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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

ELLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

50th Anniversary 1967-2017



Nellie McKnight



Museum



Center School Class of 1920

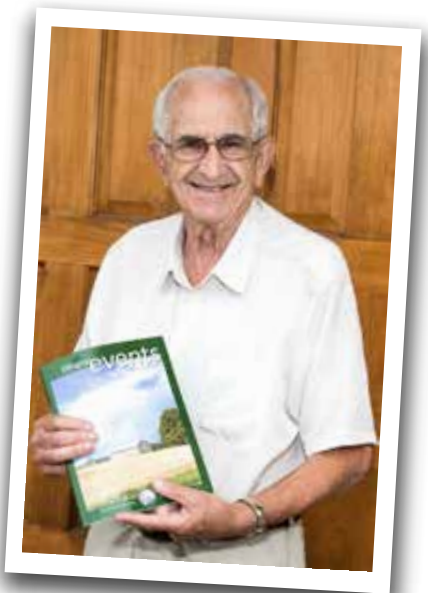
Ellington Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. At the Nellie McKnight Museum, located at 70 Main Street the minute books and scrapbooks of society events will be on display this year to commemorate those who organized the society and remind us how important history is to our community. Nellie McKnight was a driving force in the formation of the Historical Society. She bequeathed her home to the society to be used as a museum after her passing in 1981. The first minutes were recorded on December 15, 1966. The first meeting was held in March 1967.

Photos courtesy of Ellington Historical Society

WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE 2017

YALE CANTOR is a lifelong resident of Ellington. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army for two years. After a ten-year stint of chicken farming, he decided to turn to a career in education, working as a fifth-grade teacher in Vernon before becoming a guidance counselor. Mr. Cantor's involvement in the community has been unparalleled. He has been a member of the Ellington Democratic Town Committee for over sixty years, and has served on the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, the Human Services Commission, the Charter Revision Commission, the Ad Hoc Council for Developing Youth Culture and the Hockanum Valley Community Council. He has also been a justice of the peace since 1973. He was responsible for the recruitment of numerous other board and committee members, due to his ability to inspire others to "volunteerism." He has been described as a mentor, teacher, confidante, and role model by those who know and have been touched by his enthusiastic spirit. Mr. Cantor's many contributions to the Town of Ellington have touched countless lives and cannot truly be measured.

A formal induction ceremony was held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the site of the Wall of Honor located in Arbor Park.



Front cover: New "Ellington Welcomes You" signs have been placed in prominent locations along the main routes and are visible when entering town.



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Dear Fellow Ellington Residents:

First, I want to thank all town employees, our school teachers and administrators and those who volunteer their valuable time to make this town the town we are all proud to live in. Whether it is to volunteer to be on a board and committee, fight fires or go on medical emergencies, coach our children in athletics and all other volunteer activities as well as employees who do an exceptionally good job at meeting the needs of our citizens, we need to be thankful these people exist.

I especially want to thank the members of the Board of Finance for volunteering to serve on this important board. Serving can be rewarding and at other times it can prove to be challenging. This past year is certainly no exception. We are constantly weighing the needs of the various town departments and boards with the concerns of the taxpayers utilizing the philosophy of having the best town we can afford. Here are some of the highlights that have occurred that effect all who call Ellington their home.

The residents of Ellington approved a 1.2 mill increase this past budget cycle for the 17/18 year. Part of this increase was to prepare for what may occur with the State budget. We also needed to make some investments necessary to maintain the services needed.

As I am writing this letter the State has not as yet passed a budget that the Governor has agreed to sign. The delay has created problems in our ability to craft a town budget for the FY 17/18 year. A portion of the revenue the Town needs is provided by the State and without knowing what that revenue will be causes us to put together a budget with a great amount of difficulty. Until we know better what the State budget impact will have on our budget for Educational Cost Sharing and any contribution by the town for teacher pensions, we have asked all town departments and boards to limit spending and hiring to only what is absolutely necessary to their operation. The various town departments should be commended for limiting their spending yet not allowing any slippage in services. Although difficult for the various departments this action will make any needed future cuts required due to action the State takes on their budget easier.

Other important events over the past year include the completion of the Crystal Lake School renovation and expansion and Windermere School renovation. Kudos go out to Peter Welti and the Permanent Building Committee for their oversight of these projects. They were completed on time, under budget and the excess funds will, subject to the State audit, be used to pay down town debt. Anyone who has had the opportunity to visit the Crystal Lake School should go away impressed with the final result.

The Town purchased the property at 6 Nutmeg Drive for the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department to use as a second fire house. This will enhance their response time and service in that area. We issued General Obligation bonds (10 years at 2.06%) for this purchase.

We look forward to providing the “most bang for the buck” for the citizens of Ellington into the future.

John P. Rachek, Chairman

September 28, 2017

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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): John W. Turner, David E. Stavens, James M. Prichard, Melinda M. Ferry
Front Row (L-R): Ronald F. Stomberg, Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman; Aaron J. Foster*

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fifteen (15) regular meetings plus seven (7) special meetings. Three (3) public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called four (4) 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 2016-2017:

REFERENDA:

- May 16, 2017: 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 2017-18, \$57,110,601?"
Vote: Yes 591 No 388

AGREEMENTS:

- Entered into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System Agreement for fingerprint card submissions with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
- Entered agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, to deliver any and all documents deemed necessary or appropriate
- Approved the Triple Combination Pumper Bid from Five Star, not to exceed \$662,696.36
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding
- Authorized the Finance Officer to enter into a five-year lease agreement for the purchase of a forestry truck for Crystal Lake Fire Department, not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- Authorized the Finance Officer to enter into a five-year lease agreement for the purchase of breathing apparatus for Crystal Lake Fire Department, not to exceed \$190,000.00.

- Authorized the Finance Officer to enter into a five-year lease agreement for the purchase of breathing apparatus for Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, not to exceed \$500,000.00

CONTRACTS:

- Awarded the contract for electrical services to Ellington Electrical Contractor, LLC, Ellington, CT, effective July 11, 2016 through June 30, 2019 with the option for two additional one-year renewals, as recommended by the director of public works.
- Approved the Board of Education's recommendation to retain the legal services of FordHarrison LLP
- Awarded the contract for lead paint inspection services for the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program to Boston Lead Company, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$18,000
- Renewed the contract with The Computer Company of Cromwell, CT for the service and maintenance of the Town's computer system through April 30, 2018, as recommended by the Finance Officer
- Authorized the First Selectman to award contract to Nana's Ice Cream, Stafford Springs, CT for ice cream vendor services at Sandy Beach for the 2017 season
- Renewed the contract with All American Waste and executed the amendment to the agreement, extending the contract for an additional term of five years, beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023
- Ratified the contract between the Town of Ellington and the Ellington Public Works Department and Custodians, local 1303.009 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 and authorized the First Selectman to execute said contract.
- Ratified the contract between the Town of Ellington and the Ellington Town Hall Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO local 1303-473 of Council 4, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 and authorized the First Selectman to execute said contract.
- Awarded the contract for the 2016-2017 Snow Plowing Season to Barber Utilities, LLC of Ellington, CT, upon the same terms and conditions and prices as the Barber Utilities, LLC contract signed on October 31, 2014, as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

EQUIPMENT:

- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of surplus miscellaneous equipment
- Authorized the Resident State Troopers' Supervisor to dispose of radar units
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of the Board of Education's Wheelchair Van, as requested by the Board of Education

FINANCES:

- Approved the appropriation of \$9,674 to the EVFD Replacement 4-Door Pickup Truck project
- Adopted a resolution for the appropriation of \$2,860,000 for the Town Hall Addition and Renovation project
- Authorized the Finance Officer to issue a Request for Proposal for the Emergency Services Study
- Authorized the Finance Officer to issue a Request for Proposal for the plan of Conservation and Development Comprehensive Review and Update
- Accepted the \$1,075 donation from the 2016 Eversource Clean Energy Campaign
- Closed out the following Capital Projects/Bond Issues to the

General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for FY 16-17: Dojo Association Fund-Farm Preservation Program - \$24,349.83; Hall Memorial Library HVAC System Fund - \$16,823.08; 59 South Road Fund - \$7,582.29; Windermere Heat Control Fund - \$33,521.89; Charter Farm Preservation Fund - \$3,005.47; McKnight Farm Preservation Fund - \$1,713.84; TOTAL - \$86,996.40

- Approved the appropriation of \$29,606.29 to the Bahler Farm Preservation Fund Program

GRANTS:

- Accepted the \$7,200 Farm Viability Grant from the Department of Agriculture as awarded to the Ellington Conservation Commission
- Authorized the First Selectman to take all actions necessary related to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign and execute agreements and contracts, on behalf of the Town of Ellington, with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, relating to the grant application for the Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Dial-A-Ride Services) for 2018.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- Amended the Retirement Plan Section of the Personnel Rules & Regulations to no longer fund Anthem Medicare Supplement Plan F
- Adopted the Special Requirements for Acceptance of Lake Association Roads
- Accepted revisions to the Policy for Naming Town Buildings / Facilities

PROPERTY:

- Accepted portions of Ellridge Place and Monticello Circle as town roads
- Transferred ownership of the Storm Water Detention Basin to the Town
- Sold Town Property - 10 Hall Road for \$50,000

STAFF:

- Granted permanent status to Heidi Bolduk, Deputy Tax and Revenue Collector
- Hired Julia Connor, Administrative Secretary I, Human Services/Recreation Department
- Acknowledged the resignation of Christine Kiessling, Assessment Aide
- Acknowledged the resignation of Brittany Martin, EMT/Driver
- Hired/Granted Permanent Status to Laura Plona, Administrative Assessment Technician
- Hired/Granted Permanent Status to Barbra Galovich, Land Use Assistant
- Acknowledged the resignation of Craig Stevens, Fire Inspector
- Acknowledged the resignation of Eric Boucher, Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Dawn Stavens, Tax Clerk
- Hired/Acknowledged the resignation of Mark Samsel, Police Officer
- Hired/Granted Permanent Status to Spencer Hutchinson, WPCA Technician/Maintainer I
- Acknowledged the resignation on Bonnie Armstrong, Assistant Town Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Joseph Amodio, Senior Center Custodian
- Acknowledged the resignation of Troy Ciesco, Land Use Technician

- Granted Permanent Status to Donna Hosey, Assistant Town Clerk
- Hired Savannah Blantz, Land Use Commissions Recording Secretary
- Hired Nancy LaRussa, Assistant Town Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Thomas Carriere, EMT/Driver
- Acknowledged the resignation of Joseph Tarzi, Recording Secretary
- Hired Meaghan Maguire, Recording Secretary
- Hired Bruce Wilson and Amy Harrington, Assistant Animal Control Officers
- Acknowledged the retirement of Martin Dorey, Police Officer
- Promoted Julia Connor to Executive Secretary, First Selectman's Office
- Acknowledged the resignation of Brian Conner, Maintainer I
- Hired/Granted permanent status to Joy Hollister, Director of Human Services
- Hired Paige Flanagan, Christopher Cox, Collin Boske, James McKenna, EMT/Driver
- Hired Jacqueline Wagner, Tax Clerk
- Acknowledged the retirement of Robert Hoffman, Police Officer
- Promoted/Granted Permanent Status to Rebecca O'Brien, WPCA Crew Chief
- Reclassified Perry Dikeman to Maintainer II
- Acknowledged the resignation of Thomas Clark, Police Officer
- Hired James Desso, Stephen Estes and Todd Harmon, Police Officers
- Hired Matthew Silvia and Ryan Girardini, DPW Seasonal Workers
- Hired Phillip Kidney, WPCA Technician/Maintainer II

OTHER ACTIONS:

- Reestablished the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Selected and Installed Mr. Alfred Schindler to the Wall of Honor
- Reestablished the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee
- Established the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee
- Established the Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee
- Held the Annual Public Works Open House
- Granted the request of Hall Memorial Library to hold a Holi Celebration on the Town Green
- Hosted Channel 3 for a special "20 Towns in 20 Days" news segment
- 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 Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Recognized Board/Commission/Agency members for 10 years of service: Arthur Aube, Zoning Board of Appeals; Mary Blanchette, Library Board of Trustees; Ronald Brown, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Inland Wetlands Agency; William Hogan, Planning and Zoning Commission; Rebecca Quarno, Conservation Commission; John Turner, Board of Selectmen; Michael Varney, Board of Finance; Kevin Zahner, Ad Hoc Design Review Board
- Recognized Board/Commission/Agency members for 20 years of service: Daniel Parisi, Water Pollution Control Authority; Peter Welti, Permanent Building Committee
- Established a Charter Revision Commission
- Granted Special Event License: Great American Jeep Rally – September 16-17, 2017
- Granted Special Event License: Mud Bog – September 23, 2017
- Reestablished the Ad Hoc 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.

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



*Board of Finance:
Seated L-R: Barry Pinto, John Rachek - Chairman, Douglas Harding
Standing L-R: Michael Varney, Mark Joyse, David Olender*

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 1 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 directed 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

- Implement the October 1, 2016 Grand List
- Enhance and update the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Implement and utilize the new Personal Property system

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/14	10/1/15	10/1/16
Real Estate	1,141,179,653	1,151,738,450	1,168,608,715
Personal Property	45,777,946	46,312,830	51,016,562
Motor Vehicle	124,566,690	130,222,777	134,557,157

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 January. The Land Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2016 through December 2016; the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

By resolution of the Board of Selectmen In 1963, James Thompson of the firm Buck & Buck Engineers 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 by be approved by the Board of Selectmen when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

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 the Tax and Revenue Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted in the administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversees Information Technology
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects –Senior Center/ Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation/Windermere Alterations
- Direct Placement of \$1,375,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2017 for 6 Nutmeg Drive property for use as a satellite fire station by Ellington Volunteer Fire Department. Life of Bond Issue is 10 years at 2.06% interest rate
- Assisted in negotiations of union contracts
- Changed Health Insurance Carrier to ConnectiCare from Anthem at a savings of \$161,000
- Adhered to Affordable Care Act reporting requirements
- General Government Information Technology Risk Assessment
- Upgraded the General Government Accounting System and the Chart of Accounts
- Reestablishment of General Government Safety Committee
- Representative Davis scheduled a meeting with the Commissioner of Department of Administrative Services to maximize the grant reimbursement for the Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation and Windermere School Alterations

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

- RFP-Ellington Fire Department-Triple Combination Pumper
- Bid-Portable Asphalt Recycling Unit

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 2015 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,789	Real Estate
844	Personal Property
16,220	Motor Vehicle
2,903	Supplemental Motor Vehicle
Totaling \$40,982,434	

COMPARISON	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Current Collections	\$36,992,464	\$40,168,926	\$40,648,318
Back Collections	314,571	386,964	208,464
Interest & Liens	59,848	359,914	237,455
Collection Rate	99.1%	99.4%	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. The Tax Office deals 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

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

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; 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	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Births	140	133	137
Marriages	87	57	87
Deaths	92	95	101
Land Record Recordings	2,267	2,117	2,437
Map Filings	45	46	51
Trade Names	53	51	23
Dog Licenses	2,383	2,377	2,319
Kennel Licenses	7	6	10
Sportsman Licenses	429	334	400
Liquor Permits	16	21	18
Veterans Discharges	32	35	24
Cemetery Deeds	27	24	29
Aircraft Registration	25	27	18

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 Ad Hoc 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 Assistant.

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. During the past year as Town Attorney, I have been involved in the following:

- Counseling the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen on: various budget issues and priorities, particularly in light of the uncertainty with the state budget; proposed guidelines for acceptance of private roads around Crystal Lake; review of, and action on, the report of the 2016 Charter Revision Committee; contracts for the provision of certain services to the Town; contracts for the purchase of equipment for the fire department; updating contracts for the provision of emergency services; and discussions with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps regarding improving the efficient and cost-effective provision of emergency services to the residents of the Town and improving the relationship between EVAC and the Town.
- Working with the Assessor and Tax and Revenue Collector to represent the Town in a handful of tax appeals and collecting a number of delinquent tax accounts, via tax sales and foreclosures.
- Working with the Planning Department and Land Use Commissions on: legal opinions relative to new development proposals; representing the Town in the settlement of a zoning appeal; reviewing various easements being granted to the Town in connection with approved developments; and reviewing amendments to the Zoning Regulations.
- Working with Public Works on the negotiation of inter-town agreements and contracting relative to the purchase of new equipment for the Town, as well as contracting for the provision of various services for the Town.
- Assisting the Senior Center Director with the publication of their handbook and operating procedures for the new Senior Center.
- Assisting the Emergency Management Director in the development of policies for wellness checks.
- Assisting the Water Pollution Control Authority on sewer benefit assessments.
- Assisting the Economic Development Commission on revisions to the Town Tax Abatement Policy to cover certain farming operations.

BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

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 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. These regulations are living documents and are continuously reviewed and amended from time to time in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

HIGHLIGHTS

- One (1) Connecticut General Statute §8-24 review for the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of renovations to Town Hall and an addition to Town Hall resulting in a positive referral to the Board of Selectmen.
- Three (3) zoning regulation amendments including:
 - Section 2.1.13 – Donation Bins;
 - Section 3.1.3 – Accessory Structures - Attached and Detached Garages;
 - Section 2.1.1 – Zoning Compliance – Agricultural Lots & First Divisions;
- Six (6) subdivision applications approved, resulting in twenty-nine (29) new building lots.
- Thirty-four (34) other zoning applications were reviewed composed of site plans and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes, referrals to the Board of Selectmen for acceptance of public improvements or bonding actions.
- One hundred and seventy-five (175) Zoning Permit applications processed.

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

- Eight (8) agency permit applications approved / approved with modifications or conditions.
- Four (4) positive referrals to the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-26(e) for subdivision or resubdivision.
- Eight (8) administrative agent applications approved / approved with modifications or conditions.
- Five (5) 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. Recommended amendments to the Town of Ellington Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy to add a provision for farms.
- Support shop-local, buy-local initiatives through promoting Shop Ellington - an online and mobile-accessible interactive business directory.
- Members of the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space, farmland preservation and energy conservation. 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 three (3) subdivisions for open space recommendations.
- Support the farmland preservation program.
- Support the Ellington Hockanum River Committee and efforts to create and maintain trails around the Hockanum River.
- Coordinated efforts to map six different hiking trails currently maintained throughout Ellington.
- Support Energize Connecticut and Clean Energy Community initiatives. During this fiscal year, Ellington advanced from Bronze Community to Silver Community.
- Promote Home Energy Solutions (HES), a program designed to save residents money and reduce energy needs. During 2016, the HES program resulted in over 40 homes participating and a donation of \$1,075 to the Ellington Fuel Bank. Donations to the Ellington Fuel Bank assist low income Ellington residents who are facing a utility shut off or in need of an emergency delivery of heating fuel.
- Support Solarize Ellington, part of Solarize Connecticut: an eighteen week residential solar program managed by the non-profit organization SmartPower, sparked by the Connecticut Green Bank. Town support for the program was accomplished through in-kind promotional outreach efforts.



Home Energy Solutions Donation to Ellington Fuel Bank
From left to right: Jesse Conway - Aiello Home Services, Mark Fox - Fox Heating, Justin Buck - Energy Efficiencies Solutions, Joy Hollister - Director of Human Services, and Lori Spielman - First Selectman.

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

- Eighteen (18) variance applications approved (Seven (7) with modifications or conditions).
- One (1) variance application denied.
- Two (2) variance applications withdrawn.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed site development plan for an assisted living facility at 123 West Road.
- Reviewed building addition and site development plan for Dunkin Donuts drive-thru at 194 Windsorville Road and 276 Skinner Road.
- Reviewed site development plan for Bolles Motors at 84 West Road.
- Reviewed building addition and site development plan for Valley Truck & Off Road at 43 Lower Butcher Road.
- Reviewed building addition and site development plan for The Barn Yard and Great Country Garages at 9 & 15 Village Street.
- Reviewed building addition and site development plan for KAZ Trucking at 30 & 42 Village Street.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

In April 2017, a detailed application was submitted to the State Department of Housing for major rehabilitation work proposed for Snipsic Village. Major focus of the project is replacement of deteriorating sidewalks, roof replacement, removal of asbestos tiles in apartments, replacement of kitchen cabinets, shower stalls, and conversion of interior lighting to LED. A decision by the State is expected by September 2017.

We are also working with Green Bank and Eversource for financing to replace failing heat pumps and upgrading common area lighting to LED.

Also under consideration is a proposal to install solar panels to significantly reduce electricity consumption for interior and exterior lighting and hot water heaters.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)

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

- Continue to update AppGeo Sewer Layer for Ellington GIS MapGeo
- Set Sewer User Fees for Hockanum and Crystal Lake systems
- Received Sewer Camera Truck purchased with Vernon and Stafford Springs.
- Continued to monitor H2S levels at Pump Stations.
- Roof Replaced on Ellington's pump station in Vernon.
- Accepted Phases 2, 3, 4 and 7 of Windermere Village Sewer system

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. The Registrars must attend two annual conferences and attend a class to become certified as a Moderator every two years. In addition, in 2016 state statute required all registrars in Connecticut to become certified. The certification program consists of 8 classes which includes 26 hours of training and a final exam. Both Ellington Registrars have completed the requirements and are now certified Registrars with the State of Connecticut.

In November of 2016, the Presidential election was held. District 1 voted at Ellington High School and District 2 voted at Crystal Lake School. Voter turnout for the Presidential Election was 6,492 electors which was a 79 % turnout for District 1 and District 2 had 1,880 electors for a 92% turnout.

The budget Referendum was held on May 16, 217 and was held at the Ellington Senior Center. The budget passed with 591 voting yes and 388 voting no for a total turnout of 9%.

As of July 30, 2017 District #1 has 1,961 registered Democrats, 2,142 registered Republicans, 3,876 registered as Unaffiliated and 122 registered in other political parties for a total of 8,101 voters. District #2 has 564 registered Democrats, 631 registered Republicans, 1,054 registered as Unaffiliated and 35 registered in other political parties for a total of 2,284. The total registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 10,385.

If you are interested in registering to vote or change your voter registration (i.e. name, address or party affiliation) you can now do it on-line at www.sots.ct.gov or in person at Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street. Applications are also available at the library and can be mailed in or dropped off to the Town Clerk or Registrar Office.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (PBC)

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 2016-17 the focus of the Permanent Building Committee was the completion of the Crystal Lake School Renovation/Addition with the final punch list items. The Committee met 5 times.

The Permanent Building Committee funded several items that the Board of Education and user groups identified with the balance of the contingency fund. The remaining balance of the contingency fund was turned over to the Town. The project went smoothly and was completed on time and under budget. We are appreciative of the teamwork between our committee, the user groups and town officials in the process of completing this project.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

The State of Connecticut provided a grant to the Town of Ellington in May of 2016 in the amount of \$15,000 with a 100% Town match for removal of milfoil from Crystal Lake. This was added to the budget in the line item 585 Water Quality (\$25,000).

New England Aquatic Services (NEAS) began suction harvesting on August 1, 2016 and continued for 17 days. Phase I consisted of removal of milfoil under the "State Grant" portion of the project. It consisted of the removal of 350 bags (approximately 350 cubic feet) of milfoil. Areas worked included the Dam area, the Town Beach area and Aborn Cove.

Phase II ("Town Non-participating") consisted of the removal of additional milfoil in the Town Beach area (75 bags) and removal of the red-leaf pondweed (6 bags) from the Northeast cove area.

Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR) conducted the Post-Harvest Aquatic Plant Survey on September 15, 2016. The NEAR report stated that the long-term suction harvesting program has greatly minimized the spread of milfoil despite the very clear water of the lake, which allows prolific spread and growth. The milfoil is now limited to only the following areas:

- the Dam area
- the Beach area
- the Northeast Cove area
- the Aborn Cove area

The two principal target areas of the FY 2016-2017 suction harvesting were the Dam area and the Town Beach area. The work greatly reduced the bed size and density in each. However, milfoil plants were present in both areas in September. This was likely due to a combination of factors: regrowth, missed plants in turbid water, as well as possible insufficient allocation of time and funds to completely remove existing plants in each area. Other smaller patches of milfoil and beds of pondweed were successfully removed.

NEAR stated that the first priority for 2017-2018 harvesting should be the milfoil in both the Dam area and the Town Beach area. Milfoil in the two coves should be considered secondary priority areas. The use of bottom barriers should be considered in FY 2017-2018 for the control of Mudmat.

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

The Ellington Patriotic Committee was established in 2009. Its primary function is to develop, plan, arrange, supervise, and conduct programs and activities that foster pride and patriotism among the citizens of the town and to make recommendations for such programs and activities to the Board of Selectmen for approval, when required.

The committee organizes and conducts Memorial Day activities, including parades at both Crystal Lake and the center of town, services at the Crystal Lake Cemetery and Center Cemetery and an indoor program held in the Gordon Getchell Auditorium at EHS. This year's EHS program included special speaker Brigadier General Francis Evon. Each ceremony at the cemeteries and EHS include remembrances of the 17 Ellington residents who gave their lives in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Lebanon. The committee also raises funds with Wreaths Across America in order to place wreaths on veterans' graves in town cemeteries at a ceremony in December. Additional programs conducted by the committee include a special flag burning ceremony in June to discard of worn or damaged American flags.

It is the committee's goal to encourage the citizens of Ellington to participate and offer suggestions for future programs.



AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Ellington Ad Hoc Beautification Committee was established in 2017. Its primary function is to enhance the beauty of public access areas, thus promoting pride in the community of Ellington. The Committee consists of five members and even though the Committee was formed just this April, the members have been very busy.

You can see the enhancements around Town that the Committee members have implemented with flower pots at Town Hall, Hall Memorial Library, Animal Control and the Senior Center. The Committee also has responsibility to organize the Inaugural Town-wide Scarecrow contest as well as the Annual Holiday Lighting contest.

It is the Committee's goal to encourage the citizens of Ellington to enjoy the beautiful enhancements that have been made, to participate and enjoy in these Town-wide programs and to offer suggestions for continuing to beautify Ellington and to bring together our residents with special events.



AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Ellington Ad Hoc Trails Committee was established in 2017. Its primary function is to maintain and advance the Town's trail system, thus promoting pride in the community of Ellington and creating more opportunities for residents to enjoy the Town. The Committee consists of ten members and even though it was formed just this April, the members have been very busy.

They have held numerous workdays, putting in countless hours clearing debris from areas of the West Road Trail and the Metcalf Property, and members have been seen blazing and marking trails to make navigation easier for new hikers! They have a very active online presence through the Ellington Trails

Committee Facebook page, where news of future events and projects can be found. Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Ellingtontrails/>.



Keep Ellington Mooooooving!

The Committee wants to "Keep Ellington Mooooooving" and is working hard to provide residents with beautiful local trails that all ages can enjoy.



PUBLIC SAFETY

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Resident Troopers Office (RTO) is committed to reducing motor vehicle crashes, thwarting criminal activity and providing residents with a safe environment to live and raise families. This is accomplished through strict enforcement of state statutes, community policing models, D.A.R.E program, School Resource Officer (SRO) program and active preventative patrol. The RTO continues to supplement enforcement efforts with periodic DWI saturation patrols under the CT DOT Highway Safety Office DWI Grant.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the past year the RTO has continued its tradition of becoming immersed within the community by participating in Town events and assisting Youth Services. Troopers/Officers provide traffic safety and foot patrol to events including the Fireman's Parade/Carnival, Winterfest/5K Race, Sprint Triathlon, Farmers Market, Jeep Rally/Mud Bog and MDA Motorcycle Ride. The RTO also provides a child ID kit that allows parents to obtain fingerprints and photographs of their children to be used if they become missing/lost.



The Ellington RTO serves as host and lead agency for the Tri-Town (Ellington, Stafford and Somers) Juvenile Review Board (JRB). The JRB consists of TFC R. Richardson (Ellington RTO), sworn member of Somers RTO, sworn member of Stafford RTO, member of Youth Services and a member of State DCF. The JRB is intended to divert from Juvenile Court children who have committed minor delinquent acts or whose behavior at home or school indicates they are at risk of delinquency. The JRB process is voluntary and informal, and include options such as warnings, counseling, apologies or community service.

The Ellington RTO also continues its service to the Crystal Lake community of Ellington by providing Marine patrol services on Crystal Lake and increased patrol services on weekends/holidays. Our Marine Patrol administers vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake to promote water safety.

2016-2017 served as our first year for our prescription drop-box. We've observed a steady increase of use by residents and average approximately 50 lbs of un-used / un-wanted medications every two months. The medications are then inventoried and then transported to the State Police Narcotics Unit (Meriden, CT) where they are subsequently sent for destruction.

The Ellington RTO in conjunction with the Board of Education and other Town of Ellington Departments, assists school principals with completing "Lock-Down" drills and assessments. The RTO will continue to supply one School Resource Officer for the upcoming school year.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES (Aug. 1, 2016 - Aug. 1, 2017)

Calls for Service	12,807
DWI Arrests	22
Motor Vehicle Crashes	221
Motor Vehicle Tickets/Warnings	2,125
Alarms	452
Criminal Case (with report)	342

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

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
New Single Family Homes	24	45	25
New Commercial Buildings	6	0	7
New Multi-Family Buildings	7	4	5
Residential Alteration & Additions	45	49	49
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	199	216	201
Mechanical/Electrical	668	690	690
Other	133	141	101
Totals	1,373	1,401	1,491
Estimated Construction Value	\$25,921,553	\$26,348,775	\$39,362,870
Permit Fees Collected	\$370,091	\$419,754	\$611,014

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 and code compliance inspections of most properties (single and two-family residential properties are exempt) are mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. Applications for administrative and criminal search warrants and for arrest warrants are filed with the court system when determined by investigation to be appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections are conducted of all special events and all permanent or temporary buildings, occupancies, facilities, whether new, existing or under construction or renovation. The number of mandatory annual inspections approaches 2,500.

In cooperation with the appropriate state agencies, permits are processed for all liquor establishments, day care centers, group day care homes, explosives operations and open burning. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are examined for approval prior to the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy are approved following completion of that construction.

Comparison statistics are provided below as an aid in determining the effects of the past twenty years of town growth and the Town's ability to meet its lawful obligations to fire investigation and code enforcement functions.



Fire destroyed this single family home this past fall when a hot mower was stored beneath a wooden exterior deck after a leaf mulching project.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

<i>Selected statistics covering past 20 years</i>	1996-1997	2006-2007	2016-2017
Investigations	61	68	50
Criminal	18	22	19
Non-criminal	43	42	22
Undetermined	0	4	5
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	0
Non-Fatal	1	1	1
Building Fires	20	18	14
Motor Vehicle Fires	4	4	6
All Other Fires	15	24	24
Hazardous Materials Incidents	5	17	5
Fire Losses, Total (X \$1000)	\$98.0	\$409.0	\$759.8
Criminal	\$25	\$05	\$40.0
Non-criminal	\$97.85	\$246.8	\$712.6
Undetermined	\$0	\$162.0	\$7.1
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)	\$1,584.0	\$5,069.0	\$1,961.9
Enforcement Inspections	77	622	1,341
Commercial	10	225	125
Public Assembly	16	49	39
Educational	5	12	42
Residential (Multi-family)	10	298	1,089
Hazardous Materials	36	20	17
Other	1	18	28
State Licenses and Permits Approved	43	40	77
Open Burning Permits Processed / Approved	0*	18	15
Enforcement Citations Issued	135	276	156
Arrests and/or Referrals	8	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: Peter Hany, Jr., Brendan Burke

LIEUTENANTS: Thomas Adams*, Kimberly Gambacorta, William Petras

SECRETARY: Michael D. Varney

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldmann

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Donald Hartman	Jeffery Parent
Jonathan Allen	Thomas Jackson	Andrew Slicer
Michael Bahler	Erich Martin	Regan Toomey
Timothy Bahler	Douglas Parent	Madeline Varney
Frederick Bird	Keith Ruff	Kevin Gambacorta
Bryan Blotniski	Noah St. Germain	Peter Hany, Sr.
Steven Breault, Sr.	Dennis C. Varney	Bradford Hoffman
Jordan Chamberlain	John Vogel	Blaize Levitan
Dominick Cristelli	Michael Gallagher	Paul O'Neil
Matthew Daskal	Katherine Hany	Daniel Parisi
Richard Daugherty	Nicole Hazzard	Randall Smith
Donald Davis	Greg Larensen	John W. Turner
Gary Feldman, Jr.**	John Meigel	Aaron Virkler
Vincent Gambacorta		Frederica Weeks

LIFE MEMBERS

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

CADET MEMBERS

Justin Breault	Michael Dombek	Chris Hoover
Jared Fongemie	Chris Hany	Cole Kilgore
Andrew Clark	Ethan Hany	Ryan McConnell
James-Paul Forbes	Aaron Hinze	Nicholas Willett

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Robert Federigan**	Ted Graziani
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*2016 Firefighter of the Year

**Currently on Military Leave

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud to recognize 89 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 5/5Y.

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, 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017. During this period, the department responded to 813 emergency calls totaling 659 hours, which equated to more than 5917 donated man-hours for emergency services.

Fire, Explosion	50
Rescue, Emergency Medical Service	498
Hazardous Condition, Standby	79
Service Call	71
Good Intent Call	24
False Call	85
Other	6
Totals:	813

To report an emergency, enhanced 911 telephone services are available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center.

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year, Ellington firefighters spent over 7000 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 and Emergency Medical Responder refresher course, 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 department's 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.

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

The center fire house, Station 43, located at 29 Main Street houses 8 vehicles, our marine rescue trailer 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 now has a complete fire suppression sprinkler system as well as a vehicle exhaust ventilation system. Improvements to the facility will continue through the next fiscal year.

Station 243, located at 6 Nutmeg Drive, houses the ladder / pumper truck, a fire pumper and a small rescue, as well as store the utility terrain vehicle and our hazardous materials response unit as well as additional equipment needed for hazardous materials response. Station 243 is also equipped with a vehicle exhaust ventilation system.

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 there 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 entire community, apparatus replacement and relocation, are areas of immediate concern. The town has 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. A new study needs to be completed as the previous study is now 15 years old. With the new development and growth in our community a third party study needs to be completed to reinforce that we are planning for the future adequately.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this, the 89th 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 or www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd.

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 2017.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Brian Pippin

DEPUTY CHIEF: Timothy Seitz

CAPTAIN: Bryan Harvell

WMS CAPTAIN: Rob Edwards

1st LIEUTENANT: Bob Ludwig

2nd LIEUTENANT: Shannon Bennett

3rd LIEUTENANT: Chad Adams

4th LIEUTENANT: Annmarie Seitz

SECRETARY: Annmarie Seitz

TREASURER: Bryan Harvell

MEMBERS

James Adkins
Chad Adams
Mike Allen
Shannon Bennett
Jessica Casey
Brandon Clark
Sydney Coles
Dannielle Decina
Tom Descheneaux
Britney Edwards

Rob Edwards
Bryan Harvell
Brian Legare
Richard Legare
Bob Ludwig
Elaine Lupoletti
Jacob Moore
Brian Pippin
Chuck Pippin

Alberto Rivera
Doug Rogala
Annmarie Seitz
Matthew Seitz
Timothy Seitz
Fred Sharpe Jr.
Nicholas Sharpe
Jennifer Sharpe
John Streiber

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell
Reka Wrynn
Sarah Rogala

Jessica Harvell
Larry Booth
Frank Sutton

Cindy Bregoli
David Bregoli

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison

Paul McDonald

Thomas Trapp

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis

CO-CHAIRMAN: Chuck Christman

CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Annmarie Seitz, 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 83 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 334 calls for service, totaling 3,306 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 2,231 hours of



training during the course of the year. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: Fire Officer, Fire Service Instructor, 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 in 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 2017 Freightliner 3,000 gallon Tanker built by 4 Guys Firetrucks which we took delivery of in March. This new Tanker will give the department much needed increase in water immediately available for supporting firefighting operations. This apparatus has already proven itself to 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-5 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.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Fires and Explosions Total	47
Rescue Call Total	214
Hazardous Condition Total	13
Service Call Total	37
Good Intent Call Total	4
False Alarm Call Total	10
Special Type of Incident	9

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Services encompasses an Emergency Management Director, two Deputy Directors and the Ellington CERT Team under the direction of a Deputy Director. The Unit's mission is to prepare the Town to respond to all emergency incidents, such as weather-related, hazmat and human-initiated mass casualty events. The primary goals of the OEM Office are the preservation of life, recovery from emergency incidents and the education of the Town residents, schools and businesses in preparing for an emergency incident.

Purpose of the Office of Emergency Management

The OEM develops, maintains and updates Emergency Operation Plans. The plans enable the Town to respond to all emergency incidents in an expeditious and coordinated manner. Preparation for emergency incidents entails; training drills, testing equipment, response time, coordination with fire, police, ambulance and hospitals in the Tolland County area. During an actual Emergency Incident, the First Selectman is the Director of the Emergency Response. It is OEM's responsibility to have current data concerning the Town; businesses, schools and population areas. This information will provide the scope of an Emergency Incident. The OEM manages Town resources during a disaster. The OEM is the conduit between the Town and the State and Federal Government during disasters when there is a need for their assistance.

Preparation, Training, Activities

During the spring of 2016, OEM conducted a Town-wide test of the Everbridge Emergency Notification System. Residents were contacted via; text, email, cell phone or hard line phone. Many notifications were made during the test exercise. OEM initiated a marketing program for Town residents to enroll in the Everbridge Notification System with an ultimate goal of 100% compliance. To enroll in Everbridge call OEM – 860-870-3182.

OEM worked with the Human Services Department in formulating a policy for First Responders conducting a "well-being check" on elderly, handicapped or disabled Town residents during an Emergency Incident.

Coordination among the Town Fire Marshal's Office, School Officials, OEM and Police led to the enhancement of the school fire and lockdown drills. Providing the drills a realistic approach.

Disasters require 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 and the Crystal Lake School are the back-up Emergency Shelters. Each shelter has an emergency generator providing full power to each facility. The Ellington CERT team along with school personnel would operate the shelter during an Emergency Incident.

Knowing the relationship an individual develops with their pets, OEM obtained 20 various size pet cages from the State to be utilized during activation of the Emergency Shelters. The cages were purchased through a grant at no cost to the Town.

In the past year the OEM applied for and received grant money to help offset the cost of OEM operations. One of the grants provided CERT members an upgrade in equipment, manuals and uniforms. OEM will continue to look at various avenues to apply for grants during the upcoming year.

The Ellington OEM participated in the Governor's 2016 Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative. The exercise entailed a severe weather related incident. The Town Emergency Operations Center was opened to respond to the incident.

OEM provided Emergency Preparedness Training to Town Day Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes through the State Office of Early Childhood – Division of Early Care + Education.

Ellington OEM, CERT and Emergency Service Units participated in the Town of Vernon's Impact 2016 exercise. The exercise involved a mass shooting incident at Rockville High School.

OEM made a presentation at the Senior Health Fair in October at the Senior Center. Topics - preparing for an emergency incident; the Town Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT); and residents enrolling in Everbridge. (Ellington's Emergency Notification System).

The Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Directors participated in many training and education exercises, related to the various facets of dealing with an Emergency Incident.

OEM is working with Ellington Emergency Services Units in planning two training exercises for the fall of 2017. One exercise will involve a hazmat incident, the other a school incident. The school incident will be a tabletop exercise, meaning that school officials, police, fire, and medical services will be given various scenarios, working with each other to provide an appropriate response.

OEM submitted Ellington's name to FEMA's National Exercise Division (NED) to be considered for a Chemical / Biological in the Box Exercise. FEMA is looking for a large town and small town in Connecticut to participate in the exercise.

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

The team is composed of volunteers from Ellington and surrounding towns. Currently there are 40 members on CERT. The Team is supported by Federal and State money. CERT members receive training in fire safety, basic first aid, Ham Radio, and traffic management, as members help provide traffic and crowd control at events, parades, fireworks, and fairs in Ellington and surrounding towns in the Tolland county area. In addition, CERT provides assistance to first responders and non-hazardous search and rescue. The Ellington CERT program has an outstanding Ham Radio Team, providing communications during Town Emergency Incidents. The Ham Radio Team has the capability of assisting other towns in the region with communications during their incidents.

During the last Holiday Season, the CERT Team worked with the Human Services Dept. and adopted five needy seniors and one family in need. The CERT Team provided food, gift cards and gifts to the needy individuals.

In March 2017, Ellington CERT members were recognized for their service and volunteer work for the Town of Ellington by the State of Connecticut General Assembly. An Official Citation was presented to the Ellington CERT members by State Representative Christopher Davis. From January 2016 – December 2016 CERT members provided 643 hours of volunteer work for Ellington and other towns.

The Ellington CERT members are to be congratulated for their outstanding service to Ellington and surrounding towns. If you would like information in becoming a member of this outstanding group, email Deputy Emergency Management Director John Streiber at: jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov. 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 CERT member.



ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany

VICE PRESIDENT: Simon Hessler

TRAINING: Joe Glomboske

SECRETARY: Jean Marie Currier

TREASURER: Dan Hunt

SCHEDULING: Alisa Smith

SUPPLY: Brandon Clark

MAINTENANCE: Peter Hany

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Doreen Connor

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Lyndsey Blanchette
Kori Burz
Brandon Clark
Jean-Marie Currier
Chris Dinicola
Gabriela Ewald
Jessiba Fernando
Dan Flanagan
Dorota Gdula

Peter Hany
Michael Hardy
Simon Hessler
Bruce Hoffman
Heather Howe
Dan Hunt
Edward Landsberg
Matthew Lontz
Sean Milligan
James O'Donnell

Paul O'Neil
Rachel Oakes
Jennifer Rice
Angie Sandberg
Erin Schirra
Alisa Smith
Nancy Stillman
John Streiber
Gregory York

PAID STAFF

Colin Boske
Caitlyn Connelly
Chris Cox
Thomas Dillon

Scott Fine
Paige Flanagan
Tonya Glomboske
Laura Goulet

Deb Landry-Schiessl
Jon Morrisett
Kerri Pliszka
Jefferson Smith

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Brandon Bartell

Bryan Goulet

Allison Jenkins

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault
Ray Close
Jean-Marie Currier

Renee Cyr
Joe Glomboske

Denise Rioux
Angie Sandberg
John Watts

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps. (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 55 years. EVAC responded to 1115 EMS requests during the 2016-2017 year, including mutual aid calls to the towns which surround 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 (AEDs) are provided to most active members for rapid response to victims of acute cardiac arrest.

EVAC continues its commitment to current and on-going 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 Heart-Safe 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

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Cole Angell
Becca Cargill
Michaela Doyon
Rachel Iverson
Alex Jacques
Lauren Johnson
Suchet Kadari
Madison Killoran

Naomi Luginbuhl
Alice Mahon
Emily Mead
Logan McDonald***
Hannah Mozzier
Cynthia Mutua
Sylvia Mutua

John Orvitz
Grace Palmer
Isha Patel
April Phelps ***
Amanda Pretty
Noah Welti
Nick Willett
Emily Fitzgerald

***denotes those who graduated*

ADVISORS

Tonya Glomboske - *Head Advisor*

Joe Glomboske Deb
Landry -Schiesl

Caitlyn Connelly
Paul O'Neil

Bryan Goulet
Laura Goulet

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Ellington Rescue Post 512. All of these high students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as either EMRs or EMTs and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition the rigorous medical training they must excel at.

In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year. Post members have started a new tradition of "Boxes of Hope". Members sleep in boxes over- night and collect non-perishables from members of the community. These items are then turned over to our town pantry at Social Services. ERP also adopts a family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Not only are they helping those less fortunate, but they are also learning about those less fortunate.

HIGHLIGHTS

Alisa Smith was awarded Volunteer of the Year at the annual banquet. Alisa has gone through hardships this past year, but remains loyal to EVAC.

April Phelps was awarded with a scholarship from EVAC. April, an ERP member who served as president during her last year, is continuing her medical education and plans on becoming a Physician's Assistant.

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 or night. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education and equipment at no cost to all members.

For additional information, please call us at 860-870-3170 or visit us on our web-site at www.ellingtonambulance.org

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps would like to take this opportunity to thanks 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 investigates 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 facility 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 facility are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Kathy DiBacco. To reach Animal Control, please call (860) 870-3155. Appointments are required to visit the animals available for adoption. The Animal Control Facility, 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.

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, offers 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.

On June 10, 2017 Ellington Animal Control held our Annual Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Ellington Center Animal Clinic at the Ellington Farmer's Market. The doctors and staff from Ellington Center Animal Clinic administer Rabies vaccines and implant Microchips. Ellington Center Animal Clinic donated the



proceeds from this clinic to a fund for the needs of the animals. 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 facility. The support from the community attending the Rabies & Microchip clinic was wonderful!

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable 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 facility 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 facility 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control's vehicle has now been upgraded to a new truck. The truck is set up with a cap on the back which allows us more room for the animals and our equipment.



We are now anticipating having the replacement perimeter fencing at the Animal Control Facility. The old stockade fencing has finally worn out and we have decided to go with a more permanent chain link fencing that will last much longer. The perimeter fencing is required and insures that the animals are safely confined and prevents after hours visitors from contact with the animals.

On a final note, Ellington Animal Control would like to thank the residents, Girl Scouts, school groups and the businesses that have made donations to Ellington Animal Control that help make the animals that come through our facility a little more comfortable and well fed. It is wonderful to work for a community that cares for animals.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Complaints Investigated	1066	1000	936
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	56	37	27
Animals Adopted	26	10	5
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	4	4	4
Animal Bites	21	22	18
Dogs/Cats picked up Deceased	12	8	7
Infractions/Summons Issued	8	22	13
Total Impounded Animals	98	58	42
Licensed Dogs	2382	2377	2317

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

ROAD WORK:

- Church Street was milled and repaved
- Frog Hollow Rd had a hot in place recycling paving application done
- Streets chip sealed and overlay applied: Shenipsit St, Mountain St, Snipsic View Heights, Quarry and Frog Hollow Rd
- Crack seal and fog seal applied to Heather, Woodland, Westland, Penfield and Crescent Circle. Crack seal only Daisy, Ryefield, and Windermere
- Sidewalks – several areas in Mosely Plains were repaired on Brockway and Benjamin Dr. New sidewalk on Abbott Rd from Windermere Ave to Woodland Trail
- Leveling of Crane Rd, Broad Brook and Griswold in preparation for 20% rubberized chip seal to be done in August
- Full reclamation and repaving of parking lot at Arbor Commons
- Ongoing catch basin replacements in preparation of CT Water Co. replacing lines on Strawberry, Raspberry and Blueberry, in summer of 2017

BUILDING PROJECTS:

- Continued to work with Fuss & O'Neill on the Town Hall Expansion and Turf Fields
- Work with CRCOG for Route 83 Sidewalk project
- LED Streetlight and Town property lighting grant and project completed
- Sewer projects inspected this year Deer Valley North apartments, Windermere Village, Aberle Farms

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:

- 2017 Freightliner Plow/Dump truck
- Toro Grounds Mower
- GPS system for all vehicles
- Hotbox and trailer purchased in conjunction with East Windsor and Somers through a state grant.

SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL:

- 11 Call Outs for 45" of snow
- Purchased 2,397 tons of Clear Lane and 110 tons of salt

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:

- 2016-17: Ellington residents recycled 1,401 tons
- 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 9:00 am -12:00 noon
- Electronics Recycled 36.79 tons

- Textiles recycled 1.25 tons. Textiles are either donated or recycled depending on the condition. Also included are linens, footwear, belts, hats and purses as well as stuffed animals. Items must be bagged.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY:

- Continuing to monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station
- Continuing grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake
- Sewer lines being flushed out on a continuing basis as time permits
- The Fats Oil and Grease (FOG) program is continuing to be monitored
- Sewer camera truck arrived purchased through a grant with Towns of Vernon and Stafford

RECREATION:

- Dugouts at Brookside Park and High School fields were repaired and reroofed
- Over seeding and aerating fields
- Water line to Tingley Field installed
- Flag Pole installation at Brookside Park
- Yearly inspection of bleachers and grandstands
- Completion and use of Pinney Street fields

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

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



The Department of Public Works held its Annual Open House on May 25.



Ellington

Trash & Recycling Collection 2018

Recyclables are collected every other week. Shaded weeks = pick-up weeks

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D = one day delay for New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas

When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there is no delay in the collection schedule.

All items for curbside pick-up must be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day



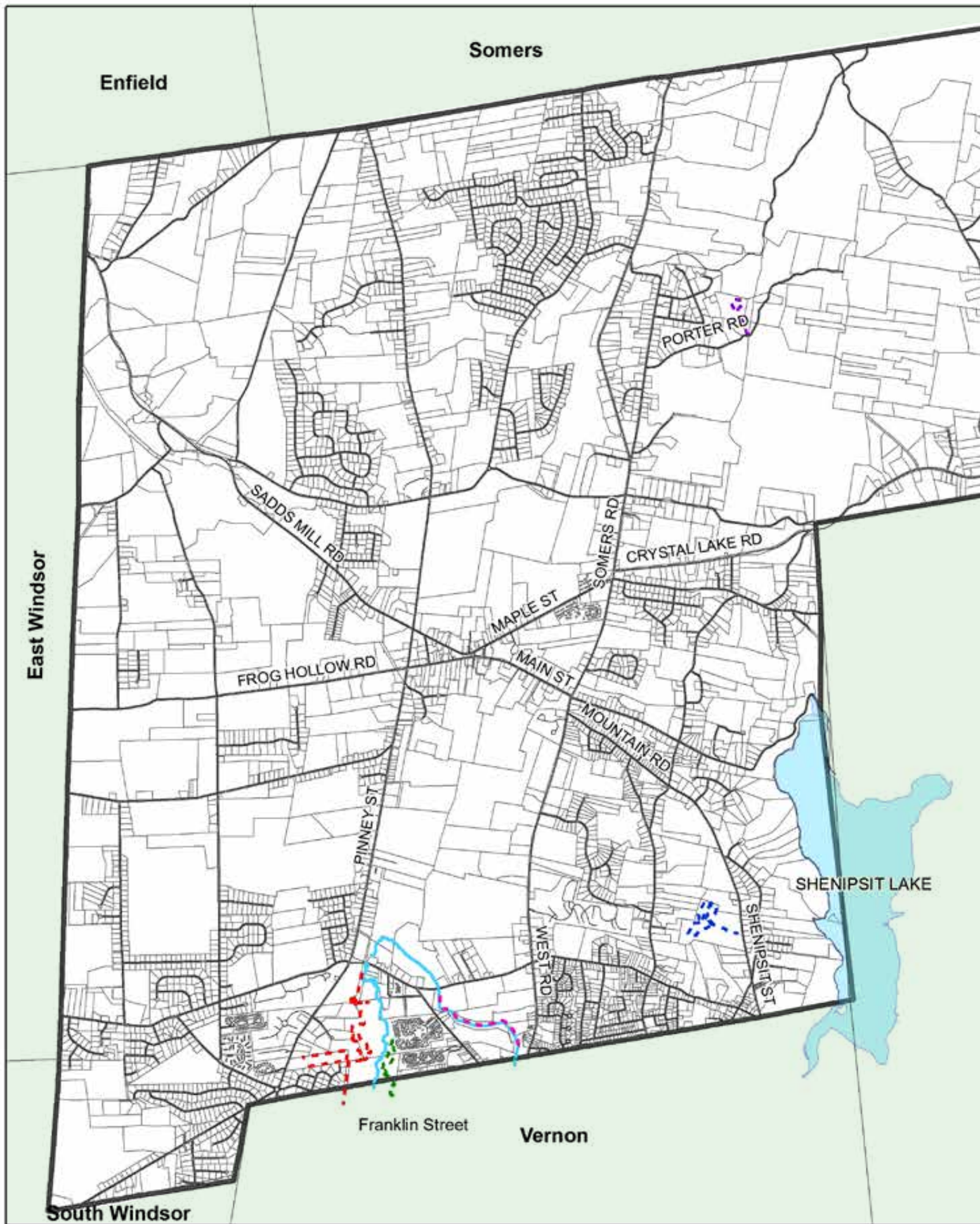
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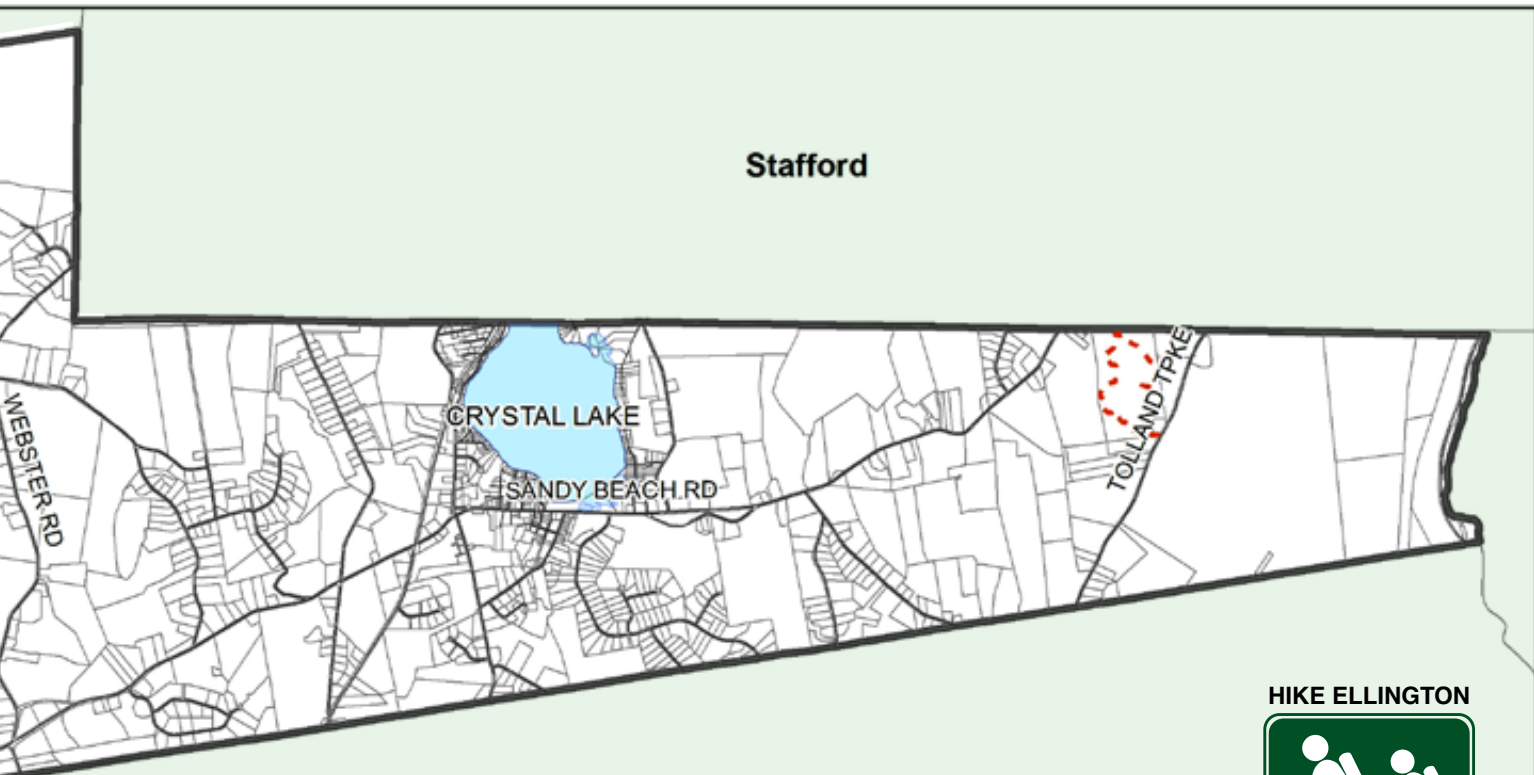


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Ellington was featured on Channel 3 as one of 20 towns in CT
May, 2017





HIKE ELLINGTON



KEEP IT GREEN,
KEEP IT CLEAN

Ellington Trails Map

ELLINGTON, CT



Legend

Trail Name (Location)

- 1 --- Sunset Hill Trail (Porter Rd)
- 2 --- Balanced Boulder Trail (Tolland Tpke)
- 3 --- Windermere Trail (Windermere Ave)
- 4 --- Franklin Street Trail
- 5 --- West Road Trail
- 6 --- Batz Trail (Shenipsit St)

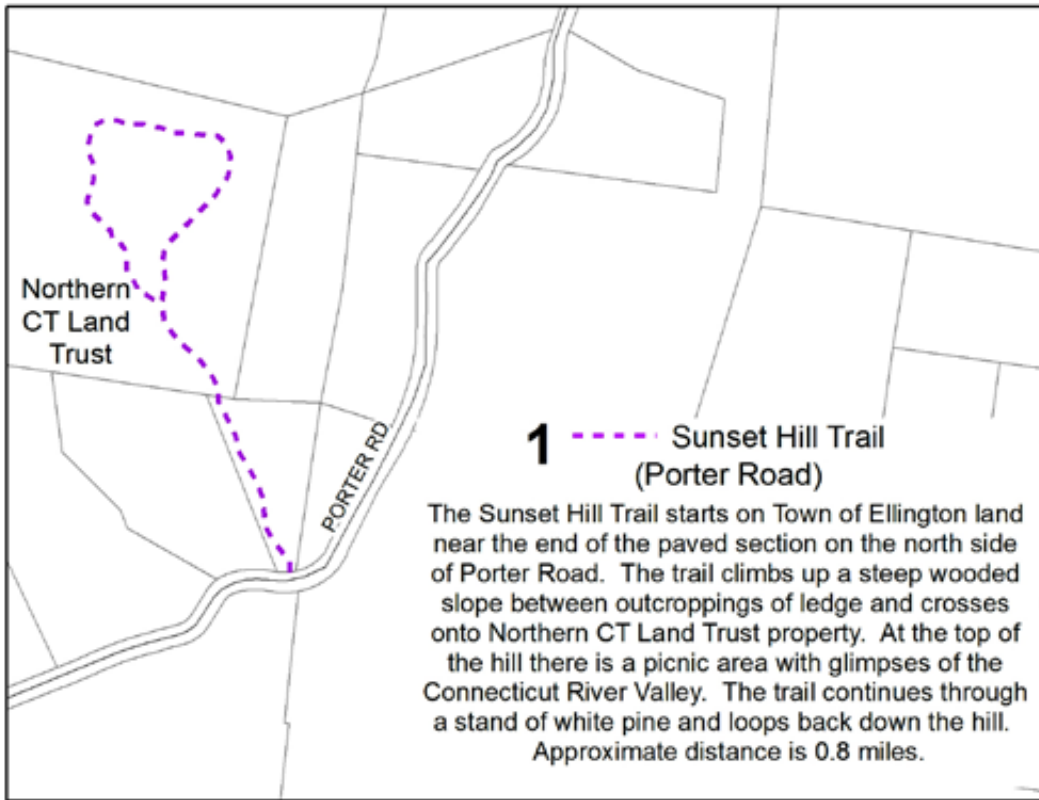
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□ Town Boundary



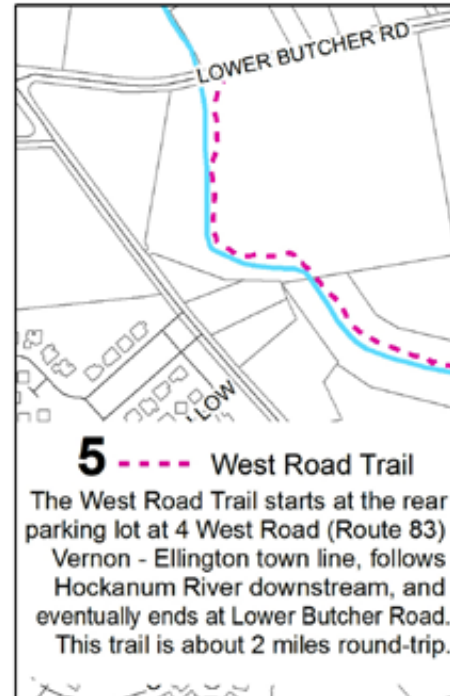
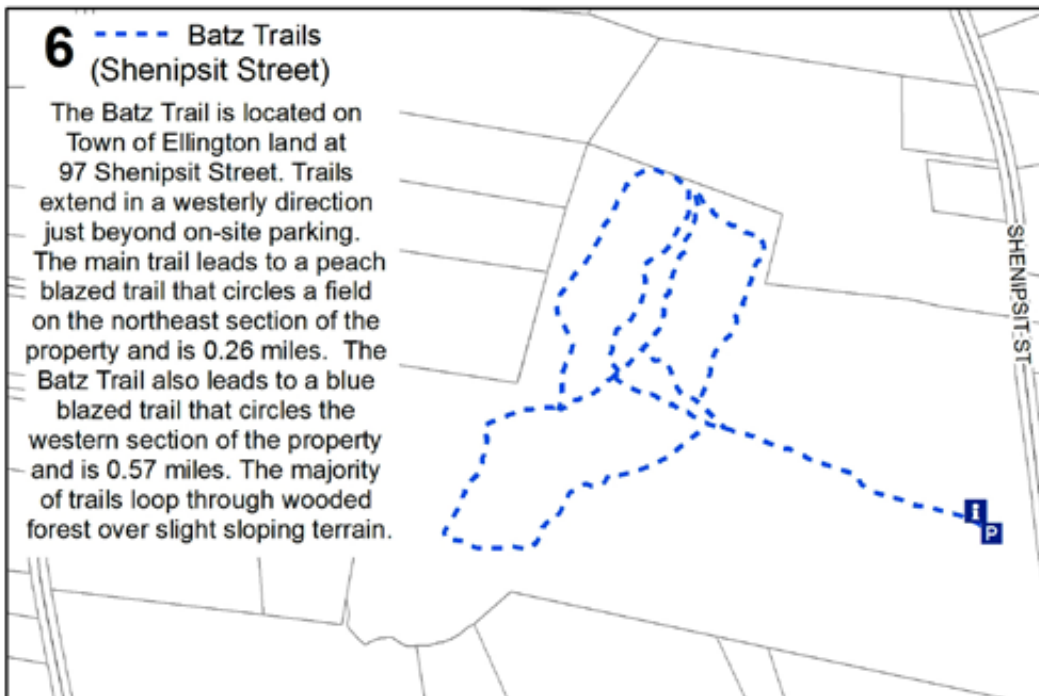
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Ellington Trails Map

ELLINGTON, CT

- Hockanum River
- Parcels
- Town Boundary



2 --- Balanced Boulder Trail (Tolland Tpke)

The Balanced Boulder Trail is located on the Northern CT Land Trust's 58 acre Ernie Boothroyd Nature Preserve on the Tolland Turnpike. There is limited parking along the side of the road. The trail climbs gradually through stands of mountain laurel and occasional rock ledges. The trail forms a large loop and skirts the edge of a marsh before returning to the starting point. Sightings of deer, turkeys and other wildlife have been reported. Total distance is approximately 1.2 miles.

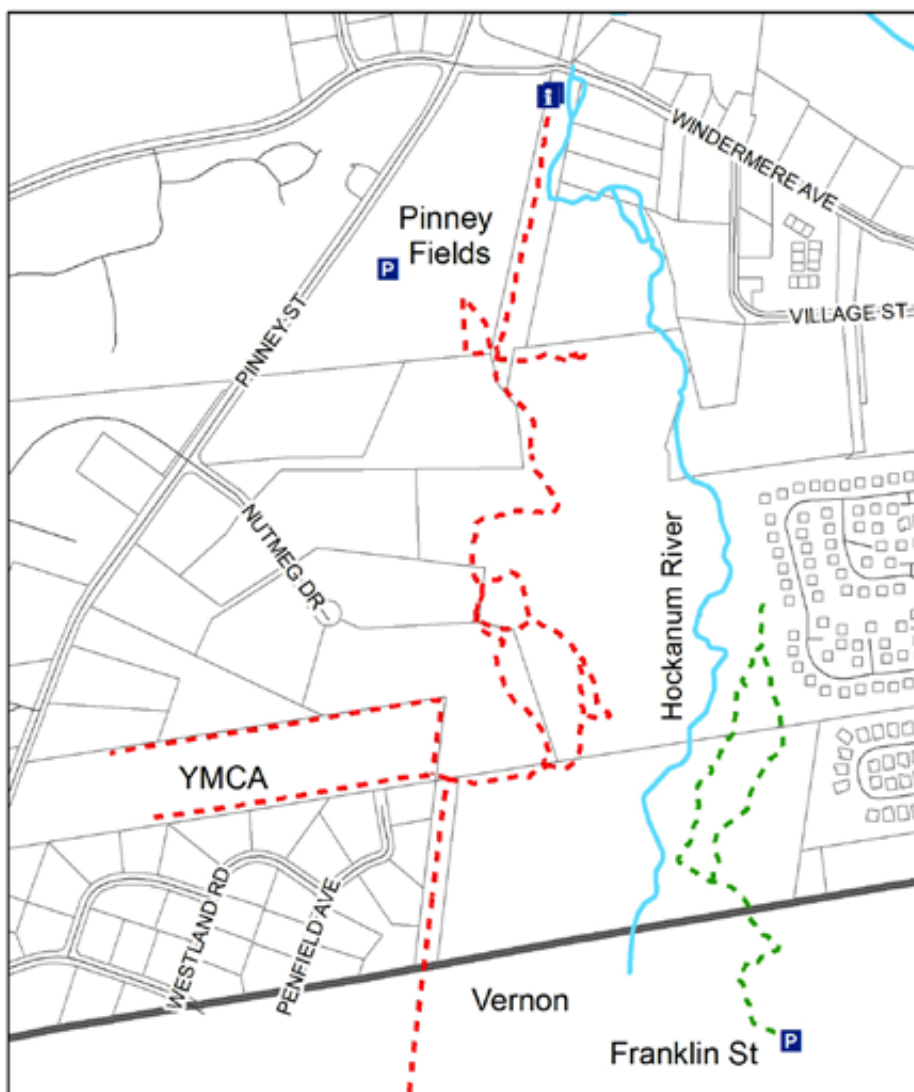
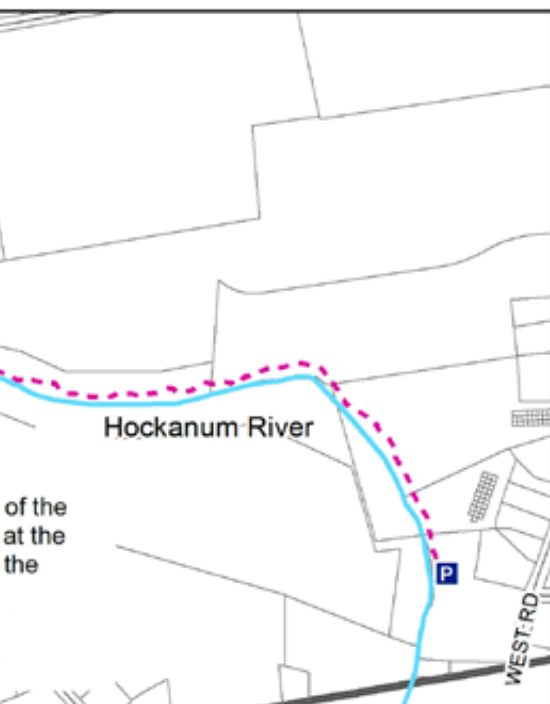
Trail Features



Kiosk



Parking



3 --- Windermere Trails (Windermere Ave)

The Windermere Trail starts at the Windermere Avenue bridge parking lot and follows the river and an old railroad line through dense forest with views of wetlands and ferns, and past a pond for a hike of about 2 miles round-trip.

There are several trails that lead off from the Windermere Trail. These include the Spur Trail 0.2 miles round-trip, the Pinney Fields loop trail 0.13 miles, and the Y Trail 0.5 miles on the YMCA property.

4 --- Franklin Street Trail

The Franklin Street Trail starts in Vernon on Franklin Street, near the Windsorville Road intersection. It proceeds upstream past lush wetlands, tall blueberry bushes, ground ivy and spectacular views of the Ellington Marsh section of river, past several benches facing the river to a high point and beyond. It is approximately 1.5 miles round-trip.

RECREATION



Ellington Parks & Facilities Guide

ARBOR COMMONS COMMUNITY ROOMS

These rooms are located within the Parks and Recreation Department office complex. These rooms are used for meetings as well as small group programs.

ARBOR PARK

Arbor Park is located on Main Street in the heart of town. Arbor Park offers a nice area to walk.



Arbor Park in the heart of Town

BATZ PROPERTY

Located at 97 Shenipsit Street, Batz Property is 44.86 acres of mixed forest-wild flowers and a grassy parking lot. This is the location of the community garden club.

BROOKSIDE PARK

Brookside Park is located on Route 140, approximately two miles from the center of Town. This facility has baseball, softball, soccer & football fields. There are also tennis courts, a safe structured playground, a volleyball court and a covered pavilion. Brookside Park Pavilion can be rented for small gatherings.

ELLINGTON SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Recreation Department utilizes the Ellington Public Schools as often as possible for many programs. The schools offer use of gym space for such activities as basketball, volleyball, and other indoor programs. The schools also allow usage of softball and baseball fields during the season.

SANDY BEACH

Sandy Beach is located on Crystal Lake on Route 140 in the northern end of Town. Our beach offers swimming and sunbathing opportunities on hot summer days.



Beautiful Crystal Lake

SCHWARTZ PARK

Schwartz Park is located at Ellington High School at 37 Maple Street.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 860-870-3118.

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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 (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 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Our general email address is recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form. Visit our website at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov and like us on Facebook.

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, water safety 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 & Recreation 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 375 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the Town programs is an enjoyable yet laborious 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 participant in the department's programs.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs continue to experience increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to identify the pulse of the community when arranging special events and passive 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 facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include youth and adult team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events. A hiking program that was formed five 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.

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.

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.

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 outstanding.

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 15th year of full-time hours.

Our Facebook and website pages have updated program information.

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 annual summer town-wide musical was held in late July, with over 100 participants. A thank you to Jane Roets for continuing to be supportive in all aspects of making this program work, with support from parks and recreation and youth services.

The October 2016 Road Race/Fall Festival was extremely successful, with an all time high of 170 registrants. Appreciation to the following groups for assisting: Ellington Athletic Booster Club, Rise Above youth group, UCONN community service students, Ellington Center Fire Department, Ellington State Troopers Office, and Select Physical Therapy. Bahler Brothers provided assistance as well as special events for the children!

The 2016 Sprint Triathlon enrolled 96 participants and went off without a hitch. Thanks to Joy Bostick and Rob Backman for their support in making this event successful, as well as the Crystal Lake Fire Department, Ellington Police, Peddle Power, New Balance, Women's Auxiliary Fire Department, Select Physical Therapy, and all the volunteers that manned a station!

The various Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations have continued to provide valuable assistance to a number of in-house parks projects, including the Batz Property, Hockanum River Linear Trails, and the Pinney Fields.

The Pinney Street athletic fields continue to host league matches for soccer and lacrosse, depending on the season seasons.

Crystal Lake School House

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

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 continue to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

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.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Summer Day Camp (avg. day)	75	80	85
Beach Passes	313	358	412
Swim Lessons	165	240	160
Open Swim	63 days	79 days	72 days
Basketball (league + camps)	691	943	864
Volleyball	55	40	80
Softball/T-Ball/Baseball	530	485	465
Soccer (league + camps)	969	780	764
Letters To Santa	70	75	65
Tennis Lessons/Camp	220	140	215
Sports Coaches' Clinics	80	65	110
Mini Programs	1,900	1,600	1,875
Red Cross Courses	25	45	75
Integrative Programs	26	20	24
Teen Activities	250	210	185
Track & Field/Cross Country	100	101	90
Adult Fitness	25	35	140
Yoga	45	30	55
Jukido	30	30	29
Football	125	125	150
Lacrosse	164	210	221
Vacation Camp	90	80	60
Triathlon	89	95	95
American Heart Association	20	40	60

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 wide 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, 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, passport acceptance 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. For adults, there are book discussion series, reading programs, cultural programs, crafts and hands-on learning experiences, 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 102,641 patrons, circulating 122,746 items and answering 3,382 reference questions.

Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, a special story time visit by the Tooth Fairy, the annual holiday ornament workshop, and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers, movies and truck day. The "Read to the Dogs" program continues to draw many children to the Library on Saturday mornings.

These biweekly sessions provide an opportunity for children ages 5 to 12 years old to read aloud to specially trained "book loving" dogs. The summer reading program "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" featured a variety of performers and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes for all ages, generously funded by the Friends of the Library. The Olympics served as the inspiration for this very popular interactive summer event and everyone was challenged to test their strengths, both physical and mental in a variety of fun activities.

As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a "Tellabration" story telling program that was attended by over 100 children in November. Sponsored by The Connecticut Storytelling Center, our Tellabration is part of an international celebration of the art and craft of storytelling. Literacy programs were also done as part of a cooperative with Vernon Regional Adult Ed.

For teens there were book discussions, cookie decorating and salsa making, a gaming club and their own summer reading fun, featuring prizes and a craft each week. Local author and E.H.S. graduate Liz Delton visited in December to talk about her experiences writing a popular series for young adults. For summer reading assignments, multiple copies of the titles on the required summer reading lists for Ellington Schools and surrounding schools were available.

Programming for adults featured a variety of cultural, historical and educational topics, including Korean and holiday cooking demos, travel tips and Connecticut staycation planning, Pysanka egg decorating, making a holiday centerpiece, as well as presentations on investing, end-of-life planning, decluttering, Zentangle, author talks, and book discussion groups. A sewing class was offered using our collection of donated sewing machines. For their part of the Olympic-themed summer reading program, adult patrons were invited to try out fencing, tai chi and chair yoga. Twice-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 an array of musicians and groups, from folk to jazz to cabaret and even a period radio play, "Sherlock Homes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band".

The Library hosts the meetings of the Ellington Historical Society and provides the programming that follows their business meetings. Topics this year included a photographic history of Hartford, witches in Connecticut, and a wonderful presentation about presidential inaugurations throughout the years. 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, and the Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease Support Group now meets here also. Over 1,000 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, English as a Second Language (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.

The collection of digital resources continues to grow. Two new resources, Fold3 and American Ancestors were added for our genealogical researchers. Fold3 is a collection of military records, diaries, documents and photos from the Revolutionary War to WWII. American Ancestors features the vast digital holdings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The number of e-books and e-audios available continues to expand, with over 14,000 e-books and 5,500 e-audio books accessible on our platforms, OneClick Digital and OverDrive. A collection of 70 popular magazine titles is available through "Zinio for Libraries". And the HOOPLA digital platform provides access to over 450,000 audiobooks, ebooks, streaming music and video and now a special collection of ebooks for children. To aid in access to these collections of digital materials, the Friends of the Library funded an interactive "CoolNerd" kiosk. This kiosk, located in the main hallway, provides an easy-to-use interface for finding and downloading items to your phone, tablet or other device. It also provides quick access to the museum pass program.

The Library has 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 21 venues around Connecticut and New England. Last year, an online reservation/printing system was instituted, allowing for reserving and printing of the passes from home 24 hours a day/7 days a week. This program has proven convenient and popular and passes were used 586 times.

The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the Ellington High School Music Department, the Fourth Grade Choruses from Center and Crystal Lake Schools, and the Sixth grade Windermere Instrumentalists. The Library was decked out for the season

with creative book-inspired decorations. For the second 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, it was held in June 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"!

The Library has been designated by the U.S. Department of State as a U.S. Passport Application Acceptance facility. Beginning in December, those seeking to apply for a new U.S. passport have been able to bring the appropriate paperwork and documents to the Library for confirmation and submittal of their applications. Assistance in obtaining the application forms and notary services are also available. To date, two trained staff members have assisted with 125 applications.

Several years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in goals for improvements to the Library facility. This year's project was the renovation of the restrooms. While this project took longer than expected and caused some minor inconveniences, the restrooms are now fresh and clean and up-to-date.

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. For the second year 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. Nick Glomb and his Family and Friends Hotdog Cart joined us, making it a successful and memorable day for all. 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.

FY 2016-17 STATISTICS:

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	37,523
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	4,775
Children's Books and Periodicals	38,476
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	29,868
Digital (ebooks, eaudio, etc.)	11,190
Museum Passes.....	<u>586</u>
TOTAL	123,332

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	39,357
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	2,964
Children's Books and Periodicals	20,680
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>9,330</u>
TOTAL	72,806

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	10,688
Young Adults.....	1,024
Children	<u>2,228</u>
TOTAL	13,940

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. This includes help with heating and food assistance, back to school and holiday programs, advocacy, referrals, and assistance with state and federal benefits.

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 programs addressing the health, emotional, social, educational and recreational needs for residents of all ages. The Human Services 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 Energy Assistance, Renters Rebate, Operation Fuel, Food Bank, Fuel Bank, Benefits Counseling, Back to School Assistance, Holiday Assistance, Camperships, Salvation Army and other discretionary programs.

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, Visiting Nurse Health Care Services of CT, Big Brother Big Sister, YWCA/ Sexual Assault Crisis Unit, Cornerstone Foundation, North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Kidsafe and Connecticut Legal Services.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center provides a welcoming environment for individuals age 55 and over. Our purpose is to help seniors maintain independence, dignity, self-respect and productivity through participation in recreational, social, educational, informational and healthy activities and programs.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Senior Center celebrated its 20th Anniversary in April. This celebration comprised of special events over many months including a Spring Musicale by The Ellington Singers, an Afternoon of Memories by the Creative Writing group, an Intergenerational Prom put on by Ellington High School National Honor Society, a Health and Wellness Fair, and a Musical Insights program highlighting Memorial Day which honored our many Veterans and active service members.
- New programs started including Historical Series of Intrigue and Fun, Intermediate Line Dancing, Dessert & Canvas and CroSculpting.
- North Central Area Agency on Aging awarded the Senior Center two grants for transportation services and nutrition.

STAFFING

The Senior Center is staffed by a full time Senior Center Director and Assistant Director, as well as, part time staff that includes a bookkeeper, three transportation drivers, 2 transportation secretaries and two custodians.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Senior Center provides transportation for Ellington senior and disabled residents to medical appointments and the grocery store. We also provide rides for those 55 and older to social, nutritional, and recreational programs held at the Senior Center. Transportation services require advanced sign up and riders must fill out appropriate paperwork prior to receiving a ride.



Health and Wellness Fair

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

NUTRITION: Lunches are made and served from our Maple Street Kitchen (MSK) on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cost of lunch is \$3.50. On Mondays and Tuesdays Community Renewal Team (CRT) delivers lunches. Cost is \$2.50 per lunch. Sign up is required in advance for the MSK and CRT lunches.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS: Blood Pressure and Diabetic Screenings are provided by the Visiting Nurse twice a month. A Podiatry Clinic (\$) is held monthly by a registered nurse. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment.

FITNESS PROGRAMS: A variety of classes are held daily and are offered at minimal cost by trained instructors. Programs include a walking group, Chair Exercise, Simple Circuit, Yoga, Tai Chi & Qi Gong, Ballroom/Polka Fun, Line Dancing and CroSculpting.



Summer Concert & Cookout



José Paulo concert

EDUCATIONAL/SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL

EDUCATIONAL: Programs include one-on-one technology assistance, The Ellington Men's Club, AARP Smart Driver and Income Tax assistance, Phun with Physics, Musical Insights and Memories and Creative Writing.

SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL: includes Ellington Singers, Co-Ed Golf League, adult coloring, History for Fun, Cut-Ups Carving Club, needle crafts, Sew & So Crafts, oil & water Color, Dessert & Canvas, board games, bridge, dominoes, Ellington Chess Mates, horseshoes, setback, billiards, shuffleboard and Wii Bowling.

For information on programs please see our monthly newsletter "Maple Street Monthly" either by stopping by the Senior Center or visit the town's website at <http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov> or if you have questions please contact us at (860)870-3133.

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.

During the budget process, the Board of Health voted to support a pilot program with a Public Health Nurse. In the short term, the Nurse will secure contracts with insurance companies in order to provide flu clinics in the community which can generate a revenue stream for the Health District. If the Nursing program continues, the Health District will be able to greatly broaden services provided to our Member-Towns.

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. We usually take four samples, every two weeks, of the swim area of the Crystal Lake Beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year. 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. Five new subdivision soil test applications or plans were received for review.

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 re-inspections 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 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 38 facilities, including five public schools licensed during this period with 107 inspections, six re-inspections and 11 other food inspections conducted. Seven plans were submitted for review for new or renovations to existing food service facilities along with their related inspections.

We received 32 temporary event permit applications including 21 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 inspections, 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 inspects seven 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) 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, working under a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which was received through the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) awarded two grants to facilitate sustainable changes to the community. Two new grants were awarded in Ellington this fiscal year, one to Parks and Recreation for a Community Garden Project and one to Ellington Indian Valley YMCA for a Community Garden Project. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by October, 2017.

Emergency Response/Bioterrorism Annual Report

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.

During this fiscal year, the Health District participated in a regional Ebola response exercise as well as attending four (4) Emergency Management Advisory Council meetings. We also hosted a Winter Storm Preparedness notification to Emergency Management Directors for Pre-Event shelter support.

Environmental Health Annual Report

The inspections and investigations are listed on the following pages. 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.

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.

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	2,118
Physical Therapy	1,296
Occupational Therapy	460
Speech Therapy	27
Medical Social Work	80
Home Health Aide	616
Total Visits	4,597

HOSPICE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	467
Physical Therapy	117
Occupational Therapy	0
Chaplin	58
Medical Social Work	28
Home Health Aide	651
Total Visits	1,321

Meals-On-Wheels	367 (Two Meal Packets)
Elder Wellness Programs	42 (Residents)



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 2016-2017 year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had a total of approximately 6,200 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 55 children and families were provided this service.

Recess Zone: A program offered at two Windermere and Crystal Lake School this year; youth services offered a fun, creative and exciting activities during recess. We did a fall, winter and spring session with a total of 4,768 students attending various sessions.

In-school Programs: Youth Services provided conflict resolution, coping skills and social skills programs to several classrooms in Ellington Elementary Schools.

Mindfulness Program: Youth Services provided a mindfulness program to middle school students' afterschool this year.

Infant/Toddler Playgroup: A great place for young children and their parents to socialize, do arts and crafts, discover, parenting networking and have lots of fun. We added sessions this year due to popular demand.

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

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.

Ready Set Kindergarten: Youth Services developed this program to help children get ready for kindergarten by learning skills needed to start the school year off right.

EMS Scavenger Hunt: A fun day when incoming 7th graders get a chance to learn the layout of middle school with team scavenger hunt with prizes. A chance to meet and talk with 8th graders as they help with the scavenger hunt.

Discover Art: An art class for youth that gives them a chance to explore all types of art and develop new skills.

Creative Connections: A program that uses children's books to teach social skills and inspiring arts and crafts.

Fairy and Jurassic Gardens, Holiday Art, Icky Sticky: Fun nights of creating gardens, crafts and slime.

Disney Movie Art: Every week there was a new Disney movie theme. They had a great time creating art projects and exploring many different mediums in art such as paint, pastels, and collaging!

Youth Yoga: A class for youth to learn and practice yoga and make new friends.

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.

Break the Rules: This art class will be used to open your mind and creativity. The class was held outside and used music and movement to create freely.

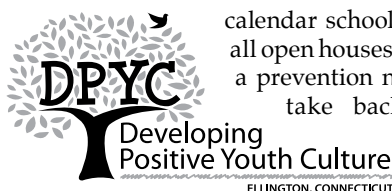
Parenting Programs: Youth Services facilitated various parenting program this year: Anxiety 101 Parenting Series, Parents Supporting Parents and Parenting tips for safety in social media, Let Keep Talking Series: About Opioid and Heroin Addiction Panel, Relieving Stress through Laughter with Robert Rivet, Teen Brain and Risk-Taking with Dr. Ruth Potee, and Screenagers, Growing up in the Digital Age.

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 a 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. This year the campaign developed a rock kindness garden in Arbor Park, Kindness Wind Chimes, Little Libraries, Kindness Cows and Spirit Lacrosse. Ellington Middle School Student, Riley Giordano partnered with Decide to Be Kind campaign to host first ever Spirit Lacrosse. A lacrosse clinic offered to children with special needs age 5-14 and provided them with an afternoon of fun lacrosse games, activities, snacks and making new friends. Visit the website 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 financial 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. We also distributed a prevention newsletter, and supported the take back day and drop box for prescription medication at the resident state troopers' office.



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 ninth year with over 100 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 13 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 Ropes Course 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 and 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.
- Makes 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 homeowners and eligible veterans.
- Assists eligible seniors in applying to the ACCESS Energy assistance program and Operation Fuel.
- Facilitator for monthly Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease support group.



Veterans Coffee House

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided information to 161 contacts about the Medicare Savings program; 72 contacts about Medicare Advantage plans; 63 calls regarding Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits; 53 contacts on Medicare; 53 inquiries about supplemental health insurance, and 61 contacts about Medicaid.
- 53 contacts from Ellington resident about SNAP/food stamps.
- Reviewed housing options with 90 callers. Had 44 calls about home repair/modification questions & referred callers to the Housing Rehabilitation office & the USDA Rural Development program.
- 87 contacts about legal issues & 10 calls regarding Living Wills.
- 28 persons sought information on Veteran's issues (VA healthcare, in-home services, tax credit programs, and Tri-care for Life).
- Advised 22 callers on programs & services to assist those with Alzheimer's Disease/dementia & support groups; 47 calls on nursing home issues; and 165 calls on in-home care options. Provided information to 42 contacts regarding the CT Home Care Program for Elders.
- Assisted 91 Ellington residents in completing an application for energy assistance/utility savings program issues.
- 363 home visits made with Ellington residents to address in-person their questions/concerns and assist with applications for various programs of benefit to them. Met with 468 persons in office to review and discussed their concerns/service questions and made referrals to appropriate programs.
- 27 contacts regarding request for transportation.
- Gave information on dental services to 7 clients; 14 vision care contacts; & 20 clients called about emergency call systems
- 8 contacts for Hospice benefits; worked with 18 families on burial issues and options

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Calls	2016
Office	307
Correspondence	736
Home Visits	363



Winterfest - December 3, 2016

ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Early in the 2016-17 school year, the Ellington Board of Education adopted new vision and mission statements for the district, confirmed a set of core values and identified four areas of focus. Vision: Ellington Public Schools grows exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world. Mission: Ellington Public Schools creates a culture of learning that challenges and inspires all students on their personalized educational journeys.

Our Core Values and Beliefs are:

- We empower students and staff with the skills to discover and pursue their own passions and to embrace opportunities to be courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world.
- We create an equitable, inclusive and supportive culture where people are safe, accepted, and valued.
- We value learning as an enlightening, lifelong process that happens in multiple ways.
- We believe that positive relationships among all stakeholders create synergy and are the foundation for our learning community.
- We celebrate innovation, collaboration, creativity and multiple forms of success.
- We ensure that our learning environments are flexible spaces that encourage interaction, co-creation and independence.
- We have an unrelenting commitment to the belief that everyone can continually learn and grow.

In support of our mission and in alignment with our core values and beliefs, our District Areas of Focus are Mastery-based Learning, Equitable Opportunities, Innovative Practices, and Personalized Learning.

During the 2016-17 school year, the Ellington Public Schools completed the first phase of 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.

In August 2016, all three elementary schools welcomed their first classes of full-day kindergarten. Over the course of the year, district curriculum leaders worked with teachers to develop and refine new curriculum, including new science and social studies units. End-of-year student achievement results indicated that full-day kindergarten had a positive impact on student learning, with high percentages of students meeting or exceeding academic expectations.

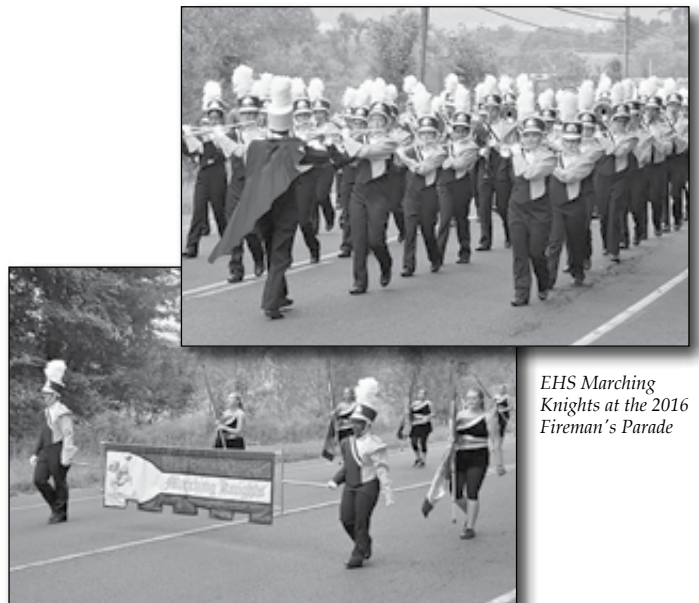
Ellington is committed to continuing a strong tradition of high student achievement at EHS. The district has worked diligently to increase student learning options for all students, adding a total of 67 new courses in the past 10 years. New courses have been added in every high school department. New offerings include Heroes and Monsters, Robotics, Sculpture and 3D Design, Steel Drum Band, Probability and Statistics, Sports and Entertainment Marketing- a wide range of courses to allow students to pursue their passions, develop new interests and develop of plan of study that helps them meet their own academic goals. In order to offer more options that will challenge high achieving students, 15 new AP or UCONN ECE courses have been added in the past seven years. In 2016-17, Ellington became one of the first districts in the state to offer AP Computer Principles, a new offering from the College Board.

For the 2017-18 school year, Ellington High School will join a small number of schools in the state to offer the prestigious AP Capstone Program. This two-course sequence is designed to equip students with the independent research, collaboration and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Seminar will be offered in grades 10-12 and AP Research in grades 11-12. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the AP Seminar and Research certificate. The AP Capstone Diploma is awarded to students who also score 3 or higher on four additional AP Exams. AP Seminar may be taken as a stand-alone course.

Ellington students performed well on the administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment, with an especially strong performance in Language Arts. Windermere School was named a *School of Distinction* for its high performance (among the top 10 percent in the state) and the highest growth.

The district continued the ongoing process of revising and refining the curriculum in multiple content areas. Through collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Ellington educators were invited to present at the Connecticut Social Studies Council on strategies for inquiry-based instruction. Ellington moved forward with the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards, with many staff members participating in training on phenomenon-based teaching. In the next several years, a transition will take place from the current CMT and CAPT Science testing to a new test based on the new standards, with pilot and field testing before full implementation in the 2019-20 school year.

Ellington Middle School was honored by the Connecticut Association of Schools as 2017 Middle School of the Year. EMS was selected from over 150 eligible middle schools from around the state. This award recognizes the visionary work that David Pearson and his staff do on behalf of students. Their work in personalized learning, student-centered instruction, and creating a professional culture that supports ongoing learning for every faculty member is exemplary. In addition to this honor, teams from EMS were asked to present at the New England Secondary School Consortium conference and at a CT Association of Public Schools Superintendents conference. These presentations have led to many educators across the state coming to visit EMS to see students and teachers in action.



EHS Marching Knights at the 2016 Fireman's Parade

Center School received a Schools of Excellence grant of \$25,000. This competitive grant was awarded to only 15 schools across the state and recognizes the outstanding work done by Principal Trudie Luck Roberts and the entire Center School staff in creating excellent practices in promoting student achievement.

Ellington High School implemented student-led conferences for the first time in December 2016, building on the success of student-led conferences at other district schools. 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.

The Ellington High School Class of 2017 graduated on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools, presented diplomas to 200 seniors. The statistics for the Class of 2017 are as follows: 138 graduates plan to attend four-year colleges, 29 plan to attend two-year colleges, two plan to enter technical schools, four plan to join the military, 21 graduates plan to enter the workforce, and six will pursue other opportunities or are undecided. The following class scholars represent the highest five percent of the Class of 2017: Thomas Arbeiter, Kate Walder, Kaitlyn Tarbox, Timothy Ross, Elizabeth Canavan, Nicholas Cantin, Ciara Dobrowolski, Olivia Gionet, Stella Pontius, and Randy Philavong.

Thomas Arbeiter, the son of John and Betsy Arbeiter, is the class valedictorian. Thomas has consistently earned high honors status and is a member of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society. He was a Delegate to the American Legion Boys State in 2016. Thomas has served on the Student Advisory Council for four years. The Student Advisory Council works with the administration to provide feedback and assist in developing new initiatives at the high school. Additionally, Thomas has served on the Student Council for four years, serving as president for the last two years. Thomas honorably served as the Veterans Day Ceremony Chairman for the past three years. Of special note, Thomas worked closely with the local American Legion Post to install a new plaque at the high school with an updated listing of Ellington High School graduates that served in our nation's military. This plaque was unveiled in a special ceremony on Veterans Day 2016.

Athletically, Thomas served as the Captain of the school Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Indoor Track, and Varsity Outdoor Track teams. He was named to the NCCC All-Conference Team and Class M All-State Team for Cross Country and was named to the NCCC All-Conference Team for Track. Thomas has demonstrated a commitment to the school community and the town. He has worked as a camp counselor for Ellington

Youth Services. He has been a student representative on the Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) and an active member of the Rise Above community student leadership group, serving on the Executive Board since 2014. Thomas plans to attend Providence College where he will study computer science.

Kate Walder, the daughter of Brent and Naomi Walder, is the class salutatorian. Kate 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 and also received both the Harvard Club of Northern Connecticut Book Award and the Governor's Scholar Award in 2016.

Artistically, Kate played an organizational role in the recent art show at Hall Memorial Library and has spread art awareness and appreciation to students and the community. Kate is a member of the National Art Honor Society. She has been extensively involved in both the vocal and instrumental music program at Ellington High School. She has been a four-year member of Vocal Ensemble, an auditioned chorale group. She is also a member of the EHS Peer Advocates for a Better Society (PAABS). Athletically, Kate has been a member of the Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Indoor Track, and Varsity Outdoor Track teams, having served as Cross Country team captain in 2016. She has received the Scholar Athlete Award for each sport and was named as an All-Conference Athlete for Cross Country and Indoor Track. Kate has been active in church and community. She participated in Sunday school group community service activities year-round and traveled to Bastrop, Texas to help rebuild homes lost in the floods and fires in April 2016. Through Ellington Youth Services she tutored elementary and intermediate students. Kate plans to attend the University of Connecticut where she plans to study nutritional sciences.



EHS Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony

2017 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Megan Elizabeth Abbruzzese*
 Abdelrahman Al Salman
 Walter Francis Albee
 Dakota Sean Aldrich*
 Shyama Anand
 Roselyne Atieno Anyah*
 Hunter Robert Alan Arbacheski
 Thomas Christopher Arbeiter†*
 Jacob Anthony Arnold
 Jordyn Elizabeth Backman*
 Joseph Edward Baj
 Lillian Elizabeth Bannock
 Maxwell Leo Barone
 Daniel Francis Barrett*
 Christopher Thomas Bartlett
 Kristopher London Beasley
 Catherine McGarrity Bedson*
 Emalie Marie Bellezza*
 Jacob Robert Berardo*
 Sherice Nicole Betsey
 Marley Jean Binkowski*
 Jessica E. Blotniski
 Daniel Albert Bocchino*
 Brandon M. Boulette
 Justin Michael Breault
 Julie Brisson*
 Kyle Brunelle
 Alexander Bruno
 Nicole D. Bucevicius
 Elizabeth June Canavant*
 Nicholas Gary Cantint*
 Izaiah Castro-Vega
 Lacey Mai Chestnut
 Michaela J. Chevalier
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 Melody Jean Crane
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 Max Adam Daniel
 Charlotte Anne Davis
 Danielle Nicole DelPiano*
 Dennis DiPinto
 Ciara Lynn Dobrowolski†*
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 Matthew William John Douglas
 Michael Allen Dubiel

Benjamin J. Eckels
 Melissa Lauren Elliott
 Rachel Krystyna Feenstra
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 Andrew M. Fogil
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 Jared Lee Fongemie
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 David H. Fulton
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 Hannah Elizabeth Gagnon
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 Allison Mary Hill*
 Grace Elizabeth Hinckley*
 Arthi Jaishankar
 Sean Tyler Jamieson
 Kaleigh Elizabeth Jezouit
 Kyle Robert Johnson
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TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Lori L. Spielman
Executive Assistant/Human Resources Coordinator:
Marie Sauve
Executive Assistant: LouAnn Cannella
Executive Secretary: Julia Connor

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach
Assistant Animal Control Officer: Kathy Kane-DiBacco

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Kim Bechard
Deputy Assessor: Karen Vaiciulis
Administrative Assessment Technician: Laura Plona

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official: Raymond F. Martin III
Administrative Secretary II: Ginger MacHattie

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Housing Rehabilitation Specialist & Clerk of the Works:
Chris Tennis

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

EMT/Ambulance Drivers:
Tonya Glomboske, Deborah Landry-Schiessl,
Kerri Pliszka, Thomas Dillon and Scott Fine

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Joseph Palombizio
Deputy Director: John Streiber
Deputy Director: Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.
Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer: Felicia LaPlante
Accounting/Payroll Specialist: Gail Moran
Finance Office Administrative Assistant: Patricia Choiniere

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Joy Hollister
Administrative Secretary: Tina Modzelewski
Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner
Youth Services Director: Diane Lasher-Penti
Youth Program Coordinator: Tressa Giordano
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 Lead Van Driver: Michael C. Joslin
Senior Center Van Drivers: Kenneth McCarthy, Melinda LaBruna
Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Florence Brennan and Jasbir Jutla
Senior Center Custodians: Claire Rich and Michael E. Joslin

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 Clynn
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 Secretary: Tina Modzelewski

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Lisa M. Houlihan
Assistant Town Planner and Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer: John D. Colonese
Land Use Assistant: Barbra Galovich

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:
Sgt. Brian Santa, State Troopers' Office Supervisor
TFC Jacob Bissaillon
TFC Ron Richardson
Tpr. Timothy Merrill
Town Police Officers: Bart Alexander, Michael Bard, John Barth, Aaron Blank, Donald Bridge, Arthur Carlson, III, Edward "Joe" Decker, Joseph Grayeb, Sebastian Magnano
School Resource Officers: Bart Alexander and John Barth
Marine Police Officers: Allen Bump, Thomas Davenport, Michael Hesnan and Jack Sauve
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: Joshua Hebert, Ronald Moser
Maintainer I: Shawn Bull, Richard Daugherty, Denis Giroux, Spencer Hutchinson, Keith Jarvis, Bob Ouellette, Benjamin Pare, Patrick Roy, Jason Suchecki and 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: Jackie Wagner

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Diane McKeegan
Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Donna Hosey and Nancy LaRussa

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
Crew Chief/WPCA: Rebecca O'Brien
WPCA Technician/Maintainer II: Phillip Kidney

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

TERM EXPIRES

December 2017
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BOARD OF FINANCE

John P. Rachek, *Chairman*
David Olender
Douglas Harding
Mark A. Joyse
Barry C. Pinto
Michael D. Varney

December 2019
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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

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan J. Luginbuhl (*Democrat*) January 2019
Wanda Deland (*Republican*) January 2019

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John M. Halloran Jr., *Chairman* December 2019
Mary E. Blanchette December 2019
Mary K. Clements December 2019
Daniel J. Sclare December 2017
Judy Stomberg December 2017
Janet Wieliczka December 2017

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, *Chairman* December 2017
William R. Hogan, *Vice Chairman* December 2017
Carol A. Strom, *Secretary* December 2019
Sean Kelly December 2019
Ricci Hirth December 2017
Michael Francis December 2017
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr. December 2019

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Kenneth M. Braga December 2017
Arthur G. Aube December 2019
Mort Heideri December 2017
Dale Roberson December 2017
Mark R. Spurling, *Chairman* December 2019

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING

POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (1 year to August 2017)

Karen Bailey-Francois
Mary Bartley
Joy Hollister
Kevin Hayes
Lisa Kelly
Kathleen Larew
Diane Lasher-Penti
Erin McGurk
David Pearson
John Reilly
Ron Richardson
Jane Roets
Sgt. Brian Santa
Deborah Stauffer
Beth Tautkus
Yale Cantor
Thomas Arbeiter
Kendall Sirica

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

(1 year to May 2017)
David Arzt, *Chairman*
J. Albert Breton, Jr.
Jean Burns
Rodger Hosig
Victor Laptik

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 ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

(1 year to April 2018)
Katherine Heminway, *Chairman*
Kay Luginbuhl
Carole Gerber
Kimberly Schneider
Joseph Palombizio

AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

(1 year to April 2018)
Erin Stavens, *Chairman*
Lauren Desrocher
Valerie Amsel
Rachel Dearborn
Cynthia van Zelm
Jeffery Miller
Cheri Murphy
Pam McCormick
George Vartanian
Jim King

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE*(1 year to February 2017)*

John Turner, *Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative*
 Brendan Burke, *Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative*
 David Olender, *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*
 Andrew Slicer, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*
 Joseph Palombizio, *Emergency Management Director*
 Nancy Stillman, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (1 year to December 2016)

Dennis Varney
 Wilson D. Flynn
 Joseph Boucher
 Miranda Graziani, *Student Rep.*
 Ted C. Graziani
 Peter Hany, Jr.
 Daniel Joy
 Alan Lewandosky
 Andrew McCoy
 Steven Villanova, *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

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

Karen Neal January 2018
 Kurt Sullivan January 2019
 Vacant January 2020

Alternates (2 years)

Joseph Malone January 2018
 Vacant January 2019

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 years)

Donald Gobeille, Jr. April 2022
 Dennis Milanovich April 2021
 Howard D. Reckert April 2018
 Frank Engel April 2019
 Vacant April 2020

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 years)

Galen Semprebon June 2020

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Ted C. Graziani, *Chairman*
 William Correia, Jr.
 Keith Durao
 Thomas Palshaw
 James Prichard
 John Ridzon
 Heather Stavens

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

Marc Diwinsky June 2018

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL*(1 year)*

George Shaw August 2017
 Lois Timms-Ferrara (Alternate) August 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 years)

Rebecca A. Quarno, *Chairman* March 2019
 David H. Bidwell, *Vice Chairman* March 2021
 Sean Dwyer March 2018
 James Gage March 2019
 George Nickerson March 2021
 Robert E. Zielfelder, Jr. March 2018
 Don-Christopher Hattin March 2020
Alternates (2 years)
 Walter Moody March 2018
 Ann Harford March 2019

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (4 years)

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 years)

Sean Kelly, *Chairman* July 2020
 Christopher Todd, *Vice Chairman* July 2019
 David Hurley July 2018
 John Behrens July 2018
 Donna Resutek July 2021
Alternates (2 years)
 Stefanie Cunningham January 2019
 Vacant January 2019
 Vacant January 2019

ETHICS COMMISSION (4 years)

Wilfred A. Duchesneau, *Chairman* January 2018
 Jane Roets January 2020
 Grace Boucher January 2020
 Derek Reed January 2019
 Charles McCleary January 2021

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)

Judith Plantier, *Chairman* June 2022
 Wayne Reynolds June 2020
 Donald J. Gessay, *Secretary* June 2019
 Robert C. Ohrt, *Treasurer* June 2018
 Dennis Varney June 2021
 Ted Yampanis, *Executive Director*

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 years)

Susan Stack, *Chairman* January 2020
 Susan Hannigan, *Vice Chairman* January 2020
 Hocine Baouche January 2018
 Yale Cantor January 2018
 Teresa Cavanagh January 2018
 Jaime S. Foster January 2020
 Richard F. Petrucci January 2018
 Deanna Wambolt-Gulick January 2020

TERM EXPIRES

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 years)

Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2019
Ron Brown, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2021
Arthur G. Aube	January 2019
Hocine Baouche	January 2021
Jean Burns	January 2021
Steven J. Hoffman	January 2019
Mary Beth O'Neill	January 2019
Alternates (2 years)	
Benjamin Lorenzet	January 2018
Vacant	January 2019

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)

Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2019
Jonathan Allen	April 2021
Mark Boone	April 2019
Wilson D. Flynn	April 2019
Diane O'Hagan	April 2021
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., <i>Finance Officer/Treasurer (Ex-officio)</i>	

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)

Nancy Lemek	December 2017
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 years)

Vacant	January 2019
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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, <i>Chairman</i>	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, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2018
Gary Magnuson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	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 (<i>BOS Representative</i>)	December 2017
Gary Blanchette (<i>BOE Representative</i>)	November 2017
John Racheck (<i>BOF Representative</i>)	December 2017
Sean Kelly (<i>P&Z Representative</i>)	December 2017
Timothy Webb, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES (2 years)

Keith Durao	September 2019
Jonathan D. Moser	September 2019

TERM EXPIRES

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE (3 years)

Carolyn Cook, <i>Chairman</i>	October 2017
William H. Enes, Jr.	October 2019
June N. Lyons	October 2018

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)

Vacant	June 2018
Vacant	June 2019

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 years)

Daniel J. Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2021
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 2018
Ronald F. Stomberg	August 2018

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT

Yale Cantor
John M. Giordano
John M. Halloran, Jr.
Mort Heidari
Joel P. Nadel

UNAFFILIATED

James Darby
Keil S. Miller
Christina Marie Morin
Sylvie Nadeau
Bettie Jean Rivard-Darby
Vivian E. Sovinsky
Elizabeth C. Waters

REPUBLICAN

Nicole S. Albano
Clifford L. Aucter
Maurice W. Blanchette
Peter J. Charter
Christopher C. Davis
Ann L. Harford
Leonard A. Johnson
Sean C. Kelly
Sharon J. McLaughlin
Robert K. Pagani
John P. Rachek
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.
Ronald F. Stomberg
Rhonda Villanova



INFORMATION GUIDE

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 2015, the population was approximately 15,675.

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 31.7 mills applied to the 2016 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 2016-17 is 2,649 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 2015 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,505 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, automotives, 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.





A Guide to Recycling

Connecticut now has a universal list of what belongs in your recycling bin and what doesn't. All items should be **empty, rinsed, clean** and **open**. Do **not** shred, box, bag or bundle. To learn more, go to RecycleCT.com

What's **IN**?

PAPER

- Cardboard & boxboard
- Food & beverage cartons
- Junk mail
- Magazines & newspaper inserts
- Newsprint
- Office paper
- Pizza boxes

GLASS

- Beverage bottles & jars
- Food bottles & jars

METAL

- Aerosol containers (food grade only)
- Aluminum foil
- Cans & bottles
- Foil containers
- Metal lids from cans & bottles

PLASTIC

- Plastic bottles (with or without caps attached)
- Plastic containers, tubs & lids
- Plastic one-use cups (no lids, no straws)

What's **OUT**?

- Gift wrap & gift bags
- Ice cream containers
- Paper cups (hot & cold)
- Shredded paper
- Take-out food containers
- Tissue paper

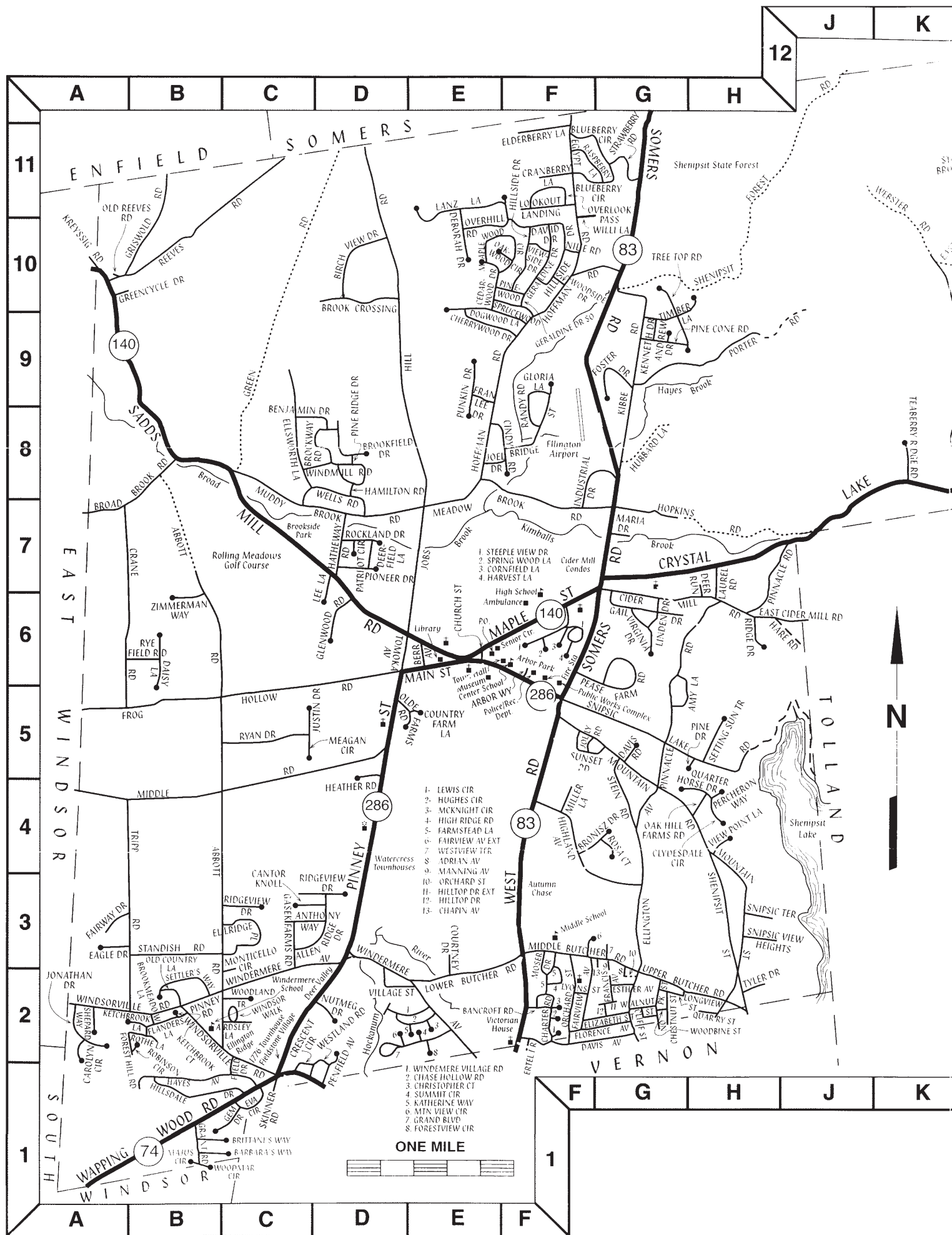
- Ceramic mugs & plates
- Drinking glasses

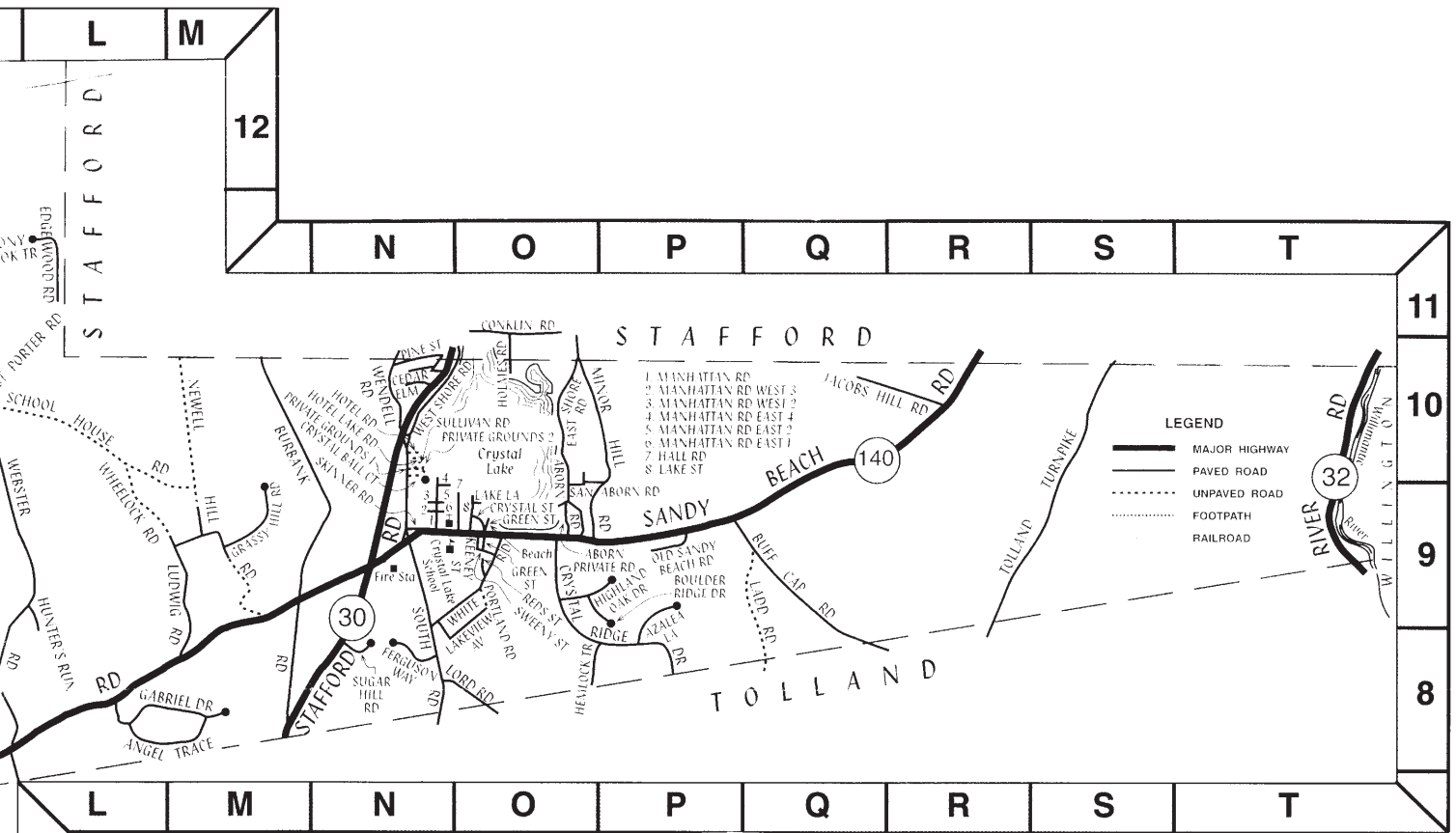
- Aerosol containers (deodorizers, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)
- Foil tops from yogurt containers
- Paint cans
- Pots & pans
- Small pieces of scrap metal
- Spiral wound containers

- Loose bottle caps
- Plastic bags & wrap
- Plastic plates, bowls & utensils
- Prescription bottles
- Single-use coffee containers
- Styrofoam cups, containers & packaging peanuts
- Water filters



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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 Viewside Dr	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 Hillside Dr	B1 *Maria Dr	G7 Rosa Ct	G4 West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2 Edgewood Rd	L11 Hilltop Dr	F10 McKnight Cir	E7 Rothe La	A2-B2 West Shore Rd	N9-O10
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Blueberry Cir	F11 Ellington Ridge Condos	G2 *Hotel Lake Rd	G7 Miller La	P10 *San Aborn Rd	O10 *Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9 Ellsworth La	C8 Hubbard La	N10 Monticello Cir	C2-C3 Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10 Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8 Elldridge Pl	C3 Hughes Cir	G8 Moser Dr	F2 School House Rd	L10 Windemere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1 Elm St	N10 *Hughes Cir	F2 Mountain Rd	F5-H4 *Setting Sun Trail	H5 Windmill Rd	C8-D8
Broad Brook Rd	A7 Ertel Dr	F2 *Hunter's Run	L8-L9 Mountain St	H4-F3 Settler's Way	B2 *Windsor Walk	C2
Brockway Rd	D8 Esther Av	G2 Industrial Dr	F8-G8 Muddy Brook Rd	D2-E2 Shenipsit St	H3 Windsorville Rd	B2
Bronisz Dr	F4-G4 Eva Cir	C1 Jacobs Hill Rd	R10 Newell Hill Rd	C8 Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12 Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10 Fairview Av	F2 Jobs Hill Rd	E6 Nile Rd	M9 Shepard Way	A2 Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	D8 Fairview Av Ext	F3 Joel Dr	E8 North Park St	F10 Skinner Rd	N9, C1 Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	A2-B2 Fairway Dr	A3 Jolly Rd	F5 Nutmeg Dr	G2 Snipsic Lake Rd	G5 Woodside Dr	F10
Buff Cap Rd	O9 Farmstead La	F2 Jonathan Dr	A1 Oak Hill Farms Rd	D2 Snipsic Ter	H3 Zimmerman Way	B6
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Carolyn Cir	A1 Flanders La	C2 Katherine Way	E2 Old Reeves Rd	B2 South Rd	N9	
Cedarwood Dr	E10 Florence Av	F2 Keeney St	O9 Old Sandy Beach Rd	A10 Springwood La	F6	
Cedar St	N10 Foster Dr	G9 Kenneth Dr	G9 Olde Farms Rd	P9 Sprucewood Dr	E10	
Chapin Av	F2 Forest Hill Rd	A2 Ketchbrook Ct	B2 Orchard St	D5 Stafford Rd	M8-N10	
Charter Rd	D2-E2 *Forestview Cir	E2 Ketchbrook La	A2-B2 Orchard Av	F2-F3 Steeple View Dr	B3	
Chase Hollow Rd	E10 Francis Av	G2 Kibbe Rd	G8 Overhill Rd	G2-G3 Steeple View Dr	F6	
Cherrywood Dr	G2 Francis Av	E9 Kreyssig Rd	A10 Overlook Pass	E10 Stein Rd	G4	
Chestnut St	E2 Franlee Dr	A5 Ladd Rd	O9 Patriot Cir	F11 Stony Brook Trail	L11	
Christopher Ct	E6 Frog Hollow Rd	L8-M8 *Lake La	O9 Pease Farm Rd	D7 Sugar Hill Rd	G11	
Church St	G6-J6 Gail Dr	G6 Lake St	O9 Penfield Av	F6-G5 *Sullivan Rd	N8	
Cider Mill Rd	F7 Gasek Farms Rd	C3 Lakeview Av	O9 Percheron Way	D1 *Summit Cir	E2	
Cider Mill Condos	G2 Gem Dr	C1 Lanz La	E11 Pine St	H4 Sunset Rd	F5	
Cindy Rd	F6 Geraldine Dr	F10 Laurel Rd	H7 Pine Cone Rd	G5 Sweeny St	O9	
Cliff St	D5 Geraldine Dr So	F10 Lee La	D7 Pine Ridge Dr	N10 Teaberry Ridge Rd	K8	
Cornfield La	E2-E3 Glenwood Rd	D6 Lewis Cir	F2 Pinewood La	D8 Timber La	G9	
Country Farm La	F11 Gloria La	F9 Linden Dr	G6 Pinnacle Rd	F10 Tolland Tpk	S9	
Courtney Dr	A5 *Grand Blvd	D2-E2 Lookout Landing	G2 Pinney Rd	G5 Tomoka Av	D6	
Cranberry La	C1 Grant Rd	B1 Lord Rd	F11 Pinney St	B2 Tree Top Rd	G9-G10	
Crane Rd	O9 Grassy Hill Rd	M9-M10 Lower Butcher Rd	O8 Pioneer Dr	C1-D6 Tripp Rd	A2	
Crescent Cir	N10 Green Rd	C8 Ludwig Rd	E2 Portland Rd	D7 *Tyler Dr	H2	
Crystal St	G7-M8 Green St	O9 Lyons St	M8-M9 *Private Grounds 1	O9		
Crystal Ball Ct	P8-O9 Greencycle Dr	A10-B10 Griswold Rd	F2 *Private Grounds 2	N10		
Crystal Lake Rd	G4-H4		Punkin Dr	E8		
Crystal Ridge Dr						
Clydesdale Cir						



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2017-2018 School Calendar

DATES

First Day of School Aug 30

Last Day of School** Jun 8**

** Tentative

☐ ☐ NO SCHOOL ☐ ☐

Teacher Prof. Learning . Aug 28
 Teacher Day Aug 29
 Labor Day Sept 4
 Columbus Day..... Oct 9
 Teacher Prof. Learning Nov 6-7
 Thanksgiving Nov 23-24
 Winter Recess Dec 25-Dec 29
 New Year's Day Jan 1
 Teacher Prof. Learning Jan 12
 Martin Luther King Day.. Jan 15
 Presidents' Day Feb 19
 Teacher Prof. Learning Feb 20
 Good Friday March 30
 Spring Recess..... Apr 9-13
 Memorial Day May 28
 Teacher Day June 11

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○○ EARLY DISMISSALS ○○

½ Day - All Schools Nov 22
 K-6 Conferences Nov 29-30; Dec 1
 7-12 Conferences..... Dec 6-8
 ½ Day - All Schools Dec 22
 K-6 Conferences Mar 21-23
 7-12 Conferences Mar 26-28
 Last Day June 8**
 High School Exams T.B.D.
 (4 days in January & June)
 Graduation June 8**
 ** 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 12, 2018.

Non-Emergency Calls			Visit the website at ellington-ct.gov	
Ambulance	Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps	870-3170	Town Hall	
	41 Maple Street, P.O. Box 71		Address: 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT 06029	
Fire	Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department	870-3174	Mailing Address: P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029	
	316 Sandy Beach Road		TTD/TTY Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196	
	Ellington Volunteer Fire Department	870-3190	Town Hall Hours	
	29 Main Street, P.O. Box 911		Monday	8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Police	Resident State Troopers' Office	875-1522	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
	33 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187		Friday	8:30 am to 1:30 pm
	State Police Troop C	896-3200		
	1320 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland CT			
ADMINISTRATION, 55 Main Street		870-3100	RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way	870-3118
Lori Spielman, First Selectman			Robert Tedford, Director	
Marie Sauvé, Executive Assistant & HR Coordinator			Fax	871-3198
LouAnn Cannella, Executive Assistant			RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR	870-3140
Fax		870-3102	Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department	
ANIMAL CONTROL, 21 Main Street		870-3155	Bulky Waste Disposal (All American Waste)	289-7850
Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer			SCHOOLS	website: ellingtonschools.org
ASSESSOR, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 199		870-3109	Scott Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent, 47 Main Street	896-2300
Kim Bechard, Assessor			Jennifer O'Brien, Admin. Assist./HR Coordinator	896-2300
Fax		870-3197	Superintendent's Fax	896-2312
BUILDING PERMITS, 57 Main Street		870-3124	Special Education Services	896-2300
Raymond Martin, Building Official			Center School (Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal)	896-2315
Fax		870-3122	Crystal Lake School (Michael Larkin, Principal)	896-2322
BURNING PERMITS, 57 Main Street		870-3126	Ellington High School (Neil Rinaldi, Principal)	896-2352
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			High School Guidance Office	896-2357
CEMETERIES, Rachel Dearborn		875-8204	Ellington Middle School (David Pearson, Principal)	896-2339
D.E.E.P. CONSERVATION OFFICER, Laura Pettus		424-3333	Windermere School (David Welch, Principal)	896-2329
ELDERLY OUTREACH, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	SENIOR CENTER, 40 Maple Street	870-3133
Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Caseworker			Erin Graziani, Director	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		870-3182	Transportation	870-3137
Joseph A. Palombizio			Fax	870-3136
Fax		870-3103	SEWER ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE	870-3140
FINANCE, 55 Main Street		870-3115	Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator	
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer			Emergency Sewer Maintenance Number	870-3145
Felicia LaPlante, Asst. Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer			STATE ROADS	
Fax		870-3158	East Windsor DOT Garage	623-4473
FIRE MARSHAL, 57 Main Street		870-3126	Vernon DOT Garage	875-4993
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			TAX DEPARTMENT, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 158	870-3113
Fax		870-3122	Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector	
HEALTH-North Central District Health Department		745-0383	Fax	870-3704
Patricia (Patrice) Sulik, M.P.H., R.S. Director of Health			TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS	870-3105
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416		872-6923	Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk, 55 Main Street	
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director			Fax	870-3721
HOUSING REHABILITATION, 55 Main Street		870-3132	TOWN PLANNER, 57 Main Street	870-3120
HUMAN SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way		870-3128	Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner	
			Fax	870-3122
Fax		870-3198	TREE WARDEN, 21 Main Street	870-3140
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280		870-3160	Timothy Webb, Tree Warden	
Susan Phillips, Director			VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES	872-9163
MUNICIPAL AGENT, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	VOTING, 55 Main Street	870-3107
Anna Turner, Municipal Agent			Susan Luginbuhl, Democrat, Registrar of Voters	
Fax		870-3198	Wanda DeLand, Republican, Registrar of Voters	
POLICE, 33 Arbor Way		875-1522	YOUTH SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way	870-3130
Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Office			Diane Lasher-Penti, Director	
Fax		870-3152	Fax	870-3198
POST OFFICE, 6 Church Street		875-6391	ZONING/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, 57 Main St.	870-3120
PROBATE COURT, 14 Park Place, Vernon		872-0519	John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer	
PUBLIC WORKS, 21 Main Street		870-3140	Bulky Waste Pickup call All American Waste (860) 289-7850	
Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator			Household Hazardous Waste call MidNeroc (860) 684-3163	
Fax		870-3147		