

# Willington Wire

## Community E-Newsletter

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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—Aug, Sept & Oct

Board/Commission	Day	Date	Time
Board of Education	Tuesday	August 14th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Education	Tuesday	Sept 11th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Education	Tuesday	Oct 9th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	Aug 16th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	Sept 20th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Finance	Thursday	Oct 18th	7:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	Aug 6th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	Aug 20th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	Sept 17th	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	Oct 1st	6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	Monday	Oct 15th	6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	Sept 19th	7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	Oct 17th	7:00 p.m.
Historical Society	Tuesday	Aug 21st	7:00 p.m.
Historical Society	Tuesday	Sept 18th	7:00 p.m.
Historical Society	Tuesday	Oct 16th	7:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	Aug 13th	6:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	Sept 10th	6:00 p.m.
Housing Authority	Monday	Oct 15th	6:00 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	Sept 24th	7:30 p.m.
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	Oct 22nd	7:30 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	Sept 11th	7:00 p.m.
Library Board of Directors	Tuesday	Oct 9th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	Aug 27th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	Sept 24th	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday	Oct 29th	7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	Sept 4th	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	Sept 18th	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	Oct 2nd	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	Oct 16th	7:30 p.m.
Youth Services Advisory	Monday	Aug 27th	6:30 p.m.
Youth Services Advisory	Monday	Sept 24th	6:30 p.m.
Youth Services Advisory	Monday	Oct 22nd	6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Sunday	Sept 2nd	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	Sept 13th	7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Sunday	Oct 7th	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	Oct 11th	7:30 p.m.



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The Town Office Building will be closed in observance  
of the following holidays:

Labor Day—Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Columbus Day—Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

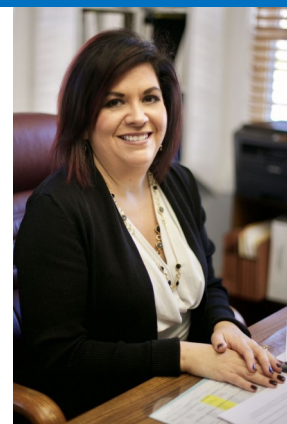


# First Selectwoman's Corner

Dear Willington Residents,

Summer is in full swing here in Willington and we hope you are enjoying the outdoors and warmer temperatures.

While many of the town's boards and commissions take time off over the summer, our town employees are very productive. The Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments are particularly busy this time of year. Our Public Works crew will be chip sealing several roads in the coming months along with the regular maintenance that comes with summertime. Parks and Recreation kept busy with Hall's Pond, entertaining our residents with Wednesdays in the Park Summer Concert Series and saw the return of a successful Summer Camp after a 7-year hiatus.



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

Erika G Wiecenski  
First Selectwoman

## Willington Wire



Thanks to Rachel Pierce, Assistant Assessor, our Community E-Newsletter has a new name...

## Willington Wire

Thank you Rachel and thank you to all who sent in suggestions.

## Talk of the Town

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



So much goes on in the Town Hall that our residents never see. One of those things is making sure we are paying bills, paying our employees and staying on budget. For these tasks, look no further than the **Finance Office**.

**Donna, Amanda, Bekah and Tish** can be found at their desks for rather long days especially in the summer. While most people are out enjoying the summer weather, these folks are winding down the end of one fiscal year and getting us ready to begin another. This office supports both the Town and the Board of Education. We couldn't do much without the support and guidance of our Finance office.

**Thank you Donna, Amanda, Bekah and Tish for the hard work you do for the Town of Willington!!**



## Animal Control



Willington Animal Control is the municipal shelter and animal law enforcement department for the Town of Willington, CT. We house stray dogs in our kennel as well as investigate and enforce laws pertaining to animals within town boundaries.

Our mission is to achieve the most efficient and effective use of resources for the benefit of the citizens and animals, to create an environment in which people can move about safely, and to minimize euthanasia by promoting our facility's pets for adoption in as many ways as possible and to maintain management excellence.

This department has one "on call" officer which performs a variety of services to assist both humans and animals. The officer impounds stray/roaming dogs, controls animals which pose a threat to the public, assists injured/sick stray animals and wildlife, and will pick up and try to reunite roaming dogs with their owners and if no owner is found, the officer advertises the animal to find a suitable home if possible.

The officer also enforces all Connecticut laws pertaining to animals. All complaints and cruelty cases are investigated and infractions or arrests can be made if a person is found to be in non-compliance with the law.

We are pleased to offer a free 30-day insurance plan with every qualified adopter. More information coming soon!

## Assessor



The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold a session to hear appeals of 2017 Motor Vehicle Values on Monday, September 17, 2018 @ 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington, CT from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Those aggrieved by the assessed value of their motor vehicle listed on the 2017 Grand List may attend. No application is necessary.

### 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, 2018 are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2018, 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, 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.

Filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications for the 2018 Grand List are as follows:

### **PUBLIC ACT 490**

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 1, 2018. All applications for classification of farmland and open space must be received by October 31, 2018.



## Assessor Continued...

### VETERANS

All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2018. Discharge paperwork is only filed once. This information is for NEW veterans. Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

### DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by October 1, 2018.

**HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED** Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. You must request an application in February 2019 and file it on or before May 15, 2019.

### RENTERS

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for the State Renters Rebate Program. Guidelines and applications will be available from the Human Services Department between April 1, 2019-October 1, 2019.

The Assessor's Office is open to receive the above lists and applications Monday 12:30-7:30 and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Richard Kryzak  
Assessor  
860-487-3122



## Burning Official

### Open Burning Requirements—The following requirements are effective January 1, 2000.

The Fire Marshal will issue all 'Open Burning Permits'. Permits can be obtained by calling (860) 429-7757. If the Fire Marshal is not available, please leave a message with your name, address, and phone number. The Fire Marshal will get back to you as soon as possible.

- *Burning Permit requests will be taken Monday through Thursday **Only**.*
- Permits will then be delivered to the Willington Fire Department #1 on Friday mornings. The Willington Fire Department #1 is located at 426 River Road, Willington CT. Please schedule your project accordingly.
- Burning is to be Done by Permit **ONLY**. Failure to obtain a permit may result in police action. You may only burn on a low or moderate fire hazard day. Once you receive the permit you must call (860) 424-3630, or go to...  
[www.ct.gov/dep](http://www.ct.gov/dep) or [www.tollandcounty911.com](http://www.tollandcounty911.com) to see the burning index for that day online. There is no longer the requirement to call the dispatch center.

### These are the rules that apply to burning brush:

- Brush must be 4 inches or less in diameter.
- The fire must be attended at ALL times.
- Burning must be on the property for which the permit is issued. Houses under construction and businesses may NOT burn.
- Burning must be conducted between 10 am and 5 pm on sunny or partly sunny days with wind speeds less than 15 miles per hour. The fire must be completely out by 5 pm.
- Burning isn't allowed during High or Extreme Hazard conditions.

**The following items are NOT to be burned** - Demolition waste, garbage, paper, plastic, painted materials, rubber, metal, leaves or stumps.

Complaints received about unattended fires or fires left burning, can lead to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection issuing a 'cease recreation burning' for the occupant and/or property owner. Brush can also be taken to the Transfer Station on Hancock Rd, Willington during normal operating hours.

### Permits are NOT required for the following:

1. Barbecues or other outdoor cooking.
2. Campfires, bonfires with brush under 3-inch diameter and 4-foot diameter circle for recreational or other activities including ceremonial purposes. All fires must be completely out when finished.



# Conservation Commission



Summer is here 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.joshuustrust.org](http://www.joshuustrust.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 summer 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).

Have a good summer! We hope to see you on the trail.

## HELP WANTED

The Town of Willington is seeking a Full Time Planning-Zoning/Wetland Agent. CAZEO Certification required. AICP, DEEP & Inland Wetlands Certification preferred.

This is a full time (35 hours per week) union position that includes benefits. The salary for this position is:  
**\$53,493.89 annually.**

Applications and job description can be found on the Town's website:  
[Willingtonct.org](http://Willingtonct.org) or in the Selectmen's office.

Please submit application and resume to the Selectmen's Office, Attn: Robin Campbell, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279.

Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

**E.O.E. A/A**





# Fire Safety Tips



When the weather turns cold most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces, and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it presents some safety hazards. Keep these tips in mind.

### Service Your Furnace

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

### Use Fireplaces Safely

Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

### Use Caution with Space Heaters

A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

### Exercise Candle Caution

Candles are a great way to give a room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep, and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

### Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

# Congratulations

The Willington Board of Education recently selected **Mr. Philip "Phil" Stevens** as the new Willington Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Stevens, a familiar successful administrator in Willington, comes to this position from an impressive career. Most recently Phil has been the principal at Center School for 7 years as well as the Superintendent's Administrative Designee in Willington, implementing leadership assignments with system wide impact. An added bonus is that Phil Stevens resides in and is a well-known, vested and respected member of our community.

The selection of the Superintendent is one of the single most important decisions that the Willington Board of Education will make for our schools and our community. The Board of Education members were struck by his energy, infectious optimism, knowledge of the district, open and collaborative leadership, experience with curriculum, creativity in addressing and resolving challenges and his impressive 18 year history of teaching and leadership. Phil possesses a deep knowledge about instruction and improving student achievement, planning, finances and budgets, importance of parent and community involvement in the schools, strong communication skills and knowledge of facilities. These skills and attributes aligned well with those identified in the Willington Leadership Profile by constituents.

**Please join us in welcoming Phil Stevens as the new Superintendent of Schools for Willington!!**



### The Willington Financial Department Did it AGAIN!!

The Willington Financial Department has once again received a **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** from the Government Finance Officers Association for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The Finance Office has received this award annually since 2000.

**Congratulations on a job well done!!**



## Historical Society



It's Summer but we're getting ready for Fall.

Save the date of September 8<sup>th</sup> for the Willington Flea Market.

There's always a lot to see and good food from the Federated Church.

Make it a point to stop by the Society's booth to check out the 'What are they' items that are sure to get you thinking about, days gone by. Plan on stopping at the Glazier Tavern for an Open House Day. We're hoping to have a photographic time line of the tavern from the 1940's to present. Have a look around and we'll try to answer questions you might have. Also plan on sampling some fresh, warm, home baked bread from our 1800's beehive oven.

Speaking about Fall and the heating season, the Society has started getting quotes for a new steam boiler at the tavern. This spring, at the end of our heating season, our faithful fifty-five year old boiler failed. We're hoping to get a new unit installed this summer/fall, before the next heating season begins. Once we select a contractor and get going on the installation, the Society will be reaching out to our members, friends and neighbors in the community, seeking donations. Donations help offset the total cost of large projects that the Society undertakes in order to maintain our 1815 building. We're hoping that a fund-raising effort might be as successful as the roofing project last year, where donations were able to cover half the cost of the new roof.

### Yes, it's Summer, but we're still looking ...

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

- Genealogical information
- Historical items
- Historical documents including letters, diaries or photos relating to:
  - \* Willington residents
  - \* Schools, churches, mills, farms
  - \* Town government
  - \* Willington glass, buttons or Hall thread
  - \* Bicentennial Celebration

### Contacting the Willington Historical Society:

- email at: [willingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:willingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)
- website at: [www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org](http://www.willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org)
- like us on FaceBook @ WillingtonHistoricalSociety

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

The Society can't do it without you! **Volunteer.**

## Human Services

**BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM-** Human Services is collecting notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, and backpacks to assist families in need with providing school supplies to their children. If you wish to donate, a collection box will be located outside of the Selectman's Office starting August 1st. If you wish to see if your family qualifies for this program, please contact us.

**TEE SHIRT BOOTH AT THE FLEA MARKET-** Be sure to stop by our booth at the Federated Church Flea Market on the Town Green on Saturday September 8th! We will be selling Willington tee shirts again this year. Show your town pride! All proceeds will benefit our programs.

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE-** Sooner than we realize, it will be getting colder out. Get a jump start on those heating bills and apply for energy assistance, a state program for lower income residents to assist with heating costs. We will start taking applications September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call for an appointment. Due to the lengthy application process, no walk-ins please.

**RENTERS REBATE-** Renter's Rebate is a tax abatement program for elderly and disabled residents in Connecticut. Applications will be accepted until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Rebates can vary in size up to \$700, depending on income and qualifying expenses. Please call for more information or for an appointment.

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS-** Starting in early October, come join us for our Preschool Programs! Please call for more information.

**MOBILE FOODSHARE-** Bringing produce, breads, meats and more 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.

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

**WE ARE SOCIAL!** – Follow our blog at <https://wyfss.wordpress.com/> and be sure to "Like" Willington's Department of Human Services on Facebook! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!

*Volunteers ....*



*They don't necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart.  
Thank You!*



# Library



## Willington Public Library, 7 Ruby Road

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

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

### Library Fundraiser: WPL Tote Bags \$15 & \$20

**Sign-up, for this years Craft Fair** event, is going on. Please think about joining us, if you make handmade items, that you would like to sell; tables are only \$25.

Come in, visit, and sit a spell, in our **Kathy and Friends Book Shoppe**. We have just done some renovating and everyone is loving the change. It is opened during our regular library hours; where you are sure to find many special and unique treasures at awesome prices, to keep for yourself or give as a gift.

**Be a Friend!** Join the Friends of the Willington Public Library... you can never have too many friends...be one of ours! Applications are available at the Library. We meet on the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm, during the even months of the year. (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Please think about joining this great and important group of volunteers. We need them and they need your help. Hope to see you there! ***ALL programs are sponsored and made possible due to the hard and dedicated work of the Friends of the Willington Public Library. Thank you one and all, for all you do!***

**The Friends of the WPL "BOOK SALE"** will begin on Saturday, September 8, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm (same day as the Federated Church's annual Flea Market). FREE Admission! Thousands of books, sorted into categories. \$.50 for standard paperbacks, \$.50 for children's books, \$1.00 for larger softcovers, \$2.00 for hardcovers, some collectible, specially priced books also available. Plenty to last and sell, the whole month long! Come in on our opening day for first come, first pick choices. Great prices to follow throughout the month long sale.

We now offer **Movies on our BIG SCREEN** in the community room. Let us know what movie, the date and time you would like and we will set up your very own movie showing, for you and all your friends. Movie start time must be at least 2.5 hours before the Library closing time. Great for a party!

### Ongoing programs:

**Knitting Group:** every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, in the Reading Room.

**Story & Craft Time:** 1st & 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 -11:00 am

**Game On @ Your Library:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 -7:30 pm. All different kinds of games to choose from and play. So, bring along your family and friends, for a fun night out.

**Free Play Building Day:** 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Choice of different kinds of building materials- Building Blocks, Lego, Lincoln Log, Fiddle Stix, and more!

**Sound Healing & Meditation:** 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Suggested donation of \$10, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Gentle Chair Yoga:** Thursdays at 4:00 pm, classes are free! No class on 8/2.

**Family Movie Time:** last Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm. Bring not only your family and friends, but also a snack or lunch that you can enjoy, while you are watching the movie...watch for upcoming titles, to be announced.

**WPL Adult Book Club:** 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, in the Reading Room. Email [kdonnelly@willingtonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:kdonnelly@willingtonpubliclibrary.org) to find out more about the program and our upcoming books and for registering.

**Writing Group: Poetry, Journals, & Short Stories** This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, to develop self-expression through creative poetry, writing, and journaling. This is a relaxing, non-threatening, and intellectually stimulating time of sharing, positive critique, and making new friends. We write on our own and bring writing to share with the group. Get inspired! Bring any work that you have already completed. Let Debbie know if you would be interested in attending or you may also contact the groups facilitator Nancy Bunnell at [ncbunnell@gmail.com](mailto:ncbunnell@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

**Saturday Writer's Group:** is held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm with Author Felix Giordano. Bring a story, chapter, or poetry, not to exceed ten pages, to be discussed and/or critiqued. If interested in attending, please notify Debbie by email at [dlianes@willingtonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dlianes@willingtonpubliclibrary.org) or by calling the library, at 860-429-3854 or contact Felix Giordano at [felix@jbnovels.com](mailto:felix@jbnovels.com)



## Library Continued...

We'd like to introduce you to the **newest member of our library family...Ollie**, who is a one year old **Guinea Pig**, we recently adopted. Everyone is enjoying he's company. We hope you will stop in and say "Hello".

**Follow the 10th Anniversary of the annual, Connecticut Authors Trail**, now through Thursday, September 20th. The CAT consists of a consortium of Eastern CT Libraries who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State. **Beginning July 10 in Franklin and ending September 20th, at the Mohegan Sun**, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories. Passports are available for free at participating libraries throughout the summer as a guide to the author events. If you miss an event during the summer, you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail at the Finale'. The doors to The Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre open at 6:16 pm. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a chance to qualify for a special prize at the Finale'. Drawing to be held at 6:45 pm. Then stay and join us for a fun-filled evening with our featured speaker, Amy Bloom.

**Going on now and until October 23**, is PBS & the ALA's, "**The Great American Read**". Come in and see how you can participate or you can go on line at [www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read](http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read). Vote on which of the 100, top nation-wide favorite picks, is your favorite. The library has the whole selection for you to choose from, read, and enjoy. Read them ALL! There are old and new books; adult, young adult and children's books for you to enjoy. We hope you will read with us and vote for your favorite(s). We also have a contest going on right now and until the end, that whoever reads the most from the list of the 100 titles provided, will get a chance to win a free Kindle. Don't forget to register, to be able to participate in the drawing.

**The PuppeTree production of "Caps For Sale"** is a faithful retelling of the delightful, classic children's book. Author Esphyr Slobodkina's celebration of silliness, carries the audiences' imagination around the world. The PuppeTree celebrates diversity with a globetrotting romp across seven different cultures, employing the full pallet of puppetry styles, including hand puppets, Punch-and-Judy-style dancing puppet stages, and of course, shadow puppets. All of these puppet performers help to bring the laughter filled story from page to stage. And, it's accompanied by an eclectic and intriguing range of music from Estonia to Mumbai. Join us for this special event on **Thursday, August 2nd at 4:00 pm**.

**On Monday, August 6, at 11:30 am, Come and get "SPOONED" with Jim Cruise AKA Spoon-Man** has been all over the world performing. He is an Author, Inspiring Musician, Comedian, and Keynote Speaker. He made it to the second round of America's Got Talent and has performed at the White House and for and with, many famous celebrities. Join us for a hilarious interactive musical comedy program for ALL ages.

**On Saturday, August 11, at 1:00 pm "Take A Drum Ride" with Bob Bloom**. This will be an educational interactive drumming performance where everyone plays! This event will also be the Grand Finale, of our 2018 Summer Reading Program. Prizes will be awarded at the end of this program but you must be present to win.

**During the month of September**, we will be hosting a few more fun and educational programs for you, to look forward to. Come see and learn about **Sugar-Gliders**, enjoy another visit with **Darwin the Dog**, and welcome, **Musician Clare Zuraw**, as she plays some very unusual and unique instruments for us. Look for these upcoming event dates, still to be announced, for your enjoyment and pleasure! Check in, on our website, [www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org), on our Facebook page, or on our new social media site, Burbio.com.

**Thursday, October 11th at 6:30 pm**, in our Community Room, will be a special **Open House/Show & Tell**, with multi-talented **local Artist Susan Blay**, featuring her "**Multi-Media Art**". On display, to awe and admire, will be many pieces of her art work that has been done in the different medias of Quilting, Painting, and Crocheting. This will be an experience of beauty and wonder, to the eyes.

**Local author, High-School Senior, Kalina Bonofiglio**, will be with us, on **Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 pm**. Kalina has just completed her third book in her trilogy called, "The Legends of Dow". These are a Young Adult series, featuring many different kinds of animals, as the characters in the stories. Kalina has always loved reading and writing and began working on her first book, "The Rise of the Octangle", in sixth grade and published it, in eighth grade. By tenth grade she had published the sequel, "The Lost Kingdom". Her third and final in this trilogy, comes out in August and is titled "The Legends of Dow". She is a remarkable young girl with much to share and for us to learn. I hope you will come and meet her and encourage her in her next great endeavor. She is sure to be an inspiration to all.

Another year with **Jumpstart's, "Read for the Record"** event, to be held on **Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 pm**. Featuring the beautiful and inspirational **book, "Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood"** by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and Illustrated by Rafael Lopez. A book for all ages! Life is art, the world is your canvas, and your heart is the brush. YOU are the artist and the world is your canvas. Join us for an evening of living colorfully!



## Library Continued...

We've been ROCKING our library all summer long and now we would like to invite you to come and sit a spell. Come see and enjoy our new inspirational **KINDNESS GARDEN**, in the front of the library. Also, check around where our other "garden areas" are and see what there is to discover. Check out the many thoughtful and meaningful messages of love, joy, and encouragement, found in the colorful rocks on display, throughout the library's grounds.

### ***Plant Kindness. Harvest Love.***

Also something new coming to the library, for the month of September, a **StoryWalk**, featuring "Only One You" by Linda Kranz.

For further information, go to our website at [www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org), you can visit us on our Facebook page, or on our new social media site, [burbio.com](http://burbio.com).

**Willington Public Library**  
7 Ruby Road, Willington, CT 06279  
860-429-3854

## Lyme Disease Prevention

Preventing Lyme disease takes thoughtful preparation. It requires that you prevent ticks from getting on your skin. When you go outside into areas where ticks can be found, it is helpful to:

- Avoid tall grass and over-grown, brushy areas.
- Stay in the middle of the trails when hiking in the woods.
- Wear light-colored clothing so the ticks can be easily seen.
- Wear long pants to provide a better barrier than shorts.
- Tucking pants into socks creates a barrier and ticks will not be able to get to your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and closed shoes when in tick infested areas.
- Use insect repellent to significantly reduce the chance of tick bites and the transmission of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.
- DEET is the primary active ingredient in most tick repellents and is considered the most effective. It must be used as directed on the container.
- Examine yourself, your children, and pets for ticks when returning indoors.
- Remove feeding ticks as soon as possible. Ticks need to feed for 24 hours before transmission occurs.
- When returning indoors, shower using a wash cloth or buff to remove walking ticks on your body. Ticks have a tendency to walk on the body before biting and feeding.
- Talk to your veterinarian to find out how to protect your pets from tick bites.



The sooner ticks are removed from the body the less likely you will get Lyme disease. Most people with Lyme disease do not remember being bitten by a tick because a tick bite is not felt; unlike mosquito bites. Ticks are very small and difficult to see, and many people do not get the expanding red rash that resembles a bull's eye and identifies Lyme disease infection.

**If you have any signs or symptoms of Lyme disease, especially after a tick bite, contact your doctor right away.**



Hello, my name is Sabrina Wentworth. I am the PTA President in the second year of my two-year term. I look forward to continuing to serve in this

capacity and hope to continue the enjoyable, fun and educational PTA sponsored events of the past. To be successful, **we need volunteers.** If you do not currently receive occasional updates and 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 are aware of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

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 our awesome events.

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 \$20.00 (In-Active Members).

**Join our Facebook page at  
 The Willington PTA**

## 2017-2019 PTA Executive Board

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## PTA Meetings

The PTA Membership meetings are held monthly on the **third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Hilltop Restaurant. These meetings will last 30-45 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend.** After each general meeting, committee meetings will be held for any upcoming events.

## August 2018

**Membership Drive:** This year the Willington PTA is hosting its membership drive during the Center and Hall Meet and Greet. Come visit our table to join the PTA for this school year and committees.

**Box Top Raffle:** Center School students should deliver their box top bags (distributed at the end of the school year) to our tables at the Meet and Greet to be entered in the raffle to win fun prizes like Mansfield Drive-In, Launch, and Spare Time tickets.

## September 2018

**Ice Cream Social:** On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Willington PTA will be hosting its annual Ice Cream Social at the Fire-house.

## October 2018

**Trunk or Treat:** Come in costume for our Annual Trunk or Treat event on October 27<sup>th</sup> (raindate 10/28). Trunks needed!

## November 2018

**Election Day Bake Sale:** Come down to vote and bring your checkbooks. We will be hosting the bake sale at the Town Office Building on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Bakers and Salespersons needed!!

## December 2018

**Staff Cookie Buffet:** Bring in the holidays with our annual staff cookie buffet on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Bakers needed!!

## February 2019

**Mother/Son Bowling:** Bowling, pizza, fun and friends. Come to Sparetime for this fun event scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

## March 2019

**Father/Daughter Dance:** Get your dance shoes ready for the dance scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at Hall Memorial at 6:30 pm.

## April/May 2019

**Screen Free Work and Teacher Appreciation Week:** Both weeklong events will be held April 29 through May 3.

**Road Race/Silent Auction:** Tie up your sneakers and bring your checkbooks for the annual road race and silent auction scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>!



# Parks & Recreation



All Bus Trips are coordinated with the towns of Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Mansfield, Tolland and Willington. Please register with the recreation department in the town in which you reside. If you do not live in any of the listed towns, you may register with any department. The pick-up location for all is the Commuter Parking Lot at I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland.

## A Day On Your Own in NYC—Midtown Manhattan



There are so many things to do and see in NYC but here are a few suggestions for A Day on Your Own in Midtown Manhattan:

Hells Kitchen Food Tours  
Manhattan Walking Tours  
Explore Times Square  
Take in a Broadway Show  
Tour the Empire State Building,  
Spyscape Museum

**Date:** Saturday, September 22nd  
**Depart:** 7:00 a.m. from the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot off of I-84 at Exit 68  
**Return:** The bus will return to the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot at approximately 9:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$50.00/person (transportation only)

**\*\*Registration Deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> \*\***



## A Day on Your Own in New York City

Enjoy a day in the “Big Apple” with friends and family. Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping, visit the museums, see a Broadway show, explore some fine dining, take in the views at Times Square, or just enjoy the sights of the city. Bus drop-offs/pick-ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.

**Date:** Saturday, December 1st  
**Depart:** 7:00 a.m. from the Tolland Commuter Parking Lot  
**Return:** 10:30 p.m. (approximately)  
**Fee:** \$68.00/person (transportation only)

**\*\*Registration deadline is November 14<sup>th</sup>\*\***



## NEW Adult 18+ Basketball Program

### Registration

Registration is open for Willington Residents from August 20<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the program is open to adults from area towns and Willington Residents. LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS.

Registration will be **limited to twenty players, on a first come first served basis during your open registration dates.** The Adult Registration form must be completely filled out, accompanied by the appropriate fee and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department Office. Registrations will not be accepted at the gym or **prior to stated dates.**

### Season

The season will run from September 9<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> on Sunday nights from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial School gymnasium on Route 32 in Willington.

### Fee

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



## Adult Over 30 Basketball Program

### Registration

Registration is open for Willington Residents from August 20<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the program is open to adults from area towns and Willington Residents. LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS.

Registration will be **limited to twenty players, on a first come first served basis during your open registration dates.** The Adult Registration form must be completely filled out, accompanied by the appropriate fee and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department Office. Registrations will not be accepted at the gym or **prior to stated dates.**

### Season

The season will run from September 9<sup>th</sup> to June 30<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

**REGISTER EARLY— PROGRAM FILLS QUICKLY**



## Parks & Recreation Continued...



### Lakes Region Youth 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 1st and continues through Saturday, February 2nd.

#### 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.



**Coaches and Assistant Coaches  
are Needed for all Grade Levels.  
Please email or call the Recreation  
Department if you are interested.**

### Fees

Instructional: \$60.00 (10 weeks)  
Grades 3-4: \$75.00 (shooter shirt given)  
Grades 5-8: \$85.00 (reversible jersey provided)  
Grades 9-12 A separate registration form will come out in November.

### \$250.00 family maximum

All reversible jerseys must be returned to your coach at the last game of the season or a \$20 fee will be assessed.

### 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!**

### Financial Assistance

It is the Willington Parks and Recreation policy that all children should have the opportunity to participate in sports programs. Registration fees may be reduced due to a financial need. If you are experiencing a financial hardship this season, please contact the department.



We are hoping to run a Pre-Season Basketball Skills Clinic and a Pre-Season 3v3 Basketball Tournament for all ages this fall

BUT we need your help... we need several volunteers to help organize. If you are interested, please contact the department.

### Golf Clinic



#### WPRDs last golf clinic of the season at Skungamaug River Golf Course!

Do yourself a favor and make an important step to improving your golf game with some instruction. Your game will improve as well as your enjoyment of this great game!

**Dates:** Co-Ed Clinic: Sept 6, 13, 20 & 27

**Time:** 6-7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Course  
104 Folly Lane, Coventry

860-742-9348

**Fee:** \$80.00/student

### International Folk Dancing



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

**Dates:** This class is held on Thursday evening's

**Time:** 7-8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road,  
Willington (Located on the Town Green)

**Fee:** This program is being offered at no cost

**Instructor:** Veronica Craig



International Folk Dancing Class performing at the Ashford Senior Center.





# Parks & Recreation Continued...

## Pickleball



Pickleball is back for another session!! 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! Due to the popularity of this sport, we expect to fill up quickly. Register today!

- Where:** Hall Memorial School
- Dates:** August 21—October 30
- Days:** Tuesdays
- Time:** 7:00-8:30 pm
- Fee:** \$40.00
- Drop In Fee:** \$5.00

**Maximum 18 people – Equipment is available for use.**

## Volleyball Adult Co-Ed



Come play Adult Co-Ed Volleyball at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium. This program is available to all individuals ages 18 and out of high school. USVBA Rules are followed and mastery of skills is encouraged. Space is limited to 21 players per night. The program runs year round on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. (time subject to change during basketball season) at Hall Memorial School Gymnasium, 111 River Road, Willington, CT.

- Registration Fees Per Session:**
- Resident - \$20.00/1 night or \$35.00/2 nights
- Non-Resident - \$30.00/1 night or \$40.00/2 nights
- Session 1:** September-December
- Session 2:** January-April
- Session 3:** May-August
- Drop-in Fees: Resident - \$3.00/night
- Non-Resident - \$5.00/night
- Yearly Fees available to residents only: \$65.00

## Free Kayak Loaner Program



All rentals include one life jacket and one paddle per kayak. Loaner equipment is available Monday-Friday by appointment. The public may reserve for any service up to four weeks in advance.

Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household. 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

**RENTALS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**Call (860) 487-3108 during office hours:** Monday 12:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Tuesday- Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, to schedule an appointment. Check in & check out location is at Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road.

**EQUIPMENT MUST COME BACK CLEAN**

**911 Reflective Address Signs**

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

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Address Number Requested:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Cost: \$12.00**  
**\$10.00 Seniors**

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

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



## Parks & Recreation Continued...



### Photography Workshop

#### “Get Me Out of ‘Auto’ Mode... Please?!?”

If your camera has been set to ‘Auto’ since the day you bought it and now you’d like to know what those other buttons do... this 6-week day OR evening class will teach you what you “need” to know to get great photos with your digital (DSLR) camera. Knowing how to set your camera manually and how the settings affect your final image will greatly improve your photography.

#### Class Schedule:

**Sept 11: Camera Handling and Care**

**Composition: The “Rule of Thirds” & Much More**

**Sept 18: Aperture: Controlling Depth of Field**

**Sept 25: ISO Setting: How & Why Do You Change It**

**White Balance: Understanding the “Color” of Light**

**Oct 2: Shutter Speed: Stopping Action and Using Motion Blur**

**Lens Focal Length & Lens Filters**

**Oct 6: Field Trip to Fenton-Ruby Park or another local area (Tentative)**

**Oct 9: Now what do I do with my pictures?**

**Exhibit / Prints / Cards**

**If you’re looking for a refresher or to “fine-tune” your photography skills, this is the class for you!!**

**\*\*Please bring your camera and manual to each class\*\***

**Location: DDrobney Photography Studio, 12 Goose Lane, Suite G, Tolland**

**Dates: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 12:30-2:30 p.m. OR 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

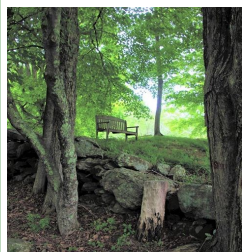
**Fee: \$125.00 (6-week session)**

**Instructor: Dot Drobney of DDrobney Photography**

**Registration Deadline is September 7th**

**\*\*Must have a Minimum of 5 and Maximum of 10 Registered per class — Minimum Age is 14\*\***

### Nature Photo Exhibit at Willington Public Library



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

Photo courtesy of Christel Barry





## WEDNESDAYS *IN THE* PARK

*Willington's Summer Concert Series*

### **Thank You 2018 Sponsors!!**

#### **Sole Concert Sponsors—\$800.00**

United Bank

#### **Co-Concert Sponsors—\$400.00**

Baywood Kennels

#### **One of Four Concert Sponsors— \$200.00**

C & T Electric

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Willington Pizza

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Tony's Garage

Willington Termite & Pest

#### **One of Eight Concert Sponsors—\$100.00**

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DDrobney Photography

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



# WANTED

Art Teachers

Photographers

Music Instructors

Cooking Class/Nutrition Instructors

Fitness Instructors

Sports Instructors

(Adult Softball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.)

Running Club Leader

Hiking Club Leader

Biking Club Leader

Please contact WPRD if there is a class/program that you would like to teach or see offered!!

**PLEASE share your talents with us!**

“I built my talents on the shoulders of someone else's talent” - Michael Jordan



Please contact WPRD if you are interested in sharing your special talent!!

860-487-3108 - [mparsell@willingtonct.org](mailto:mparsell@willingtonct.org)

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

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

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

### **Policies & General Information**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Parks & Recreation Continued...

**We are Social!** Be sure to **“LIKE”** Willington Parks & Recreation on Facebook! Check out the Willington Parks & Recreation website at [www.willingtonct.org](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.



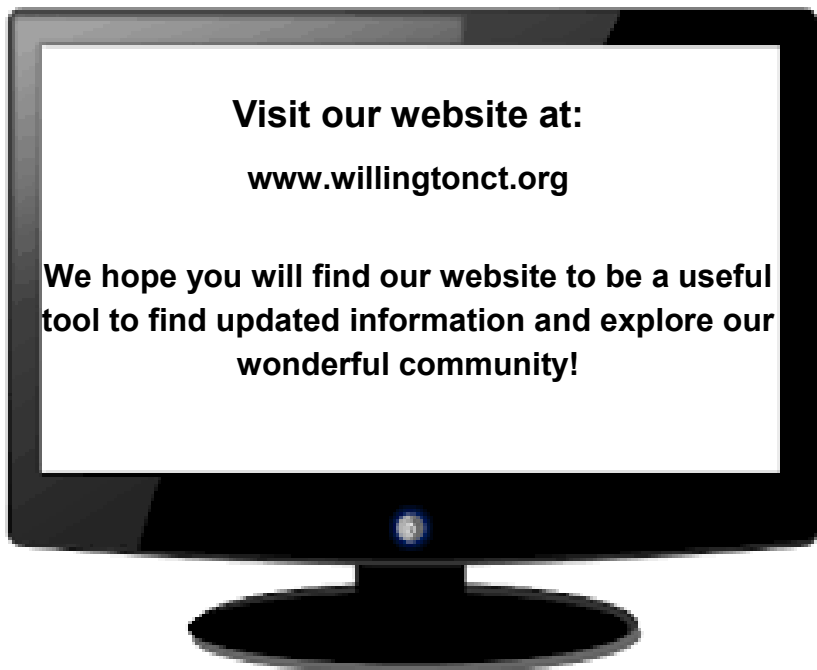
**WPRD would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering to run our Volleyball, International Folk Dancing, Summer/Fall Basketball Clinics and our NEW Pickleball Program:**

- Jan Castle, Volleyball Instructor (Adult and High School)
- Veronica Craig, International Folk Dancing
- Jacob Hall, Summer and Fall Basketball Clinics
- Kim Kowalyshyn, Pickleball

**If you see them out and about, PLEASE thank them for volunteering their time to run these programs for you, our residents. Better yet, stop in to see them and check out these great programs!!**

**Thank you Jan, Veronica, Jacob and Kim for your commitment and dedication to our small town.**

**These programs would not be possible without YOU!!**



# Horseshoe Pitching World Tournament



Nine Willington residents attended the 2018 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association World Tournament held in July in Florence, South Carolina, with 4 National Association members competing.

Ally Jordan succeeded in earning a fourth-place finish in the Junior Girls Championship round where she pitched over 32% ringers. In the preliminary round, she pitched over 36% ringers which entitled her to advance to the championship round.

Bill Navratil, past Connecticut State Horseshoe Pitching Champion, advanced to the Senior Men's Division Championship round.

Both Roxanne Navratil and John Gregory earned third place trophies in their respective classes in the preliminary tournaments.

While this was the first World Tournament for John and Ally, this is the ninth World Tournament for Bill and the fifth for Roxanne. The World Tournaments are held every year at different locations. Bill has competed in tournaments in Utah, Alabama, New York, Tennessee, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and this year in South Carolina. Next year the tournament will be held in Texas.

This year the World Tournament included over 1,000 pitchers from 4 countries. The tournament has divisions scheduled for pitching all day for 12 days with individuals competing for up to 4 hours a day for between 3 and 6 days. Pitchers find that the tournaments are fun, a chance to meet again with other horseshoe enthusiasts, meet new people, compete with others who are at their skill level and enjoy the mental and physical challenge of horseshoe pitching.

Anyone interested in playing organized horseshoes or learning to play horseshoes can contact;

The Connecticut Horseshoe Pitchers Association at [cthorseshoepitching.com](http://cthorseshoepitching.com)

The Central Connecticut Horseshoe Club at [cchc.club](http://cchc.club)

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America at [horseshoepitching.com](http://horseshoepitching.com)

Roxanne Navratil and John Gregory



## Public Works

### Summer Hours:

The Public Works Department summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will resume their regular hours (Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on September 10, 2018.

### Mailboxes

The front of your mailbox should be six inches behind the curb of the road. This is a good time to check your mailbox and see that it is sturdy and will withstand a hard winter.

### Chip Sealing

Chip sealing will be done on the following roads over the next couple of weeks: Blair Road, Cemetery Road, Cosgrove Road, Lisa Lane and Spak Road.

### Summer Weather

This summer has been particularly challenging with the torrential rain storms Willington has had. The crew has been busy repairing roads/driveway runoff due to these rains. If you have requested the crew to come fix an area near you, please be patient and it will be taken care of.

### Last Year's Winter

Last year's winter was extra long and challenging. The crew is still working on repairs caused by winter damage.

### Be Safe Around Downed Power Lines

If you come across a downed utility wire of any kind, always do the following:

- **Assume it's energized and stay as far away as you can.** Energized lines can charge the ground near the point of contact and may electrocute you. If a person or pet comes into contact with a downed power line, remain clear. Do not touch them or the wire.
- **Call 911 or the utility serving the location.** Leave everything to utility professionals and emergency personnel.
- **Do not drive over downed power lines.** Even if they're not energized, downed wires can get entangled with your vehicle and cause further damage.
- **Stay in your car.** If a power line falls on your vehicle while you're driving, do not exit until you know for sure that the line is de-energized.
- **If you must evacuate, jump away and land with both feet together.** Do not touch the vehicle while stepping on the ground, as this can create a path for electricity to run through you.
- **Shuffle away to safety.** Keep your feet together and take small, shuffling steps until you're at least 35 feet away. Taking larger steps can also create a path for electricity to run through you.

## 4-H Happenings



Fall in Connecticut is a time of transitions – leisurely mornings change to early wake times for school, hot humid nights make way for cool blanket weather, and summer sports and activities come to an end to make way for new opportunities.

4-Hers in Willington are also in a period of transition as they complete projects and look ahead to the October 1<sup>st</sup> start of the new 4-H year. Many members participated at the Tolland County 4-H Fair which was held August 10-12 at the Tolland Agricultural Center in Vernon. The fair was the culminating event for months of study and work on various projects, including: natural science, food preservation, artwork, flower and vegetables, and small gas engines. Throughout the weekend, 4-H members also showed their various animal projects – alpaca, beef, dog, goat, poultry and rabbits. Throughout September, many 4-Hers will continue to show their projects and animals at local fairs, including the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

4-H encourages diverse groups of youth to develop their skills and talents to the fullest potential. In 4-H, youth “learn by doing.” Youth ages 7-19 can pursue their interests in a wide variety of “hands-on” programs areas: Environmental Education, Citizenship, Science and Technology, Communication and Expressive Arts, Workforce Preparation, and Leadership. Most importantly, 4-H is fun!

Fall is also the start of the 4-H year. Youth can join 4-H through a local club, a special interest group, or through an after-school program. Each program is unique and often involves the whole family. The Willington Willing Workers is the local 4-H club. Club business meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Willington Hill Firehouse. Current projects include: beef, dog, horse, poultry, rabbits, expressive arts, and community service. The **Information and Sign-Up Night** will take place on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information about 4-H in Willington, contact Jan Castle at (860) 429-1214 or [jancastle@earthlink.net](mailto:jancastle@earthlink.net). For information about other Tolland County 4-H opportunities, call the Tolland County Extension Center at (860) 875-3331.





## Registrars

News From the  
Elections Department

The Elections Department's link on the Town's website has up-to-date voting event and voter registration information.

Upcoming voting event and deadlines for the Democratic and Republican State and District primaries:  
Tuesday, August 9—deadline for mail-in voter registration  
Monday, August 13—deadline for in-person voter registration  
Tuesday, August 14—State/District primaries

The State election will be held on November 6, 2018.

All voting events are held at the Town Office Building, Common Room, 40 Old Farms Road from 6 am to 8 pm.

Registering to vote is available 24/7 online at [voterregistration.ct.gov](http://voterregistration.ct.gov). If you have questions, our office hours are Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm. You may also call 860-487-3120 and leave a message.

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

## Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS)

Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS) presents the 2018 award recipients:



**2018 Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars recipients at the June 21<sup>st</sup> reception in the Willington Public Library.**

Front: Sophie Roberge, William Toomey, Mikaela Davies, Abigail Donaghy, Amelia Cunningham, Nathan Oehler, Ethan Bessette, Sierra Gareau, and Olivia Stebbins.

Back: Macon Jeffreys, James Hipsky, Samantha Wojtyna, Annalise Halle and Carly Ouellet.



Jeff Kelly of Willington Pizza presents Sierra Gareau with the Willington Pizza Scholarship.



Joe and Pam Varholy of Anything Printed presents Abigail Donaghy with the Anything Printed Scholarship.

## Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS) Continued...

Thanks to Willington residents, organizations, and businesses, 19 Willington students received scholarship checks totaling \$35,000 at the Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars' June 21<sup>st</sup> reception in the Willington Library. Recipients and their awards are:

The Corporal Henry Toberman VFW Post 938 and Auxiliary Scholarship

**William Toomey and Samantha Wojtyna**

Willington Scholarship Foundation Endowment Award  
**Macon Jeffreys**

The Harvey and Pauline Morris Scholarship  
**Amelia Cunningham**

Willington PTA Endowment Scholarship  
**James Hipsky**

Anything Printed Scholarship  
**Abigail Donaghy**

Mycoscience, Inc. Scholarship  
**Sophie Roberge**

Key Bank Scholarship  
**Megan Williams**

Stafford Savings Bank Scholarship  
**Ethan Bessette**

Robert G. Ryder Memorial Scholarship  
**Liza Frassinelli**

Willington Pizza Scholarship  
**Sierra Gareau**

Stafford Lions Thomas Borovicka Memorial Scholarship  
**Olivia Stebbins**

Willington Scholarship Foundation Awards  
**Mikaela Davies, Amelia Cunningham, Carly Ouellet, Jason Cordeira, Nathan Oehler, Allyson Petrella and William Toomey**

The 2016 and 2017 Willington Scholarship Renewable Awards

**Annalise Halle and Kyle Timmer**

Presenting the awards were sponsors and Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars Board members.



## Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars Continued...

In these times, there are so many deserving charities, but if you have a few spare dollars, please consider donating to the Willington Scholarship Foundation to help our students afford post-secondary education. We have a 2018 goal to raise \$4,000 from Willington residents and supporters who did not donate in 2017. We are barely half-way there, so if you can, please help us reach our goal. No donation is too small and every dollar will help fund need-based and merit scholarships for Willington students. To send a contribution, mail to **The Willington Scholarship Foundation; P.O. Box 194, Willington, CT, 06279**. Or you can donate online, using the "Donate" button on our site at [www.willington.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.willington.dollarsforscholars.org).

## Senior Activities

### WILLINGTON SENIOR ACTIVITIES

20 Senior Way

#### Food Share:

*From 11 to 11:30 am. Bring plenty of bags or boxes.*

August 22

September 5 and 19

October 3, 17 and 31

#### Ongoing activities:

Yoga- Mondays at 10am

Tai Chi- Tuesdays and Fridays 10-11am

Men's Pool- Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 pm

Pinochle- Fridays 12:30 pm

Set Back- Saturdays 7:00pm

WII Bowling- Mondays and Thursdays 12:30 pm

Computer Classes- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9am

Lunch Bunch- Visits a different local restaurant every 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday at 12:30 pm

Round trip transport to WalMart Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at

12:00 pm

Craft Class- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 4:00 pm

#### Meeting Dates:

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

#### Upcoming Events:

BBQ on August 18<sup>th</sup>

Mystery Trip

Cracker Barrel

Mohegan Sun Trip

Spaghetti Supper in October

Veterans Memorial in November

Holiday Banquet in December

For more information about these and other Senior Activities, please contact the Center at 860-487-8321.

## Tax Collector



PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN  
MAILED

*1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due by August 1, 2018*

### 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 door 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 on line at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org) and click on the button that says "OnLine Payments". There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards and \$1.95 for EFT. We also have a public kiosk at Town Hall for on-line credit/debit card payments. The same fees apply.

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

Payments due July 1, 2018 must be received, or postmarked, no later than August 1, 2018. Payments due January 1, 2019 must be received, or postmarked, no later than February 1, 2019.

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.**

### What am I being Taxed on?

You are being taxed on Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles as of October 1, 2017.

Real Estate – All real property listed on the Grand List.

Personal Property – In the most general terms, personal property is everything subject to ownership, excluding land, any interest in land or any permanent improvement thereon. It is property that is not permanently affixed to or part of real estate. By its very nature then, personal property is moveable. This broad definition includes tangible items such as airplanes, campers, unregistered vehicles, items for business as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and animals.

Registered Motor Vehicles – Vehicles listed with the Department of Motor Vehicles are coded by tax town, and the Assessor is provided a list of registered vehicles annually. Willington's Town Code is 160.

All tax bills are mailed directly to property owners unless the Tax Collector receives specific instructions to send the bill to your bank or financial institution.



## Tax Collector Continued...

Real Estate and Personal Property tax totaling \$100 or more are due in two installments; July and January. Motor vehicle tax is due in one installment in July. Please note, we do not send out bills for the second installment in January. There is a stub on the July bills for the January payment.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous summer!

Lisa A. Madden, CCMC  
Revenue Collector  
860-487-3111  
lmadden@willingtonct.org

## 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...

**River Road Athletic Complex - 511 River Road:**  
Baseball field, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, swings, multi-sport field, volleyball sand court, walking path (one lap = .33 miles) and outdoor fitness equipment. No golfing allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Doggie poo bags are available. Complex is CARRY IN-CARRY OUT. Dogs are not allowed on the baseball field. **\*\*State Statute 22-364 states that dogs must be under the direct control of their owners at all times when using town parks. It is the dog owner’s responsibility to clean up all dog waste.**

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

**The Park on Village Hill Road:**  
Overlooking the Roaring Brook, a popular fishing spot during fishing season.

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

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

**Fields/Courts Rental:**  
**Fee:** \$30.00/2 hours



### Help Keep Our Parks Clean

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

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



# Save the Date



## 56th Annual Flea Market



Our 56th Annual Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9am to 3pm on the Willington Town Green.**

We will have over 40 vendors, as well as 2 Church-sponsored Food Booths, a baked goods table and a White Elephant Booth.

All are welcome! Please note that there is no smoking on or around the grounds and pets are not allowed. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you!

Fee: \$2.00 (suggested donation at the entrance gate)

**\*\* Limited Vendor Spots are still available. Please call or email... 860-458-0119**

**[fleamarket@fedchurchwillington.org](mailto:fleamarket@fedchurchwillington.org).**

**Full spaces (20 ft wide by 30 ft deep) are \$30, half spaces (10 ft wide by 15 ft deep) are \$15.\*\***

**2018 FALL FESTIVAL**  
**MANSFIELD LIONS CLUB**

**FAMILY FUN & KIDS GAMES**

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**CHICKEN BARBECUE & SNACK BAR**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**

**SUNDAY SEPT 30 12-6 PM**



**HOLIDAY HILL RECREATION CENTER  
41 Chaffeeville Road, Mansfield**



**"16th Annual Willington Car Show"**  
**Saturday, October 6th (rain date Oct. 7)**  
**10:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Willington Town Green located on Rt. 74**

Presented by the Town of Willington and the Connecticut Street Legends. This show supports the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation which provides college scholarships to children of Marines and federal law enforcement personnel who were killed on duty. **The show car fee is \$10.00.** Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 show cars and trophies will be awarded. Classics (domestic & foreign), Street Rods, Customs, Antiques and Old and New muscle welcome. Food will be available and oldies music played. Directions, take I-84 to exit 69 turn onto Rt. 74 towards Willington and follow approximately 2.5 miles. The town green will be on your left. For information call Joe at 860-429-5475 or the Connecticut Street Legends at 860-383-6131.

Photo courtesy of Dot Drobney of DDrobney Photography



# Transfer Station

Hancock Road, Willington CT

Hours of Operation: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The Willington Transfer and Recycling Center is located at the end of Hancock Road. It is open only for Willington homeowners or those with a vehicle registered in Willington. **Transfer Station stickers must be displayed on vehicles.** Please see attendant for your new **ORANGE** sticker which is now available at the Transfer Station during regular business hours. Temporary paper permits are available through the Selectman's Office at the Town Office Building during regular Town Office Building business hours.

## Transfer Station Fees:

- Tires: **\$2.00 each** up to 19"
- Truck Tires: **\$10.00 each** 19" and over up to 24"
- No tires accepted over 24"
- No tractor tires, backhoe tires, loader tires, etc. accepted over 24".
- Mattresses: **\$10.00 each**
- Box Springs: **\$10.00 each**
- Couches and Love Seats: **\$10.00 each**
- Reclining Chairs & Large Upholstered Chairs: **\$10.00 each**
- Refrigerators: **\$10.00 each**
- Air Conditioners: **\$10.00 each**
- Dehumidifiers: **\$10.00 each**
- 3 cubic yards accepted per week: **\$50.00** charge per load over 3 cubic yards (3 cubic yards is considered a pickup truck bed level)

## Single Stream Recycling

The Town of Willington recycles using Single Stream Recycling. What is Single Stream Recycling? Single stream allows both residential and commercial recyclers to place all recyclables into one bin, regardless of material.



## Acceptable Electronics



PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN DESIGNATED BINS OR ON DESIGNATED PALLETS

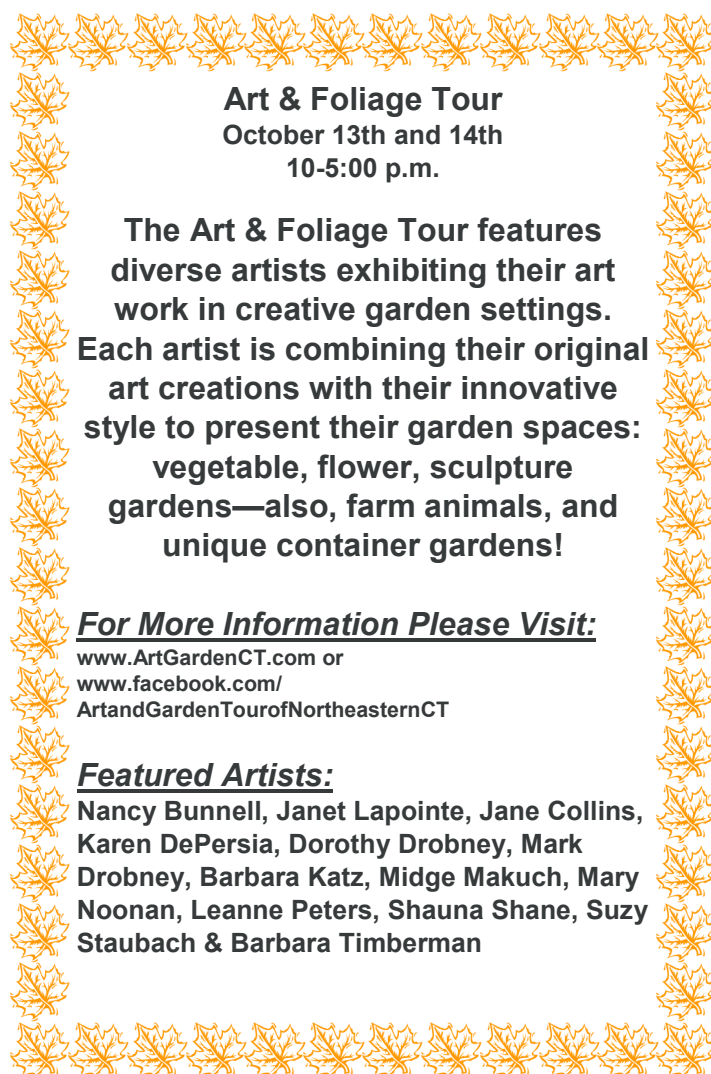
### Residential Electronics Recycling

**Accepted Electronics:**

Computers	iPods/PDAs
Monitors	Modems
Printers	Keyboards
Televisions	Computer Mice
VCRs	Stereo Equipment
DVD Players	Telephones
Copiers	Cellphones
Fax Machines	Cameras
Scanners	Tablets & e-Books
Video Game Machines	Microwaves
	Other small appliances

**Not Accepted:**  
NO Smoke Detectors  
NO Hazardous Materials (no lighter fluid, liquids, paint, etc.)  
Call us with questions, comments or suggestions.  
Like us on Facebook for up to date information on special events in your area.

✓ Email US at [info@take2recycle.com](mailto:info@take2recycle.com) ✓ Call Toll Free: 1-800-209-9322 ✓ visit us on line at [Take2Recycle.com](http://Take2Recycle.com)



## Art & Foliage Tour

October 13th and 14th  
10-5:00 p.m.

The Art & Foliage Tour features diverse artists exhibiting their art work in creative garden settings. Each artist is combining their original art creations with their innovative style to present their garden spaces: vegetable, flower, sculpture gardens—also, farm animals, and unique container gardens!

**For More Information Please Visit:**  
[www.ArtGardenCT.com](http://www.ArtGardenCT.com) or  
[www.facebook.com/ArtandGardenTourofNortheasternCT](http://www.facebook.com/ArtandGardenTourofNortheasternCT)

**Featured Artists:**  
Nancy Bunnell, Janet Lapointe, Jane Collins, Karen DePersia, Dorothy Drobney, Mark Drobney, Barbara Katz, Midge Makuch, Mary Noonan, Leanne Peters, Shauna Shane, Suzy Staubach & Barbara Timberman



# Transfer Station Continued...

## Mid-Northeast Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility Hazardous Waste Center

2018 Schedule

57 Hancock Road

860-684-3163

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>April</b>	16	17	18	19	20	<b>21 OPEN</b>	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>May</b>	30	1	2	3	4	<b>5 OPEN</b>	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	<b>19 OPEN</b>	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>June</b>	28	29	30	31	1	<b>2 OPEN</b>	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	<b>16 OPEN</b>	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	<b>July</b>	2	3	4	5	6	<b>7 CLOSED</b>
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	<b>21 OPEN</b>	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<b>August</b>	30	31	1	2	3	<b>4 OPEN</b>
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	<b>18 OPEN</b>	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>September</b>	27	28	29	30	31	<b>1 CLOSED</b>
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	<b>15 OPEN</b>	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>October</b>	1	2	3	4	5	<b>6 OPEN</b>	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	<b>20 OPEN</b>	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>November</b>	29	30	31	1	2	<b>3 OPEN</b>	4



**HELP THE TOWN OF WILLINGTON  
KEEP TAXES LOW -  
RECYCLE!**

DID YOU KNOW THAT WILLINGTON TAXPAYERS PAY FOR EVERY LOAD OF TRASH THAT IS HAULED AWAY FROM THE TRANSFER STATION?  
AND DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TOWN GETS A CREDIT BACK FOR EVERY LOAD OF RECYCLED MATERIAL THAT IS HAULED AWAY?



Reducing the amount of solid and bulky waste by putting what you can into the single stream recycling bin is not just good for the environment, it is good for your wallet!

See what you can recycle at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org)

RECYCLING  
It's the Law 



# Wetlands Benefits



Wetlands can minimize the damage to downstream property owners by decreasing the velocity of the water and acting as a storage basin. When a stream overflows its banks, it spreads horizontally into a surrounding wetland where the vegetation acts as numerous tiny barriers temporarily detaining the water.

Along with controlling flood waters, wetlands also serve to maintain water quality. They have a “self-cleaning” ability which, if not overtaxed, can filter, or take up, pollutants from runoff before they enter an adjoining watercourse. In many respects, wetlands function much like sophisticated sewage treatment plants by removing nutrients and other pollutants prior to discharge to a waterway. This is done at virtually no cost to the taxpaying public.

A wetland acts as a buffer zone to trap sediments resulting from natural and man-induced erosion. However, increased development along many of the state’s watercourses can hinder our wetlands’ capability to trap these sediments. Often special measures need to be taken to decrease the sediment runoff in urbanizing areas.

Wetlands provide essential wildlife habitat as well. A large number of animals use wetlands as their sole habitat, while others exploit the wetland from time to time for breeding, feeding, or refuge. All wetlands function in providing an important source of food for wildlife and thus represent a critical link in life cycles and food webs.

## WETLAND FORMATION

Many of our wetlands and watercourses had their beginnings approximately 15,000 years ago when the continental glacier, thousands of feet thick, advanced over Connecticut. The glacier scoured the existing bedrock, picking up large quantities of loose material which was subsequently deposited as the glacier melted. These unconsolidated glacial deposits were laid down over the bedrock to become the parent material from which our present mineral soils are formed.

Blocks of ice from the receding glacier which were surrounded by the glacial debris melted and left depressions in the land. The depressions, called kettleholes, and other areas that were flattened by the glacier had poor drainage and became the sites of future organic soils. Meltwaters flowing from the receding glacier filled depressions in the land, flowing slowly into rivers depositing the finer sands and silts of the glacier along the river banks and thereby became the parent material for future terrace, flood plain and alluvial soils.

## **Susan Yorgensen leaves us after 30 years of service!**



**After 30 years of service, Susan Yorgensen, the Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands Agent for the Town of Willington, retired on August 10th.**

During her three decades of service, Susan oversaw many changes within this town of 6,500 residents, helping to guide them through the volumes of rules and enforcement policies of state and local regulations. Susan’s approach was to treat everyone the same, which meant fairly. Her vast knowledge of zoning laws and regulations and her commitment to Willington residents will be greatly missed.

**Congratulations and Enjoy!!**

