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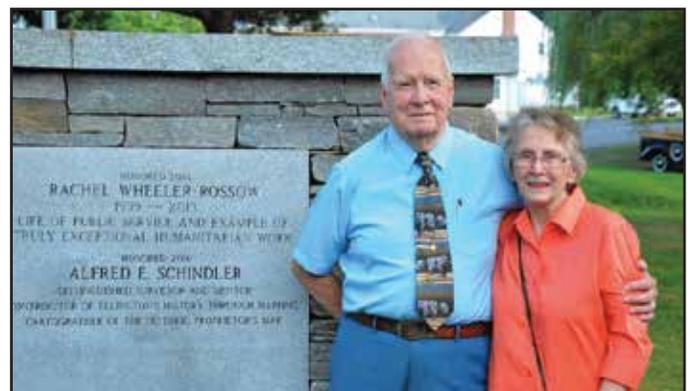
ANNUAL REPORT  
**2015-2016**

# ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY at Ellington High School



## WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE 2016 **ALFRED E. SCHINDLER**

Mr. Schindler has been a resident of Ellington for over 60 years. He practiced the profession of surveying for 48+ years, owning his own business in Ellington from 1963 to 2002. A majority of Mr. Schindler's surveys were done for the Town of Ellington and its residents. He is the author of "Surveying; The World's Second Oldest Profession?" Mr. Schindler made many contributions to the Town of Ellington, and one very special project is the publication in 1985 of the Ellington Proprietor's Map, a joint effort with Dorothy Cohen. The map shows how the land within the Town of Ellington was originally divided among the first land owners and is the basis for all subsequent land transfers. A copy of this map hangs in many places throughout Town and it holds a prestigious place in the Office of the First Selectman. Mr. Schindler shared his knowledge and talent at the state and national levels in the surveying profession and has served as a mentor to countless up and coming surveyors throughout his career. Mr. Schindler's many contributions to the Town of Ellington are too numerous to list.



*Alfred E. Schindler, pictured with his wife, at the formal induction ceremony at the site of the Wall of Honor located in Arbor Park held on Saturday, September 10, 2016. (Barbara Bresnahan/Special to Courant)*

**Front cover:** The newly expanded and renovated Crystal Lake School with students standing near the front entrance. The project was completed in the summer of 2016.

# IN MEMORIAM

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## **ROBERT J. CLEMENTS, JR.** **1940 - 2016**

On September 4, 2016 the Town of Ellington lost one of its most dedicated leaders, Robert J. Clements, Jr, Chairman of the Board of Finance.

Bob was appointed to the Board of Finance in 1992 and elected to consecutive terms. He later became Chairman in 2007 and remained in that position until his passing. In addition to his tenure on the Board of Finance, he also served on the Insurance Advisory Board, the Permanent Building Committee and was the Board of Finance representative on the Deferred Compensation Committee. He served as a Justice of the Peace since 1995, and was past Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

As the leader of the Board of Finance, Bob worked painstakingly to balance the increasing needs of a growing town with the needs of the taxpayer. He was instrumental in the strategic planning of the Board of Finance and helped to develop the Capital Reserve Account which improved the credit rating of the town.

During Bob's tenure as head of the Board of Finance the following major projects were recommended and approved: Windermere School Addition, Crystal Lake Sewer Project, funding for the Senior Center, Longview Middle School Renovations, the Public Works Renovation Project, Ellington High School addition, Center School and Middle School projects, Town Hall Renovation Projects and the additional of six permanent classrooms to Windermere School.

Bob's life was one of hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ellington which will be sorely missed. The Board of Finance has dedicated this year's Town Report in his Honor.

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# GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen is collectively responsible for the administration of the town offices, the maintenance of the town highways and parks, the public safety of its citizens, the keeping of financial accounts and the appointment of administrative officers, boards and commissions.



*Board of Selectmen:  
Back Row (L-R): James M. Prichard, Ronald F. Stomberg, Melinda M. Ferry, A. Leo Miller  
Front Row (L-R): John W. Turner, Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman; David E. Stavens*

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of twelve regular meetings plus six special meetings. Four public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called six town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2015-2016:

### REFERENDA:

- December 1, 2015: Re: Option to Buy 6 Nutmeg Drive: "Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate \$1,375,000 for acquisition of the 6 Nutmeg Drive property in Ellington and for related building and site improvements to provide a satellite fire station for use by the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department; and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriate?" Votes: yes – 587 no – 315
- May 31, 2016: annual town budget: "Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the board of finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total for the fiscal year 2016-2017, \$55,352,628?" Vote: yes 895 no 390

### AGREEMENTS:

- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the letter of commitment for budget stabilization program for Liability-Automobile-Property [LAP] coverage between CIRMA, the Town and the Board of Education
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents associated with the agreement between the Town of Ellington and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities' Prescription Drug Discount Card Program through ProAct Pharmacy Services, Inc.
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute the agreement between Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT, Inc. and the Town of Ellington

### CONTRACTS:

- Executed a contract on behalf of the Town of Ellington with the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police for services of five (5) resident state troopers for the period of July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017
- Approved the Collective Bargaining Teachers Contract for 2016-2019
- Awarded the contract for the 2015-2016 Snow Plowing Season to Barber Utilities, LLC of Ellington
- Awarded the contract for the 2015-2016 Tree Service to Mountain Tree Service of Somers CT
- Awarded the Contract for 2015-2017 Fertilization of Town and Board of Education Turf Areas to Beebe Landscaping Services, Inc.
- Awarded the contract for computer service and maintenance contract to The Computer Company, Cromwell, CT
- Ratified the contract between the Town and the Ellington Police Union, Local 2693 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO effective July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019
- Authorized the Finance Officer to award the contract to Nana's Ice Cream, Stafford Springs, CT ice cream vendor services at Sandy Beach for the 2016 Beach Season

### EQUIPMENT:

- Authorized EVAC to sell their Suburban Service Vehicle to the Fire Marshal's Office and replace it with a new vehicle
- Authorized participation in the Inter-town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchasing Incentive Program (Asphalt Recycler Hot Box with Somers and East Windsor)
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of the surplus 2003 GMC pick-up truck
- Authorized the Finance Officer to enter into a five-year lease agreement for the purchase of a tanker for the Crystal Lake Fire Department not to exceed \$333,928
- Authorized the Town of Ellington to enter into a Real Estate Lease to install a solar energy generating system at the Center Elementary School, Crystal Lake Elementary School and Ellington Middle School
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute a Lease Purchase Agreement/Escrow Agreement with Leasing 2 Inc for a tanker truck for the Crystal Lake Fire Department
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of two Board of Education Vehicles

### FINANCES:

- Approved an additional appropriation for the interior repair phase of the Crystal Lake Fire Department Roof Replacement project (\$15,000)
- Approved an additional appropriation for the Town Hall Addition and Renovation Study (\$53,000)
- Tax Sale of Property at 61 Meadowbrook Road (13+ Acres) owned by B&L Development Corp. (\$200,000)
- Set the Trash Collection Fee at \$125
- Approved an additional appropriation for the Crystal Lake Fire Department Roof repair (\$40,000)
- Approved an additional appropriation for the Hall Memorial Library Roof repair (\$85,100)

### GRANTS:

- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents regarding the Nutmeg Network Grant (State's High Speed Internet Network Connection)
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents regarding the Inter-Town Capital Equipment (ICE) Grant Program (Sewer and Utility Field Camera Inspection Vehicle)

- FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Grant (\$38,625)
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents regarding 2014-2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents regarding the 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute a Personal Services Agreement with the State of CT DEEP for financial assistance for the project titled Turf Field & Lighting Ellington High School CPAP 2016-08 (\$1,000,000)
- Authorized the First Selectman to accept a 2014 State of CT STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the Town Hall Addition project
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents regarding the Department of Transportation State Grant for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Dial-A-Ride)
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute documents regarding the Eversource Energy Bright Idea Grant

#### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

- Amended the Board of Selectmen Policy regarding Lengths of Contracts
- Adopted procedure for submitting recommendations to the Full Board by Board of Selectmen Committees (Personnel Committee and Town Policies Committee)
- Approved the Ellington Senior Center Room Rental Application

#### **PROPERTY:**

- 16 Penfield Avenue – authorized an expenditure of up to \$2,500 from the Open Space Fund for an appraisal of this property recommended for acquisition by the Conservation Commission
- 9 Green Street – approved abatement of taxes due (\$54,905.90) in order to maximize collection of taxes applicable to this property
- 6 Nutmeg Drive – purchased the property to house Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Station 243
- Approved buying back Crystal Lake cemetery plots for the price paid at time of sale

#### **ORDINANCES:**

Approved revisions to the Streets and Sidewalk Ordinance: Right-of-Way Permit/Set application fee at \$35

#### **STAFF:**

- Acknowledge the resignation of Cindy Roman, Assessor
- Hired Carl Dojan, Fire Inspector
- Hired Walter E. Topliff, Jr., Assessor
- Reclassified/Granted Permanent Status to Jon Godek, Crew Chief Grounds
- Recognized the following employees for 10 years of service: Aaron Blank (Police Officer), Ann Marie Conti (Tax and Revenue Collector), Wanda DeLand (Republican Registrar of Voters), Martin Dorey (Police Officer), Lisa Houlihan (Town Planner), Felicia LaPlante (Deputy Treasurer/Accounting Assistant)
- Recognized the following employees for 20 years of service: John Abate (Custodian, Hall Memorial Library), Bart Alexander (Police Officer), Lisa Kuraska (Library Assistant II), Diane McKeegan (Town Clerk)
- Recognized the following employees for 25 years of service: Doris Crayton (Human Services Director), Jon Godek (Crew Chief/Grounds)
- Recognized the following employees for 30 years of service: Michael Bard (Police Officer), Thomas Davenport (Marine

- Police Officer), Patricia Grundman (Children’s Librarian)
- Recognized Robert Tedford, Director, Parks and Recreation for 40 years of service
- Reclassified/Granted Permanent Status to LouAnn Cannella as Executive Assistant
- Hired/Granted Permanent Status to Karen Vaiciulis, Administrative Assessment Technician
- Acknowledged the retirement of Brenda Gower, Deputy Tax Collector, after 17 years of service
- Acknowledged the resignation of Patrick Joyce, Senior Center Van Driver, after 2 years of service
- Acknowledged the resignation of Ashlee O’Rourke, Assistant Animal Control Officer, after 8 years of service
- Appointed Joseph A. Palombizio as the Ellington Emergency Management Director
- Re-establish the Emergency Services Committee
- Hired Kathryn Kane-DiBacco, Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kristin Michaud, Administrative Secretary II, Planning Department after over 13 years of service
- Discontinued funding the position of Administrative Secretary II, Planning Department
- Reorganized the Finance Office
- Hired Heidi Bolduk, Deputy Tax and Revenue Collector
- Hired Ronald Fairchild, Reference Librarian
- Acknowledged the resignation of Walter E. Topliff, Jr. Assessor
- Appointed/Granted Permanent Status to Kimberly Bechard as Assessor
- Reclassified/Granted Permanent Status to Gail Moran, Accounting/Payroll Specialist
- Reclassified Patricia Choiniere to Finance Office Administrative Assistant
- Granted Permanent Status to Felicia LaPlante, Assistant Finance Officer
- Reclassified/Granted Permanent Status to Karen Vaiciulis to Deputy Assessor
- Hired Jefferson Smith, Thomas Carriere, Caitlin Connelly and Laura Goulet as EMT/Drivers – per diem
- Hired Brett Sherman and Ryan Michaud, DPW Seasonal Workers
- Acknowledged the retirement of Cindy Boscarino, Administrative Secretary II, Human Services/Recreation

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

- Accepted the resignation of C. Peter Nickerson from the Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees
- Appointed Judith Stomberg to the Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees to complete C. Peter Nickerson’s term to December 2017
- Appointed Mort Heideri and Dale Roberson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to terms ending December 4, 2017
- Appointed James J. Prichard as Deputy First Selectman
- Accepted the resignation of A. Leo Miller from the Board of Selectmen
- Appointed Aaron J. Foster to the Board of Selectmen

#### **OTHER ACTIONS:**

- Granted a Special Event License: Jeep Show – Sept. 19, 2015
- Granted a Special Event License: Mud Bog – Sept. 26, 2015
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Council for the Development of Positive Youth Culture
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge, administered by Eversource Energy
- Granted a Special Event License: Skydiving Museum Hall of

- Fame Fundraiser, by Connecticut Parachutists, Inc.
- Granted the request of the Winterfest Committee to hold the 2015 Winterfest on the Town Green on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015
- Increase the rate of pay for Traffic Control Officers at highway construction sites/special events to \$75 per hour
- Recognized Peter C. Hany, Sr., for 35+ years of dedicated service to the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
- Appointed Dorian Reiser Famiglietti of Kahan Kerensky and Capossela, LLP as Town Attorney
- Appointed for the Town, the firm of Kainen, Escalera and McHale, P.C. as Special Counsel
- Appointed for the Town, the firm of Day Pitney, LLP for all bonding matters
- Appointed for the Board of Education, the firm of Kainen, Escalera and McHale, P.C. for services in the area of collective bargaining
- Appointed for the Board of Education, the firm of Shipman and Goodwin, LLP and Chinni & Meuser, LLC for matters involving Special Education and other education issues
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee
- Sgt. Patrick Sweeney, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor was transferred to State Police Traffic Division
- Accepted the resignation of James W. Alexander from the Building Code Board of Appeals
- Reappointed Helen Filloramo, Susan Hannigan, Jaime S. Foster and Susan Stack to the Human Services Commission
- Reappointed Grace Boucher and J. Wiley Dumas to the Ethics Commission
- Reappointed Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo and Robert Larew to the Parks and Recreation Commission
- Reappointed Charles Jackson to the Board of Assessment Appeals
- Acknowledged the resignation of Ashlee O'Rourke, Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Implemented a new Town Website
- Revaluation Process was completed
- Sgt. Brian Santa was assigned to Ellington as the new Resident State Troopers' Supervisor
- Discontinued the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the Pinney Street Town Owned Property
- Engaged in social media through Facebook and Twitter
- Held Annual Public Works Open House
- Joined the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council and designated the CREPC as the Town of Ellington LEPC
- Recognized the following Board/Commission/Agency members for 10 years of service: George Nickerson, Conservation Commission; John Streiber, Deputy Emergency Management Director; Thomas Adams, Permanent Building Committee; Tracey Kiff-Judson, Board of Education; Ronald F. Stomberg, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
- Recognized the following Board/Commission/Agency members for 20 years of service: Yale Cantor, Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture; Gordon Oliver, Parks and Recreation Commission; Susan Stack, Human Services Commission; Mark Spurling, Zoning Board of Appeals
- Granted the request of Hall Memorial Library to hold a Holi Celebration on the Town Green
- Acknowledged receipt of the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report and scheduled a public hearing for Monday, June 6, 2016
- Recommended to the State of CT Airport Authority that the license to permit parachute jumping at Ellington Airport be renewed for one year
- Re-established the Design Review Board

## BOARD OF FINANCE

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance is Financial Authority of the town. The Board of Finance represents the taxpayer on all matters concerning the receipt or expenditure of taxpayer funds. The Board also represents taxpayer interests in other policy or operational matters which would affect the tax base or impact the future receipt of taxpayer funds. While the Board of Finance's principal responsibility is in the preparation of annual budget, the Board works closely with the Finance Director to establish and enforce fiscal policy, and implement the recommendations of the town auditors. The Board also directs fiscal policy such as the establishment of Reserve Funds, and the allocation of funds among sectors such as departmental budgets, capital expenditures and debt service.



*Board of Finance:  
Seated L-R: Barry Pinto, Robert Clements-Chairman, Douglas Harding  
Standing L-R: Michael Varney, John Racheck, Mark Joysse*

The Board of Finance meets monthly, except during the period of January through April, when it meets weekly toward assembling the annual budget.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public hearings from January through March on submitted departmental budgets.
- Hold the annual Budget hearing in April.
- Deliberate and approve a completed budget for taxpayer approval.
- Upon budget approval by taxpayers, the Board sets the mill rate.
- Authorize/deny expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.
- Authorize/deny the issuance of Municipal Bonds.
- Monitor town revenues and expenditures on monthly basis.
- Interview and engage the outside auditing firm.
- Prepare the Annual Town Report.
- Provide fiscal expertise to other town boards and agencies.
- Observe and consult in labor contract negotiations.
- Represent the town's financial position in contract arbitration hearings.

## TOWN ASSESSOR

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to compile the Grand List (the record of all taxable and tax-exempt property in the Town of Ellington). This is accomplished by identifying and placing value on all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st of each year. The objective is to ensure that all property is assessed equitably in accordance with applicable law so that every property owner bears the appropriate share of the total property tax burden. Accomplishment of this requires uniform assessments within each category of property. Real Estate assessments are 70% of the market value as established by the October 1, 2015 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

The Assessor's Office is also responsible for administering various exemptions and tax relief programs. These programs are targeted to benefit active military servicemen and veterans, the totally disabled, the blind, senior citizens, manufacturers, charitable organizations, farmers and owners of land classified as farm, forest and open space.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2015 Grand List
- Enhance and update the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Completion of the Revaluation for the 2015 Grand List
- Installation and implementation of new Personal Property system

### TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/13	10/01/14	10/1/15
Real Estate	1,126,320,506	1,141,179,653	1,151,738,450
Personal Property	44,157,235	45,777,946	46,312,830
Motor Vehicle	121,673,858	124,566,690	130,222,777

## LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (Inspection Sec. 7-14) "an inspection of the Land Records of each municipality in this state must be done annually." The Land Records Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year, which commences in September. The Land Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2015 through December 2015, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

## TOWN ENGINEER

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

By resolution of the Board of Selectmen in 1963, James Thompson of the firm of Buck & Buck Engineering in Hartford was appointed as the Town Engineer. In November 1980, the Ellington Board of Selectmen established the policy that the Town Engineer shall be utilized by all town boards and commissions. Upon the request of a town agency, designation of a temporary town engineer for a particular function to be performed may be approved by the Board of Selectmen when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed subdivisions and made recommendations to various land use commissions.
- Reviewed and issued recommendations to land use commissions regarding proposed commercial, industrial, and residential site plans and permits.

## FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Finance Officer is responsible for the accounting and reporting of all financial transactions for the Town of Ellington. Other duties include the investment of Town funds, preparation of financial statements, submission of annual budget to the Board of Finance, preparation of bid documents, purchasing agent, and serving as financial advisor to all boards and agencies. The Finance Officer oversees operations in Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversees Information Technology
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects -Senior Center / Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation/Windermere Alterations
- Bonding resolution for the acquisition of 6 Nutmeg Drive property for use as a satellite fire station by Ellington Volunteer Fire Department - \$1,375,000
- Lease for Crystal Lake Fire Engine Tanker - \$333,928
- Real Estate Lease for the installation of a solar energy generating system at Center Elementary School, Crystal Lake Elementary School and Ellington Middle School
- Investigate conversion of Street Lights to LED
- Develop Capital Project Procedures for the Ellington High School Artificial Turf Field and Lights and Tennis Court Lights
- Assist in negotiations of union contracts
- Re-organization of the Finance Office
- Implementation of the Affordable Care Act reporting requirements

The Finance Office requested and/or awarded bids on the following projects:

- Bid-To Provide Food Services at Town Beach
- Bid-Sidewalk Extension, High School to Cider Mill Heights Maple Street (RTE 140)
- Bid-Crystal Lake Fire Engine Tanker
- Bid-CCM Energy
- Bid-To Provide Electrical Services

The Finance Office assisted the Board of Finance in the following areas:

- Budget preparation (tables and books) and capital improvement books
- Standardization of all budget documents
- Provided historical statistics for maintaining reserve and contingency funds
- Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections

The Finance Office assisted the Permanent Building Committee in the following areas:

- Senior Center Building Project
- Crystal Lake School Renovation, Addition, Alterations and Improvements Project
- Windermere School Renovations, Alterations, and Improvements Project
- Project accounting
- Grant reimbursements

# TAX COLLECTOR

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of the real estate, motor vehicle, personal property taxes, water assessments, trash collection fees, sewer use and assessments. These responsibilities are governed by Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter, and Town Ordinances.

A consistently high rate of collection is the key to fiscal stability for the town and remains the number one priority of the Tax Collector. Balancing the need to maintain a high rate of collection with the sensitivity necessary to deal with the individual taxpayer issues is an integral part of the tax collection function.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,773	Real Estate
854	Personal Property
15,990	Motor Vehicle
2,763	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$40,456,002

COMPARISON	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Current Collections	\$35,893,052	\$36,992,464	\$40,168,926
Back Collections	355,220	314,571	386,964
Interest & Liens	319,824	259,848	359,914
Collection Rate	98.8%	99.1%	99.4%

There are several statutory methods used to collect past due taxes. Liens are placed on all past due real estate accounts, demand letters are prepared and mailed and non-responsive accounts are referred to the Town Attorney for Tax Sales or foreclosure. UCC liens are filed with the Secretary of State on all past due personal property accounts. All past due motor vehicle accounts are reported to the State Department of Motor Vehicles, which prevents residents from renewing their registration.

The Tax Office provides ongoing technical information and assistance to taxpayers, attorneys, bankers, appraisers, and leasing companies. We deal electronically with escrow services and banks which make it more critical for the customer to ask questions if there is a discrepancy.

PAYMENT DUE CALENDAR	
<b>JULY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate 1st installment</li> <li>Personal Property 1st installment</li> <li>Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sewer Usage Fee</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trash Collection Fee</li> </ul>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate 2nd installment</li> <li>Personal Property 2nd installment</li> <li>Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax <i>only if applicable</i></li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sewer Usage Fee</li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee</li> <li>Dog License Fee</li> </ul>

# TOWN CLERK

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office consist of the following, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statutes govern the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar of Vital Records.

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of absentee ballot election material for all elections, primaries, referenda.
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- Aircraft Registration Official
- Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings

All Town Meeting Minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk also serves as accepting agent for civil actions brought against the Town and is responsible for processing claims and lawsuits and submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- On-line Dog registration is available through the Town website.
- Awarded Historic Document Preservation Grant for \$4,000.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to public.
- Land record images are available at a nominal charge.
- All recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerks office.

SUMMARY	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Births	148	140	133
Marriages	81	87	57
Deaths	96	92	95
Land Record Recordings	2,803	2,267	2,117
Map Filings	35	45	46
Trade Names	34	53	51
Dog Licenses	2,360	2,383	2,377
Kennel Licenses	10	7	6
Sportsman Licenses	521	429	334
Liquor Permits	16	16	21
Veterans Discharges	27	32	35
Cemetery Deeds	41	27	24
Aircraft Registration	29	25	27

# **BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS**

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### **PRINCIPAL FUNCTION**

The planning department serves five permanent land use commissions and one Ad Hoc commission. The commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and the Design Review Board. Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner Wetland and Zoning Officer, and a full-time Land Use Technician.

In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, department staff provides assistance to members of the development community and to the general public. The planning department also coordinates closely with other town, state and federal agencies and their staff. Land use policies are created by the commissions and then incorporated into local planning documents. Related policy objectives are then translated into land use regulations and related procedures. Planning Department staff assists elected and appointed officials to achieve these objectives by administering the regulations and procedures.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY**

The Town Attorney is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be the legal advisor to the Board, the First Selectman and all Town officers, departments, boards and commissions in all matters affecting the Town. I am very pleased to have been re-appointed this past December as Town Attorney for an additional 2 year term. It has been my pleasure to serve the Town and I look forward to many more years of doing so. During the past year as Town Attorney, I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know our new First Selectman, Lori Spielman, and to continue to work with the various Town Departments. My work with the First Selectman has included assisting with the negotiations for the installation of solar panels on a number of Ellington's school buildings, reviewing the grant for the new turf field at the high school, and reviewing contracts for repairs to the Crystal Lake firehouse and acquisition of a new fire tanker truck. In addition, I have been working with the Planning Department to offer legal opinions, when necessary, relative to new development proposals, reviewing various easements to the Town in connection with approved developments, and reviewing amendments to the Zoning Regulations. At the beginning of the year, I very much enjoyed providing training workshops for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency and Zoning Board of Appeals. The workshops provided a refresher course for the veteran volunteers on the boards, including an update of new caselaw and changes in the statutes. For the newer volunteers on the boards, they provided an overview of the hearing and decision making process to help them perform their duties. I have also been working with the Assessor and Tax Collector to represent the Town on a handful of tax appeals, primarily relating to the 2015 Town-wide Revaluation, and to collect on a number of delinquent tax accounts. And finally, I have been working with Public Works and the WPCA on sewer benefit assessments, the negotiation of inter-town agreements relative to the purchase of new equipment and bidding and contracting for the provision of various services and improvements for the Town.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (PZC)**

The PZC is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) for the town, as well as processing subdivision, site plan, special permit, and other development applications. These applications are processed in accordance with regulations such as the zoning and subdivision regulations. In addition, the PZC reviews proposed public improvements for consistency with land use goals and objectives and makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the acceptance of proposed public streets and improvements and open space areas. Through its staff, the PZC is obligated by law to ensure that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans. This is accomplished through plan review and site inspections and the issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.

The PZC pursues implementation of the goals and objectives of the POCD. The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every ten (10) years. The PZC last conducted a comprehensive amendment to the plan in April of 2008. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the POCD:

- Establishes land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- Encourages economic development;
- Protects natural, scenic and cultural resources, and promotes quality of life for residents;
- Enhances and preserves the rural character and small-town aesthetics;
- Establishes zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Creates more comprehensive and flexible land use regulations to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner;

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the town uses to guide conservation and development practices and are derived from the POCD. Both sets of these regulations are now being reviewed and amended over the next several years in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Two (2) Connecticut General Statutes §8-24 reviews, resulting in positive referrals.
- Seven (7) zoning regulation amendments including:
  - Adoption of Designed Multi-Family regulations;
  - Modifications to renewal of earth excavation permits;
  - Changes to rear-lot requirements;
  - Standards to help promote farm stores;
  - Regulations to allow backyard chickens and bees and modifications to standards for keeping of horses and other equine;
- Four (4) subdivision applications approved, resulting in sixteen (16) new building lots.
- Twenty-nine (29) other zoning applications were reviewed composed of site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes or statutory referral reports.

## **INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY (IWA)**

The IWA is responsible by state law to protect inland wetlands and watercourses. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial (found along a watercourse or water body) and floodplain soils. Depending upon the location of the resource, the IWA regulates areas either one-hundred (100) feet or two-hundred and fifty (250) feet away from these resources, as well as direct impacts to wetlands and watercourses. The IWA does this via permits and through enforcement of the regulations by field inspections, notices, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seven (7) agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Three (3) positive referrals to the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-26(e) for subdivision or resubdivision.
- Ten (10) administrative agent applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Two (2) requests for notification of permitted & non-regulated uses accepted.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)**

The EDC is committed to fostering a pro-business environment which encourages a growing, sustainable and diverse tax base. The EDC continuously looks to facilitate communication between businesses and town officials. The EDC adopts policies consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and strives to improve the quality of life in Ellington.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Continued to support tax abatement/incentive programs such as C-PACE, a commercial property assessed clean energy program.
- Supported legislation to facilitate greater availability of natural gas for Ellington homes and businesses.
- Continued to support shop-local, buy-local initiatives through promoting Shop Ellington - an interactive online and mobile-accessible business directory.
- Members of the Tolland County Chamber Economic Development Committee.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)**

The ZBA is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant's claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. In addition, the ZBA hears appeals from people who feel that department staff had made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning

regulations, or if they have been denied a zoning permit from the designated Enforcement Officer(s). The ZBA also currently approves locations for an applicant who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Although this authority given to the ZBA has been the subject of many statutory revisions in recent years, it is subject to change during any upcoming state legislative session.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Fifteen (15) variance applications approved (six (6) with modifications or conditions).

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)**

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space and farmland preservation. The commission is advisory and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, acquisition of farmland development rights and similar topics.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Reviewed two (2) subdivisions for open space set-aside or fee-in-lieu of open space.
- Continued to support the farmland preservation program. During this fiscal year, approximately 125 acres of farmland for Oakridge Dairy was preserved. The land protected includes three parcels in the western farm belt and generally situated on Abbott and Middle Roads.
- Continued to support the Ellington Hockanum River Committee (EHRC) in their efforts to create and maintain trails around the Hockanum River. The EHRC, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, with support from the Board of Selectmen, received a four thousand eight hundred dollar (\$4,800) grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the construction of a boardwalk along the Hockanum River. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on August 18, 2015, to commemorate the completion of the bridge.
- Continued to support Energize Connecticut initiatives. Ellington became a Clean Energy Community during the fall of 2015 and accepted a Bronze award at an annual ceremony hosted by Eversource.
- Updated the EHRC Trail brochure.
- Updated the Open Space and Farmland Preservation brochures.

## **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)**

The DRB is advisory and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) regarding design elements for commercial, industrial, and multi-family developments.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Reviewed modifications to Ellington Congregational Church for additional parking and related site improvements.
- Reviewed an after-the-fact application for screening of large roof-mounted mechanical units at Crystal Lake School.
- Reviewed applications from Ellington Public Schools for roof-mounted solar panels at Center School, Middle School, and Crystal Lake School.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

We were unable to meet the April 2016 submission deadline for a State grant for rehabilitation work at Snipsic Village. We expect to apply for the April 2017 round of funding. Contemplated uses of grant funds include interior sidewalk reconstruction, roof replacement, heat pump replacement, removal of original vinyl asbestos floor tiles in 22 units, and other projects aimed at reducing energy consumption.

Our hopes of building new elderly units have been temporarily suspended due to uncertainty over availability of State grant funds. Hopefully, this goal will be reinstated soon. The demand for affordable housing for the elderly greatly exceeds the supply. Our current wait list is around 100.

Several changes occurred to our Board of Commissioners. Tim Collins resigned in April as he moved out of town. Board Chair, Aaron Foster resigned in June as he was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen resulting from the resignation of Leo Miller.

Dennis Varney and Wayne Reynolds were appointed to fill these vacancies. At our June annual meeting, Tenant Commissioner Don Gessay was elected Board Chair.

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five member board with the responsibility for the administration and maintenance of the two sewer systems in the Town, the Hockanum Sewer System that collects residential and commercial sewage for treatment at the Vernon Sewer Plant and the Crystal Lake Sewer System that collects residential sewage for treatment at the Stafford Sewer Treatment Plant. All town sewer maintenance is handled by the Public Works Department by agreement with the Water Pollution Control Authority.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Maple St Sewer Extension and West Shore/Stafford Rd Extension Completed and Closed Out.
- Approved Revision to Commercial Assessments Calculation
- Sewer Line Replacements on Hughes, Lewis and McKnight Circles completed.
- Applied for Grant with Vernon and Stafford to Purchase a Sewer Camera Truck.
- Granted Approval for Aberle Farm Estates Subdivision Sewer Proposal
- Worked with Country Pure Foods to Control the H2S Levels at the Pump Stations.
- Scanned and Developed Sewer Plan Layer on Town MapGeo.

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars' of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve four-year terms. The Democratic Registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican Registrar is Wanda DeLand.

The registrars are responsible for organizing and conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for registering and maintaining accurate voter records for the town which includes an annual canvass that must be completed between January and June. In addition, the Registrars must attend two annual conferences and this past year a mandatory certification program has been put in place which all registrars must attend and complete before July 2017.

In November of 2015, the Municipal election was held. District 1 and District 2 both voted at Ellington High School due to ongoing renovations at Crystal Lake School. For the Municipal Election District #1 had at the time 7,161 registered voters with 1,532 having voted which was a 21 percent voter turn. District #2 had 2,060 registered voters with 473 having voted which was a 21 percent voter turnout.

In April of 2016, the Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primary was held in both districts and polling locations. District 1 at Ellington High School saw a 45 percent voter turnout for Democrats and a 49 percent turnout for Republicans. District 2 at Crystal Lake School, a 54 percent turnout for Democrats and 55 percent voter turnout for Republicans.

As of June 30, 2016 District #1 has 1,838 registered Democrats, 1,994 registered Republicans, 3,422 registered as Unaffiliated and 93 registered in other political parties for a total of 7,346 voters. District #2 has 539 registered Democrats, 584 registered Republicans, 943 registered as Unaffiliated and 26 registered in other political parties. The total registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 9,441.

## PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$20,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition and construction of building projects and/or work with construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- During fiscal Year 2015-16 the focus of the Permanent Building Committee continues to be the Crystal Lake School Renovation/ Addition and Windermere School Alteration project. The Committee met 12 times.
- The renovation portion of the Crystal Lake School project has been completed and the final punch list items are currently being worked on. This school year the teachers moved into the addition. The final phase for the Windermere renovation will be completed before the September 2016 school year begins.
- With the completion of the projects, there is a major portion of the contingency still available. The Board of Education and user groups have identified several items that have been funded as well as a prioritized list of items to be funded should the funds be available.

## **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT**

### **APPEALS (BAA)**

The purpose of the BAA is to hear appeals of taxpayers who believe there is an error in the assessed value of their real estate, motor vehicle or personal property. The three member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen conducts appeal hearings and adjusts assessed values, if necessary, based on the board's determinations.

The BAA conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles in September. Shortly after the appeal, the BAA deliberates and the applicant is notified by mail prior to the first day of either April for real estate and personal property or October for motor vehicles of the Board's decision.

Taxpayers who feel their property is incorrectly assessed should visit the Town Assessor's Office and complete an appeal application prior to the cutoff date of February 20th. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing scheduled in March. Motor vehicle appeals held in September may be completed on the night of the hearing and are heard on a first come first heard basis.

### **AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE**

New England Aquatic Services spent 9 days and 112.5 Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting hours between July 6, and July 16, 2015. The first day was spent performing the Annual Maintenance by surveying the lake for previously undetected invasive plants. None were found. Approximately 2 hours were spent removing milfoil from an area just outside of the Northeast Cove. The remaining 8 days were spent harvesting milfoil in a large patch off of the Town Beach and along Aborn Brook / Aborn Cove. The funds available for suction harvesting were expended before the milfoil removal in these areas was completed. A total of 4.56 acres (46 bags) were removed from the lake and 0.11 acres (7 bags) from Aborn Cove. The method of collection of milfoil was revised to improve efficiency and therefore the number of bags harvested cannot be compared to the previous years. Seven (7) hours of suction harvesting were performed by New England Aquatic Services with no charge to the Town of Ellington.

Water Quality monitoring was performed throughout the 2015 season in the open water areas of the lake, in Aborn Brook and in the two (2) inlet channels. Parameters being tested are phosphorous, dissolved oxygen and temperature in the main body of the lake and total phosphorous and nitrate nitrogen in Aborn Brook and the two inlet channels. Water quality in the lake continues to be good.

Northeast Aquatic Research performed a comprehensive aquatic plant survey of the littoral lake on June 7, 2016 and issued a report with the following recommendations for work during FY 2016 – 2017 in order of priority. Northeast Cove was not included in this survey.

- Continue the annual maintenance in the main body of the lake.
- Clear milfoil from the Dam Area at the north end of the lake as soon as possible (0.4 acre). These plants are being fragmented and spreading around the lake.
- Continue removal of milfoil located offshore of the Town Beach adjacent to the area worked last year (1 acre).
- Remove individual milfoil plants along the west shore after

the above are accomplished.

- Remove sporadic milfoil off of the Northeast Cove.
- Remove milfoil in Aborn Cove. This area is well established with a dense root system. It is doubtful that bottom barriers would be effective in this shallow and mucky water and suction harvesting is recommended.
- Consider controlling the dense milfoil in the Route 140 Pond. This area will have to be suction harvested as herbicides or grass carp are probably not options. Work in this area should only be performed after work in the Dam Area and off of the Town Beach has been completed.
- Perform a comprehensive lake wide aquatic plant survey in the fall of 2016.

A Grant for \$15,000 was received from the CT DEEP for removal of milfoil in FY 2016 – 2017. This will be added to the Town's annual budget of \$25,000 for this work. Suction harvesting is anticipated to begin in late July, 2016.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE**

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House in its capacity as a 501 (c) (3) organization called the Friends of the Pinney House Inc., received a HPTAG grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. The \$5,000 Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant required matching funds and thanks to the hard work of Jim Gage, we were able to secure a generous donation from the Vranos Foundation, which enabled us to be eligible for the grant. The funds from the grant are being used to hire an historic architect, Bob Hurd, to draw up preliminary plans for the rehabilitation and restoration of the interior for use as a Cultural Arts and Education Center for the Town of Ellington. When Bob completes his project, we will meet with Town officials to share our vision for this historic property and to seek their approval as well as to encourage their ideas and suggestions.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police is to protect life and property. The team consists of a Sergeant, four Resident State Troopers, fourteen Town Officers, four Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland. The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads. Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

### HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies along with periodic DWI saturation patrols and speed enforcement under state issued grants. In conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Ad Hoc Council For Developing Positive Youth Culture, we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.

The Town-wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome residents of any neighborhood to contact our office for help in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program.

During the past year the Resident Troopers made numerous presentations to schools and civic groups regarding drug abuse, drunken driving, seatbelt safety, home and business security, careers in law enforcement and various other issues concerning public safety.

The Ellington Marine Officers continue to administer vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake enforcing both State Statutes and Town Ordinances that promote water safety.

The Resident Troopers' Office in conjunction with the Board of Education conducted safety audits of the schools and established two full-time School Resource Officer positions. The town will continue to have one full-time School Resource Officer for the upcoming school year.

### SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Criminal Cases Investigated	349	302	346
Motor Vehicle Investigations	215	176	216
Motor Vehicle Arrests / Warnings	3,353	3,001	2,715
DWI's	38	35	13
Marine Safety Inspections	687	656	688
Calls for Services	10,857	11,021	11,028

## BUILDING OFFICIAL

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Building Official is responsible for the public safety, health and welfare, as it relates to the use and occupancy of all town buildings and structures.

The Building Official's office is located in the Town Hall Annex. Building inspections are generally done the next day after notification is given to the Building Official.

## ACTIVITY REPORT

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
New Single Family Homes	46	24	45
New Commercial Buildings	2	6	0
New Multi-Family Buildings	4	7	4
Residential Alteration & Additions	41	45	49
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	158	199	216
Mechanical/Electrical	692	668	690
Other	131	133	141
Totals	1,074	1,082	1,145
Field Inspections	1,261	1,373	1,401
Estimated Construction Value	\$36,345,298	\$25,921,553	\$26,348,775
Permit Fees Collected	\$279,056	\$370,091	\$419,754

## FIRE MARSHAL

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Department of Town Fire Marshal performs both investigative and code enforcement roles within our community. Direct responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. Administrative and criminal search warrant applications and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed with the court system when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of all permanent or temporary buildings, occupancies, facilities, sites, processes and conditions, whether new, existing or under construction or renovation; all special events, including, but not limited to, assemblages of people, exhibits, trade shows, amusement parks, haunted houses, outdoor events, expositions and other similar special temporary and permanent occupancies and events. While it is difficult to calculate an exact number of inspections required each year due to the varying intervals for particular occupancies (1, 2, 3, or 4 years) coupled with the requirement for annual certification of fire safety systems (suppression, alarm, exhaust, standpipe, etc.) that annual number approaches 2,500. This inspection work requires enforcement of the following State of Connecticut codes: Fire Safety, Fire Prevention, Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Explosives, Liquid Petroleum Gas, Liquid Natural Gas, Gas Equipment, Fireworks and Special Effects, Oil Burner Equipment, Tents and Portable Shelters. Numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes are also enforced. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes and arrest warrant applications are prepared when appropriate.

In cooperation with the appropriate state agencies, permits are processed for all liquor establishments, day care centers, group day care homes and explosives operations. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are examined and approved prior to the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy are approved for those occupancies regulated by the Fire Safety Code. All open burning is regulated, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals are regulated, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary. Of the more than two hundred enforcement citations issued, many resulted in the issuance of construction permits for abatement work, with those fees reflected in the Building Department revenues.

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1995-1996	2005-2006	2016-2016
Investigations	67	63	52
Criminal	19	23	25
Non-criminal	46	39	22
Undetermined	2	0	6
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	0
Non-Fatal	3	2	0
Building Fires	12	15	8
Motor Vehicle Fires	6	1	3
All Other Fires	25	20	33
Hazardous Materials Incidents	8	18	5
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$324.0	\$40.5	\$24.53
Criminal	\$0	\$ 2.5	\$.03
Non-criminal	\$278.6	\$37.6	\$22.5
Undetermined	\$45.0	\$0	\$2.0
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$1,321.0	\$1,391.3	\$491.8
Enforcement Inspections	55	546	1,993
Commercial	12	211	198
Public Assembly	16	39	52
Educational	8	19	21
Residential (Multi-family)	6	194	1,696
Hazardous Materials	12	51	6
Other	1	19	20
State Licenses and Permits Approved	20	62	55
Open Burning Permits Processed/ Approved	N/A	31	11
Enforcement Citations Issued	83	491	210
Arrests and/or Referrals	4	0	0

## ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

**CHIEF:** Gary T. Feldman, Sr.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF:** Jack Rich, II

**DEPUTY CHIEFS:** Robert Smith, Karl S. Neubecker

**CAPTAINS:** Vincent Gambacorta, Peter Hany, Jr.

**LIEUTENANTS:** Thomas Adams, Kimberly Gambacorta, William Petras

**SECRETARY:** Michael D. Varney

**TREASURER:** Elizabeth Feldmann



### MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Jonathan Allen	Michael Bahler*
Timothy Bahler	Clayton Bannock	Frederick Bird
Bryan Blotniski	Steven Breault, Sr.	Brendan Burke
Jordan Chamberlain	Dominick Cristelli	Richard Daugherty
Donald Davis	Gary Feldman, Jr.**	Michael Gallagher
Kevin Gambacorta	Katherine Hany	Peter Hany, Sr.
Donald Hartman	Bradford Hoffman	Greg Larensen
Blaize Levitan	John Meigel	Douglas Parent
Jeffery Parent	Daniel Parisi	Keith Ruff
Andrew Slicer	Randall Smith	Regan Toomey
John W. Turner	Dennis C. Varney	John Vogel
	Frederica Weeks	

### LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Arthur Caldwell	Daniel Connors
Jerry Connors	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Allan Lawrence, Jr.
Robert Levandoski	Robert Parlante	Jack Rich
Robert Sandberg, Sr.		Allen Smith

### CADET MEMBERS

Justin Breault	Jared Fongemie	James-Paul Forbes
Ana Gilchrist	Chris Hany	Nicole Hazzard
Joshua Jacques	Cole Kilgore	Ricky Lagan
Ryan McConnell	Bradley Noble	Aaron Virkler

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Robert Federigan**	Ted Graziani
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\*2015 Firefighter of the Year

\*\* Currently on Military Leave

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud recognize 88 years of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's mission is the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies in the Town of Ellington; to honor all emergency calls, and to support fire prevention education activities. Currently the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department is rated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) as a class 5/8B. During the past several years, the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth within the town, has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

The greatest care and concern are given to those who become sick or injured. The most up to date rescue tools and techniques are used to extricate those who have become injured as the result of a motor vehicle or industrial accidents. Our rescue personnel work with the Ellington Ambulance to provide the best possible care for the sick and injured. For those patients in need of advanced life support or trauma team services, the Rockville General Hospital Paramedic Unit, frequently supported by the Life Star Helicopter transport team, are requested.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. formally signed a multi-year agreement in 2009 to provide services to the Town of Ellington as outlined in the Town of Ellington Charter as revised.

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the state is experiencing shortages of manpower. It is not easy with today's employment and family commitments to be a volunteer firefighter. Many hours of training are required to be a part of our emergency service delivery team.

For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., visit our award winning website at: [www.ellingtonfire.org](http://www.ellingtonfire.org), our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/ellingtonfd](https://www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd) or leave us a message at 860-870-3190.

### INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. During this period, the department responded to 715 emergency calls totaling 566 hours, which equated to more than 5164 donated man-hours for emergency services.

Significant incident activity for the year included multi-family structure fires and several large mutual aid fires.

The following outlines the emergency activity and related services provided by the department to the Town of Ellington:

<b>Fire, Explosion</b> .....	<b>42</b>
Structural/Building fire.....	12
Cooking Fire .....	1
Chimney Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction or Fire Confined ....	2
Vehicle/Mobile Property fire.....	4
Forest, Brush, grass fires .....	12
Refuse, Construction, Dumpster, Landfill fire.....	4
Outside fire other.....	3
Fire Other .....	2
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition.....	2
<b>Rescue, Emergency Medical Service</b> .....	<b>463</b>
Medical assist, assist EMS crew .....	380
Vehicle accident, Extrication from vehicle .....	77
Search for Person on land .....	2
Extrication, Rescue other .....	1
Water Rescue .....	1
Trapped by Power lines .....	1
Rescue Standby or other Rescue .....	1

<b>Hazardous Condition, Standby</b> .....	<b>60</b>
Hazardous Condition Other .....	1
Flammable/Combustible liquid spill.....	2
Natural Gas or LPG Leak.....	6
Chemical Hazard .....	1
Carbon monoxide incident .....	4
Electrical Equipment problem/Overheated Motor .....	4
Power line down.....	19
Arching, shorted electrical equipment .....	4
Vehicle Accident no Extrication .....	19
<b>Service Call</b> .....	<b>46</b>
Service Call , Other .....	7
Person in Distress .....	1
Lock Out .....	2
Water or Steam problem/Water Evacuation .....	3
Smoke, odor removal .....	3
Public service assistance/ Assist Invalid .....	7
Assist police or other government agency.....	7
Unauthorized Burning .....	5
Cover assignment, standby, move up .....	11
<b>Good Intent Call</b> .....	<b>26</b>
Good Intent Call , Other.....	10
Cancelled enroute, wrong location .....	9
Authorized controlled burning, Prescribed fire .....	3
Odor of Smoke Steam or vapor .....	2
Hazardous Materials Investigation .....	2
<b>False Call</b> .....	<b>74</b>
False call other.....	7
Alarm System malfunction .....	16
Unintentional alarm .....	47
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.....	4
<b>Other</b> .....	<b>4</b>
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Standby .....	1
Special Type of Incident , other.....	1
Citizen complaint .....	2
<b>TOTALS:</b> .....	<b>715</b>

**MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES**

During the year, Ellington firefighters spent over 7500 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of planning, management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department hosted a nationally recognized speaker to increase operational safety. Training sessions were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rural Water Supply and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following skills; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, or other recognized organization/agency, accredited all courses attended.

Members of our department also attended specialty courses held at the International Fire Chiefs Conferences and the New England Fire Chiefs Conference in Ledyard CT.

Live burn exercises were conducted regionally by EVFD personnel for area departments utilizing the departments live burn trailer, which was funded by a federal grant.

We are extremely proud of our high levels of training and certifications held by our members in Ellington. Several of our members are adjunct faculty for many of the area regional fire schools as well as the State Fire and Emergency Medical Training programs.

**Current Levels of members' certifications include:**

Fire Fighter I.....	13
Fire Fighter II/III.....	20
Fire Service Instructor I.....	9
Fire Service Instructor II.....	4
Fire Officer I.....	7
Fire Officer II.....	5
Safety Officer.....	6
Pump Operator.....	5
Aerial Operator .....	8
Hazardous Materials Operational.....	15
Hazardous Materials Technician.....	17
Emergency Medical Technician.....	17
Emergency Medical Responder.....	15
Emergency Medical Services Instructor.....	3

**EQUIPMENT**

All safety inspections for apparatus and equipment were conducted as required by DOT, DMV, OSHA and NFPA. It should be noted that extensive efforts were necessary to meet these regulations due to the age of the front line apparatus. Examples of specific annual tests include: annual apparatus safety inspections, ladder, hose, pump, SCBA, SCBA cylinders, and all fire extinguishers.

This year we continued a program with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to consolidate the purchase of our respective agencies' emergency medical service equipment and supplies. This promotes standardization of equipment and the leverage of bulk purchases.

**FACILITY**

This past year, The Town of Ellington purchased the property located at 6 Nutmeg Drive, formally Skip's Septic, to be utilized as a second station. The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's members provided over 1300 man hours of labor to convert the acquired facility into a firehouse the entire community can be proud of thus, eliminating the need to lease a facility in the southwest section of town yet still providing the necessary emergency services coverage. This new facility allows our members to standby in case of emergency, perform vehicle maintenance, and it also addressed needs previously identified for additional office space and storage. We continue to respond from this location with a ladder / pumper truck, fire pumper and a small rescue, as well as store the utility terrain vehicle.

The center fire house located at 29 Main Street houses 8 vehicles, several trailers and most department offices, equipment and records. Department meetings and trainings are also conducted at this facility. During this year we continued with our regular maintenance and safety inspections. This facility has had, and continues to receive, renovations to address code compliance issues such as fire suppression sprinklers, as well as attempting to meet industry standards such as vehicle exhaust ventilation, access system upgrades and other required repairs.

**SPECIALTY TEAMS**

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department members are active participants in several regional and statewide teams supporting regional emergency service activities. Members actively participate on The Capital Regional Hazardous Materials Response and Incident Management Teams in addition to the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team. The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department also actively participates on several State Fire Rescue Disaster Plan; Strike Teams and Task Forces. Responses of our members of these teams included several incident management team activations around the state, hazardous materials incidents in the capitol region, dive team responses throughout the Tolland County area as well as Strike Team and Task Force deployments in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

## CADET FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and nineteen. Cadets have the opportunity to participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership in addition to their own dedicated training and activities. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted to assure they are not exposed to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization where their training continues.

## FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 20 public education programs were conducted including presentations at Kindergarten through Grade 2 elementary schools, Pre-K programs in addition to other area nursery schools. The presentations were designed for younger children with the emphasis on attempting to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and awareness of safety. During the year we also provided several tours to groups at our firehouse and spoke to other organizations on fire and safety related issues. Please contact us if you would like to set up an appointment for us to host or speak to your organization.

## INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It is essential that we continue to support the volunteer character of the emergency services that protect our community. To aid in this effort the Town of Ellington's emergency services instituted a program to provide funds to run a volunteer incentive program in an attempt to attract new volunteers as well as increase the activity of the current members. Members are paid a monetary stipend based on their activity levels. Since the inception of the program, we believe the program has benefited the town by attracting more members and increasing the activity of the existing staff.

## FUTURE PLANNING

The town continues to experience an increased growth rate and we have continued planning to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for improved and additional facilities to adequately provide protection to the community, apparatus replacement and relocation, are areas of immediate concern. The town has appointed an emergency services committee and had previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this, the 88th year of our service to the community, a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the internet at [www.ellingtonfire.org](http://www.ellingtonfire.org) or [www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd](http://www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd).



Ribbon cutting at the dedication of Station 243



Pushing in of the fire truck at the dedication of the new fire station at 6 Nutmeg Drive

## E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

This office has several key functions that help to deliver efficient emergency services to the citizens of Ellington. Since the start of the statewide E911 emergency network your local coordinator has maintained a Master Street Address Guide, MSAG, for the telephone computer database. This insures that all streets and all street numbers assigned to properties on those streets are within the parameters of the E911 database guide. New streets are added to the database at time of construction. Existing streets are adjusted for extensions or additional lots. Several times during the course of a year conflicts will arise and need to be reviewed by this office. I also consult with the Planning Department and Building Official concerning street names and house numbering.

In cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers Office, this office insures the efficient handling of all 911 calls for assistance. As a member of a regional dispatch center that serves as our Primary Service Answering Point, PSAP, the Town of Ellington is able to provide a professional answering and dispatch service at a very economical rate.

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAP's distributes funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are distributed to all eligible dispatch centers across the State of Connecticut. The funding formula for distribution of these revenues supplements operating expenses, capital improvements and dispatcher training. That funding has been held to FY 09-10 funding levels. Any increase in operating expenses, salary or capital project costs are passed along to the member towns of the regional center. The Department of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications is reviewing the content of a report on the operations of Primary Service Answering Points across the state. It is of the greatest importance that any adjustments to the funding formula continue to support the regional concept of shared services.

Increase usage of the system, communications coverage and inter-operability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan. Dispatch software upgrades, base radio replacements and compliance with the FCC narrow banding requirements have been addressed. The radio console equipment was completely upgraded. The process of upgrading all Connecticut PSAP's to the next generation of 911 equipment was started with a cut over expected summer 2016.

# CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



**CHIEF:** Charles Pippin  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF:** Brian Pippin  
**DEPUTY CHIEF:** Timothy Seitz  
**CAPTAINS:** Bryan Harvell, Rob Edwards  
**LIEUTENANTS:** Bob Ludwig, Brandon Clark  
**SECRETARY:** Annmarie Seitz  
**TREASURER:** Bryan Harvell

## MEMBERS

James Adkins	Britney Edwards	Kelly Nelson
Chad Adams	Rob Edwards	Brian Pippin
Mike Allen	Michael Flannery	Chuck Pippin
Shannon Bennett	Bryan Harvell	Cindy Rivard
Jessica Casey	Don Lanier	Doug Rogala
Brandon Clark	Brian Legare	Annmarie Seitz
Sydney Coles	Richard Legare	Timothy Seitz
Jean-Marie Currier	Bob Ludwig	Fred Sharpe Jr.
Dannielle Decina	Elisabeth Luond	Jennifer Sharpe
Tom Descheneaux	Elaine Lupoletti	John Streiber
	Jacob Moore	Susan Trisler

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell	Jessica Harvell	Cindy Bregoli
Reka Wrynn	Larry Booth	David Bregoli
Sarah Rogala	Frank Sutton	Lois Goodin

## LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Thomas Trapp
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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

**CHAIRMAN:** Joseph Willis  
**CO-CHAIRMEN:** Chuck Christman  
**CLERK:** Tonya Glomboske  
**BOARD:** Frank Patagimas, Joe Kuzia, Timothy Seitz

The Crystal Lake Fire Department proudly continues to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Crystal Lake community while providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department has proudly served the Crystal Lake Community for over the last 80 years. The department is staffed by state certified Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders and continues to operate out of the Firehouse located at 316 Sandy Beach Road where all apparatus and equipment is housed. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of the members that makes the success of the department possible.

The department responded to a total of 278 calls for service, totaling 2,795 man hours volunteered to fulfill the emergency needs of the community. These emergencies included responding to and mitigating hazards at structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous materials leaks, motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical incidents, water and technical rescue.

With the responsibility of responding to a variety of emergencies, members maintained or advanced required skills through in-house training drills and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Fire School, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. The members of the Crystal Lake Fire Department participated in a total of 3,022 hours of

training during the course of the year. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: Firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Medical Services, Incident Command, Live Burn Exercise, Rapid Intervention Teams, Extrication, Search and Rescue, and Technical Rescue

The Crystal Lake Fire Department has been able to expand on its number of certified SCUBA divers on the department and have done extensive training in Crystal Lake learning different rescue techniques and maintaining their skills. Department members certified as divers and support may also participate as part of the Tolland County Dive Team. These members train with the dive team attending drills and meetings each month.

We would like to formally thank the residents of the community for supporting us this year in the purchase of a new 2016 Freightliner 3,000 gallon Tanker currently being built by 4 Guys Firetrucks and scheduled for delivery later this year. This new Tanker will give the department much needed increase in water immediately available for supporting firefighting operations. This apparatus will be an excellent addition to the department and will serve the town for the next 25 years.

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders, work side-by-side with Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. In addition, for serious medical emergencies requiring advanced care we work with the ASM & AMR Paramedics and the Life Star Helicopter. Our members train diligently and routinely to make sure our patients receive excellent pre-hospital care.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has over 30 members on our roster. The department is continuously looking to expand its membership with new members. We also offer a junior program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and train and operate with the fire department members under the supervision of an advisor.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-4 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, see and touch equipment used by firefighters so they have more understanding in the event of a fire, and most importantly fire prevention.

The Fire Officers of the department have also completed over 8,700 hours of administrative and support work to complete all required reports, testing, and paperwork as well as assuring proper coverage of the district ensuring the residents receive premier service when they are in need.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support in our efforts as we strive to make our community a safe place to live in. We would also like to thank all the businesses and residents of the Crystal Lake area for their support in the community and all donated monies toward the purchase of equipment. We hope for everyone's continued support and hope the best for the community and all the residents.



*A new 3,000 gallon Tanker is currently being built for the Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department and is scheduled for delivery later this year.*

## SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

<b>Fires and Explosions Total</b> .....	<b>21</b>
Structure Fires .....	13
Vehicle Fire.....	1
Natural Vegetation or Brush Fire .....	5
Outside Rubbish Fire.....	2
<b>Rescue Call Total</b> .....	<b>162</b>
Emergency Medical Incident or Assist.....	113
Motor Vehicle Accident/ Vehicle Extrication.....	38
Search for person on Land .....	2
Search for Person in Water .....	5
Technical Rescue .....	4
<b>Hazardous Condition Total</b> .....	<b>16</b>
Chemical Spill or Leak .....	1
Carbon Monoxide Incident .....	3
Electrical Wiring Problem.....	3
Power Line Down.....	9
<b>Service Call Total</b> .....	<b>38</b>
Service Call, Other.....	14
Person in Distress .....	1
Water Problem.....	2
Smoke Odor Problem.....	4
Public Service Assistance.....	1
Cover Assignment, Standby.....	14
<b>Good Intent Call Total</b> .....	<b>14</b>
Good Intent Call, Other .....	4
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route .....	8
Authorized Controlled Burning .....	2
<b>False Alarm Call Total</b> .....	<b>16</b>
False Alarm or False Call, Other .....	6
Alarm System Malfunction .....	3
Unintentional Alarm Activation.....	1
Carbon Monoxide Activation, No CO.....	1
<b>Special Type of Incident</b> .....	<b>11</b>

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible to provide a coordinated preparedness and response to all emergency incidents; natural disasters, hazardous material releases, weather related incidents and human initiated mass casualty events. The OEM's primary goals are the preservation of life, recovery from the emergency incident and the continuous effort to educate Ellington residents, schools and businesses in preparing for an emergency incident.

### Purpose of the Office of Emergency Management

The OEM develops and maintains Emergency Operation Plans. The plans enable the Town to respond quickly and effectively to an emergency incident. Preparing for an emergency incident involves training drills, site visits and emergency incident exercises. The OEM gathers facts from Town data to prepare a response should an emergency incident involve a school, a business or a neighborhood. During an actual emergency incident, the First Selectman is the Director of the emergency response. The Town Emergency Operations Center would be activated. The OEM manages the resources and serves as the point of contact between the Town and the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS).

The Ellington Emergency Operations Center was opened for the October 2015 state-wide exercise which was a weather event focused on testing our public schools' emergency operations plan, and served as practice for Emergency Operations Center staff while activating our regional and state resources.



The OEM participated in the Senior Health Fair in October at the Senior Center, speaking on preparing for an emergency incident; Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT); and Everbridge sign up (Ellington's Emergency Notification System).

The Town's Emergency Management Director is a member of the Health and Safety Committee; he chairs the Emergency Management Advisory Council and participates in state-wide organizations such as Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC), Connecticut Citizens Corp Council and Connecticut Emergency Management Association (CEMA) to keep abreast of current information and events regarding emergency management.

The Town of Ellington is a member of the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC). CREPC is comprised of thirty-three towns located in the Greater Hartford Region. Their primary function is to support fellow town members during an emergency incident.

The Town's regional radio equipment was upgraded with a new antenna located at the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the CERT ham radios now have working antennas in the schools.

In the past year, OEM has applied for and received grant money to help offset the cost of OEM operations. OEM will continue to seek and apply for grant money going forward.

Disasters demand a number of special services that are activated during an emergency incident. The Ellington High School is the primary Town Emergency Shelter. The Middle School is the back-up Emergency Shelter. Each facility has an emergency generator that provides power to the buildings. During large scale emergency events, the Town Emergency Shelter provides residents who need assistance a place to sleep, eat and shower.

Throughout the year, the Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Directors participated in training and education opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge.

### Recovering from Emergency Incidents

The most difficult phase of an emergency incident is recovery. Residents' lives are altered, and damaged homes and businesses must be repaired or rebuilt. The Red Cross and Salvation Army render aid to families. Many Town volunteers step forward to provide assistance during the recovery phase. To each and every one of them, a sincere thank you. Your care and concern are truly appreciated. The true fiber of a community exemplifies itself during the worst of times. We are all family members in the Town of Ellington. We care for each other.

### Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)

The OEM supervises the Ellington Community Emergency Response Team. (C.E.R.T.) The Team is supported by Federal, State and Local funds. CERT members are provided training in

fire safety, basic first aid and non-hazardous search and rescue. CERT members are trained to assist first responders during Town-wide emergency incidents as well as provide assistance with safety patrols, crowd and traffic control for Town events. Ellington CERT members have provided assistance with activities in several Towns in the Tolland County region. In 2016, the Ellington CERT program reached an all-time membership record of 40 members.

We encourage and appreciate new members for our CERT program. For further information, email Deputy Emergency Management Director John Streiber at [jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov) or call the OEM 860-870-3182. You must be 18 years of age, pass a criminal background check and successfully complete the 24-hour CERT Basic Training course, to become a member in the CERT program.

## ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS



**PRESIDENT:** Nancy Stillman  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Matthew Lontz  
**TRAINING:** Bruce Hoffman  
**SECRETARY:** Annalise Hurley and Daniel Hunt  
**TREASURER:** Mark O'Donnell  
**SCHEDULING:** Doreen Connor  
**SUPPLY:** Alisa Smith  
**MAINTENANCE:** Andrew Slicer  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Allison Jenkins

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Doreen Connor	Andrew Slicer	Gregory York
Nancy Stillman	Dorota Gdula	Allison Jenkins
Renee Cyr	Kim Courville	Simon Hessler
Jennifer Rice	Joe Glomboske	Blake St. John
Cassandra Smith	Laura Goulet	Rachel Oakes
Annalise Hurley	Bryan Evans	Bruce Hoffman
Don Lanier	Mark O'Donnell	Daniel Hunt
Matthew Lontz	Alisa Smith	Rebecca Crank
Dan Flanagan	Koralia Burz	Paige Flanagan
Alexis D'Aloisio		Bill Petras

### PAID STAFF

Tonya Glomboske	Kerri Pliszka	Brittany Martin
Debbie Landry-Schiessl	Scott Fine	Thomas Dillon
Kristin Fries		Jon Morriset

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Krista Schulz	Becky York
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### PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Lucianna Thieringer	Laura Chrisikos	Victoria Bruno
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### LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Jean-Marie Currier	John Watts
Ray Close	Angie Sandberg	Denise Rioux

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc. (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 54 years. EVAC responded to 1136 EMS requests during the 2015 calendar year, 73 of which were in the Crystal Lake district. EVAC also responded to 94 mutual aid calls to the towns surrounding Ellington. All crews and equipment meet or exceed the State of Connecticut requirements and remain fully licensed through examination and inspection.

An active first response system allows EVAC and both fire departments to render immediate lifesaving care when it is needed most. All members are provided with emergency medical supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever possible. Additionally, automated external defibrillators (AED's) are provided to most active members for rapid response to victims in acute cardiac arrest.

EVAC continues its commitment to current and ongoing training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conferences. This allows EVAC members to remain educated concerning the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision and delivery of emergency medical services. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of first aid and CPR training to various organizations and individuals in our community. As part of this commitment, the number and locations of AED's in town has been expanded to provide ease of public access and maximize the chance of survival during acute cardiac arrests. As a result of this effort the Town of Ellington was designated a Heartsafe Community by the American Heart Association.

As a responsible municipal member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with other departments and the town to streamline services and reduce costs to the taxpayers whenever possible. In addition to the centralization of the AED program, EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for town wide fire and rescue services. Funding for this is provided by utilizing money generated by ambulance billing resulting in a reduction of the town budget.

## ELLINGTON RESCUE POST 512

Alisha Albee**	Michaela Doyon	Hannah Mozzer
Julia Mack**	James Forbes	Sylvia Mutua
Julia Scavetta**	Halie Glowacki	Grace Palmer
Gabby Ewald**	Evalyn Gowen	Isha Patel
Alyssa Walters**	Hannah Hearn	April Phelps
Julia Busky**	Rachael Iverson	Amanda Pretty
Megan Chamberland**	Alex Jacques	Thomas Samson
Walter Albee	Suchet Kadari	Jeffery Stone
Becca Cargill	Madison Killoran	Noah Welti
Ashley Cioto	Naomi Luginbuhl	Spencer Wesley
Brenna Darby	Logan McDonald	Nick Willet

*\*\*denotes those who graduated*

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Ellington Rescue Post 512. All of these high school students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as EMR's or EMT's and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition to the rigorous medical training they must excel at. The Rescue Post is one of only two programs in the State of Connecticut that allows students to ride on ambulances and has been active in Ellington for 46 years. In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year that benefit both the community and EVAC.

Rescue Post 512 could not function without the adult advisors who volunteer their time and knowledge.

Tonya Glomboske, Head Advisor		
Joe Glomboske	Kristin Fries	Bryan Goulet
Debbie Landry-Schiessl	Laura Goulet	

## HIGHLIGHTS

EVAC continued the tradition of awarding scholarships to graduating Rescue Post members who planned to continue their education in the medical field.

Earlier this year the Corps recognized several members for their years of service. Jean-Marie Currier had 30 years, Tonya Glomboske 20 years, Don Lanier 15 years, Brittany Martin, Dan Flanagan, Doreen Connor, Annalise Hurley and Laura Goulet all had 10 years and Rachel Oakes had 5 years of service. Nancy Stillman was named Volunteer of the Year 2016. Evac's team of CPR instructors had a record year for 2015. Over 200 people were trained and certified in classes held at EVAC and around the state.

## MEMBERSHIP

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for good members. Prospective members must be committed to providing high quality emergency care at any hour of the day. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education and equipment at no cost to all members.

For additional information call us at (860)870-3170 or visit us on the web at [www.ellingtonambulance.org](http://www.ellingtonambulance.org).

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

## ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Ellington Animal Control is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to domestic animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control Laws by telephone by way of voice mail. The officers also investigate complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as impounding stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the animal shelter by the officers. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for unlicensed dogs on our delinquent list begins. The Officers do assist the police and the public with animal emergencies. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to ensure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

### STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Kathy DiBacco. The shelter is open to the public Monday - Friday 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M and Saturday and Sunday (also holidays) from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. To reach Animal Control, please call (860) 870-3155. Appointments are required to visit animals available for adoption. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State of CT D.E.E.P. Wildlife Department at (860) 424-3011. Ellington Animal Control provides assistance to the community so that pets and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate about laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Join Ellington Animal Control's Facebook page to stay up to date on news, lost & found animals and pets available for adoption. We are very grateful for the support and help we get through our network of friends. Keeping the community involved and up to date on current events and news is extremely important for our department. We do ask that you please contact our office directly by telephone for complaints and reports of lost & found animals, so we can attend to them properly.

The State of CT Animal Population Control Program, is currently offering a Low-Income Pet Sterilization voucher. This program helps CT low-income residents by providing vaccination/sterilization vouchers for their pets. An application must be completed and submitted to the CT State Animal Control Division. Applications are available at our office or online. To qualify, the applicant must already qualify for one of six low-income state assistance programs listed on the application. For more information, please call (860) 713-2507.

We had another successful Annual Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Ellington Center Animal Clinic and held at the Ellington Farmer's Market in June. The doctors and staff from Ellington Center Animal Clinic administer Rabies vaccines and implant Microchips. Proceeds from the microchips and vaccines are donated to a fund for the homeless animals and to help impounded animals in need of medical attention. Thank you to the Ellington Farmer's Market for allowing us to be there and partake in the festivities, as well as a Huge Thank you to the Ellington Center Animal Clinic for donating their time, resources and to coordinate such a great fundraiser for the animal shelter. The support from the community attending the Rabies & Microchip clinic was wonderful!

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets on Petfinder.com. This website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes, as well as post found animals in search of their owners. The adoptable animals are spending less time in the shelter waiting to be adopted. The internet has offered us greater exposure for advertising these homeless pets. Dogs and cats are adopted out under the Connecticut Animal Population Control Program. This program is for unaltered pets adopted from a Connecticut municipal shelter and provides two vaccinations and assists with the costs of sterilization. The Animal Population Control Program intends to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats and to also reduce the cost and burden to the towns coping with pet overpopulation. The fee for adopting a pet under this program is \$50 which includes the voucher.

*"Train, don't blame"*

### SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Complaints Investigated	1077	1066	1000
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	41	56	37
Animals Adopted	22	26	10
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	8	4	4
Animal Bites	24	21	22
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	20	12	8
Infractions/Summons Issued	9	8	22
Total Impounded Animals	91	98	58
Licensed Dogs	2360	2382	2377

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

It is the duty of the Department of Public Works to maintain, repair, clean, and remove snow from all public streets and ways; maintain and operate storm sewers and other drains; care for and maintain all town buildings other than those under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education; prepare or supervise the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction or reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, drains, public buildings and other structures and construct or supervise the construction of the same; to care for parks, grassed areas in streets and public grounds, including athletic fields under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission; to plant and care for trees within the street line; to enforce ordinances imposing on owners of property obligations to construct and maintain sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drains; contract with the Water Pollution Control Authority for the maintenance of the facilities and grounds which come under the jurisdiction of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Works Department has had another good year, with funds expended to get the most out of them. The Public Works Department crew put in an all-out effort to accomplish the day-to-day demands put on the Department and still be able to accomplish other jobs over and above their daily duties.

**ROAD WORK:** Jobs Hill Rd and Tomoka Ave were milled and repaved this fiscal year. The catch basins were repaired in preparation of this paving. Muddy Brook Rd, Egypt Road and Ridge Drive each received rubberized chip seal. The streets of Charter, McKnight, Hughes and Lewis Circles were reconstructed and paved in conjunction with the water main replacement by Connecticut Water. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents in these areas for their patience.

**BUILDING PROJECTS:** Continuing to work with Fuss & O'Neill on the Design Build for the Town Hall Addition; a STEAP grant from the State was awarded to the town for this project. The key fob access system was expanded to include the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse which is being used by the Recreation Dept. as well as the Police Department. Our department worked with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept. to ready their new station on Nutmeg Dr. We monitored the replacement of the sidewalks at the Senior Center, the placement of the generator, the landscaping, and the installation of a pavilion and construction of horseshoe pits. Security cameras have been installed at the Town Hall, the Police facility and the Senior Center. Sidewalks were constructed from the High School to the Cider Mill Condos. A new garage parking area was constructed for the WPCA Sewer Flusher Truck. Sewer projects inspected this year were McKnight, Lewis and Hughes Circles sewer project and the Deer Valley Phase II apartments. The Hall Memorial Library parking lot was paved and irrigation was installed at the Schwartz Field.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:** This year we purchased a dump/plow truck, a mower and a new Steiner sidewalk plow/snow blower. We purchased a parks trailer, an additional storage container for recyclables and several hand held GPS units for mapping on the Town GIS system.

**SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL:** Last winter we received 30" of snow. The crews went out 14 times for plowing or treating of roads for ice. Overall we had a mild winter. This enabled us to purchase and stock deicing materials for next winter. We purchased 2,641 tons of Clear Lane and 228.62 tons of salt.

**GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:** The automated garbage and recycling system continues to be working well in Ellington. Ellington residents recycled 1,426 tons of materials in 2015-16. The MidNEROC household hazardous program is working well and saving the Town money. Residents can continue to bring electronics, waste oil, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and

propane tanks to the shed at the Public Works Complex. NO paint is to be dropped at the Public Works shed; paint goes to the MidNEROC facility. The DPW shed is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM and on the MidNEROC schedule which is the first and third Saturday of the month from 9-12. The town website has all the details on this program. Over the last 12 months, residents have dropped off 41.05 tons of electronics. In March we held a special electronic collection at the Crystal Lake School which was very popular. Ellington has also implemented textile recycling and there is a recycling box at the Public Works Complex. Textile recycling consists of more than clothes. It includes linens, footwear, belts, hats and purses as well as stuffed animals. Items must be bagged.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** We held our second successful open house at our facility on May 21. We had 50 people come through. The children were able to climb into the equipment and have truck rides in our yard.

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY:** The Public Works Director is also the WPCA Administrator. The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of all water pollution facilities in Ellington. The Town is responsible for 110 grinder pumps and 7 pump stations. We are continuing to monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station and have signed off on the procedures presented by Country Pure Foods to handle these levels. We are continuing our grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake. Sewer lines are being flushed out on a continuing basis as time permits. The Fats Oil and Grease (FOG) program is continuing to be monitored and the schools were inspected this year. The grant was approved by the State to fund a shared sewer camera truck between the Towns of Ellington, Vernon and Stafford. The sanitary sewer was replaced by the Town WPCA on Charter Rd, and McKnight, Lewis and Hughes Circles in conjunction with the water line replacement.

**RECREATION:** The Pinney Street Fields were officially opened this spring and the irrigation and well were installed this spring. A second layer of millings from the Jobs Hill and Tomoka work were placed in the parking area at the fields on Pinney St. The Public Works Department repaired dugouts at Brookside Park and a batting cage at the High School. We have also been working to preserve the playing fields with turf maintenance items including overseeding and aerating. We also did drainage work on the High School Football field. We continue to maintain the playing fields in town as well as the beach at Crystal Lake. This spring we trucked in 200 cy of sand for Crystal Lake Beach. Irrigation was installed at Brookside Park girl's field and softball fields as well as at the Schwartz Field. The tennis courts were repaired at Schwartz and Brookside.

## ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

1. Continued commitment of the four-year road-resurfacing program.
2. Continued equipment replacement as per Capital Improvements Program.



# INFORMATION GUIDE

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## AREA

Ellington is located 16 miles, northeast of Hartford with 34.8 square miles of area.

## ALTITUDE

The altitude ranges from 200 feet to 950 feet above sea level. Most of the town is approximately 450 feet above sea level.

## CLIMATE

The average temperatures in the town are 74 degrees during the summer months and 25 degrees during the winter months. Wind directions are south to southwest in the summer, and north to west in the winter.

## POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2014, the population was approximately 15,795.

## GOVERNMENT

The Town has a Selectman form of government, which operates under a charter adopted in 1975. The Town Meeting serves as the legislative arm of the government. The Board of Finance recommends the annual budget to the Town Meeting for approval and sets the tax rate.

## STREETS

The Town has 94 miles of municipally maintained roads. The State of Connecticut maintains 24.62 miles of state roads which intersect the town. These are Routes 140, 286, 83, 30, 32 and 74.

## TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 30.5 mills applied to the 2015 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate was completed in 2010.

## SEWERS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority manages three major sewer systems: Longview, Hockanum River and Crystal Lake. Approximately 90% of the commercially zoned land has direct access to the sewer system. Windermere Industrial Park has either direct or reasonable access to the sewer system.

## WATER

The Town is serviced by CT Water Co. which have the capacity of accommodating approximately 70% of the commercial and industrial zoned land. Shenipsit Lake is the largest local water source which spans the borders of two adjoining towns. Crystal Lake is located in Ellington and stretches over an area of 175 acres. The Hockanum River runs north-south and is located in the southern part of town.

## SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of 2015 is 2,727 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

## INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$84,699 as of the 2013 Census.

## HOUSING

As of the 2012 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,415 housing units, including 462 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes, one of which provides subsidized housing.

## AIRPORT

The Town has a privately-owned airport that is centrally located to provide air carrier service to both New York and Boston. The airport can accommodate both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

## RECREATION

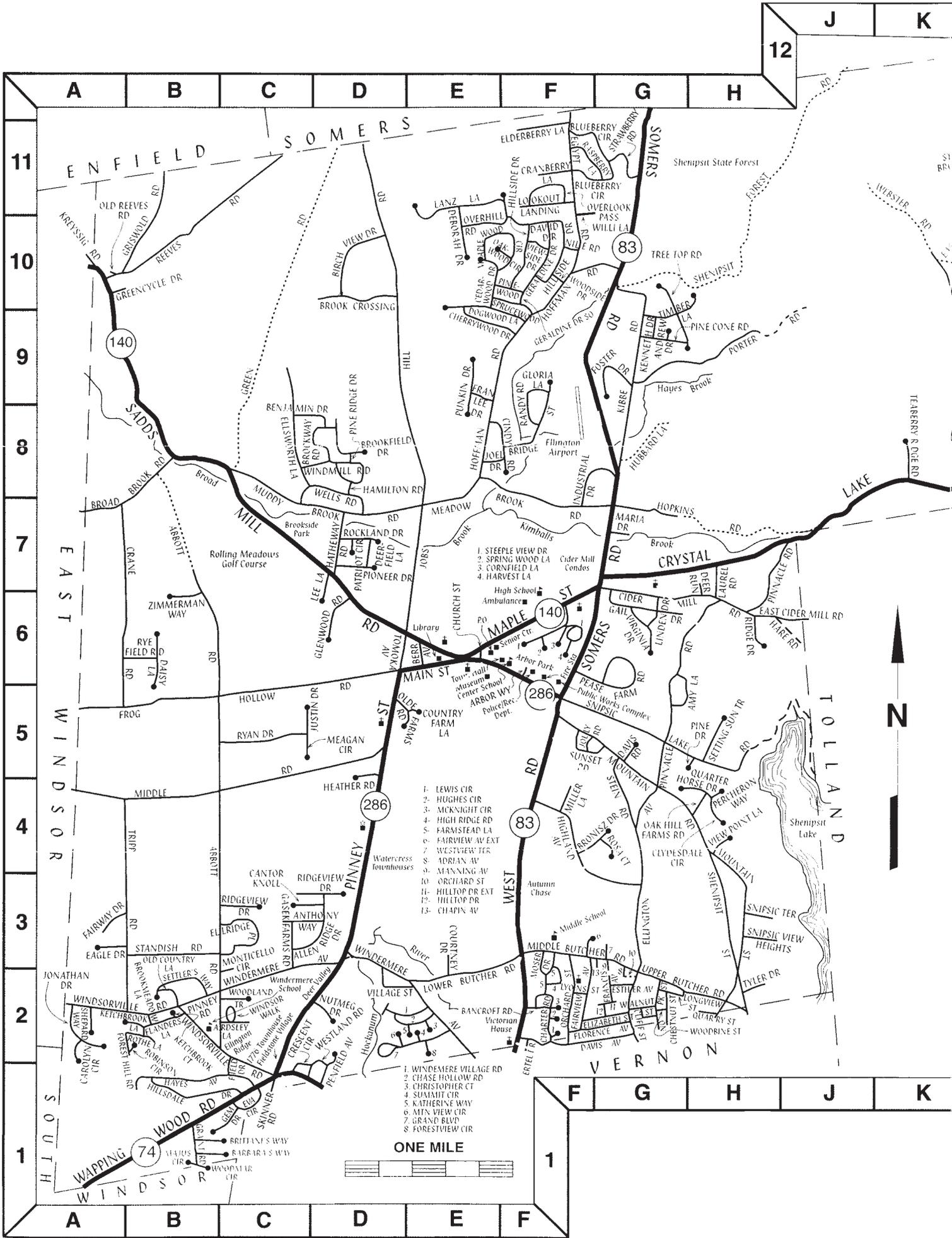
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. Brookside Park Pavilion was completed in 1991. The building, equipped with restrooms and a concession stand, is available to local groups by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation Office. Arbor Park, located on Main Street, contains a walking course and 2 gazebos, picnic tables, and Sunday evening concerts sponsored by the Recreation Department. In 2012, four new tennis courts were completed at Schwartz Field next to Ellington High School. The Pinney Street fields, which include lacrosse and soccer fields, were constructed and completed in 2015.

## LOCAL BUSINESS

The Ellington business community is currently a blend of agriculture and small commercial and industrial enterprises. The dairy industry has long been the major producer of goods, but Ellington also provides products in the fields of packaging, pharmaceuticals, sporting goods, automobiles, industrial designs and printing. The Farmers Market runs Saturdays from May - October; 9am -12:00pm in Arbor Park.

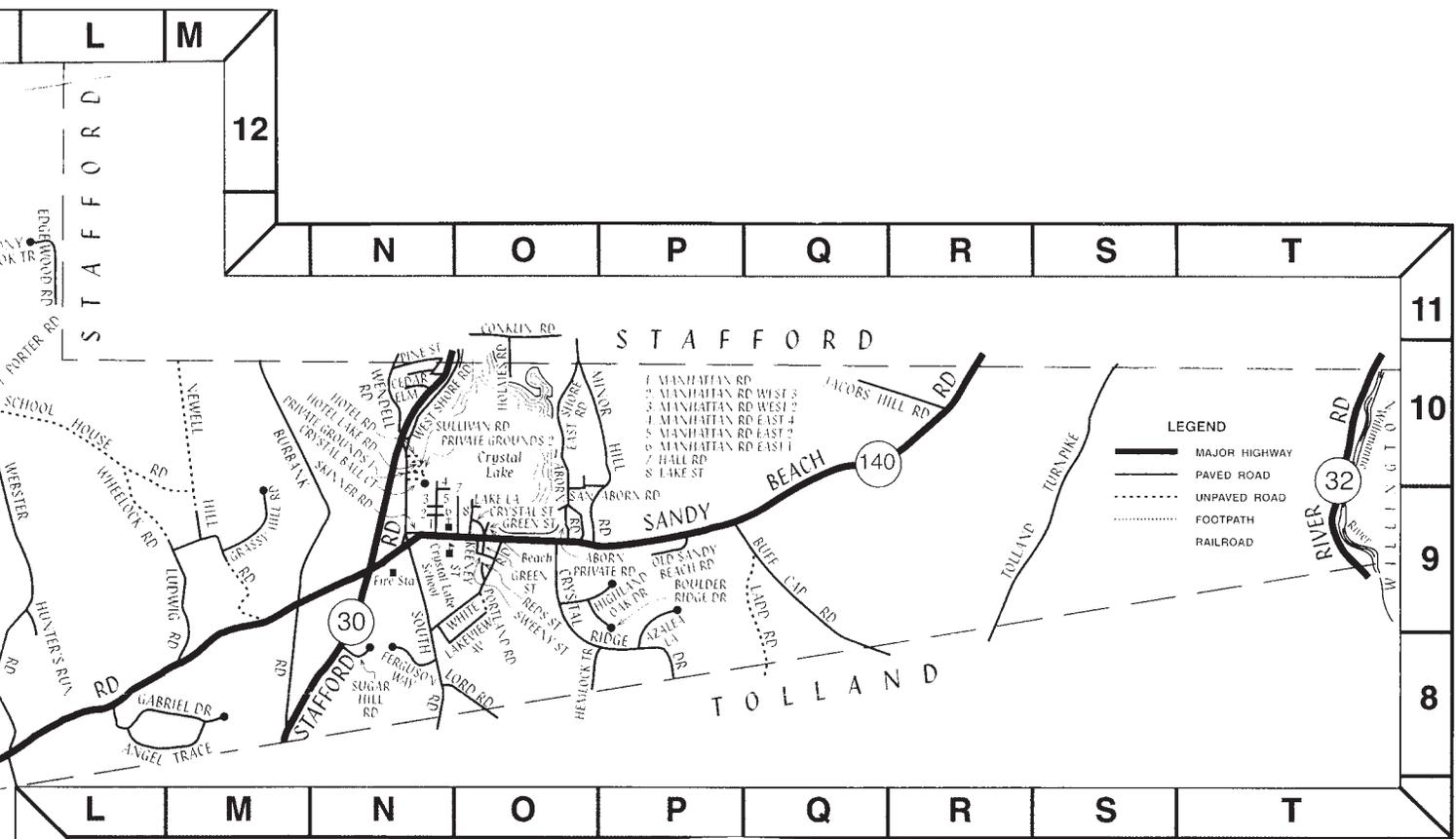
## SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 40 Maple Street. The hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



- ONE MILE**
1. WINDEMERE VILLAGE RD  
 2. CHASE HOLLOW RD  
 3. CHRISTOPHER CT  
 4. SUMMIT CIR  
 5. KATHERINE WAY  
 6. MTN VIEW CIR  
 7. GRAND BLVD  
 8. FORESTVIEW CIR

1. STEEPLE VIEW DR  
 2. SPRING WOOD LA  
 3. CORNFIELD LA  
 4. HARVEST LA
1. LEWIS CIR  
 2. HUGHES CIR  
 3. MCKNIGHT CIR  
 4. HIGH RIDGE RD  
 5. FARMSTEAD LA  
 6. FAIRVIEW AV EXT  
 7. WESTVIEW TER  
 8. ADRIAN AV  
 9. MANNING AV  
 10. ORCHARD ST  
 11. HILLTOP DR EXT  
 12. HILLTOP DR  
 13. CHAPIN AV



## STREET INDEX

Abbott Rd	B2	Daisy La	B6	*Hall Rd	O9	Main St	E6-F5	Quarry St	H2	Upper Butcher Rd	G2
Aborn Rd	P9	David Dr	F10	Hamilton Rd	D8	Majus Cir	B1	Quarter Horse Dr	G4-H4	Victorian House	F2
*Aborn Private Rd	O9	Davis Rd	G5	Hare Rd	H6	*Manhattan Rd	N9-N10	Randy Rd	F8	View Point La	H4
Adrian Av	G2	Deborah Dr	E10	Harvest La	F6	*Manhattan Rd East 1	N9	Raspberry La	F11	Village St	F10
Allen Ridge Dr	C3-D3	*Deer Run	H6-H7	Hatheway Rd	D7	*Manhattan Rd East 2	N9	Reds St	O9	Village St	D2
Amy La	G5	Deer Valley	D2	Hayes Av	B1	*Manhattan Rd East 4	N9	Reeves Rd	A10-C11	Virginia Dr	G6
Andrew Dr	G9	Deerfield La	D7	Heather Rd	D5	*Manhattan Rd West 2	N9	Ridge Dr	H6	Walnut St	G2
Angel Trace	L8-M8	Dogwood La	F10	Hemlock Trail	O10	*Manhattan Rd West 3	N9	Ridgeview Dr	C3, D3	Wapping Wood Rd	A1-C1
Anthony Way	C3-D3	Eagle Dr	A3	High Ridge Rd	F2	Manning Av	G3	River Rd	T9-T10	Webster Rd	K8-K10
Arbor Way	F6	East Cider Mill Rd	H6-J6	Highland Av	F4	Maple St	E6-G7	Robinson Cir	B2	Wells Rd	D8
*Ardsley La	C2	East Porter Rd	K10-L11	Highland Oak Dr	O9-P9	Maplewood Dr	F10	Rockland Dr	D7	Wendell Rd	N10
Azalea La	P9-P10	*East Shore Rd	O9-O10	Hillsdale Dr	B1	*Maria Dr	G7	Rosa Ct	G4	West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2	Edgewood Rd	L11	Hillside Dr	F10	McKnight Cir	F2	Rothe La	A2-B2	West Shore Rd	N9-O10
Barbara's Way	C2	Egypt Rd	F10	Hilltop Dr	G2	Meadow Brook Rd	E7	Ryan Dr	C5	Westland Rd	C1
Benjamin Dr	C8-D8	Elderberry La	F11	Hilltop Dr Ext	G2	Meagan Cir	D5	Rye Field Rd	B6	Westview Ter	G3
Berr Av	E6	Elizabeth St	G2	Hoffman Rd	E8-G10	Middle Rd	A4	1776 Townhouses	C2	Wheelock Rd	L9
Birch View Dr	D10	Ellington Av	G2	Holmes Rd	O10-O11	Middle Butcher Rd	F3	Sadds Mill Rd	A10-E6	White Rd	O9
Blueberry Cir	F11	Ellington Ridge Condos	C2	Hopkins Rd	G7	Miller La	F4	*San Aborn Rd	O10	*Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9	Ellsworth La	C8	*Hotel Lake Rd	N10	Minor Hill Rd	P10	Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10	Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8	Ellridge Pl	C3	*Hotel Rd	N10	Monticello Cir	C2-C3	School House Rd	F2	Windemere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1	Elm St	N10	Hubbard La	G8	Moser Dr	F2	*Setting Sun Trail	H5	Windmill Rd	C8-D8
Broad Brook Rd	A7	Ertel Dr	F2	Hughes Cir	L8-L9	Mountain Rd	F5-H4	Settler's Way	B2	*Windsor Walk	C2
Brockway Rd	D8	Esther Av	G2	*Hunter's Run	F2	Mountain St	H4-F3	Shenipsit St	H3	Windsorville Rd	B2
Bronisz Dr	F4-G4	Eva Cir	C1	Industrial Dr	F8-G8	*Mountainview Cir	D2-E2	Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12	Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10	Fairview Av	F2	Jacobs Hill Rd	R10	Muddy Brook Rd	C8	Shepard Way	M9	Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	D8	Fairview Av Ext	F3	Jobs Hill Rd	E6	Newell Hill Rd	M9	Skinner Rd	F10	Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	A2-B2	Fairway Dr	A3	Joel Dr	E8	Nile Rd	F10	Snipsic Lake Rd	G2	Woodside Dr	F10
Buff Cap Rd	O9	Farmstead La	F2	Joel Rd	F5	North Park St	G2	Snipsic Ter	D2	Zimmerman Way	B6
Burbank Rd	M8-M10	Ferguson Way	N8	Jonathan Dr	A1	Nutmeg Dr	D2	Snipsic View Hgts	H3	* Private	
Cantor Knoll	C3-D3	Field Dr	C1	Justin Dr	C5-D5	Oak Hill Farms Rd	G4-H4	Somers Rd	F6-G12		
Carolyn Cir	A1	Fieldstone Village	C2	Katherine Way	E2	Oakwood Cir	F10	South Rd	N9		
Cedarwood Dr	E10	Flanders La	A2-B2	Keeney St	O9	Old Country La	B2	Springwood La	N9		
Cedar St	N10	Florence Av	F2	Kenneth Dr	G9	Old Reeves Rd	A10	Sprucewood Dr	E10		
Chapin Av	G3	Foster Dr	G9	Ketchbrook Ct	B2	Old Sandy Beach Rd	P9	Stafford Rd	M8-N10		
Charter Rd	F2	Forest Hill Rd	A2	Ketchbrook La	E2	Olde Farms Rd	D5	Standish Rd	B3		
Chase Hollow Rd	D2-E2	*Forestview Cir	E2	Kibbe Rd	G2	Orchard St	F2-F3	Steeple View Dr	F6		
Cherrywood Dr	E10	Francis Av	G2	Kibb Rd	G8	Orchard Av	G2-G3	Stein Rd	G4		
Chestnut St	G2	Francis Av	G2	Kreyssig Rd	A10	Overhill Rd	E10	Stony Brook Trail	L11		
Christopher Ct	E2	Frog Hollow Rd	A5	Ladd Rd	O9	Overlook Pass	F11	Strawberry Rd	G11		
Church St	E6	Gabriel Dr	L8-M8	*Lake La	O9	Patriot Cir	D7	Sugar Hill Rd	N8		
Cider Mill Rd	G6-J6	Gail Dr	G6	Lake St	O9	Pease Farm Rd	F6-G5	*Sullivan Rd	N10		
Cider Mill Condos	F7	Gasek Farms Rd	C3	Lakeview Av	O9	Penfield Av	D1	*Summit Cir	E2		
Cindy Rd	E8	Gem Dr	C1	Laurel Rd	E11	Percheron Way	H4	Sunset Rd	F5		
Cliff St	G2	Geraldine Dr	F10	Lee La	H7	*Pine Dr	G5	Sweeney St	O9		
Cornfield La	F6	Geraldine Dr So	F10	Lee La	D7	Pine St	N10	Teaberry Ridge Rd	K8		
Country Farm La	D5	Glenwood Rd	D6	Lewis Cir	F2	Pine Cone Rd	G9	Timber La	G9		
Courtney Dr	E2-E3	Gloria La	F9	Linden Dr	G6	Pine Ridge Dr	D8	Tolland Tpk	S9		
Cranberry La	F11	*Grand Blvd	D2-E2	Longview St	G2	Pinewood La	F10	Tomoka Av	D6		
Crane Rd	A5	Grant Rd	B1	Lookout Landing	F11	Pinnacle Rd	G5	Tree Top Rd	G9-G10		
Crescent Cir	C1	Grassy Hill Rd	M9-M10	Lord Rd	O8	Pinney Rd	B2	Tripp Rd	A2		
Crystal St	O9	Green Rd	C8	Lower Butcher Rd	E2	Pinney St	C1-D6	*Tyler Dr	H2		
Crystal Ball Ct	N10	Green St	O9	Ludwig Rd	M8-M9	Pioneer Dr	D7				
Crystal Lake Rd	G7-M8	*Greencycle Dr	A10-B10	Lyons St	F2	Porter Rd	G9-J10				
Crystal Ridge Dr	P8-O9	Griswold Rd	B10			Portland Rd	O9				
Clydesdale Cir	G4-H4					*Private Grounds 1	N10				
						*Private Grounds 2	N10				
						Punkin Dr	E8				

# LIBRARY



## HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, providing free and equal access to a variety of materials and programs for all residents. The Library plays an active role in the community as a preschooler's door to learning, a formal education support center, as a popular materials library, and a community reference source and gathering place.

### SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for education and entertainment. The collection consists of items in many formats, including books, periodicals, newspapers, eBooks and digital audiobooks, music and audiobooks on CDs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online databases and reference materials, and equipment, such as eBook readers and mp3 players. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and Reference non-circulating collection. For materials not found in this collection there is an interlibrary loan service that facilitates loans from libraries around the state or the country, including multiple copies of titles for book discussion groups and materials for genealogy research. Also available are computers for word processing and Internet access, black and white and color photocopiers and printers, a digital scanner, a fax machine, a digital microfilm reader/printer, a computer lab, notary service, exam proctoring, and meeting space for formal and informal gatherings. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, recommend reading materials, and assist with usage of computers.

The Library also provides a variety of programs for residents of all ages. Story time sessions are run by the Children's Librarian for children from 9 months to 2 1/2 years old, 2 1/2 year-olds, and 3-5 year-olds. Seasonal events for children include the annual summer reading program, movies, craft workshops, and various entertaining and educational speakers and performers. Young adults may participate in book discussions, contests, creative projects and their own summer reading program. Through the Young Adult Advisory Board, Hall Memorial Library provides Ellington High School teens with a place to perform community service hours as part of their graduation requirement. For adults, there are book discussion series, reading programs, cultural programs, concerts, movies, and speakers on a range of topics, both informative and entertaining.

For those patrons who are unable to come to the Library, outreach services are provided. At Snipsic Village, the senior housing complex, a rotating collection of library books is made available on a monthly basis. There is also a delivery service to homebound patrons.

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 106,775 patrons, circulating 125,161 items and answering 3,757 reference questions.

Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop, and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers and truck day. The "Read to the Dogs" program continued to draw many children to the Library on Saturday mornings for the fifth year. These biweekly sessions provide an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to read aloud to specially trained "book loving" dogs. The summer reading program "Every Hero Has a Story" featured a variety of performers and arts and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes for all ages, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library. Director Sue Phillips and Children's Librarian Pat Grundman donned their own super hero suits and flew to the elementary schools to tell the children about the power of the public library!

As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a "Tellabration" story telling program that was attended by over 100 children. Sponsored by The Connecticut Storytelling Center, our Tellabration is part of an international celebration of the art and craft of storytelling. This year, The Connecticut Storytelling Center presented their first annual Kate McClelland Librarian's Award to Pat Grundman, our Children's Librarian for "nurturing professional storytelling and storytellers in Connecticut libraries." Three cheers to Pat!

For teens there were book discussions, including two intergenerational programs with members of the senior center that were well attended and punctuated by thoughtful comments and laughter all around. The variety of programming for this age group included zombies and monster make-up sessions, chocolate candy making and their own summer reading fun, featuring prizes and a craft each week. Multiple copies of the titles on the required summer reading lists for Ellington Schools and surrounding schools were available.

Programming for adults covered cultural, historical and educational topics, featuring a beautiful recreation of a Korean wedding complete with delicious food, Pysanka egg decorating, a medium, as well as presentations on financial management, retirement planning, college funding, holiday cooking, cake decorating, decorative crafts, computers and technology, author talks, and book discussion groups. Bi-weekly movie showings of newly released DVDs continued to be a hit and freshly-made popcorn provided a tasty treat. Copies of titles for book discussion groups were provided to 13 library and community-based groups throughout the year.

Friday night music continued at our popular coffee house series. In the cozy atmosphere of the after-hours library, complete with café tables and candle light, folks were entertained by a variety of musicians and groups, from folk to jazz to cabaret and even a Chinese acrobat.

The Library hosts the meetings of the Ellington Historical Society and provides the programming that follows their business meetings. Topics this year included a history of Jewish farmers in Connecticut, quilts and the Underground Railroad, a history of Connecticut breweries and a moving portrayal of the life of William Webb, an African-American Civil War Soldier presented by a historian from the Connecticut State Library and Museum. These programs as well as the Society's meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in history and Ellington is encouraged to attend.

The Library again hosted sessions of Recreation Department preschool enrichment programs throughout the year. Over 1400 meetings of community groups were held in the Library's meetings rooms, including meetings for community and sports groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, the monthly gathering of the Ellington Mom's Club, ESL conversation groups and dozens of tutoring sessions. A variety of local artists displayed their work in the exhibit area in the main hallway and children shared their varied collections in the display cases in the Children's Department. Displays in the Nellie McKnight historic area were provided by the Ellington Historical Society.

For the sixth year, the Library and the Ellington Public Schools coordinated a series of workshops for parents to help them prepare their children for kindergarten. The 4-week session was presented by Children's Librarian Pat Grundman, K-8 Language Arts Coordinator Robin Kline and K-8 Math Coordinator Leslie Mancuso. The Friends supported our literacy efforts by contributing funds to purchase more new "readalongs"—kits with audiobooks and books, in the convenient Playaway format. Also added this year were four "Launchpads"—circulating tablets pre-loaded with learning apps for eager young readers.

The collection of digital resources continues to grow, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. The FOL continued to support the HOOPLA digital platform that provides access to over 450,000 audiobooks, ebooks, streaming music and video and now a special collection of ebooks for children. A collection of 50 popular magazine titles is now available through "Zinio for Libraries". The number of e-books and e-audios available continues to expand, with over 13,000 e-books and 4900 e-audio books accessible on our platforms, OneClick Digital and OverDrive. A new reader's advisory resource was also added. Novelist will help you find books in series or authors that write like your favorites.

Just for fun, the Library has added a collection of cake pans. Over 100 novelty and character pans are available for borrowing—everything from cats to Christmas, and baseball to Batman! Come in and check them out!

For many years, the Library has had a collection of passes to area museums and attractions, generously funded by the Friends of the Library. These passes allow for free or discounted admission to 20 venues around Connecticut and New England, including the recently added Mystic Seaport and Florence Griswold Art Museum. This year, an online reservation/printing system was instituted. This handy new system allows for reserving and printing of the passes from home 24/7.

The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, the Fourth Grade Choruses from Center and Crystal Lake Schools, and the 6th grade Windermere Instrumentalists. And this year we welcomed spring with a grand Holi Celebration. This program was a collaboration between the staff, the Friends of the Library and an enthusiastic group of volunteers of our Indian population. Traditionally celebrated in March, we waited until May to be sure Spring had truly come to Ellington! Over 300 people attended this exciting cultural event on the front lawn of the library that featured traditional Indian dance, music, food and of course the sharing of "colors"!

Several years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in a plan that included goals for improvements to the library facility. This year's project was the complete replacement of the roof of the original 1903 building. While this project proved to be more complex than anticipated and took longer than expected, extending into the winter months, this roof is now watertight and the building is secure. In addition, the staff workroom was remodeled and the parking lot was repaved.



*The Friends of Hall Memorial Library hosted their first annual indoor mini-golf event in February. Players of all ages putt their way through the Library.*

The Friends of the Library continue to be an integral part of the library operation, funding the summer reading programs, refreshments for Winterfest, subscriptions for passes to area cultural attractions, maintaining the armillary planter, and providing seed money for new and exciting projects. Their funds are usually raised through two large book sales, the Book Cellar used book store and the holiday cookie sale. This year, however, there was an exciting additional event—mini-golf in February! Through the hard work of the Friends, staff and community sponsors, the library was transformed into a giant mini-golf course for "Take Your Child to the Library Day". Each hole was sponsored by a local business. And in spite of a snowstorm the day before, over 400 people came to play golf, have lunch and enjoy this fantastic event, raising \$6,000. Watch for it again next year!

All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, serving as an important community resource for the citizens of Ellington.

#### CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	38,162
Young Adult Books and Periodicals .....	5,557
Children's Books and Periodicals .....	42,616
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials .....	31,091
Museum Passes .....	354
TOTAL .....	125,161

#### COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	39,821
Young Adult Books and Periodicals .....	2,813
Children's Books and Periodicals.....	20,381
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials .....	8,640
TOTAL .....	71,655

#### REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults .....	10,208
Young Adults.....	966
Children.....	2,156
TOTAL .....	13,330

# RECREATION

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and recreation staff continue to make a concentrated effort to provide a cross section of quality programming on a year-round basis. An earnest effort has been made to create and offer programs, both on a passive and non-passive basis, for all age groups within the community. Additional special events and “creative” programming continue to be of interest to the residents of the community, providing department staff with the opportunity to plan and implement family oriented activities too.

The recreation department is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 860-870-3118, and the fax number is 860-870-3198.

Normal business hours are Monday 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Our general email address is: [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov). Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form.

### STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. Part-time positions (generated by revenue) include athletic officials, special skills instructors, lifeguards, day camp counselors, and program supervisors. Town of Ellington applications are available at the recreation office during normal business hours; applications are also available on the Parks & Rec website. In addition, the Recreation and Human Services departments share the services of two part-time support staff.

### VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Volunteer assistance continues to be a benchmark within the community, regardless of the activity. Serving as a volunteer is time-consuming but rewarding, and more importantly, it is vital to sustaining a viable community.

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 400 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. A person wishing to volunteer must complete a volunteer disclosure form. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. In addition, the recreation department provides pre-season certification in CPR/FIRSTAID/AED classes (NO fee) for all volunteers that contribute to the town's programming needs. All coaches/volunteers must complete a background check form and receive clearance before becoming a member of the department.

### PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs continue to enjoy increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the “pulse” of the community when arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and/or individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

The department provides indoor and outdoor activities on a year-round basis, using the following locations: Brookside Park (Route 140), Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake), and both interior and exterior facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include but are not limited to youth and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events. A hiking program that was formed four years ago has been well-received and meets at 9:00 am on Tuesday mornings at Arbor Park before heading out to the defined location for that day. We wish to thank Joann Aucter for being the catalyst that got this program started!

Extensive efforts have been made to expand summer program offerings in addition to seasonal events, including the Annual Summer Concert Series.

Pre-school programming has continued to be a very successful component of the department's year-round offerings, specifically for ages 2 through 5.

Enrollment in the spring youth lacrosse program continued to increase, both male and female, including the K-2 instructional program. The Spring Youth Lacrosse program was the first athletic organization to use the newly-opened Pinney Athletic fields, highlighted by an opening ceremony on April 30th. Fall soccer will be the next program to utilize this facility.

### COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The recreation department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreational teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. The Recreation Commission is proud of the fact that coaches, players and spectators, in general, are well versed in their roles regarding their sport, along with promoting good sportsmanship.

Fall/Winter: To become eligible for selection to a travel team, a player must attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics. Their placement is based on evaluations submitted by independent evaluators. Travel teams compete against surrounding communities while the recreation division teams participate in an in-house program.

Although participation is the key component, providing the coaches with the “tools” for coaching is the number one priority.

### SHARED SERVICES

The recreation department continues to interact, on a daily basis, year-round, with the Board of Education's business office/school staff, and in particular the Board of Education's custodial staff, whose dedication and assistance is greatly appreciated.

The continued support of services offered by the Department of Public Works should be acknowledged. The magnitude of park and beach maintenance-repairs generated by DPW is remarkable, in addition to coordinating the general budget line items.

The support and in-kind services that are provided by both agencies are greatly appreciated, as the continual behind the scenes support helps identify Ellington as a quality community. Thanks to the Hall Memorial Library for allowing the department to hold various preschool events on site, and for hosting the seasonal schedule for online (ImPACT) concussion testing for the town's youth.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Incremental but noticeable improvements have been made at each park facility, as well as Sandy Beach at Crystal Lake, and the town's Boards and Agencies continue to review the short and long term needs of the community.

Summer day camp has entered its 14th year of full-time hours. The town website, with instant access, will have updated information on town programs.

In the spring of 2012, the Town of Ellington implemented a program to enhance the safety of the children that participate in contact athletics, specifically soccer, lacrosse and football. The program, ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized evaluation system.

The Pinney Street Athletic Fields opened for the youth lacrosse season in the spring of 2016. This facility will accommodate new youth lacrosse and soccer fields.

A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ALL of the part-time staff that service town programs. Ellington is fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

The major renovations on the old Crystal Lake School house have been completed (across from Sandy Beach). The Parks and Recreation Department continues regular use, including summer hours, of the schoolhouse, offering middle school and pre-school programming.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to show interest in creating and helping sustain town-wide walking and bicycle trails, as well as potential new athletic fields to support the current strain on the existing facilities.

Vandalism has been limited the past year, but increased supervision at the various parks and schools may be part of that decrease.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A sincere thank you to Eagle Scout Matthew Tuttle for undertaking a major task, raising funds to purchase new team benches, bleachers and trash receptacles at the newly opened Pinney Athletic Fields.

#### SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Summer Day Camp (avg. day)	75	75	80
Beach Passes	204	313	358
Swim Lessons	157	165	240
Open Swim	63 days	63 days	79 days
Boys Basketball	362	229	356
Girls Basketball	189	112	210
Men's Basketball	85	90	110
Summer Basketball	60	70	65
Instructional Basketball	156	100	117
Men's Volleyball	15	15	0
Co-Ed Volleyball	40	40	40
Girls Softball	135	120	145
Instructional T-Ball	110	80	40
Co-ed Adult Softball	100	75	60
Youth Soccer	475	520	423
Indoor Soccer	40	55	50
Letters To Santa	55	70	75
Tennis Lessons/Camp	210	220	140
Sports Coaches' Clinics	70	80	65
Mini Programs	1,850	1,900	1,600
Basketball Camps	75	90	85
Red Cross Courses	60	25	45
Integrative Programs	21	26	20
Teen Activities	190	250	210
Track & Field/Cross Country	85	100	101
Adult Fitness	110	25	35
Yoga	39	45	30
Jukido	27	30	30
Little League Baseball	220	255	240
Football	150	125	125
Lacrosse	210	164	210
Soccer Camps	137	145	75
Vacation Camp	78	90	80
Triathlon-summer	192	89	95
American Heart Association	62	20	40
Afterschool Bowling	114	116	152
CPROHeart Babysitter	22	30	—

# SOCIAL SERVICES

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Human Services Department is the Town's principal agency for providing social service needs to the community. These services identify and provide programs which offer help with public health concerns, income support, food assistance, heating and shelter needs. It is the purpose of the Commission to preserve and improve these services for all Ellington residents in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

### DIVISION OF SERVICES

The department is divided into four divisions: Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent, Senior Center, Human Services, and Youth Services. Each division has its own budget and offers programs and services unique to its division.

### HUMAN SERVICE DIVISION PROGRAMS

The Human Services Department is responsible for the administration and oversight of social service health care, and transportation programs within the community. The Commission is charged with reviewing funding requests from various service providers in an attempt to deliver quality service in the interest of meeting resident needs. Programs are classified in two categories: direct service or community based.

### DIRECT SERVICES

These services entail active hands-on involvement with residents processing information or determining eligibility for programs. Programs include Benefit Counseling, Discretionary Program Assistance, Food Bank Sign-Up, Camp Connri, Operation Fuel, Salvation Army, Tri-Town Fuel Bank, Ellington Fuel Bank, Camperships, ACCESS Fuel Program, Renters Rebate Program, Boots N' Shoes, and Salvation Army Vouchers.

### COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Quality community services not offered directly by Human Service staff are available to residents. These additional services are positive supports and some offer 24-hour availability while others are by appointment or referral. Services include advocacy, domestic violence prevention, legal counseling, case management, transportation, health assessment and education, and sheltering. Services are Hockanum Valley (Transportation, Counseling & Food Pantry); Interval House; Soldiers, Sailors, & Marine Fund; Tri-Town Shelter; Visiting Nurse Health Care Services of CT; Big Brother Big Sister; Sexual Assault Crisis Unit; Cornerstone Foundation; Regional Mental Health Board; and Kidsafe CT.

### HIGHLIGHTS

All divisions within the department – Human Services, Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent, Youth Services and the Senior Center have collectively collaborated resources, time, experience and creativity in 2015-2016 to produce the first senior center health fair held in our new location at 40 Maple Street. It was well attended and received by the public. Youth Services Gallery Night has become an annual community event open to local artists of all ages interested in displaying their work. TRIAD celebrated its 10th Anniversary Year. There were special presentations by AARP on scams, and on motorcycle safety.

Our programs, services, and activities are made possible by the support, interest and participation of Ellington Residents.

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Ellington Fuel Bank	45	28	5
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	16	1	0
Operation Fuel	14	26	6
ACCESS Fuel Program	210	217	195
Salvation Army Vouchers	2	6	2
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	30	30	30
Salvation Army Camp Connri	2	2	2
Thanksgiving	118	133	109
Christmas	137	134	132
Renters Rebate	99	104	102
AARP Tax Program	103	148	169
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	318	38	36
Food Pantry	63	57	62
Notary Services	18	6	16

## ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center is a place that provides an environment for an individual age 60 years and over to enhance a healthy lifestyle that maintains independence, dignity, self-respect and productivity through participation in recreational, social, educational, informational and healthy activities and programs.

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center opened in its doors in 1997. In 2014, the Senior Center moved to 40 Maple Street into a new building. A full service kitchen license by North Central District Health Department allows us to have lunches served Monday through Thursday at noon. In addition to the nutrition program, we provide a variety of programs in health and wellness, education, transportation services, social and recreational activities. Programs are categorized as nutrition, health and wellness, education, transportation, social and recreational activities.

An expansion of activities took place for setback and billiard to be held on Saturday evenings and also for outdoor activities. Outdoor enhancements have been made by the installation of an irrigation system, a patio with a hand crafted pavilion and horseshoe pits. Volunteers along with the assistance of the Public Works Department made the fabulous horseshoes pits.

Staff consists of two full-time positions for the Director and Assistant Director; part-time employees; Bookkeeper, Lead Driver, Drivers, Transportation Secretaries and Custodians. The Senior Center is a host site for the Easter Seals-Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) that employs a receptionist for fifteen hours per week.

The Senior Center received two grants from North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Grant funding received for the transportation program "EMATS" Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services and also for the Ellington Nutritional Partnership Program for the kitchen pantry.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**NUTRITION:** The Maple Street Kitchen team serves home cooked meals twice a week at \$3.50 per person. We are extremely fortunate to have many volunteers. Volunteer positions include; a manager, cook and prep workers. Volunteers for Maple Street Kitchen team are vital to the success in the food services program. Volunteers are trained by staff under the ServSafe food services guidelines as required by the health department codes of regulation.

In addition, CRT "Community Renewal Team" café meals are offered two days a week for a donation of \$2.50 per person. This lunch program along with the Maple Street Kitchen serve four days a week.

**WELLNESS PROGRAMS:** Blood Pressure and Diabetic Screening provided by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc., scheduled twice a month. Hand massages a relaxation technique done monthly by a retired registered nurse. Podiatry Clinic is held monthly by a registered nurse at a minimal cost to individuals. The first health and wellness fair was a huge success! The next health fair is on schedule for May 11, 2017.

**FITNESS PROGRAMS:** A variety of classes are offered at a minimal cost by instructors trained in easy Chair Exercises, Simple Circuit, Yoga, Tai Chi and Line Dancing. The Walking Club individuals meet daily to walk as a group. This group also keeps track of the miles walked.

## EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

**TECHNOLOGY CLASSES:** Computer-friendly classes are scheduled for individuals who would like to learn how to use a computer to tech savvy individuals who need a little more training. Classes are individually scheduled for a time frame of 30 to 60 minutes. Technology classes are provided by a highly trained volunteer.

## AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons offers the following programs by trained AARP volunteers.

**SMART DRIVER:** A safety driving course is held quarterly and conducted by an AARP representative. Participants who successfully complete this class may be eligible for a reduced insurance premium.

**INCOME TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM:** Income Tax forms are prepared by AARP volunteers from February through April by individual appointments.

**GERMAN CLASSES:** Classes held weekly periodically throughout the year.

**MEMORIES AND CREATIVE WRITING:** Participants meet monthly to share writings of memories from topics of interest. This creative and therapeutic program began in 2002.

## MUSIC

**ELLINGTON SINGERS:** Singers meet weekly to share musical talent. The singers give a fabulous Spring Musicale in April, they also sing at the Winterfest opening performance at Hall Memorial Library.

**MUSICAL INSIGHTS:** Since 1997, this music appreciation program done by volunteers plans and implements a prestigious program on a variety of styles of music with a synopsis of its origins and conductors.

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Ellington Senior Center Co-Ed Golf League, Gardening and Horseshoes

## SOCIAL GROUPS

**THE ELLINGTON MEN'S CLUB:** Volunteer program leaders hold monthly meetings on topics ranging from health, financial to social programs that includes golfing and auto shows to name a few. The Men's Club gives enormous assistance to the Senior Center in fundraising events and with the food services program.

**TRAVEL:** Trips are offered throughout the year with a variety of traveling opportunities.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES:

**SEW & SO:** Unique class that meets weekly since 1997. Many talented individuals share their expertise with each other in

sewing and knitting, creating crafts and jewelry. This group donates craft items made during the year to be sold at the annual holiday bazaar held at the Senior Center on the first Saturday in November.

**CUT-UPS CARVING CLUB:** Woodcarving techniques are taught weekly by volunteers who welcome novices to this fun and enjoyable hobby.

**PAINTING CLASSES:** Learn by talented instructor to paint with oils and water colors or decorative painting.

## CARDS AND GAMES

Board games, Bridge, Dominoes, Ellington Chess Mates, Horseshoes, Setback, Open Billiards, Shuffle Board and Wii Bowling.

## TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Since 2001, transportation services are offered to residents for grocery shopping and activities at the Senior Center. In 2003 transportation services expanded to offer rides for medical appointments through the EMATS -Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services. Residents must be at least 60 years of age. If residents are under the age of 60, transportation services can be used, if the individual receives disability benefits. Residents must apply for transportation services. A grant was awarded by North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. for "EMATS".

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers have opportunities to share their expertise and interest in a variety of areas; gardening, technical and media support, crafts, receptionist, programs and activities and fundraising. Staff is extremely grateful for all the volunteers who help us in making the Senior Center successful. We appreciate the opportunity all volunteers give us by working with you. Throughout the year, staff did various appreciation venues for volunteers.

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

MySenior Center is a software program that gives us statistical information. The senior center participation level reached 603 participants and volunteers gave generously 4441 hours.

Residents can receive information about programs and activities in the monthly newsletter "Maple Street Monthly" and/or to visit the town's website at <http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov>

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The North Central District Health Department provides Ellington with full-time health department services and is on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day for emergencies.

The Department is governed by a Board of Directors (Board of Health) in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Fred Journalist and Dianne Trueb serve as Ellington's representatives to the Board.

The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Health, a Chief of Environmental Services, a Director of Food & Institutional Services (all Registered Sanitarians), a part-time Emergency Response Coordinator, a part-time Health Educator, seven full-time sanitarians and a support staff of approximately 2.5 clerical workers. The Department has a medical advisor and a part-time bookkeeper and contracts for auditing and legal services.

## THE PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of the NCDHD is disease prevention and surveillance and health promotion in the District's population. The District is responsible for programs in a number of areas including:

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases, undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.
- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations follow-up and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.
- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.
- Water quality testing of bathing areas.
- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for septic system repairs and/or expansion.
- Review of laboratory testing of well water for approval of new wells for homes.
- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples as may be necessary in the investigation of outbreaks and illnesses.
- Investigation of complaints in regard to public health hazards, nuisances, rodent or insect control.
- Inspection of housing units in response to physician's positive lead blood tests in children.
- The provision and support of health education and prevention programs.
- Monitoring the health status of the population.
- Assistance to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.
- Development and implementation of Regional Points of Dispensing (POD) clinics to dispense medications or vaccinate for post exposure to biological agents, pandemic influenza or other natural outbreaks; all hazard emergency response plans to respond to, mitigate and recover from, natural and manmade disasters to protect the populations of the District.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The North Central District Health Department tests bathing waters at Crystal Lake. The areas tested satisfactory during the past summer; however, in the past, rain events have results in elevated bacteria counts which necessitated the closure of the beach for a few days. Geese congregating on the beach have also caused elevated bacteria levels. The clearing of the beach and monitoring of the goose population has resulted in good water quality.

In general, this past year, building activity has increased throughout the District. Ellington is still one of the District's busiest towns for septic related work. Three new subdivision soil test applications or plan were received for review.

- 12 Permits to Discharge were issued through June 30, 2016
- 14 Well Permits were issued.
- 12 New septic system permits with corresponding soil tests and plan reviews.
- 15 Repair septic system permits with corresponding soil tests and plan reviews.
- 58 Building additions (decks, pools, sheds, garages, etc.) were reviewed.

The Health District enacted Barber Shop, Beauty Salon and Nail Salon Regulations pursuant to state statutes to license and inspect these salon facilities. In Ellington, 10 salons were inspected and licensed this past year with reinspections conducted as necessary.

The District inspects complaints related to housing, trash, rodents and insects, sewage and water quality and the food service industry (restaurants, etc.). Twenty-seven complaints in total were received.

One of our main functions in Ellington is the licensing and inspection of food service facilities providing protection against food borne illness to the public. There were 42 facilities, including five public schools licensed during this period with 60 inspections, 11 reinspections and 12 other food inspections conducted. Two plans were submitted for review for new or renovations to existing food service facilities along with their related inspection.

We received 64 temporary event permit applications including 18 for the Ellington Farmer's Market. Each temporary event application received by our office is evaluated by a staff inspector. Depending on the complexity of the proposed food service, our department will inspect evening and weekend events as needed.

The Health District is responsible for conducting follow-up interviews and on some occasions, follow-up inspections related to possible food borne illness. The food borne alerts form (for single cases) and the enteric disease interview form (for confirmed cases) are both confidential and are submitted to the State Health Department for review once completed by our staff.

In addition to routine food service inspections, well water supply reviews for food service and other related food service inspection, we respond to and investigate food related complaints and possible food borne illness reports received by the department. The department also responds to, and provides follow-up to, certain food recalls.

Each year, six public swimming pools are inspected and the pools are licensed.

NCDHD inspected six day care facilities for annual safety and environmental health issues.

## Health Education Annual Report

The Health District maintains a very active website ([www.ncdhd.org](http://www.ncdhd.org)) to inform the community. Primary current topics are updated monthly while recalls and timely health information and press releases are provided as they occur. The website also provides office locations and hours as well as select forms that are frequently used by the public.

The Health District is continuing exploratory work on long-term measures that can be put in place to make our communities healthier. Next steps will involve a public health assessment of the community. The Health Educator has also been preparing press releases to local media to educate and remind constituents about important ways to stay healthy or get healthier.

## Emergency Response/Bioterrorism Section

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness division collaborates with the District's Emergency Managers and regional and state response partners and community stakeholders to plan and prepare and recover from natural disasters, disease outbreaks, environmental emergencies, and acts of terrorism. The division participates in exercises and trainings through the year to exchange ideas and gain expertise which enables the department to strengthen preparedness strategies and improve plan development and facilitation.

## Environmental Annual Health Report

The inspections and investigations are listed on the following page. It should be noted that raw numbers are no indication of time spent or the relative complexity of inspection; therefore a comparison is only possible in the most general sense.

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Soil Tests			
New	3	26	31
Repair	14	9	15
Septic Permits			
New	13	5	12
Repair	12	9	15
Septic Inspections	88	41	64
Well Permits	15	5	14
B-100 Reviews (on well and/or septic)	74	86	58
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	11	11	7
New Plot Plans	24	13	28
Repairs	12	13	18
Wells Only	2	3	1
Well Water Test Reviews	12	4	6
Permits to Discharge	18	14	12
Food Licenses Issued	41	39	42
Temporary Food Permits	40	58	64
Food Service Inspections	91	84	60
Food Service Reinspections	6	11	11
Other Food Service Inspections	10	4	12
Plans Reviewed for Food	3	3	2
Food Orders Issued	8	8	5
Complaints (Total)	23	23	27
Garbage & Refuse	3	2	2
Housing	9	16	12
Rodents & Insects	-	0	3
Sewage Overflow	7	2	1
Water Quality	11	0	1
Food Complaints	2	1	5
Salon Complaints	-	0	0
Food Related Illness Complaints	-	0	1
Miscellaneous	1	2	2
Complaint Orders Issued	1	1	4
Swimming Pool Inspections	6	6	6
Day Care Inspections	7	7	7
School Inspections	5	5	5
Salon Inspections	12	17	10
Bathing Beach Sampling:			
Crystal Lake Beach	<i>approximately 28 samples per season</i>		
Blood Lead Level			
Case Reviews	0-4 ug/dL - 269	0-4 ug/dL - 261	0-4 ug/dL - 252
	5-9 ug/dL - 2	5-9 ug/dL - 12	5-9 ug/dL - 2
	10-14 ug/dL - 0	10-14 ug/dL - 3	10-14 ug/dL - 1
	15-19 ug/dL - 0	15-19 ug/dL - 0	15-19 ug/dL - 0
	20-65 ug/dL - 0	20-65 ug/dL - 1	20-65 ug/dL - 0

*After venous re-test, 0 required follow-up*

The Health Department monitors the blood lead level test reports through the State Health Department monitoring system, "MAVEN". Blood lead levels above 5 ug/dL start to receive varying degrees of attention.

- 5-14 ug/dL - Receive a letter with educational material and a request for a follow-up venous blood test within 90 days.
- 14-19 ug/dL - Receive a letter with additional material and require a follow-up venous blood test with a home visit to evaluate potential lead hazards.
- 20+ ug/dL - Require epidemiological investigation and home environmental inspection for those children with positive results following confirmed venous blood test results.

The State of Connecticut's requirement that all children under the age of six be tested is starting to reveal low levels of elevated blood lead levels often associated with older housing.

## VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. offers Home Health, Hospice and Wellness Services to residents of twenty-five communities in Eastern and North Central Connecticut. VNHSC is part of the continuum of care that communities depend on to provide services to their elderly, frail and disabled residents.

### AGENCY SERVICES

#### I. HOME HEALTH

Skilled Nursing  
Physical Therapy  
Occupational Therapy  
Speech Therapy  
Medical Social Work  
Home Health Aide

#### II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

Routine Hospice Home Care  
Inpatient Hospice Care  
Respite Hospice Care  
Continuous Hospice Care  
Hospice Volunteers  
Pastoral Care  
Bereavement Services

#### III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

Alzheimer Support Groups  
Cardiac Rehabilitation  
Diabetic Nursing  
Enterostomal Therapy  
Intravenous Therapy Services  
Nutritional Counseling  
Ostomy Support Group  
Palliative Care  
Psychiatric Nursing  
Rehabilitation Nursing  
Stroke Support Groups  
Tele-Health Monitoring

#### IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

Corporate Wellness  
Elder Wellness  
Flu Immunization  
Lifeline

#### V. A CARING HAND, LLC

Companions  
Home Care Aides  
Homemakers  
Live-Ins  
Personal Care Attendants

### SERVICES PROVIDED

#### HOME HEALTH CARE

Skilled Nursing	2,076
Physical Therapy	1,283
Occupational Therapy	531
Speech Therapy	33
Medical Social Work	161
Home Health Aide	<u>1,022</u>
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>5,106</b>

#### HOSPICE

Skilled Nursing	301
Physical Therapy	5
Occupational Therapy	0
Chaplain	11
Medical Social Work	33
Home Health Aide	<u>191</u>
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>541</b>

#### MEALS-ON-WHEELS

518 (2 Meal Packets)

#### ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

21 (Residents)

# YOUTH SERVICES

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

As a department of Ellington Human Services, Youth Services mission is to provide programs and services, while building relationships which bond youth in a positive way to their families, schools, peers and community.

The staff of Youth Services is here to support and assist children from birth to 18 years old through their life transitions. Youth Services provides programs that strengthen and develop life skills needed to succeed in the many challenges facing the youth of today. The staff of youth services consists of a full-time director, a part-time youth program coordinator, prevention coordinator, rise above advisor and volunteers.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community services activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2015-2016 year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had a total of approximately 5,000 children and their families participate in the following programs in school assemblies, afterschool programs and other events.

**Counseling:** A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided to families. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, approximately 70 children and families were provided this service.

**123 I am me:** During the summer we have an evening 123 I am me for pre-k to 4rd graders.

**Rachel's Challenge:** This year Youth Services partnered with Windermere Intermediate School to present a parent workshop on bullying and facilitated an after-school program for 5th and 6th grade students on positive peer interaction and community service. We provided recess programming for 5th and 6th graders called Decide to Be Kind Ambassadors.

**Safety Town:** A summer program for children beginning Kindergarten which expands the children's knowledge of safety as it relates to fire prevention, personal safety, bus and car safety, stranger awareness and playground safety.

**Finding the Leader in Me:** 5th and 6th grade students joined Ellington High School student leaders in a fun-filled group setting to explore the following "habits" of effective leaders: Being Responsible, Having a Plan, Balancing Time, and Prioritizing, Listening before Talking, Working Together, and Thinking Win-Win

**Side By Side:** A program with a main goal to engage and encourage youth to achieve their full potential through community support and increase opportunities to develop responsibilities and make positive choices. This is program is in partnership with resident state troopers.

**Just Girls:** Designed and led by high school girls, this program gives middle school girls an opportunity to hear from guest speakers and share ideas on a variety of topics with a goal of cultivating self-confidence, self-respect, and self-worth.

**Discover Art:** This program was created by a high school student who wanted to mentor younger students in developing their art skills.

**JournalMEart:** Created by a high school student to work with

younger youth on using mixed media, painting, drawing and collages to create a unique book. The activities are focused on building self-confidence as you draw about what makes you awesome.

**Think Good. Feel Good. Be Good:** This program helps youth gain an understanding of anxiety and learn effective ways to manage it through practical exercises, ideas to use for home and strategies for developing calming skills.

**Groups:** We provided programming on social skills called Creative Connections, knitting, Inside/Outside infant/toddler groups, Theater Works which is partnership with OKP theatre program at high school and zentangle. Also provided childcare for parent events and preschool literacy programs at the library. We provided funding for the U-knighted week at the high school.

**Parenting Programs:** Youth Services facilitated three parenting programs this year: Anxiety 101 Parenting Series and Parents Supporting Parents and Parenting tips for safety.

**Homework Clubs:** We provided over 20 weeks of tutoring to more than 80 students in grades 1st to 6th grade afterschool at Windermere, Center School and Crystal Lake.

**Diversity Club:** Started with a High school student wanting to make a difference. Youth Services together with 15 high school students created Around the World in One Knight celebrating the many cultures of Ellington. We had 185 people join us in learning about each other cultures through food, dance, entertainment, and displays.

**Decide To Be Kind Campaign:** The Decide to Be Kind Committee was formed in the summer of 2015 by Ellington Youth Services and the Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) with a mission to provide inspiration, education and resources to build a kinder and more compassionate community. Our hope is that individuals, families and businesses will have a growing awareness of what happens when we consistently practice and cultivate kindness in our everyday lives by: Being kind on social media, practicing good sportsmanship, celebrating diversity, being understanding of mental health issues and being kind, friendly, and compassionate in our daily interactions. Visit the website [www.decidetobekind.com](http://www.decidetobekind.com) for more information.

**The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC)** is a long standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for the youth of Ellington for over 20 years. The group's mission is to create and sustain a positive youth culture for Ellington's youth through collaboration among the community, schools and town agencies. Membership includes key stakeholders in the community, including Ellington Youth Services, Ellington Human Services, Ellington Public Schools, Ellington Recreation Department, Resident State Troopers, faith and business community leaders and student and parent representatives. DPYC financially supported several programs in and out school like college power trips at Middle School, Peer Are Wonderful Conference, Red Ribbon Week, Dare, Safe Graduation and Gallery Night. Pens and calendar school magnets were distributed at all open houses in the fall.

**Rise Above,** a group of high school students in Ellington with a mission of offering high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills along with being role models to their peers and youth continued in its eighth year with over 80 members. They remain to be a presence in the community through service as well as encouraging alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly throughout the school year in the evening. A Core Group of 17 members served as the executive board for the group. The group started

the year off with the annual Fall Festival at Brookside Park and the ever-popular Dodgeball Tournaments for high school and middle school students. In late February, over 300 community members attended an amazing celebration of the arts at Gallery Night. Local artists of all ages displayed their work while young pianists entertained the crowd and the EHS Culinary Club provided the delicious desserts.

Later that month, they raised funds for the Jordyn Marie Engler Memorial Scholarship Fund at their annual *Small Town Big Talent Community Variety Show*. This spring's events included Laser Tag and hosting a College Night with EHS alumni returning to share their college experiences with current high school students. The year wrapped up with over thirty Rise Above members visiting EMS to talk to the 8th graders about high school and sponsoring old-time games and patriotic hat making at the Ellington Farmer's Market in July.

## **ELDERLY OUTREACH SOCIAL WORKER / MUNICIPAL AGENT**

### **PRINCIPAL FUNCTION**

The Elderly Outreach Social Worker (EOSW)/Municipal Agent serves as a resource of information to elderly town residents & their families for details on programs, services, and agencies that may enable the elder to remain independent in their home environment. The EOSW serves as an advocate for Ellington elders and their families to provide information and counseling on service options/interventions and educational information. The EOSW/Municipal Agent is a trained CHOICES counselor by the North Central Agency on Aging on Medicare & health insurance issues.

### **SERVICES**

- Conducts home visits and individual needs assessments for programs and services. Works in collaboration with local visiting nurse agencies to coordinate in-home care services to benefit the elder.
- Works with the Emergency Management Team regarding preparedness for community emergencies, & meets with Ellington senior residents to review location of shelters &/or "sheltering in place" preparations
- Make appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/case management on an as-needed basis
- Assists clients and/or family in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to Medicare and supplemental health insurance, emergency call systems, the Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid/Title 19, USDA SNAP (food stamp) benefit, Veteran's Health Services, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications, legal aid services, and information on funeral & burial service options
- Works with the Protective Services for the Elderly Program to assist elders &/or family members who have concerns or issues of neglect, abuse or fraud.
- Works with the Tax Assessor's office on the State of CT Office of Policy & Management tax credit programs for elderly re homeowners & eligible veterans; assist 42 elderly & disabled renters with the State of CT Office of Policy and Management Renters Rebate program applications
- Assist eligible seniors in applying to the ACCESS Energy assistance program & Operation Fuel

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program's 10th anniversary celebration attended by 66 persons and State Dept on Aging Commissioner Elizabeth Ritter, the State of Ct Dept of Social Services mobile Medicare counseling van, and a presentation by the CHOICES program held on Oct.29, 2015
- TRIAD collaborated with Representative Chris Davis to host a "Scam prevention" education program with AARP, & 40 persons attended
- TRIAD annual Ice Cream Social & public safety program was attended by 34 persons on Motorcycle Safety with TSI & CT Resident Trooper
- Facilitator for monthly Parkinson's Disease support group, & hosted the annual "April is Parkinson's Awareness" month program attended by 57 individuals, with information presented by a local neurologist
- Provided information to 122 contacts about the Medicare Savings program; 66 contacts about Medicare Advantage plans; 80 calls regarding Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits; 75 contacts on Medicare; 61 inquiries about supplemental health insurance; & 7 contacts regarding COBRA
- 32 contacts from Ellington resident contacts about SNAP/food stamps
- Reviewed housing options with 79 callers. Had 18 calls about home repair/modification questions & referred callers to the Housing Rehabilitation office & the USDA Rural Development program
- 62 contacts about legal issues & 17 calls regarding Living Wills
- 22 persons sought information on Veteran's issues (VA healthcare, in-home services, tax credit programs, and Tri-care for Life)
- Advised 34 callers on programs & services to assist those with Alzheimer's Disease/dementia & support groups; 33 calls on nursing home issues; and 142 calls on in-home care options. Provided information to 53 contacts regarding the CT Home Care Program for Elders
- Assisted 63 Ellington residents in completing an application for energy assistance/utility savings program issues
- Did 438 home visits with Ellington residents to address in-person their questions/concerns and assist with applications for various programs of benefit to them. Met with 307 persons in office to review & discussed their concerns/service questions and made referrals to appropriate programs
- 40 contact regarding request for transportation
- Gave information on dental services to 9 clients; 5 contacts on hearing aids; 19 vision care contacts; 16 clients called about emergency call systems; & 41 inquiries about transportation
- 20 contacts on Hospice benefits & worked with 5 families on burial options

### **SUMMARY OF SERVICES**

	<b>2015-2016</b>
Calls	1967
Office	307
Correspondence	612
Home Visits	438

# ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### INTRODUCTION

During the 2015-16 school year, a major focus of the Ellington Public Schools was planning and preparing for the K-6 transition. The elementary principals and the Director of Educational Services met regularly throughout the year to plan for the staffing, programming and curricular needs related to the transition to K-5 schools in the fall of 2016, and K-6 schools in the fall of 2017. Recommendations for staffing were made to the Superintendent for inclusion in the proposed budget, including additional staffing to expand the music program and to provide more equitable services to students in the areas of library/media instruction and in mathematics interventions.

Following a Board of Education special brainstorming session in September, the Board directed the administration to move forward with plans to implement full-day kindergarten for all students in the fall of 2016. Over the course of the year, district leadership worked with teachers to begin to develop revised curriculum and to plan for the budgetary impacts of creating four additional fully-equipped kindergarten classrooms. Presentations were made to the Board of Education, the Board of Finance and to the parent community in each of the elementary schools to help all stakeholders understand the vision and rationale for providing this new educational opportunity to all young learners in Ellington. With the successful passage of the budget, the district will be able to move forward with the implementation of full-day kindergarten in all of our schools in the fall of 2016.

The Ellington Public Schools was honored by the College Board with placement on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll for simultaneously increasing access to Advanced Placement course work and the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. The College Board states, "Achieving both of these goals is the ideal scenario for a district's AP program because it indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP work." This is the third time that Ellington has received this national recognition.

This recognition is the result of the initiative, planning and commitment of our staff. Since 2008, the district has added 14 new Advanced Placement and UCONN Early College Experience courses at Ellington High School: AP Studio Art, UCONN ECE American Studies, AP English Language and Composition, UCONN ECE (1010)/AP English Language and Composition, AP Statistics, AP Music Theory, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, UCONN ECE Physics, AP Psychology, AP Economics, UCONN ECE French, AP Spanish Language, and AP Latin. In 2016-17, Ellington will become one of the first districts in the state to offer AP Computer Principles, a new offering from the College Board.

For the 2015-16 school year, 180 EHS students took 264 Advanced Placement exams. For the second year, the BOE funded the PSAT test for all sophomores. Freshmen students took the PSAT-9, a recently developed College Board exam, which will help to provide data on student readiness for college level work.

Ellington students performed well on the first administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment, with an especially strong performance in Language Arts. Center School was named a *School of Distinction* for having its high-need students test among the top 10 percent in the state. Ellington High School students continue to do very well on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, the statewide high school assessment. The

2015 CAPT results show strong performance in all science, with 94.2% of students scored at or above proficiency.

As part of the Board of Education's Multi-Year Academic Support Plan, extended day programs to provide personalized and engaging learning opportunities across a wide spectrum of student interest were initiated. Programming has been developed in the areas of theater, through a partnership with Hartford Stage; Lego Engineering and Robotics; computer coding; Spanish; German; Young Inventors; Math Club; and Book discussion club.

The district continued the ongoing process of revising and refining the curriculum in multiple content areas. With new standards released by the Connecticut State Department of Education in social studies, the district collaborated CSDE consultant Steven Armstrong to provide professional development for teachers and to begin the process of updating K-12 curriculum documents to address the student learning expectations in the new standards.

The Ellington Public Schools have been most active in providing technology to support curriculum, instruction and assessment. All schools now have wireless infrastructure and is close to completing a plan to extend fiber connections to the Internet at Crystal Lake and Windermere. In addition, through a state grant and the use of Hartford Choice funds, the district has rolled out over 2000 Chromebooks for student and staff use in the educational process. The middle school provided students with 1:1 access to Chromebooks for the first time and, in the fall of 2016, freshmen at Ellington High School will have 1:1 access as well.

Students in grades 3-10 used Google Apps to create a digital portfolio during the 2015-2016 school year. The creation of a digital portfolio empowers students to be active participants in their personal and academic growth to prepare them for a rapidly changing and complex world. Students self-selected and reflected upon work across a variety of academic and social categories. The portfolio supports personalization of learning and reflection on individual growth across grade levels.

Center School and Windermere School have been named banner schools for their implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, designed to establish high, consistent expectations for student behavior throughout the school. Crystal Lake School is also in its sixth year of implementation of the Responsive Classroom approach to elementary teaching, called "one of the very best social-emotional learning efforts in America" by Jonathan Cohen, Teachers College, Columbia University. The quality of these programs has been widely recognized, with Ellington educators being asked to present at both regional and New England forums.

Ellington Middle School faculty members have been invited to present at the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) regional conference in Providence, Rhode Island. This annual conference attracts thousands of educators from around the New England region and is considered one of the premier professional development events in the area for middle level educators. Additionally, a team from EMS was asked to present at the New England Secondary School Consortium conference and at a statewide Connecticut State Department of Education conference on mastery based learning.

After almost two years in the planning process, Ellington Middle School implemented student-led conferences during the second week in December. Leading up to these conferences, all middle school students worked closely in advisory groups on

developing an extensive digital portfolio of their student work, crafting conference scripts, practicing public speaking, and providing each other with advice and feedback in preparation for this new conference format. During these 20 minute conferences (with parents, siblings and their teacher advisor as an audience), students facilitated introductions, highlighted strengths/weaknesses, shared multiple examples of student work, responded to parent or advisor questions, and finally began the process of developing personalized goals. In February 2016, the district convened a Student-Led Conferences Summit for teachers in grades three to six. Teachers engaged in professional learning and collaboration and made plans to pilot student-led conferences in March. These conferences gave students the opportunity to highlight progress, reflect on their learning, and show their parents samples of their work through their digital portfolios.

On November 11, the Ellington High School Student Council, under the direction of Mr. David Helmin, Advisor, organized a program in honoring and remembering our local veterans. The entire faculty, staff, and student body of Ellington High School observed Veterans Day with an assembly program in the gymnasium, "Honoring All Who Served." Numerous veterans who are members of the American Legion Hatheway– Miller Post Number 62, VFW Post 10689, and the American Legion Auxiliary were invited to the ceremony. The Vocal Ensemble, conducted by Mr. Richard Diamond, sang the Star-Spangled Banner followed by an assembly address by Tom Arbeiter. Special guests honoring our veterans included Mr. Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman, Town of Ellington; Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Daniel Keune, Chair, Ellington Board of Education; Mr. Christopher Davis, State Representative; Mr. Tim Larson, State Senator; and Mr. Ted Graziani, Department of Defense Appointment Connecticut Chair for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The Ellington High School Class of 2016 graduated on Friday, June 10, 2016. Diplomas were awarded to 180 seniors. The statistics for the Class of 2016 were as follows: 110 students plan to attend four-year colleges, 44 students plan to attend two-year colleges, 3 students plan to enter technical schools, 3 students plan to join the military, 17 students plan to enter the workforce, and 3 students remained undecided. EHS said goodbye to this year's foreign exchange student: Pauline Reschke of Berlin, Germany

Kyle Fitzgerald, the son of David and Lisa Fitzgerald, was the class valedictorian. Kyle has consistently earned high honors status. He is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and member of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society. He was a Delegate to the American Legion Boys State in 2015. Kyle received the President's Award for Educational Excellence, the Harvard Book Club Award and earned special recognition in Latin, English, AP Statistics, and ECE American Studies. Kyle was also a Governor's Scholar semifinalist. Athletically, Kyle served as the Captain of the school Cross Country and Indoor Track teams during his senior year. Kyle was named a Scholar Athlete during each of the sports seasons. Kyle's commitment to the school community and the town is commendable. He was a founding member of the school Mock Trial Team for four years, which advanced to the State Semi-Finals in 2013. He has been an executive board member of Rise Above, and served on the Ellington High School Principal's Advisory board. Additionally, he served as treasurer of the student government and was the co-president of the Hall Memorial Library Young Adult Advisory Board. Kyle plans to attend Cornell University where he will pursue a double major in engineering physics and astrophysics.

Emily Walder, the daughter of Brent and Naomi Walder, was the class salutatorian. Emily consistently achieved high honors

status. She is a member of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society and has received numerous academic awards over her high school career. Additionally, Emily took a very rigorous program of studies and was recognized for excellence in Honors Pre-Calculus, UConn ECE American Studies, World Languages and English. Emily played an active role in the Ellington High School Fine Arts Program. She was a member of the school's drama troupe, the Opening Knight Players, and was also a four year member of the school's chorus program. She was selected to the NCCC Music Festival, New England Music Festival, Connecticut Regional Festival and was a member of the Connecticut All State Choir in 2015 and 2016. Emily participated in local charity events, church clean-up, and traveled to Bastrop, Texas to help rebuild homes lost in the floods and fires in April 2016. Emily plans to attend the University of Connecticut where she plans to study biomedical engineering.

## STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Seniors Kyle Fitzgerald and Leah Gervin were honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools 33rd Annual Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete Awards Program to be held in May at the Aqua Turf Club. Kyle and Leah were selected for their academic and athletic accomplishments along with their demonstration of integrity, self-discipline and courage with personal standards which serve as a model to others.

EHS Senior Sapna Raghavan is Miss Connecticut's Outstanding Teen. Sapna's platform was embracing diversity through cultural awareness and she stated that she takes inspiration from author, Maya Angelou. Sapna has stated that she has had to overcome much adversity and learn to face negativity. Her goal is to broaden America's cultural outlook by celebrating and embracing all various cultures in our great nation. Her new title will certainly help her spread that message. During the spring, Sapna visited our schools to conduct a presentation on diversity from an Indian high school student's perspective and experience.

Mr. Robert Williams has been named by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as the Distinguished Friend of Education. He has served for many years as the Technical Director of the Opening Knight Players (OKP) and in several other volunteer OKP roles. Nominated by Mr. Prenetta, Mr. Williams was selected from among a very competitive pool of nominees. Mr. Williams will be honored at the upcoming CAS Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

David Pearson, principal of Ellington Middle School, was named 2016 Middle School Principal of the Year. Nominated for the award by Superintendent Scott Nicol, Pearson was chosen for his strong academic leadership skills, his acute intellectual curiosity, and his visionary school reform efforts. A 21-year veteran school administrator, Pearson is a recognized and respected voice in public education in Connecticut, and his influence extends far beyond the wall of EMS. Says Vice Chair of the Ellington Board of Education, Tracey Kiff-Judson, "Dave is a thoughtful leader in our district. He has established an environment at Ellington Middle School that is not only emulated by other schools in our district, but other schools across the state."

## DISTRICT NEEDS

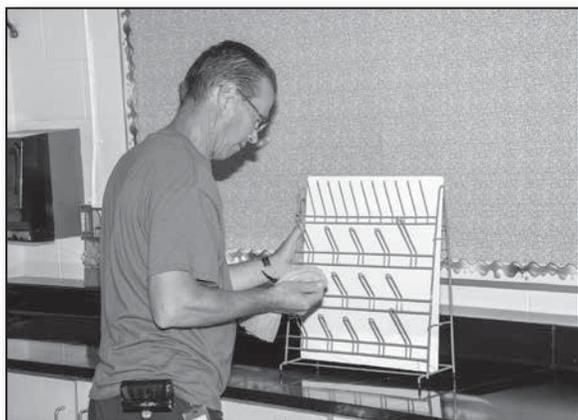
As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite spending less per student than nearly every district in the state of Connecticut. Until 2013, Ellington ranked last in Connecticut in spending per pupil. In 2014-15, Ellington ranked 164th in spending out of 166 districts. Student achievement across all measures is most favorable. Academic awards and achievements listed throughout this report demonstrate that the students in the Ellington Public School continue to excel in a variety of venues.

During 2015-16 school year, the Ellington Public Schools continued to invest in technology improvements to enhance the education of our students. These additional devices were instrumental in meeting the requirements of the new state mandated on-line testing program. The district continues to implement the recommendations of the School Security audit completed by Resident State Trooper Patrick Sweeney and members of the Critical Infrastructure Unit of the Connecticut State Police. Numerous security improvements have been undertaken at all schools in the district. The entire community should expect that school security will continue to be a significant area of focus in the years ahead with the various town boards and agencies taking all appropriate measures to keep our children safe.

The Board of Education updated its Multi-Year Academic Support Plan to address the following nine areas: Full-Day Kindergarten; Engagement, Challenge, and Student-Centered Learning; Technology Infrastructure and Technology Supporting Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment; Appropriate Level of

Resources/Class Size; Administrative Capacity; Extended Day/Year Opportunities; Job-Embedded Professional Development; Parents as Partners; and Students and Staff Wellness. This plan, including Actions/Strategies/Interventions; Timelines; Persons Responsible; and Means of Evaluation/Results Indicator, may be found on the district website and will be reviewed, evaluated and revised each year.

The changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neil settlement continues to unfold, and the financial impact upon local communities continues to evolve. The Ellington Board of Education has again increased its participation in both the Hartford Choice and the various magnet school programs. State mandated costs for magnet school tuition are beyond the control of the Board of Education and have risen dramatically. The current funding structure for magnet schools has placed an onerous burden on many towns including Ellington.



*Board of Education Facilities Maintenance crew getting the schools cleaned and ready for next year*

# 2016 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** Daniel Joy  
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Deanna Lynn Drohan	Rebecca E. Lindblom	Alexis Jade Rodriguez	

**Honorary Diploma:**  
Pauline Penthesilea Reschke

† Class Scholar

\* Attained Honor Roll status each quarter during his/her high school career.

Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society wore Gold Honor Cords.

Members of the National Art Honor Society wore Rainbow Honor Cords.

Student Council Officers wore White Honor Cords.

Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society wore Black/White Honor Cords.

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## TOWN DEPARTMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION

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**Executive Secretary:** LouAnn Cannella

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**Building Official:** Raymond F. Martin III  
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Chris Tennis

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**Supervisory Deputy Fire Marshal:** James York  
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**Fire Inspector I:** Scott Cunningham  
**Fire Inspector I:** Craig Stevens  
**Fire Inspector II:** Carl W. Dojan  
**Burning Officials:** Allan Lawrence, James York, Robert DaBica,  
Scott Cunningham, Craig Stevens

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Tina Modzelewski  
**Elderly Outreach Caseworker:** Anna Turner  
**Youth Services Director:** Diane Lasher-Penti  
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**Prevention Coordinator:** Debbie Stauffer  
**Food Pantry Aide:** Mary DiBenedeto  
**Senior Center Director:** Erin Graziani  
**Senior Center Assistant Director:** Samantha Baer  
**Senior Center Bookkeeper:** Susan Maheux  
**Senior Center Van Drivers:** Michael Joslin, Lead Van Driver;  
Patrick Joyce, Kenneth McCarthy and Melinda LaBruna  
**Senior Center Receptionist:** Linda Sika  
**Senior Center Transportation Secretaries:** Florence Brennan  
and Jasbir Jutla  
**Senior Center Custodians:** Claire Rich and Joseph Amodio

**LIBRARY:**

**Library Director:** Susan Phillips  
**Children's Librarian:** Patricia Grundman  
**Library Assistant II:** Lisa Kuraska  
**Library Assistant II:** Lisa Giaquinto  
**Library Assistant II:** Debra Cormier  
**Library Assistant II:** Cheryl Chamberlin  
**Library Assistant I:** Kathy Boop  
**Library Assistant I:** Linda Judd  
**Library Assistant I:** Gail Szumyk  
**Library Assistant I:** Laurie Wormstedt  
**Library Assistant I:** Lkhamsuren Rachel Lkhagvaa-Kukulka  
**Library Assistant I:** Lindsay McKeegan  
**Library Assistant I:** Tara Clynch  
**Program/Reference Librarian:** Francie Berger  
**Reference Librarian:** Linda Callahan  
**Reference Librarian:** Susan Slaga-Metivier  
**Reference Librarian:** Ronald Fairchild  
**Bookkeeper:** Marcia Downs  
**Custodian:** John Abate  
**Page:** Samantha Golden  
**Page:** Heidi Hoffman  
**Page:** Kristyn Stauffer  
**Page:** Renae Giard

**MUNICIPAL AGENT:** Anna Turner

**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Director of Health:** Patrice Sulik, MPH, RS

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

**Director:** Robert Tedford  
**Assistant Director of Recreation:** Mary Bartley  
**Administrative Secretaries:** Julia Connor and  
 Tina Modzelewski

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**Town Planner:** Lisa M. Houlihan  
**Assistant Town Planner and Zoning and Wetlands  
 Enforcement Officer:** John Colonese  
**Land Use Technician:** Troy M. Ciesco

**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Resident State Troopers:**

Sgt. Brian Santa, State Troopers' Office Supervisor  
 TFC Jacob Bissaillon  
 TFC Ron Richardson  
 Tpr. Timothy Merrill  
 Tpr. Brindiana Warena

**Town Police Officers:**

Bart Alexander  
 Michael Bard  
 John Barth  
 Aaron Blank  
 Donald Bridge, Jr.  
 Arthur Carlson, III  
 Thomas Clark  
 Edward "Joe" Decker  
 Martin Dorey  
 Joseph Grayeb  
 Robert Hoffman  
 Sebastian Magnano  
 Jeremy Powell

**School Resource Officers:**

Bart Alexander  
 John Barth

**Marine Police Officers:**

Allen Bump  
 Thomas Davenport  
 Michael Hesnan  
 Jack Sauve

**Assistant Police Support Administrator:**

Edward "Joe" Decker

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Director:** Timothy Webb  
**Administrative Assistant II:** Lori Smith  
**Foreman:** Leonard Descheneaux  
**Assistant Foreman:** Kevin Gambacorta  
**Crew Chief/Grounds:** Jon Godek  
**Lead Mechanic:** Taylor Olson  
**Mechanic I:** Perry Dikeman  
**Maintainer II:** Jon Godek  
**Maintainer II:** Joshua Hebert  
**Maintainer II:** Ronald Moser  
**Maintainer II:** Rebecca O'Brien  
**Maintainer I:** Shawn Bull  
**Maintainer I:** Brian Conner  
**Maintainer I:** Richard Daugherty  
**Maintainer I:** Denis Giroux  
**Maintainer I:** Keith Jarvis  
**Maintainer I:** Bob Ouellette  
**Maintainer I:** Benjamin Pare  
**Maintainer I:** Patrick Roy  
**Maintainer I:** Jason Suchecki  
**Maintainer I:** Daniel Whitman  
**Lead Custodian:** Kim Gallicchio  
**Custodian:** Dana DiNallo  
**Brush Drop-off Facility Attendant:** Carl Badeau

**TAX DEPARTMENT**

**Tax and Revenue Collector:** Ann Marie Conti  
**Deputy Tax and Revenue Collector:** Heidi Bolduk  
**Tax Clerk:** Dawn Stavens

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:** Diane McKeegan  
**Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:**  
 Bonnie Armstrong  
**Administrative Clerk:** Donna Hosey

**TOWN COUNSEL:** Dorian Reiser Famiglietti, Esq.,  
 Kahan Kerensky & Capossela LLP

**SPECIAL COUNSEL:**

Day Pitney LLC (Bond Counsel)  
 Shipman & Goodman (Special Ed Counsel for  
 Board of Education)  
 Kainen, Escalera & McHale (Negotiations Counsel for  
 General Government and Board of Education)

**TOWN ENGINEER:** James Thompson,  
 Buck & Buck Engineers

**TREE WARDEN:** Timothy Webb

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA):**

**Administrator:** Timothy Webb  
**Administrative Assistant:** Lori Smith  
**WPCA Technician:** Rebecca O'Brien

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lori L. Spielman, *First Selectman*  
James M. Prichard, *Deputy First Selectman*  
Melinda M. Ferry  
Aaron J. Foster  
David E. Stavens  
Ronald F. Stomberg  
John W. Turner

### BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, *Chairman*  
Douglas Harding  
Mark A. Joyse  
Barry C. Pinto  
John P. Rachek  
Michael D. Varney

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Daniel C. Keune, *Chairman*  
Gary J. Blanchette  
Jaime S. Foster  
Ann Marie Hayes  
Tracey J. Kiff-Judson  
Andrew McNamar  
Kristen Picard-Wambolt  
Michael Purcaro  
Kerry Socha  
Michael Young

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan J. Luginbuhl (*Democrat*)  
Wanda Deland (*Republican*)

### LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John M. Halloran Jr., *Chairman*  
Mary E. Blanchette  
Mary K. Clements  
Daniel J. Sclare  
Judy Stomberg  
Janet Wieliczka

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, *Chairman*  
William R. Hogan, *Vice Chairman*  
Carol A. Strom, *Secretary*  
Sean Kelly  
Ricci Hirth  
Robert G. Hoffman  
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Kenneth M. Braga, *Chairman*  
Arthur G. Aube  
Mort Heideri  
Dale Roberson  
Mark R. Spurling

### TERM EXPIRES

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## APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING

#### POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (1 year to August 2016)

Tommy Arbeiter, *Student Rep.*  
Karen Bailey-Francois  
Mary Bartley  
Yale Cantor  
Doris Crayton  
Kevin Hayes  
Lisa Kelly  
Kathleen Larew  
Diane Lasher-Penti  
Erin McGurk  
David Pearson  
John Reilly  
Ron Richardson  
Jane Roets  
Sgt. Brian Santa  
Kendall Sirica, *Student Rep.*  
Deborah Stauffer  
Beth Tautkus

### AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

#### (1 year to May 2017)

David Arzt, *Chairman*  
J. Albert Breton, Jr.  
William Merson, *Vice Chairman*  
Jean Burns  
Rodger Hosig

### AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 year to June 2017)

Robert M. Dawson, III, *Chairman*  
Michele Beaulieu-Dzen  
Gary Chaplin  
Ronald F. Stomberg  
Kevin Zahner

### AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

#### (1 year to February 2017)

John Turner, *Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative*  
Brendan Burke, *Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative*  
Robert Clements, *Board of Finance Representative*  
Robert Edwards, *Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative*  
Gary Feldman, Sr., *Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative*  
Aaron Foster, *Board of Selectmen Representative*  
Douglas Harding, *Board of Finance Representative*  
Bryan Harvell, *Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative*  
Simon Hessler, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*  
Joseph Palombizio, *Emergency Management Director*  
Nancy Stillman, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*

### AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (1 year to December 2016)

J. Wiley Dumas, *Chairman*  
Wilson D. Flynn  
Joseph Boucher  
Miranda Graziani, *Student Rep.*  
Ted C. Graziani  
Peter Hany, Jr.  
Daniel Joy  
Alan Lewandosky  
Andrew McCoy

**AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (continued)**

Nicholas Pina, *Student Rep.*  
 Cheryl Samborski  
 John M. Takach  
 Rhonda Villanova  
 Bruce N. Warkentin

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE (1 year to July 2017)**

Gerry Gillung, *Chairman*  
 Patricia Burrington  
 James Gage  
 Marcia Kupferschmid  
 Dale Roberson  
 Debby Wallace

**AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE PINNEY STREET TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY (1 year to March 2017)**

Gordon Oliver, *Chairman*  
 Dominic Cristelli  
 Gary Feldman, Sr.  
 Lisa Houlihan  
 Mark Miller  
 Timothy Webb  
 Michael Wylie

**TERM EXPIRES****BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 years)**

Vacant	January 2018
Charles Jackson	January 2019
Joel Nadel	January 2017
<b>Alternates (2 years)</b>	
James Knurek	January 2017
Vacant	January 2018

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 years)**

Donald Gobeille, Jr.	April 2017
Dennis Milanovich	April 2021
Howard D. Reckert	April 2018
Vacant	April 2019
Vacant	April 2020

**CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 years)**

Galen Semprebon	June 2017
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**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

Ellen O'Shaughnessy, *Chairman*  
 Mark Joyse, *Vice Chairman*  
 Bruce Fader  
 Robert Harvey  
 John L. Daigle, Jr.  
 Dale Roberson  
 Michael Stupinski

**COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)**

Marc Diwinsky	June 2018
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**CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 year)**

George Shaw	August 2016
Alternate (vacant)	August 2016

**TERM EXPIRES****CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 years)**

Rebecca A. Quarno, <i>Chairman</i>	March 2019
David H. Bidwell, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	March 2017
Sean Dwyer	March 2018
James Gage	March 2019
George Nickerson	March 2017
Robert E. Zielfelder, Jr.	March 2018
Vacant	March 2020
<b>Alternates (2 years)</b>	
Walter Moody	March 2018
Ann Harford	March 2017

**DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (4 years)**

Roberta Printy (Republican)	January 2019
Debra A. Riley (Democrat)	January 2019

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 years)**

Sean Kelly, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2016
Christopher Todd, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	July 2019
David Hurley	July 2018
Stanislav Moline	July 2018
Vacant	July 2017
<b>Alternates (2 years)</b>	
Stefanie Cunningham	January 2017
Francie Berger	January 2017
Donna Resutek	January 2017

**ETHICS COMMISSION (4 years)**

Wilfred A. Duchesneau, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2018
J. Wiley Dumas, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2020
Grace Boucher	January 2020
Derek Reed	January 2019
Vacant	January 2017

**HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)**

Judith Plantier, <i>Chairman</i>	June 2017
Wayne Reynolds	June 2020
Donald J. Gessay, <i>Secretary</i>	June 2019
Robert C. Ohrt, <i>Treasurer</i>	June 2018
Dennis Varney	June 2021
Ted Yampanis, <i>Executive Director</i>	

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 years)**

Susan Stack, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2020
Susan Hannigan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2020
Hocine Baouche	January 2018
Yale Cantor	January 2018
Teresa Cavanagh	January 2018
Jaime S. Foster	January 2020
Richard F. Petrucci	January 2018
Vacant	January 2020

**INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 years)**

Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2019
Ron Brown, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2017
Arthur G. Aube	January 2019
Hocine Baouche	January 2017
Jean Burns	January 2017
Steven J. Hoffman	January 2019
Mary Beth O'Neill	January 2019
<b>Alternates (2 years)</b>	
Benjamin Lorenzet	January 2018
Vacant	January 2017

**TERM EXPIRES**

**INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)**  
 Audrey Kubas, *Chairman* April 2019  
 Jonathan Allen April 2017  
 Mark Boone April 2019  
 Wilson D. Flynn April 2019  
 Diane O'Hagan April 2017  
 Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., *Finance Officer/Treasurer (Ex-officio)*

**LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)**  
 Nancy Lemek December 2016

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 years)**  
 Vacant January 2019

**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 years)**  
 Dianne Trueb June 2019  
 Fred Journalist June 2019

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 years)**  
 Gordon Oliver, *Chairman* January 2020  
 Thomas Boscarino January 2020  
 Cynthia Costanzo January 2020  
 Shay Drake January 2018  
 Kevin Hayes January 2018  
 Robert Larew January 2020  
 Jennifer Mullin January 2018  
 Thomas Stauffer January 2018  
 Christopher Weitz January 2018

**PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 years)**  
 Peter W. Welti, *Chairman* February 2018  
 Gary Magnuson, *Vice Chairman* February 2020  
 Thomas Adams February 2018  
 Gary T. Feldman, Sr. February 2018  
 Dale Gerber February 2020  
 Katherine Heminway February 2018  
 Jeff Olender February 2020  
 David Stavens (*BOS Representative*) December 2017  
 Gary Blanchette (*BOE Representative*) November 2017  
 John Rachek (*BOF Representative*) December 2017  
 Sean Kelly (*P&Z Representative*) December 2017  
 Timothy Webb, Public Works Director (*Ex-officio*)

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES  
 (2 years)**  
 F. Michael Francis September 2017  
 James M. Prichard September 2017

**SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE  
 (3 years)**  
 Carolyn Cook, *Chairman* October 2017  
 William H. Enes, Jr. October 2016  
 June N. Lyons October 2018

**VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)**  
 Vacant June 2018  
 Vacant June 2017

**TERM EXPIRES**

**VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT, INC.  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1 year)**  
 J. Renee Irvin June 2017  
 Alternate: Vacant June 2017

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 years)**  
 Daniel J. Parisi, *Chairman* April 2017  
 Edward Duell April 2018  
 Jeremy T. Galeota April 2019  
 Paul F. Gilbert April 2018  
 Shawn Koehler April 2020

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 years)**  
 Ronald Brown August 2017  
 Rodger Hosig August 2016  
 Ronald F. Stomberg August 2016

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

**DEMOCRAT**  
 Yale Cantor  
 Thomas J. Dzicek  
 John M. Halloran, Jr.  
 Mort Heidari  
 Robert G. Hoffman  
 James R. Josephiac  
 Dennis Milanovich  
 Joel P. Nadel  
 Mark R. Spurling

**REPUBLICAN**  
 Nicole S. Albano  
 Clifford L. Aucler  
 Maurice W. Blanchette  
 Peter J. Charter  
 Robert J. Clements  
 Dale T. Cunningham  
 Christopher C. Davis  
 James Wiley Dumas  
 Ann L. Harford  
 Ron C. Hull  
 Leonard A. Johnson  
 Sean C. Kelly  
 Sharon J. McLaughlin  
 Robert K. Pagani  
 Richard J. Sabonis  
 Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.  
 Ronald F. Stomberg  
 Rhonda Villanova  
 Janet K. Wieliczka

**UNAFFILIATED**  
 James Darby  
 Christina Marie Morin  
 Bettie Jean Rivard-Darby  
 Elizabeth C. Waters



Open House at the Department of Public Works  
May 26, 2016



ELLINGTON  
**FARMERS**  
MARKET  
*Local and Fresh...Our Community at its Best*

**Saturdays**  
**9am - 12pm**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> - Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Arbor Park, Main ST**





# Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

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**2016-2017  
School  
Calendar**



## DATES

**First Day of School** ..... Aug 31

**Last Day of School\*\*** ..... Jun 8\*\*

\*\* Tentative

**NO SCHOOL**

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- Teacher Inservice ..... Aug 29
- Teacher Day ..... Aug 30
- Labor Day ..... Sept 5
- Columbus Day ..... Oct 10
- Teacher Inservice ..... Nov 8
- Thanksgiving ..... Nov 24-25
- Winter Recess ..... Dec 26-Dec 30
- New Year's Day ..... Jan 2
- Martin Luther King Day . Jan 16
- Presidents' Day ..... Feb 20
- Teacher Inservice ..... Feb 21
- Spring Recess ..... Apr 10-13
- Good Friday ..... Apr 14
- Memorial Day ..... May 29
- Teacher Day ..... June 9

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**EARLY DISMISSALS**

- 9-12 Special Schedule... Oct 19
- ½ Day - All Schools ..... Nov 23
- K-6 Conferences ..... Nov 30; Dec 1-2
- 7-12 Conferences ..... Dec 7-9
- Winter Recess ..... Dec 23
- K-6 Conferences ..... Mar 22-24
- 7-12 Conferences ..... Mar 27-29
- Last Day ..... June 8\*\*
- High School Exams ..... T.B.D.
- (4 days in January & June)
- Graduation ..... June 9\*\*

\*\* Tentative

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## NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 8th. If more than ten school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the last day of the week. This decision will be made by March 13, 2017.

**TOWN OF ELLINGTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**  
**(Area Code 860)**  
**IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911**

Non-Emergency Calls		Visit the website at <a href="http://ellington-ct.gov">ellington-ct.gov</a>	
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps</b> 41 Maple Street, P.O. Box 71	870-3170	<b>Town Hall</b> Address: 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT 06029 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029 TTD/TTY Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196  <b>Town Hall Hours</b> Monday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
<b>Fire</b>	<b>Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department</b> 316 Sandy Beach Road	870-3174	
	<b>Ellington Volunteer Fire Department</b> 29 Main Street, P.O. Box 911	870-3190	
<b>Police</b>	<b>Resident State Troopers' Office</b> 33 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187	875-1522	
	<b>State Police Troop C</b> 1320 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland CT	896-3200	
<b>ADMINISTRATION, 55 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3100</b>	<b>RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way</b>
Lori Spielman, First Selectman			Robert Tedford, Director
Marie Sauvé, Executive Assistant & HR Coordinator			Fax
LouAnn Cannella, Executive Assistant			<b>871-3198</b>
Fax		870-3102	<b>RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL, 21 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3155</b>	<b>870-3140</b>
Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer			Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department
<b>ASSESSOR, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 199</b>		<b>870-3109</b>	<b>Bulky Waste Disposal (All American Waste)</b>
Kim Bechard, Assessor			<b>289-7850</b>
Fax		870-3197	<b>SCHOOLS</b>
<b>BUILDING PERMITS, 57 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3124</b>	website: <a href="http://ellingtonschools.org">ellingtonschools.org</a>
Raymond Martin, Building Official			Scott Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent, 47 Main Street
Fax		870-3122	Suzanne Levandoski, Admin. Assist./HR Coordinator
<b>BURNING PERMITS, 57 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3126</b>	Superintendent's Fax
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			896-2312
<b>CEMETERIES, Rachel Dearborn</b>		875-8204	Special Education Services
<b>D.E.E.P. CONSERVATION OFFICER, Laura Pettus</b>		424-3333	Center School (Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal)
<b>ELDERLY OUTREACH, 31 Arbor Way</b>		<b>870-3131</b>	Crystal Lake School (Michael Larkin, Principal)
Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Caseworker			Ellington High School (Neil Rinaldi, Principal)
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		<b>870-3182</b>	High School Guidance Office
Joseph A. Palombizio			Ellington Middle School (David Pearson, Principal)
Fax		870-3103	Windermere School (David Welch, Principal)
<b>FINANCE, 55 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3115</b>	<b>SENIOR CENTER, 40 Maple Street</b>
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer			Erin Graziani, Director
Felicia LaPlante, Asst. Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer			Transportation
Fax		870-3158	870-3137
<b>FIRE MARSHAL, 57 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3126</b>	Fax
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			870-3136
Fax		870-3122	<b>SEWER ADMINISTRATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>
<b>HEALTH-North Central District Health Department</b>		<b>745-0383</b>	<b>870-3140</b>
Patricia (Patrice) Sulik, M.P.H., R.S. Director of Health			Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416</b>		<b>872-6923</b>	Emergency Sewer Maintenance Number
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director			870-3145
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION, 55 Main Street</b>		<b>870-3132</b>	<b>STATE ROADS</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way</b>		<b>870-3128</b>	East Windsor DOT Garage
Fax		870-3198	Vernon DOT Garage
<b>LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280</b>		<b>870-3160</b>	<b>TAX DEPARTMENT, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 158</b>
Susan Phillips, Director			Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector
<b>MUNICIPAL AGENT, 31 Arbor Way</b>		<b>870-3131</b>	Fax
Anna Turner, Municipal Agent			870-3704
Fax		870-3198	<b>TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS</b>
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