural organization. These meetings are free to attend.

Meetings are held in The Packing House at **5:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning January 19, 2023**. For more information, please visit www.ec-chap.org; call 518-791-9474; or email us at info@ec-chap.org.

Should you be interested in learning more about EC-CHAP, and how you can support your Willington based cultural organization through our volunteer, membership, and sponsorship programs, please visit www.ec-chap.org; email us at: info@ec-chap.org; or call: 518-791-9474.

Town of Willington Department of Human Services

40 Old Farms Road, Willington, Connecticut 06279
Tel. (860)487-3118 Email: jarpin@willingtonct.gov

WE ARE BACK AT THE TOWN OFFICES- The Department of Human Services is now located back at the Town Office building, alongside Parks and Recreation in the back. We have a nice new meeting area and are ready to serve you during public hours.

THANK YOU!- The Department of Human Services wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated food, gifts, and adopted families for our holiday programs! A special shout out to our friends at Elegant Edge for a food drive; The Willington Seniors, Inc., who were able to collect 128 hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens on their Mitten Tree this year; and the American Eagle Saloon who sponsored a Giving Tree and helped us collect gifts for our families in need. 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 and Fridays from 10am to 12pm.



Donations needed:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Meal starters (like Hamburger helper)
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned fruit
- Crackers
- Hot cereal
- Hot beverages (coffee, tea, cocoa)

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 Town Offices. Also available from 10-10:30 every Wednesday while supplies last, our friends from the Willington Seniors offer bread and pastries. Both events are drive through only, so please remain in your vehicles.



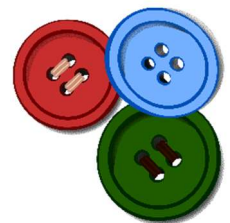
ENERGY ASSISTANCE – Energy Assistance Appointments are still available! Please contact our office for more information or for an appointment.



CATERPILLAR CLUB- Starting in January, every Thursday from 9:30-11am at the Willington Public library is our popular playgroup, Caterpillar Club is for children, ages 12 months to 4 years old to have social time with other children. Parents or caregivers can also socialize during this time! Registration is available at the door, and this program is free.

APRIL CAMP- It's not too soon to think about April Camp! Join us for a week of fun during Spring Recess! Our universal registration forms are available on the Parks and Recreation website. Limit 30 kids, so sign up now! .

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS – The Willington Senior Center is full of exciting programs, trips, and events for members of the community age 55 and older! Our newsletter, the “Button Shop Bugle” is now available online so you can see what’s going on at the Center. Visit <https://www.willingtonct.gov/willington-senior-center/pages/bugle-newsletter> for the latest!



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!



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Find us on the WPL E-Blast, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, & Burbio.com



2023 will be **A Year of Celebration** for the Willington Public Library, as we look forward to celebrating our **100 year anniversary (1923-2023)**. We hope to plan several events over the upcoming year. We will be looking to our community and individuals for their input, help, involvement, and support. We hope you will consider being a part of this special time. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Circulation Desk, in the library, for anyone who would be willing to help in any way. Thank you!

Monthly Fundraising Drawings: We will continue to offer other “prizes”, many come from our community business neighbors. Anyone willing to donate for a month, is always greatly appreciated and a wonderful way for our local businesses to get recognition and support. You don’t have to be a business in town either. We will accept gifts of any kind offered even by individuals or families that would like to give a special gift basket that can be given away. We have had many crafters donate their goods for these.

Thank you to all who participate in supporting the Library and this fundraising effort.

Upcoming Monthly Fundraising Drawings:

- **January: Let It Snow**
- **February: Something Sweet**
- **March: Feeling Lucky**

Congratulations to all our WINNERS!

The Library had a successful and fun project this past holiday season with the selling of our **“Secret” Books for Gift-Giving Sale**. A special “Thank You” to our own Ms. Kathy and for those who supported us by making purchases. We hope everyone enjoyed what “surprises” they uncovered.

Friends of WPL: It was a great Craft Fair & Bale Sale in December; one of the Friends biggest fundraisers for the library. Thank you to all who helped in making this a great success and a lot of FUN!

The Friends are in need of and always looking for, new members to **join** their group. Please think about joining this great group of people, who are a tremendous asset to the library and our community. You may find more information on the library’s website under Friends of WPL or come in and fill out a form. An individual membership is only \$5.00. We need you! We need your help! Thank you!

Don’t forget, we have a large variety of **Museum and Attraction Passes** compliments of the Friends of WPL. Please take advantage of these passes and the many programs they offer through their establishments. Check out our Passes Bulletin Board for updates of what programs and events are being offered at these many different places of interest.

Due to lack of interest, use, and cost factor, we will be eliminating some of the less popular passes in the new year. All passes are highlighted on our library website...www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org. Literally, CHECK THEM OUT. All are both fun and educational.

The Willington Public Library is hosting a **“Lunch and A Good Book Club”** at the **Willington Senior Center** on the second Tuesday of each month.

We will meet at 11 a.m. and members are asked to bring their lunch and something to share. Drinks will be provided.



In January we will be discussing **“Getting Rid of Matthew”** by **Jane Fallon**, a comedy reminding us that you have to be careful what you ask for; you may get it.

In February we will read and discuss **“Dewey the Library Cat”** by **Vicki Myron**, a true tale about a stray cat that touched the lives of many in his home town.

Both books are cozy reading to keep us warm during winter's ravages.

We have many fun, educational and exciting things coming to the Library! Keep reading to find out what they are...

Make a Joyful Noise!



Warm up this winter at the library with a birth to 6 year-old music class. Expect lots of singing, lots of instruments, lots of moving and lots of laughter with Catherine Scheideman, on Wednesday mornings in the Community Room. Catherine Scheideman is a former music teacher, homeschooling mom and has been running

an outdoor music class, the Willington Music MeetUp, as a way to make music during the pandemic. This winter we will bring music inside at the library.

The program will run for ten weeks beginning Wednesday, January 18th, 10:00 - 10:45 am. For families attending, there will be a \$5.00 suggested donation for each class. This is a great opportunity. Hope to see you there!

WPL Home Schoolers Art Class at WPL Children's Art Place! This program is the second in a series being presented by Artist and award-winning pastel painter, Nancy Cooke Bunnell, who has exhibited throughout the state, including the CT Pastel Society, the Monson Arts Council, Lyme Gallery, and others. She is a certified art teacher through three CT Universities and has been teaching children and adults for over 20 years, including the Community School of Arts at UCONN, Vernon Art Center, and West Hartford Art League, and the Glastonbury Arts Guild, and NOW WPL!

As an experienced, creative art teacher, Nancy brings her own unique, wild, and wonderful skills to the children's program. Learn some art history and make history yourself. Students are encouraged to observe carefully, to experiment with materials, shape, color, line, and texture and to create unique



artworks using their imagination. This is an exciting class that encourages creativity and each child's uniqueness.

ABOUT THIS SESSION:

Title: Drawing and Painting the Master Artists

Theme: I Am a Famous Artist: Picasso and African Masks, Rousseau and Jungles, Sunflowers and Van Gogh

Ages: 5 - 10 years

Classes are held on Thursday mornings, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, beginning February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23. Make up date if needed: March 30

Cost: 6 classes for \$60.00. Plus, a \$15.00 materials fee. A portion of the fee will be donated to Willington Public Library.

Children are encouraged to read about master artists. Siblings are encouraged to enjoy independent playtime at the library.

Check out the display Show Case, in our Reading Room and see the fun and unique things that were made by the children during the first session classes. They are spectacular!



Great resources for children:

This is a new program available by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of the U.S. Government called **Money Monsters**. The Money Monsters are a group of

creatures who are new to our universe. That means they need to learn about many important things like school, friendship, and financial literacy. Financial literacy is when you have the knowledge and skills to make money choices that are right for you. These Money Monster stories introduce you to ideas, habits, and activities that you'll need as you grow up and start to manage your own money.

There are many informational story books, pamphlets and brochures available in the Children's Library area. For example we have Money Monsters Learn to Save, Money Monsters Learn to Protect Their Things, Money Monsters Learn What Things Really Cost, Money Monsters Learn About Giving, and many more.

We still have the **"Stick Together" Poster Project** going on. Help us create pictures with stickers. We have two poster projects, one for children and one for adults. All you have to do is ask at the circulation desk for some stickers for your age-appropriate poster. All individuals get 20 stickers daily. There is a color-key to follow before applying your stickers. Place each sticker in a box with a letter that corresponds to the color of the sticker. As the stickers are applied, the pictures will slowly be revealed. If you want to guess what the picture will be, you can submit your guess at the circulation desk, but you only get one chance to guess and submit your answer. So, think before you decide. A prize will be awarded at the end for a person who guessed correctly.

Saturday, February 4th: **"Take Your Child to the Library Day" – Game Day!**

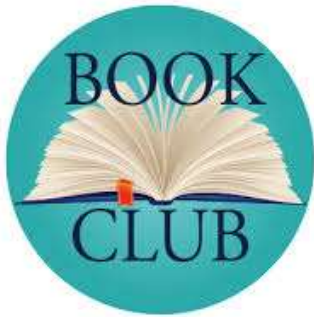
The library is for many things and is many different things too many people. We will have games set up throughout the library for parents to play with their children and for children to play with their friends. Stop by for a visit and play with us.



Ongoing library programs...



The library knitting group is now **"Yarn & Thread"**. Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, the **"Yarn & Thread"** Group meet in the Reading Room. Come and sit a spell while you enjoy some time working on your own project in the company of fellow crafters. A great opportunity to set aside time to work on or complete a project, while sharing with others your ideas and talents.



Adult Book Club: Every first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. Books are available in advance at the library. There are plenty of books to go around and available a month in advance.

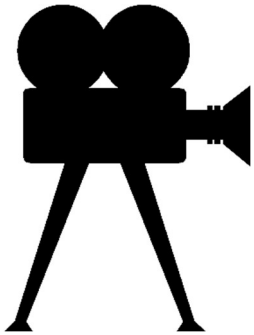
We would like to extend a special **“thank you”** to MaryBeth Caron for spear heading this fun reading group here at the library for many years now.

Upcoming books for discussion are:

January 5: “The Music Shop” by Rachel Joyce

February 2: “The Girls Atomic City” by Denise Kiernan

March 2: “Park Avenue Summer” by Renee Rosen



Family Movie Time: On the last Saturday of every month at 12:30 pm on the BIG SCREEN! Showing Dates:

January 28: TBA

February 25: TBA

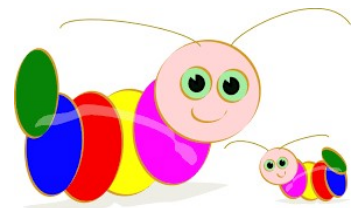
March 25: TBA

People may “borrow” the BIG SCREEN for their own personal viewing - just let us know and we can make arrangements possible for all concerned.



Bright Beginnings: A new story and playtime for children 0-2 years of age. This group meets every other Friday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

Upcoming dates: January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17, March 3, 17, & 31





Story Time & Craft: Join us on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 am for a themed story and craft



The Eastern CT Writers Group - We would like to acknowledge that Felix Giordano will no longer be heading this group but we would like to thank him for his many years of service to our library, in so many wonderful ways. All that Felix did for our library was at no cost to us. He loved our library and did all he could to enhance and support us. For that we are forever grateful and thankful! We would like to thank

him for all his hard work and dedication to the library and with this endeavor from its conception. This group is in good hands moving forward and their schedule for now remains the same. Join them on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. This group is for aspiring and advanced writers working on a novel, novella, or collection of short stories or poetry. Submissions are limited to no more than 10 pages. Critiques and commentary constructive to each writer's work and goals will be encouraged. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, you may contact John Blessington at jblessington@icloud.com or 860-487-0493



Pokemon Club: On the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Come and play the Pokemon Card Game! Trade cards! No experience required. Limited library decks will be available to borrow if you don't have your own or bring your own. Ages 7+. No registration needed. Snacks are provided.

The library hosts many outside programs. The views and opinions expressed in these programs are those of the speakers and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of any entities they represent nor do they reflect the views, opinions, official policy or position of the Willington Public Library.

On Saturday, January 14th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, in the Community Room, there is an event that the general public is welcome to attend, entitled... **In Defense of Democracy, Anti-Fascism Retreat**. They will present an interactive examination of fascism in the modern world with discussion on defending, protecting, and strengthening our democracy. Bring a bagged lunch. Snacks and drinks provided. RSVP to democracy.retreat@gmail.com



Back by popular demand, **USA Financial & Tax Services, LLC**, will be here on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 pm with another educational workshop, **“Taxes, Upcoming Changes & the Potential Impact On Your Retirement”**. The implications of taxes on the American population are a widely discussed and debated topic. Rising deficits at both the state and federal level are cause for concern for every taxpayer, especially those near retirement. At this educational workshop, you will learn how effective planning and timing can alter the outcome of your retirement. We will discuss current tax law, potential changes to tax law, effects of inflation and strategies to help you minimize your tax liability. We will also share case studies that will illustrate how to successfully navigate this complex topic and get you as close to “tax-free retirement” as is possible.

There is NO sales and NO solicitation at all during these events, references upon request.

Welcome to an **INTRO program to Meditation in Motion** for health, balance, & wholeness, Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm. This is a new class we would like to offer our patrons. Please let us know your interest and learn details by attending this free introduction session. We would like to talk about the future of this type of program. Classes will be free, with a suggested donation of \$10. It could be twice a month, every other Tuesday evening, if that is what works best for the majority interested in attending.

Enjoy centuries-old Tai Chi, Qigong, and holistic health practices that help you feel alive and well! In this session, we will share rejuvenating movements, wellness techniques, and tranquil meditation from classical Chinese healing arts.

This program will be led by Joe Pandolfo, of Ashford. Joe is a certified Tai Chi and Qigong Instructor, Board Director for the CT Society of Acupuncturists, Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist, and certified Reiki Practitioner. For questions, contact Joe at 959-444-3979 or at joeptaichi@gmail.com

Sound Healing Meditation 2023 classes will meet at a new time, now beginning at 6:30 - 7:30 pm instead of our original 7:00 pm in the Community room. These classes are for adults.

Join Reiki Master Teacher and Sound Healer, Edie Jemiola. Edie uses crystal alchemy bowls and voice to bring patrons on a stress-reducing and rejuvenating meditation journey. Come enjoy a guided meditation for a life enhancing sonic journey into childlike joy, relaxation, and letting go of all that no longer serves us, while gently purifying our physical and emotional bodies and amplifying radiant vitality. The Community Room provides ample space for patrons to lie down. Please be sure to bring a yoga mat, pillows, blanket or lounging chair. Regular chairs are available for those who prefer. Feel free to bring a journal.



Please call to register for the dates you would like to attend. Walk-ins also welcome. There is a \$10.00 suggested donation but all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Scheduled dates:

- **January - Th. 1/12 and Tu. 1/24**
- **February - Th. 2/9 and Tu. 2/21**
- **March - Th. 3/9 and Tu. 3/21**
- **April - Tu. 4/4 and Th. 4/20**

Looking to the future...

We are working on presenting several different types of Civic programs in the new year. So please keep a look out.

HOT SPOTS ARE A HOT ITEM! The library now has mobile **HOT SPOTS** to borrow, for two weeks at a time, with your active library card. These have been a great hit and help, for many of our patrons who do not have easy access to internet services.

Library Board FYI: For 2023, the Willington Public Library Board will now meet on the second Wednesday of the month, with the exception of January. For January, it will remain on Monday, the 9th, although this may be canceled and rescheduled due to the ARPA Public Hearing to take place on the same evening. We invite all of our patrons to attend this public hearing. Our library requests will be on the agenda. We can really use your support. We hope you will attend and hear what we would like to do with some of the ARPA grant funds.

Looking for Volunteers. We will have a couple of Spring outdoor projects to do and will be looking for volunteers to help beautify the grounds. Please consider helping when the time comes. Just let us know you are interested and we will let you know the what and when, as the time draws close. Thank you in advance.

NOTICE: During these upcoming winter months, notice of delays and closings, as well as program cancellations due to inclement weather can be found on our website: www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org or WFSB-TV Channel 3 (or WFSB.com) and NBC 30 WVIT (or NBC30.com). Updates can also be found on Facebook - www.Facebook.com/willingtonpubliclibrary

Sign up for our library e-blast. It's the best way to keep informed. Get connected to what's happening here at your library. For all Library related things, join our library E-Blast, where we come to you! Join by calling at 860-429-3854, by coming in person to the library and signing up, or on our website link at www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, & Burbio.com

Registrar of Voters



News From the
Elections Department

Check the Elections Department's website for up-to-date voting event information.

Online voter registration is available 24/7 at voterregistration.ct.gov. This site coordinates with the Department of Motor Vehicles, so have your current Connecticut driver's license or state-issued ID available when applying.

If you have questions, call our office at 860 487.3120 and leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman
Christine Psathas
Registrars of Voters/Elections Department
www.willingtonct.org/elections-department



Scan QR for
Registrars' web
and more info

Willington Parks & Recreation Presents
Wednesday Evening Yoga
Gentle Vinyasa Flow

This class is for All Levels, everyone is welcome. Appropriate and modifiable for a brand-new practitioner to someone who practices weekly. We will work on balance, strength, and gentle stretching. Great for parents and kids alike!

When: Wednesdays; Jan 4th – Feb 8th

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

Where: Downstairs Community Room at the Willington Library

Fee: \$60.00 for all 6 classes or \$12 drop-in

Instructor: Caitlin Draghe

Please contact Willington Parks & Recreation for more information.

860-487-3108 or ahumphrey@willingtonct.gov

Submit payment with a Universal Registration form available at the WPRD website.

Please mail paperwork or drop off at 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington 06279. ATTN WPRD

WILLINGTON PARKS & REC PRESENTS

PAINT *Night*

WITH ANGEL POND CREATIONS

3rd Thursdays
starting
January 2023
6:00-8:00

Projects & ticket pricing TBD

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Willington, CT

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ahumphrey@willingtonct.gov

April Camp

Join us during Spring Recess,
April 10-14th, 2023

Location TBD, 9am-2:45pm,
aftercare until 3:45pm



\$250 for the week, \$50 for aftercare
Registration information on the website,
or email jarpin@wilmingtonct.gov,
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or call 860-487-3118

* Maximum 30 kids, ages 5-12

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Willington Senior Center

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year!

I'm pleased to be here as the new Senior Center Coordinator. In this new position, I hope to be a help to all Willington seniors and a liaison to the greater community. I am part of the Willington Department of Human Services, and I can answer many questions about Human Services programs such as FoodShare, the Food Pantry, Renter's Rebate, and Energy Assistance. Stop by the Senior Center and say hello!

My primary goal for this year is to draw in our current Willington Seniors and to grow the membership of the Willington Seniors, Inc. I will be holding at least one Open House this year, starting in early spring, and I'm certain that we will see some new faces along with some familiar ones. Keep an eye out for our new Senior Center programs and events!

Nan King
Senior Center
Coordinator

Come visit the WILLINGTON SENIOR CENTER! Programs - Events - Games See what we have to offer!



Tai Chi—Line Dancing

Bingo - Setback



Wii Bowling - Men's and Ladies' Pool

Trips - Lunch Bunch - Board Games

All residents over 55 are welcome.

Drop by for some coffee or tea and say hello!

Open 9 AM-2 PM Monday-Friday

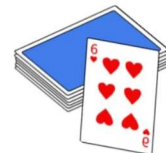


Willington Senior Center

20 Senior Way

Willington, CT 06279

(860) 429-8321



Nan King, Senior Center Coordinator

Programs are open to residents and non-residents.

Not over 55? Give this flyer to someone who is!

Motor Vehicle Supplemental Bills have been mailed

2nd Installment RE & MVS Due by: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

How can I pay My Bill?



The Revenue Office accepts cash, money orders or personal checks for payment at the office. If our office is closed, you can leave a check in our Drop Box outside the front of the building. Our mailing address is 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington CT 06279 if you want to mail in a payment. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, if you would like a receipt mailed back to you. You may also pay online at www.willingtonct.gov and click on “Online Payments” under the “Citizen Action Center”. Please note that there is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards and \$1.95 for EFT for online payments.

Why did I get a motor vehicle tax bill in December?

This is your motor vehicle supplemental bill. This bill was generated because you were issued a new motor vehicle registration, or have transferred an existing registration, at some time after Oct. 1, 2021, but before Sept. 30, 2022. You are being billed only for the number of months from your registration date until the end of the assessment year.

When is my Payment Due? When is it considered Late?

Payments due January 1, 2023 must be received, or postmarked, no later than Wednesday February 1, 2023. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month from the due date, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. ***Per §12-146, Interest cannot be waived.***

Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or interest per CT State Statute.

WISHING EVERYONE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Janice C. Clauson, CCMC

Revenue Collector

860-487-3111

jclauson@willingtonct.gov

Town Clerk

Happy New Year!

The Town Clerks office processes hunting & fishing and dog licenses. We also offer certified vital copies and notary services, with the exception of documents being recorded into the land records. (There are other notaries in the TOB).

Probate Court for Willington is located at the Hicks Memorial Building in Tolland.

Barbara Gardner Riordan, Probate Judge
21 Tolland Green- Tolland, CT 06084
Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
860-871-3640

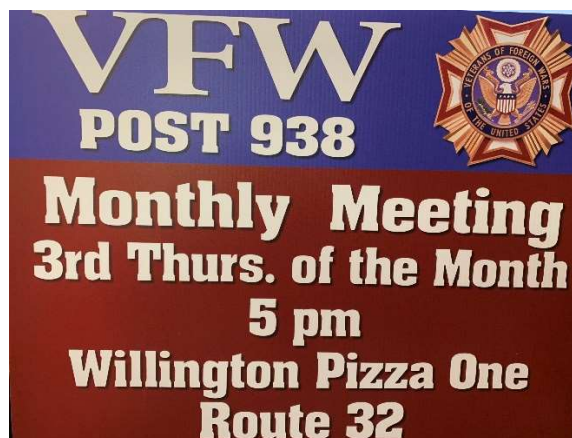
Passports are now being processed through the Storrs Post Office by appointment:

Storrs Post Office
9 Charles Smith Way – Storrs CT 06268
800-275-8777

If you have any questions, please stop in or call us at 860- 487-3121.

Robin Campbell
Town Clerk

Rachel L. Pierce
Assistant Town Clerk



edward.dagata@gmail.com

860-377-8051

Corporal Henry Toberman Post #938

Edward D'Agata, Post Commander

Meetings 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM at Willington Pizza
One Route 32 Willington, CT.

Website: VFW938.org

Corporal Henry Toberman Post No. 938

There are two qualifiers for membership in the VFW, as set out in our National Bylaws. An individual must meet both in order to become a member. They are as follows:

1: Honorable Service – must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.

2: Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters*. This can be proven by any of the following:

- An authorized campaign medal
- Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by a military pay statement)
- Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

*This information is usually available through a veteran's DD-214. If other information is needed or if a veteran's DD-214 is not complete, they can [contact the National Personnel Records Center online](#) or at 314.801.0800 to request more information.

Want to Join? EMAIL THE POST: vfw938@gmail.com



Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation

Updating the Willington Honor Roll

The Willington Veterans Memorial foundation is in the process of Updating and correcting the Willington Honor Roll located in front of the 'old' town hall. The Honor roll was put up by the Willington VFW in 2005. The list of Vietnam veterans needs some change and a number of Willington residents who enrolled in the service in the Gulf War – 190-1991, the Iraq War – 2003-2011 and the Afghanistan War – 2001-2021 need to be added to the Honor Roll list. Please help us identify veterans who belong on the Honor Roll. Please send any name and information to Phil Monty – pmonty@charter.net or drop the information off at the town clerk's office or Senior Center.

The Foundation is in the process of identifying all veterans who have served/from Willington. We have identified the names approximately 978 veterans – starting in 1754 French and Indian War to present – those who *enrolled* from Willington, *live or lived* in Willington or those who are buried in Willington. We hope to have the name, rank, branch of service, date of birth, date of death (for some) and place of burial. A complete list of the information we have will be available at the Willington Senior Center and Willington Library in a notebook marked '**Willington Veterans**' If you can leave additional information or correct the information we have, please use a note card found in the books.

Thanks for your help with this important project. We hope to be able to identify and thank all present veterans in Willington and honor those from the past.

Phil Monty – Secretary of the Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation

Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation

The purpose and goal of the foundation is to help maintain the Veteran's Memorial & Veterans Memorial Honor Roll; support the patriotic display of flags; to coordinate with the Town and VFW to get flags and markers on graves of Veterans buried in Willington; to maintain a list of Veterans Memorial pavers and to help coordinate the ceremonies for Veterans Day and other patriotic days.



The next meeting of the Foundation will be January 17, 2023, at the Willington Public library at 7 pm. There will be refreshment before the meeting starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting is open to All. Membership in the Foundation is a \$5 donation for lifetime membership.

The Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation and Veterans of Foreign Wars would like to thank everyone who came out Veterans Day to help Honor All veterans but especially those who gave their life in defense of our Country. The Ceremony was held at the Willington Veterans Memorial 20 Senior Way on Saturday November 12th. Twelve new memorial pavers were displayed at the memorial along with the other 148 pavers honoring veterans of all conflicts and branches of service. There were 39 Willington veterans who gave their lives in service of our country starting with four in 1754 – French and Indian War to 13 who gave their live in World War 2. We have memorial paver for 4 of the brave individuals at present. We are looking to get all 39 veterans honored. If you would like to sponsor a memorial paver for one of these veterans or a veteran from your family please pick up a paver form at the Senior Center, town Library or town clerks office. The cost of a paver is \$50.



Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation Membership Application

Members Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

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I give the Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation permission to contact me by email or text to make me aware of information pertaining to this organization.

Signed: _____

Membership Type: Charter Veteran Public Other Membership Donation \$5

Drop the Application off at the Senior Center or turn it in to any

Foundation Officer: Joe Rondeau, Ed Dagata or Phil Monty

Willington Historical Society

On December 9th, Willington held our annual tree lighting on the Town Green and the Glazier Tavern was open for visitors. The Tavern had two warm fires in the fireplaces and visitors enjoyed hearing the Hall Memorial School choir sing seasonal favorites, led by Chorus Director Spencer Sonnenberg. Volunteers provided snacks and drinks for all. The old taproom was set up for vintage board games and the photographic displays of yesteryear Willington drew a lot of attention.

During summer 2022, Willington Historical Society had a successful campaign to raise funds to provide for the renovation of the Tavern to become a community resource, handicapped accessible. We would like to acknowledge all of the donors that make the renovations possible.

A huge Thank You to all of our generous donors who enable us to make improvements and to support our efforts this year!

Donors who contributed in 2022 towards Open the Door for Accessibility – ADA/Building code compliance

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Equally important is to acknowledge our wonderful group of volunteers. Without them, we would not have accomplished any of the work at the Tavern. Huge recognition goes out to Bob Shabot, Sue Schur, Julie Engelke, Donna Caplette, Betty Robertson, Rosa Chinchilla, Ellie Lowell and Pam Wheeler.

2022 was also a great year for grant support from the Town of Willington BRIG and ARPA funds, and from CT Humanities.

We are looking forward to an active schedule in 2023. Our first program will be coming soon with a presentation by State Archeologist Sarah Sportman. We are also planning to offer joint sponsorships with the Willington Library.

Photographs and artifacts related to Willington, historical items, diaries, tools or anything related to the Willington industries would be welcome in our collections. Written histories and other notes help us to connect your past ancestors in our records.

We wish all of you the best in the New Year! Happy Holidays.



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- The application window on our website opens Jan 15, 2023 – closes March 15, 2023.
- Willington Seniors graduating high school in 2023 and who intend to further their post-secondary education whether at a Trade or Technical School, College or University should apply.
- As 2022 comes to a close we would like to send a special thank you to our donors for your generosity throughout the year. Thank You!



Carissa Adams, 2022 Scholarship Recipient

Look for our Annual Appeal! It will be in mailboxes this Spring.

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