

# TOWN OF Ellington

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



# WALL OF HONOR 2023 OF INDUCTEE

## DR. LENZY WALLACE, JR.



At the July 10, 2023 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Dr. Lenzy Wallace, Jr. was unanimously selected to be inducted to the Ellington Wall of Honor. Nominated by Gregory Gunn, the application included letters of support from over a dozen individuals whose lives had been touched by Dr. Wallace in some way throughout the years.

A gifted musician and decorated World War II Navy Veteran, Lenzy was passionate about his life's mission: to serve, inspire, and help others be successful. His vision, hard work, and commitment contributed to a long-lasting legacy that lives on to this day.

After receiving his Masters in Music Education from The Hartt School, where he was later named Alumnus of the Year, he became the Director of Music at Ellington High School in 1969.

"A man of grace and dignity...[Lenzy] WAS the music program in Ellington for several years," one letter of support shared. Noting a lack of a dedicated space for classes and rehearsals, he got the Ellington Music Boosters Club up and running and was tireless in his efforts to garner social and financial support for a new music building at EHS, which was dedicated in April of



1973 - "somebody said it couldn't be done...and he did it."

Those who knew Dr. Wallace describe him as someone who was "resilient, adaptive, curious, and brilliant...full of enthusiasm with a great sense of humor...ever positive, ever present, ever learning... dedicated musician, educator, and friend."



In addition to the hours he spent teaching during the school day, he hosted smaller vocal ensembles at his home on his own time, introducing students to new styles of music and guiding them through intricate vocal arrangements that some say they remember even now, 50 years later. The leadership and guidance he offered to his students not only made them better musicians, but it also taught them how to be resilient, tenacious, hard-working people who could make the world a better place.

In the words of the late Ruth (Ridge) Garrett regarding adding Dr. Lenzy Wallace, Jr. to Ellington's Wall of Honor, "If not that wonderful man, then who? He's the reason Ellington got through the civil rights time so gracefully. He was such a gentleman that he brought us all gently through it. He touched so many lives."

A formal induction ceremony was held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the site of the Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park [off of Main Street]. The public was invited and encouraged to attend.







Lori Spielman  
*First Selectman*

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October 12, 2023

The purpose of the annual town report is to provide residents with a report of the town's financial well-being along with an overview of the activities of the various boards, commissions, and other town agencies during the past fiscal year.

Town leaders continue to work providing essential services to residents in an efficient and cost-effective manner. We are fortunate to have a remarkable cadre of volunteers that serve in various capacities throughout the town. I want to especially thank our volunteer firefighters who put in countless hours training and responding to emergencies throughout the year, in all weather conditions, day and night. I also want to recognize and thank our many board and commission members who attend night and weekend meetings deliberating our town's most important issues.

We continue to seek grant opportunities to fund local initiatives in an effort to lessen the burden on our taxpayers. We are fortunate that our federal and state representatives work tirelessly to secure and pass along funding opportunities for our projects.

We remain committed to maintaining Ellington's rich agricultural heritage while seeking opportunities for economic development that are consistent with our local landscape.

Local government must be responsive to the needs of the community. We welcome your ideas and thoughtful reflections on the services we provide.

Warm regards,

Lori Spielman  
First Selectman

*This annual report is prepared pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-406, and the Charter for the Town of Ellington, Sec. 1105(b).*

*"A great place to grow."*

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# GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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

### 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.

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fourteen (14) regular meetings plus five (5) special meetings. Three (3) public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called eight (8) Town Meetings; the following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2022-2023:

### AGREEMENTS

- Approved the Private/Special Duty agreement for hiring Ellington Town police officers for traffic control at highway construction sites/special events from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023.
- Approved the proposed tax stabilization agreement between the Town of Ellington, CTEC Solar, LLC and the Thompson family land trust for the State's first pollinator solar project
- Adopted the resolution to authorize the First Selectman to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Ellington Board of Selectmen to enter the agreement under the authority of Connecticut General Statute 7-339b between the Town of Stafford, Town of Somers and The Town of Ellington to provide material and police assistance as described in the intermunicipal agreement as recommended by the Resident State Troopers' Supervisor and the Town Attorney

### CONTRACTS

- Ratified the contract between The Town of Ellington and the Ellington Police Union, represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 311 effective July 1, 2022 through

June 30, 2025 and authorized the First Selectman to execute said contract

- Authorized the First Selectman to renew the contract with Willis Towers Watson, of Hartford, CT
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the contract for Hall Memorial Library's circulation system including the database, reserve system and online card catalogue to Bibliomation, Inc. of Waterbury, CT
- Awarded the contract of Resurfacing the Tennis and Basketball Courts to Hinding Tennis, LLC of West Haven, CT
- Approved the adjustment of the specifications of the High School Track Resurfacing Request for Proposal to include a complete scope of the project; authorized the Finance Department to place the adjusted request for proposal back out for submissions.
- Awarded the contract for the Connecticut Architectural Paint Recovery Program to PaintCare Connecticut, LLC.
- Awarded the bid for computer equipment to The Computer Company, Inc. of Cromwell, CT and authorized the First Selectman to execute said contract
- Authorized the First Selectman to enter into a three-year contract with the State of CT Partnership Plan for the 2023 Employee and Under Age 65 Retiree health and basic dental insurance plans
- Authorized the First Selectman to renew the contract with TaxServ Capital Services, LLC of West Hartford, CT through December 17, 2023 for the collection of delinquent receivables
- Awarded the contract of Resurfacing the High School Track to Liberty Landscapes, LLC
- Authorized the Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer to initiate a temporary contract with Adams & Adams of Enfield, CT to provide temporary custodial services for a maximum of six months
- Ratified the contract between the Town of Ellington and the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Union effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and authorized the First Selectman to execute said contract
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute the service contract amendment with Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Inc. for the purpose of dispatching services for animal control, following the renewal and termination clauses of the original contract and amendment.
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the contract for the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Exhaust Removal System to Air Vacuum Corporation in Dover, New Hampshire
- Waived the formal bidding process and utilized the State of Connecticut Contract Award to procure a Department of Public Works pick-up truck and staff vehicle
- Waived the formal bidding process and utilized Kone, Inc. of Moline, IL for the Board of Education Middle School Elevator Replacement/Modernization
- Awarded the Sandy Beach Food Services Contract to Nana's

Ice Cream, Stafford Springs, CT

- Waived the formal bidding process for the Crystal Lake Fire Department and awarded the contract to Firematic Supply Company, Inc.
- Waived the formal bidding process for the Board of Education Fire Doors and awarded the contract to Accurate Commercial Door and Hardware, Bristol CT
- Authorized the First Selectman to renew the contract with Community Opportunities Group of Boston, Massachusetts for the Town's on-call administration of Small Cities Development Block Grant Program
- Authorized the First Selectman to renew the Accounting Software Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies of Plano, TX for a one-year term
- Authorized the First Selectman to renew the Town's Website Contract with Active Internet Technologies, LLC, DBA Finalsite of Glastonbury, CT

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Authorized the Finance Office to allow employees to purchase their Town-owned, employee-used computer equipment for the price that the Town would receive to sell or recycle
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to send the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria to auction
- Authorized the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and the Crystal Lake Fire Department to retain the 2007 Pumper Truck to be used as a Town-wide spare fire apparatus, replacing the 1991 Pierce Arrow Fire Pumper (E243)
- Authorized the Finance Officer/Treasurer to dispose of the 1991 Pierce Arrow Fire Pumper

## **FINANCES**

- Approved the salary adjustment transfer of \$179,756 for FY 2022-2023
- Approved the budget execution for fiscal year 2022-2023
- Authorized the Assessor's Office to perform an audit of any personal property required to be declared.
- Adopted a resolution recommending the appropriation of \$6,736,250 for costs related to the installation, replacement and upgrading of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the Ellington High School, Middle School and Center School; authorized and recommended that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, reduced by the amount of grants received for the project
- Adopted a resolution that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with, and deliver to, the State of CT any and all documents which it deems necessary or appropriate to obtain a 2022 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant with the State of CT in an amount up to \$500,000 for funds to be used for Hall Memorial Library parking lot and sidewalk improvements
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute and deliver any and all documents to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Emergency Management

Performance Grant and the Homeland Security Grant Program

- Approved and authorized the Finance Officer/Treasurer to expend American Rescue Plan Act Funds for approved projects: Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp (EVAC) Exhaust Removal System-\$25,000; EVAC Smartboard-\$7,200; Ellington Historical Society Improvements-\$15,000; Robert Tedford Memorial Park Irrigation-\$63,000; Senior Center Fitness Room- \$60,000; Senior Center Pavilion-\$100,000.
- Appropriated an amount not to exceed \$97,500 for upfront costs for easements associated with LOTCIP State Project No. L047-002 (Route 83 Sidewalk) from the undesignated fund balance to the LOTCIP State Expenditures Account 410-60286
- Authorized the First Selectman and Finance Officer/Treasurer to execute a hybrid conversion of the Town's current deferred compensation plans to include freezing existing 457(B) and 401(A) plans, VF3419 and GH5801 respectively, and establish new 457(B) and 401(A) plans to lower average fee and fund expenses, as well as increase investment vehicle product offering for plan participants
- Approved the transfer of \$7,679 for FY 2022-2-23 from Account 1065-Salary Adjustment Account 370 – Ellington Volunteer Ambulance. to cover the cost of salary increases
- Approved an appropriation of \$212,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance account to the Hall Memorial Parking Lot Renovations Capital Project
- Set the annual salary for the new position of part-time First Selectman at \$35,000 effective December 4, 2023
- Adopted a resolution to appropriate an additional \$12,960,000 (for an aggregate of \$74,600,000) for costs related to the previously approved Windermere Elementary School Project; authorized and recommended that the Town issue additional bonds or notes and temporary notes authorized to be reduced by the amount of grants received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project
- Approved the transfer of \$200,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023 from Account 1011-60851 Capital Reserve Fund to Account 1046-60250 Mill Rate Stabilization Fund
- Increased the exempt salary classification minimum and maximum ranges for fiscal year 2023-2024 by 3%
- Closed out the following Capital Projects to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for FY 2022-23, Tennis Court Maintenance \$(34,169), BOS/BOF/Annex Surface Pro Tablets \$10,809, BOE Maintenance Vehicle \$544.05, BOE School Security Network \$(8.06), Veteran's Memorial Park STEAP Project \$(193.09) and IT Computer Replacement Cycle \$34,157.95

## **GRANTS**

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute and deliver any and all documents to the State of CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Emergency Management Performance Grant and the Homeland Security Grant Program
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute a personal service agreement/grant contract under the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



with the State of CT for a \$224,415 grant for Main Street Lighting.

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute and deliver any and all documents to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for a grant of \$50,000 for the Crystal Lake and Robert Tedford Memorial Park renovations

## **ORDINANCES**

- Special Events Chapter 17- Article I – Special Events referred to the Town Ordinance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, addressing amendments to certain requirements that may no longer be appropriate

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- Referred the newly proposed Whistleblower Policy to the Town Policies Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen
- Adopted the Fair Housing Resolution, the Fair Housing Policy Statement and the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month in Ellington
- Adopted the Body-Worn Camera Policy

## **STAFF**

- Revised and approved the job description and transition of the Recycling/Refuse Monitor from part-time to full-time
- Acknowledged the Resignation of Kimberly Bechard, Assessor
- Hired Isabelle Hoyt, Per Diem Emergency Medical Technician
- Transferred Ashley Dabbondanza from Part-time to Full-time Teen/Young Adult Reference Librarian
- Approved the job description for the Department of Public Works new Superintendent of Operations position
- Hired Jeffrey Duda and Ted Branon, Police Officers
- Hired Christopher Phelps, Per Diem Emergency Medical Technician
- Hired Ethan Poetsch, Library Assistant I
- Acknowledged the resignation of Jesse Lee, DPW Seasonal Worker
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kristine Nadvornik-Moulard, Senior Center Program Assistant
- Approved revisions and the reclassification of the Assistant Recreation Director position
- Approved the job description of the new Full-time Technology Technician position
- Acknowledged the retirement of Lori Smith, Administrative Assistant II, Department of Public Works
- Acknowledged the resignation of Nicola Travali, Library Assistant I, Hall Memorial Library
- Acknowledged the resignation of Gina Transki, Hall Memorial Library Page
- Acknowledged the resignation of Daniel Whitman, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Acknowledged the resignation of Madelyn Roy, Hall Memorial Library Page
- Promoted Thomas Modzelewski to Superintendent of Operations, Department of Public Works
- Hired Carolyn Kidney, Administrative Assistant II,

Department of Public Works

- Hired Jacob Christopher and Anna Bahler, Hall Memorial Library Pages
- Acknowledged the resignation of Joy Hollister, Human Services Director
- Appointed Rebecca Stack as Acting Human Services Director
- Acknowledged the regular employee status of Kelly Hearn, Human Services Assistant
- Appointed Kevin Gambacorta as Acting Foreman, Department of Public Works
- Promoted Rebecca Stack to Human Services Director
- Hired John Rainaldi, Town Assessor
- Hired Jack Paul, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Hired Thomas Kindall, Technology Technician
- Hired Marjorie Richardson and Susan Lather, Senior Center Program Assistants
- Hired Louis Fleck, Senior Center Van Driver
- Hired Erin Meikle, Emergency Medical Technician
- Acknowledged the retirement of Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk
- Approved revisions to the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)/Maintainer II job description
- Acknowledged the resignation of Caroline LaMalva, Hall Memorial Library Page
- Acknowledged the resignation of Jack Paul, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Approved revisions to the Foreman job description, Department of Public Works
- Hired Stephen Clapp, Elderly Outreach Social Worker
- Acknowledged the resignation of Alexander Bohr, Emergency Medical Technician
- Acknowledged the regular employee status of Cody Langlois, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Promoted Donna Hosey to Town Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director
- Approved revisions to the Youth Services Director job description
- Approved revisions to the WPCA Technician/Maintainer I position, Department of Public Works
- Recommended the creation of the Town Administrator position and authorized the First Selectman to fill the Full-time Town Administrator position
- Acknowledged the retirement of Richard Daugherty, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Acknowledged the resignation of Aaron Virkler, Emergency Medical Technician
- Acknowledged the resignation of Mark Balkan, Senior Center Van Driver
- Hired Margaret Schmidt, Assistant Town Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Susan Lather, Senior Center Program Assistant
- Promoted Kristen Harp to Youth Services Director
- Approved revisions to the Assistant Youth Services Director position job description
- Authorized the First Selectman to revise the following job descriptions to reflect the change in reporting structure from the First Selectman to the Town Administrator: Finance Officer/Treasurer, Director of Public Works,

Building Official, Director of Recreation, Town Clerk, Fire Marshal, Town Planner, Emergency and Risk Management Director, Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator, Human Resources Coordinator, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

- Approved proposed updates to the exempt employee salary ranges
- Hired Heather Nosack, Hall Memorial Library Assistant II
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kimberly Courville and Chris Phelps, Per Diem Emergency Medical Technicians
- Acknowledged the resignation of Holly Swiney, Full-time Emergency Medical Technician
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kenneth Radziwon, Department of Public Works Director/WPCA Administrator
- Approved revisions to the Town Administrator job description
- Hired Christopher Stanley, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Acknowledged the resignation of Isabelle Hoyt, Part-Time Emergency Medical Technician
- Promoted Kayla Condron, Assistant Youth Services Director
- Approved revisions to the Assistant Youth Services Director job description
- Approved revisions to the Department of Public Works Seasonal Worker job description
- Hired Meganmarie Zito, Full-Time Emergency Medical Technician
- Hired Pamela Scarfo and Collin Hall, Part-Time Emergency Medical Technicians
- Hired Samuel Hubbard, WPCA Tech/Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Hired James Clyburn, Senior Center Van Driver
- Hired Abigail Edelstein, Per Diem Emergency Medical Technician
- Hired Trish Brudz, Library Assistant II
- Acknowledged the resignation of Nicole Usher, Kimberly Gambacorta and Eric Boucher, Per Diem Assistant Animal Control Officers
- Acknowledged the resignation of Benjamin Pare, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Acknowledged the resignation of Megan Lung, Recreation Program Assistant
- Reclassified James Lockhart's position from Per Diem to Part-Time Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of John Barth from the School Resource Officer position

## OTHER ACTIONS

- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Authorized the First Selectman to adjust the current operating hours of Town Offices on a 90-day trial basis, temporarily transitioning to a four-day workweek by eliminating Friday hours and increasing open hours Monday-Thursday in an effort to best serve the needs of Ellington residents and making the Town more competitive in attracting talent for municipal jobs; authorized the permanent transition of Town offices to the current four-day workweek schedule

- Approved the one-time restoration of the Community United Methodist Church Parking Lot
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture
- Granted the request of the Ellington Recreation Department for the 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run Road Race to close portions of Sadds Mill Road, Muddy Brook Road, Jobs Hill Road and Hatheway Road
- Selected Robert and Margaret Dawson as the 2022 Wall of Honor Recipients
- Emergency Services Incentive Program replaced the sliding scale with a flat rate per call and increased the duty fee from \$1-\$2 per hour
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee
- Issued a Special Event License to Old School Harley-Davidson for an Outdoor Amusement event
- Established the Ad Hoc Tax Relief Program Review Committee to complete a study within 60 days to be presented to the Board of Finance prior to final Board of Selectmen approval
- Authorized the Town of Ellington Law Enforcement unit to seek accreditation pursuant to the Tier One Certification Program and appointed Sergeant Santa and Officer Bridge to be the accreditation team; authorized the Law Enforcement unit to purchase and implement a Digital Power DMS Program for its file system for the minimum Tier One requirement, subject to any required purchasing or bid requirements
- Amended the previously approved 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule to reflect a 6:30 pm start time for all 2023 Regular Meetings
- Granted permission for the closure of Church Street during the Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2023
- Issued a Special Event License for Old School Harley-Davidson Bike Nights
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee – Comprehensive Athletic Facilities Lighting Project
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee
- Authorized the closure of Church Street for the Ellington Women's Club Fair on the Green
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Recommended to the State of Connecticut Airport Authority that the license to permit parachute jumping at Ellington Airport be renewed for one year
- Granted the request of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department to use Robert Tedford Memorial Park for the annual EVFD Carnival
- Resumed the activity of the Sustainable CT team, providing updates to the Board of Selectmen bi-monthly
- Issued a Special Event License to Drew Estate for a Tobacco Educational Event



## BOARD OF FINANCE



Board of Finance: Front Row (L-R) Peggy Busse, Barry Pinto, James Fay  
Back Row (L-R) Michael Purcaro, Chairman; Dave Olender, Co-Vice Chair; Douglas Harding

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance represents the taxpayer on all matters concerning the receipt or expenditure of taxpayer funds . The Board of Finance's principal responsibility is in the preparation of the annual budget, the Board works closely with the Finance Officer/Treasurer 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 more often toward assembling the annual budget .

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public meetings 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
- Member of Permanent Building Committee and Shared Services Committee
- Appropriations during public emergency
- Grant approval for which have potential to impose any financial burden on Town

## TOWN ASSESSOR

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary function of the Assessor's Office is to complete the Grand List. The Grand List is the annual listing and record of all taxable and tax-exempt property in the Town of Ellington. The Grand List contains three component property types: real estate, tangible personal property and motor vehicles. The Grand List, which is based on an assessment date of October 1st annually. The staff in the Assessor's Office identifies and values all properties in Ellington for each of the three Grand List components. Exemptions are applied where applicable. The Grand List is completed each year by the end of January (or February if an extension is filed) following the assessment date. Property is valued in accordance with statutes and the state-mandated 70% assessment ratio is applied to calculate each assessment.

Tangible (business) personal property and motor vehicles are revalued annually. Real estate is revalued every five years, in accordance with statute. Ellington's most recent revaluation date is October 1, 2020. Real estate assessments also change due to physical changes to the property, as allowed by statute.

The Assessment staff also administers many tax exemption and tax relief programs that are permitted either in accordance with State statute or by local options approved by the Town of Ellington. There are tax relief or exemption programs available to many seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, charitable or religious users, manufacturers, farmers, and more.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Grand List of October 1, 2022 was signed on January 26, 2023 as an extension for February was not required.
- The Assessor's Office has been engaging in more outreach within the Ellington community to highlight and increase awareness to the available tax relief programs available in Ellington.

### TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/1/20	10/1/21	10/1/22
Real Estate	\$1,275,800,850	\$1,283,212,780	\$1,283,716,940
Personal Property	\$72,469,270	\$78,518,550	\$77,014,340
Motor Vehicle	\$158,278,180	\$196,264,700	\$207,017,080
TOTAL	\$1,506,548,300	\$1,557,996,030	\$1,567,748,360

## 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 Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2021 through December 2021 the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

## TOWN ENGINEER

DANA STEELE, P.E.

J.R. RUSSO & ASSOCIATES, LLC

The Town engineer is appointed by the Board of Selectman to provide engineering consultation services to Town officers, departments, boards and commissions. During the past year as Town Engineer, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC has provided the following services:

- Met with Town officers and prospective developers to discuss and provide guidance for preliminary development plans.
- Reviewed site design plans, traffic reports and drainage calculations submitted to the Planning Department, Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency in regard to Town requirements and sound engineering practice and provided written comments for consideration in the approval process.
- Prepared bond estimates and recommendation for reduction of bond amounts for erosion control on private projects and public improvements such as new subdivision roads.
- Reviewed as-built surveys for completed projects to verify conformance with the approved plans and recommend acceptance of completed public improvements.
- Assisted the Planning Department and Public Works in preparing plans for town infrastructure improvements:
  - Expand parking lot for Memorial Hall Library (design progressing)
  - Install sidewalks along West Road (Rt. 83) (design progressing, obtaining easements)
  - Improve drainage and repave Schoolhouse Road, Newell Rd & Ludwig Rd (completed)
  - Culvert replacement at Burbank Rd & Webster Rd (permitting progressing)
  - Somers Rd (Rt. 83) sidewalks from Main Street to Maple St (grant funding approved)
  - Windermere Ave reconstruction & sidewalks (grant funding approved)
  - Athletic Field Lighting at High School, Tedford Park & Pinney Fields (out to bid)
  - Police carport with solar charging station (permitting progressing)

## FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:**

- Retained S & P AA credit rating
- Monthly close procedures in order to complete annual audit in compliance with State Statute
- Oversees Information Technology service and maintenance
- Cyber Policy and required changes/additions
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects
- Affordable Care Act reporting requirements
- Implemented monthly close procedure with Board of Education
- Closed out Capital projects to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance
- CIRMA rates remained flat due to Town proactive risk control enhancements
- Assisted in the Town benefit health and dental transition to State Partnership Plan
- LOSAP Administration
- Coordinated Budget Executions for all Town Departments
- Active role on the American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee
- Appropriation and borrowing authorization for HVAC at Ellington High School, Ellington Middle School and Center Elementary School
- LOTCIP Easement Funding State Project No. L047-002
- Additional Appropriation and borrowing authorization Windermere Project
- Assisted in the ratification of the Police Union Contract
- Assisted in authorization to perform personal property audit
- Assisted with the Thompson Farm Tax Stabilization Agreement
- Assisted in the ratification of the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Union Contract
- Establishment of Special Revenue Fund – Opioid Settlement
- Establishment of Special Revenue Fund – Recreation Donations

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

- Provide Tree Trimming, Removal and Maintenance Services
- Hall Memorial Library Parking Lot & Sidewalk Improvements
- Windermere School Project - Architect
- Windermere School Project - Commissioning Services
- Windermere School Project - Construction Manager
- Windermere School Project - Electrical and Site Enabling
- Windermere School Project - Material Testing Services
- Windermere School Project - Owner's Project Manager
- Computer Refresh
- High School Track
- Tennis-Basketball Resurface

**The Finance Office requested and/or led the following contract ratifications:**

- Renewal of Contract - Health and Benefits Consulting Services
- Renewal of Contract - Tax Serv
- Award of Contract - Sandy Beach Ice Cream Vendor
- Renewal of Contract – Tyler Accounting
- Renewal of Contract – Website Editor
- Renewal of Contract – Copiers
- Award of Agreement – Diesel, Gas and oil
- Renewal of Contract – Snowplow Services
- Renewal of Agreement – Small Cities Administration

**The Finance Office assisted in the following Shared Service initiatives:**

- Information Technology Services

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

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

**The Finance Office assisted with the following grant administration**

- Local Capital Improvement Program
- LOTCIP Windermere Sidewalk
- Strawberry Road Bridge
- STEAP Grant – Hall Memorial Library Parking Lot
- State Bonding Grants – Metcalf Trail
- State Bonding Grants – Maple Streetscape
- State Bonding Grants – Hall Memorial Library Reading Garden
- State Bonding Grants – Tedford Park Equipment
- State Bonding Grants – Crystal Lake Playground
- State Bonding Grants – Arborway Carport
- State Bonding Grants – Main Street Lighting
- State Bonding Grants – Arbor Park Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- State Bonding Grants – Senior Center Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- State Bonding Grants – Crystal Lake/Tedford Park Master Plan
- ARPA – Vernon Pump Station
- ARPA – Police SUV
- ARPA – High School Track
- ARPA – EMS Elevator
- ARPA – EVAC Exhaust Removal System
- ARPA – Ellington Historical Society
- ARPA – Infield Grooming Unit
- ARPA – CLFD Extrication Tools and Struts
- ARPA – Upgrade Town Security Cameras

## TAX AND REVENUE 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 2021 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

6,076	Real Estate
1,043	Personal Property
16,320	Motor Vehicle
2,510	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling: \$40,925,639

COMPARISON	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Current Collections	\$46,789,173	\$47,784,391	\$50,650,970
Back Collections	300,864	291,167	291,167
Interest, Liens & Fees	227,153	194,879	207,919
Collection Rate	99.2%	99.3%	99.46%

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

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

### PAYMENT DUE CALENDAR

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



# TOWN CLERK

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

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

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Online dog registration is available through the Town website.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to public.
- Land record images are available at a nominal charge.
- Recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerk’s office and on the Town Website under land records.

Summary	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Births	138	139	128
Marriages	64	101	81
Deaths	108	123	117
Land Records Filed	2,253	2,089	2,357
Maps Filed	25	29	28
Trade Names	31	31	24
Dog Licenses	2,174	2,173	2,328
Kennel Licenses	9	8	8
Sports Licenses	259	291	341
Liquor Permits	10	11	13
Veteran Discharges Filed	19	22	35
Cemetery Deeds Filed	44	40	35
Aircraft Registrations	12	14	11

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Planning Department assists citizens, businesses, government officials, design professionals, and developers with general land use inquiries, permitting requirements, and compliance activities associated with zoning, subdivision, and wetlands regulations. Staff provides technical and administrative support to six permanent land use commissions: the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and the Design Review Board. In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, the Planning Department helps direct long-range planning and local GIS (Geographic Information Systems). Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner Wetland and Zoning Officer, a full-time Land Use Assistant, and a part-time Recording Secretary.

# TOWN ATTORNEY

**DORIAN R. FAMIGLIETTI**  
**KAHAN, KERENSKY & CAPOSSELA, LLP**

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 this past year as Town Attorney, I have worked with the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen and Finance Department on the following: adoption of new tax relief ordinances (for the elderly and day care providers) and the creation and administration of a specially designated revenue fund for the Town’s portion of the national opioid settlement; drafting and/or reviewing various Board policies; acquisition of development rights; and creation of the new Town Administrator position.

I have worked with the Public Works Department, Water and Sewer Department and Finance Department on bidding and contracting relative to various services provided for the Town, as well as contracting relative to improvements to school buildings, athletic fields and the library, and new sidewalks and sewer improvements and extensions.

I have provided counsel to the Planning Department and land use commissions on new development proposals, I have reviewed various conveyances to the Town in connection with approved developments, and I have represented the commissions in appeals related to zoning matters.

Additionally, I have worked with the Tax Collector to collect on various delinquent accounts and with the Assessor on the remaining tax appeals stemming from the 2020 Revaluation.

# BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (PZC)

The PZC is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD/Plan) for the town. The POCD is a policy document that guides land use, development patterns, preservation strategies, and capital investments for certain infrastructure and community facilities for the next decade. The last comprehensive update to Ellington's POCD became effective November 30, 2019.

The subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools the PZC uses to implement development practices. These regulations are living documents and amended from time to time in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD. Approvals over the past fiscal year include:

### Four (4) zoning regulation amendments:

- Section 7.16 Moratorium for cannabis establishments. Effective 08-30-2022.
- Section 6.3.7(B) Detached electronic fuel price signs in C, PC, I and IP Zones. Effective 01-01-2023.
- Section 4.3.2, 6.3.9 and 6.3.10 – Lighting & Signs. Effective 01-01-2023.
- Section 4.1 and Section 10.2 Prohibit licensed medical marijuana and adult-use cannabis production and dispensary facilities. Effective 03-31-2023.

### Two (2) zone map amendments:

- Zone change from Planned Commercial (PC) to Rural Agricultural Residential (RAR), 270 Pinney Street, Ellington Baptist Church.
- Zone change from Commercial (C) to Commercial (C) and Industrial Park (IP) for APN 019-005-0000, West Road.

The PZC is also responsible for 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. Through its staff, the PZC ensures developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans. This is accomplished through plan review, site inspections, issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance, and enforcement actions. The PZC also provides recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding improvements to public infrastructure and land transfers for consistency with long-term land use goals and objectives.

### Statutory reviews for the past fiscal year include:

- (1) Negative referral for discontinuance of a portion of Abbott Road.
- (1) Positive referral for conveyance of a portion of APN 019-005-0004, Windermere Avenue, Town of Vernon athletic facility.

**Seventeen (17) commission applications involving subdivisions, site development plans and modifications, and special permits and modifications.**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Two (2) subdivision applications resulting in two (2) new building lots.
- Four (4) special permits pursuant to 3.1.3 Accessory Uses/

Structures – Ellington Zoning Regulations for 8,800 +/- sf of new construction.

- Special Permit for retail, 192 Windsorville Road, Five Corners Plaza.
- Site modification for 7,200 +/- sf of new construction for retail and restaurant, 135 West Road, ARJI Ellington, LLC.
- Modification to existing landscaping, 135 West Road, Cornerstone Ellington, LLC.
- Site modification for Phase II improvements, 100 Windermere Avenue, Juliano's Pools.
- Site modification for 9,600 +/- sf of new construction (pole barn), 43 Lower Butcher Road, Valley Truck and Off Road.
- Site modification for Dek Hockey, 45 Sadds Mill Road, Robert Tedford Park.
- Site modification for lighting of athletic facilities at Ellington High School, Pinney Fields, and Robert Tedford Park.
- Modifications for complete site and building renovations for Windermere Elementary School, 2 Abbott Road, APN 008-010-0000.
- Modification to expand and improve parking at Hall Memorial Library, 99 Main Street.

**Accept withdrawal of proposal for disc golf, Stein Road open space, APN 037-005-0082.**

**One hundred and eighty-nine (189) 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. The IWA regulates activity within the wetlands and watercourses as well as areas either one-hundred (100) feet or two-hundred-fifty (250) feet away from the resource. The IWA does this by way of approving permits in accordance with the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, and enforcing the regulations through field inspections, permit suspensions or revocations, notices of violation, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines. The regulations also permit some operations and uses as of right or as nonregulated however the IWA must be notified to make this determination prior to the commencement of the activity.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven (7) Agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- One (2) Agency permit applications withdrawn.
- One (1) modification approved for an existing agency permit.
- Five (5) requests accepted for uses permitted as of right and nonregulated uses.
- One (1) request for nonregulated uses not accepted.
- One (1) Administrative Agent application approved/approved with modifications or conditions.

## 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

- Hosted the third annual Shop Ellington 2022 Event, a shop-local campaign promoting local businesses during Small Business Saturday.
- Tolland County Chamber of Commerce member with representation on the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.
- Representation at the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Awards Event and nomination of Earthlight Technologies for Economic Development and Beautification and LuAnn's Bakery & Café for Corporate Citizen.
- Awarded Silver Certified Community for Best Practices in Economic Development and Land Use Planning by the Connecticut Economic Development Association (2022 – 2024).
- Developed a Customer Service Satisfaction Survey.
- Business visit - Allyn Tool Company.

## 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 made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations. 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.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Eleven (11) variance applications approved (five (5) with conditions).
- Commissioner training pursuant to the requirements of Public Act 21-29.

## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

The DRB is advisory to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and provides recommendations for exterior design elements for commercial, industrial, mixed-use, multi-family, and special use permits in residential zones.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Review of a retail/restaurant building and related site improvements at 135 West Road.
- Review of various renovations, improvements, and additions to Windermere School at 2 Abbott Road.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space, farmland preservation and other conservation areas. 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, acquisition of farmland development rights and other conservation strategies.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Administered farmland preservation efforts.
  - Direct mailer issued February 2023 seeking participation in the preservation program.
  - Farmland easement recorded March 16, 2023, permanently protecting 101 +/- acres of farmland generally located west of Hoffman Road and south of Meadow Brook Road.
- Approved revisions to the Plan of Conservation protected land inventory.
- Approved updates to Open Space and Farmland Preservation brochures.
- Approved updates to trails layer on GIS.

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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, no increase for 2023-24.
- Continued to monitor H2S levels at Pump Stations.
- Reviewed future capital improvements projects.
- Approved the 2023-24 Budget which is funded by user fees and included in the Town's budget reporting process.
- Fuss & O'Neill projects-Flow Allocations, Vernon Pump Station, sewer expansion on Ellington Ave, Sewer expansion to Jobs Hill Rd., I&I for southeast portion of Hockanum Sewer Service Area.
- Cleaning of Pump Stations.
- Servicing of Town owned grinder pumps in the Crystal Lake area.



# 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

Currently the PBC has three projects ongoing. One project is the Windermere School renovation project which consists of a new 45,000 square foot addition and the renovation of the existing school. Also being worked on is a lighting project to light several athletic fields in town. Both of these projects were approved by voters at

referendum in March of 2022. The third project being worked on is an upgrade to the air handling and air quality equipment at Ellington High School, Ellington Middle School and Center Elementary School.

# ETHICS COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission is an independent Commission established to hear, review and evaluate complaints under the Code of Ethics, which is a critical link between persons subject to the Code and our residents' confidence in ethical Town governance. The Commission is tasked to provide and maintain the Code of ethical conduct, in order to guide elected officials, appointed officials and employees in the proper discharge of their official responsibilities, and to prevent the misuse of an official position for personal financial gain.

During Fiscal Year 2022, the Commission concluded a process to propose important Code revisions which were approved by the Board of Selectmen. The revisions were deemed necessary based upon the Commission's experience with complaints submitted during Fiscal Year 2020, and were drafted with the review and advice of the Connecticut Office of State Ethics as well as the Town Attorney.

The Commission received no complaints during Fiscal Year 2023.

# REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The registrars are responsible for organizing and conducting elections, primaries and referenda. They are also accountable for registering and maintaining accurate voter records for the town and holding voter registration events. These activities include annually canvassing town residents who are on the voter rolls but have not exercised their right to vote in several past consecutive elections with the objective of updating active voter files.

The Republican Registrar, Wanda DeLand, has served the town in this capacity for nearly two decades and Democratic Registrar, Lois Timms-Ferrara, has held the position since April 2018. Both Registrars have fulfilled all educational and training requirements and are state-certified by Connecticut's Secretary of the State. They are active in the Tolland County Registrars organization and have assumed committee positions in the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC).

## ELLINGTON REGISTERED VOTERS

Below is a look at the town's electorate today and five years ago. The number of voters has increased significantly—about 48% (3,636 voters) over this period. However proportionately, the distribution across the political parties has remained relatively stable.

### ELLINGTON ACTIVE VOTERS BY MAJOR PARTY

	July 2023	%	July 2018	%
Democrats	2,770	24.7%	1,855	24.5%
Republicans	3,044	27.1%	2,072	27.3%
Unaffiliated	5,120	46.4%	3,529	46.5%
Other	197	1.8%	129	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,221</b>		<b>7,585</b>	

Participation in the 2022 Gubernatorial elections was 64% in

Ellington with Republican Bob Stefanowski beating Democrat Ned Lamont by 280 votes. United States Senator and incumbent, Richard Blumenthal narrowly lost in Ellington to Republican Leora Levy by 178 votes.

Budget referenda are held each May to allow the voters in town to cast a ballot in favor or opposed to the future year budget that begins on July 1st each year. This year, the referendum was held on May 23, 2023 at the Senior Center in town with only 5% of eligible voters turning out.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 7, 2023 there will be a municipal election held in order to fill openings on the Board of Selectmen, including First Selectman, the Board of Finance, the Board of Education, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

Next year is another Presidential Election year and if Primaries are required by either or both major political parties, they are currently scheduled to be held in April 2024.

Only voters registered as Republican may vote in the Republican primary and only Democrats in the Democratic primary. Unaffiliated voters or those registered with minor parties may not participate in these primaries. If you are uncertain as to your political affiliation, you may call the office at 860-870-3107 or use the statewide look-up portal at: Voter Registration Lookup (ct.gov).

November 5, 2024 will be the next Presidential Election.

If you are interested in registering to vote or wish to update your name, address or political party affiliation on your voter registration file, you may do so online at [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) or drop by town hall at 55 Main Street to complete a registration card. There are also registration cards available at Hall Memorial Library that may be dropped off or mailed to the Registrar's Office.

# AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

## SUCTION HARVESTING

New England Aquatic Services (NEAS) spent ten (10) days beginning on August 1, 2022 using one boat with two divers and two crew members on the boat, providing 144 hours of Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting. They were removing Variable-Leaf Milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) and Ribbon Leaf Pondweed (*Potamogeton epihydrus*) from various areas in the lake. On the first day of the project "Annual Maintenance" was conducted which consisted of checking the lake proper for new areas of Milfoil growth. No new areas were identified so the crews began harvesting Ribbon Leaf Pondweed from the Northeast Cove Area. Days 1 – 3 were spent removing heavy pondweed growth from the Northeast Cove Area. Days 4 and 5 were spent removing Milfoil from the Town Beach Area. On days 6 and 7 weeds were removed from the Town Beach Area including within the swim ropes and in the Aborn Cove area around and past the sandbar. The remaining 3 days were focused on removing significant volumes of Milfoil from the Dam Area while several hours were also spent removing pondweed on the final day from a new patch found on the Route 30 side of the entrance to the Dam Area.

Over the course of the ten-day project, 334 bags of milfoil and pondweed were removed from the lake (Annual Maintenance – 8 bags, Northeast Cove – 97 bags, Dam Area – 160 bags, Town Beach Area and Aborn Cove – 69 bags) and approximately 4.18 acres were cleared.

## IN LAKE WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Water Quality monitoring was performed by the Crystal Lake Association (CLA) and evaluated by Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR) from April to November in 2022 in the open water areas of the lake. Parameters being tested are water clarity, phosphorous, dissolved oxygen and temperature.

**Water Clarity:** Water clarity was generally good in 2022 and remained better than 3 meters for the entire season. The best clarity was 8.25 m, recorded on September 17th. The worst clarity was 4.0 m, recorded on June 10th. Every Secchi reading except for June 10th was better than the long term monthly averages. The 8.25 m reading was the best clarity recorded since monitoring began in 2007. Clarity gradually improved from June to September, then decreased in October and November. The clarity in 2022 was generally much better than 2021, where clarity was very poor.

**Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature:** The lake was fully oxygenated in April and the water temperature at the surface and the bottom varied approximately 4 degrees C. By June 10th, the water below 13 m was anoxic, meaning oxygen concentrations were less than 1 mg/L. This is better than the maximum height in 2021, which was 5.6 m in August. In 2022, the anoxic boundary had dropped significantly by November, though the bottom 1.75 m at the deepest spot remained anoxic.

**Nutrients:** Total Phosphorous (TP) remained below 20 ppb in the top and middle of the lake, except for on two occasions. TP in the surface water spiked to 60 ppb in September and TP at the middle of the water column reached 22 ppb in August. The September 1 m TP seemed very high, so NEAR asked the lab to rerun this sample and the results were analogous. The bottom water TP concentrations were elevated during the summer months due to internal nutrient release during periods of anoxia in the lake bottom, but nutrient concentrations decreased from August to November. Bottom water ammonia nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>) was elevated in June, July and August.

**Stormwater Sampling Analysis: Aborn Brook:** Inlet samples were analyzed for total phosphorous (TP) and total nitrogen (TN) in 2022. Aborn Brook total phosphorous (TP) concentrations were highest in May, July and November.

**Watershed Analysis:** The stormwater sampling analysis program was continued this year to determine if nutrients from stormwater runoff are adversely impacting the water quality in Crystal Lake. Eight locations identified by NEAR in 2020 have samples collected by volunteers from the Crystal Lake Association (CLA) during the beginning of major rainfall events for laboratory analysis by NEAR for nitrogen and phosphorous. Samples were collected for some of the locations for rain events on June 9, July 12 and August 23, 2022. Each storm event had 1 inch or greater precipitation. TP and TN were extremely high at each waypoint during all three storm events. This information is shared with the Town of Ellington Department of Public Works for use in the CT DEEP required MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) reporting.

**Aquatic Plants:** Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR) performed a pre-management aquatic plant survey of the lake on June 15, 2022. They documented 27 plant species along with filamentous algae. Two invasive species were found: *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (variable-leaf milfoil) and *Glossostigma cleistanthum* (mudmat). *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (variable-leaf milfoil), *Nitella* (stonewort) and *Sagittaria teres* (quill-leafed arrowhead) were dominant, meaning that they were present at greater than 20% of waypoints.

*Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (variable-leaf milfoil) was once again present in the lake's three coves. It was particularly dense and widespread in the northern part of the lake in the Dam Area. NEAR staff observed multiple fragments of floating milfoil, particularly along the western shoreline from the boat launch to the dam. Fragments can be carried by currents to other areas of the lake and may have the ability to produce new roots and stems.

Following the suction harvesting of the milfoil plants, a second plant survey was conducted on September 15th. Seventeen plant species were documented during this survey, as well as filamentous algae. Filamentous algae and quill-leafed arrowhead were dominant post-management.

Variable-leaf milfoil remained present in all the coves but was less abundant than in June. The average density of milfoil did not significantly change pre- and post- management. There was less milfoil post -management in the Dam Area, but filamentous algae increased in that area in particular.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2022 – 2023

- Continue water sampling and testing of the lake waters from April through November
- Continue the annual maintenance in the main body of the lake.
- Continue milfoil removal from the Dam Area at the north end of the lake.
- Continue milfoil removal in the Town Beach Area
- Continue milfoil and pondweed removal off of the Northeast Cove.
- Remove pondweed at various locations in the lake.
- Continue the bottom barrier placement performed by the Crystal Lake Association to control milfoil in Aborn Cove near the mouth of Aborn Brook and/or in the Dam Area, as required. Since this task is becoming more difficult for the CLA volunteers to perform, this task will be expanded and taken over by our suction harvesting contractor (NEAS).
- Conduct a pre- harvest plant survey in July 2023.
- Perform a comprehensive lake wide aquatic plant survey in the fall of 2023.
- CLA volunteers to continue collecting stormwater samples



during major storms for analysis. Sampling during five storm events would be desirable but this will depend on the rainfall events.

- NEAR to conduct an additional stormwater evaluation and testing during a rainfall event.
- NEAR to coordinate Stormwater sampling and results with Town DPW for their MS4.

## AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

This past year has been another busy one for the Ellington Trails Committee. The year was highlighted by the opening of a new trail - Crystal Ridge - and the reopening of Metcalf.

Crystal Ridge is a beautiful one mile plus trail located off of Route 140 in the Crystal Lake area of Ellington. The Crystal Ridge trails go along Aborn Brook through the woods with ferns and remnants of quartz boulders, and up a few steep hills. In addition to the work the Committee did to blaze the trail, Eagle Scout Zachary McTighe installed a bridge, bench, and constructed an additional trail for the trail system. Next fiscal year, the Committee will be working on a new trail with a view of Crystal Lake.

The Committee was able to re-open the Metcalf trail which had been closed due to dead and dangerous trees on the trail. Many thanks to State Representative Jaime Foster and First Selectman Lori Spielman for procuring the grant money to take down the dangerous trees. Ellington Public Works added fresh gravel to the entrance path and installed a bench.

Additional highlights of our activities are as follows:



**Improvements and Maintenance of Ellington Trails:** For the second year in a row, we worked with Key Bank's "Neighbors Help Make a Difference Day" volunteers. Work included installing a bridge at Crystal Ridge and laying out mulch at the Windermere Trail.

In the spring, the Committee cut back encroaching vegetation and removed leaves on all Town trails. Bats gardens were weeded and mulched and the invasive Multiflora Rose was removed from one field. Boundary signs and colored blazes were installed at Crystal Ridge.

**Educational Programs:** The Trails Committee hosted or co-hosted several educational programs this year with great attendance.

We continued to collaborate with our great partners, Hall Memorial Library, and the Senior Center, to co-sponsor four lectures by Ginny Apple on turkey, coyotes, deer, and moose. In addition, in August, we also partnered with the Library on a session on edible wild plants, and fungi and a stargazing event with the Astronomy Society of CT at Pinney Field.

**Hikes:** In June, the Committee held its CT Trails Day hike at Crystal Ridge, and a hike around Snipsic Lake over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

**Getting the Word Out:** This year, with the great assistance of the Town's Planning Department, we were able to complete maps of the Bats, Kimball, West Road, Windermere, and Boothroyd & Bellante trails. The maps are located on the Parks and Recreation Department website as well as available at the

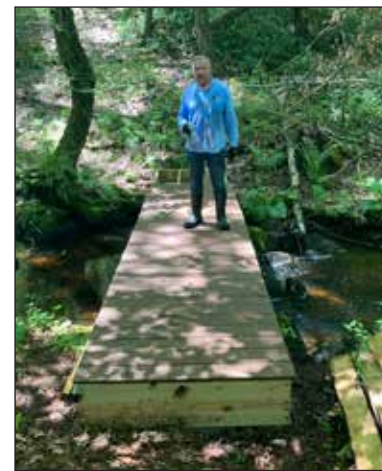
- Collect and test bottom sediments in the Dam Area to determine their extent and composition and if a dredging project in that area might be beneficial to the lake and the control of invasive plants. If feasible and beneficial, the availability of a Grant will be investigated.
- Suction harvesting is anticipated to begin in August, 2023.

Library. Furthermore, all trail heads include a QR code so the maps can be downloaded on one's phone. Our goal is to complete maps of the Metcalf and Crystal Ridge trails in the coming fiscal year.

In an effort to continue to get the word out on our trails, the Committee had a table with maps and information about our trails at the Town's Earth Day event in April, and the Ellington Farmer's Market in July. The Committee also participated in the Library's mini golf event where we were again able to pass out maps of our trails.



**Looking Forward:** The ever-popular Trail of Treats was held on a beautiful night in October with the help of the Ellington Lion's Centennial Club. The Lion's Club will take over the event in 2023. For an updated list of happenings, go to our Facebook page or the Town of Ellington website under the Calendar of Events section. Or email Linda Anderson at [andylin49@earthlink.net](mailto:andylin49@earthlink.net) if you would like to volunteer, receive email updates or if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.



Keep Ellington Moooving!



# PUBLIC SAFETY



## RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

The Ellington Resident State Troopers Office serves as the primary Law Enforcement contingency for the Town of Ellington. The State Police team consists of Resident State Trooper Supervisor Sergeant Brian Santa #165, TFC Tyler Burnell #1091, Trooper Justine Cedergren #619 Trooper Joseph Fratini #899 and Trooper Stephanie Gurski #1140.. The Ellington Town Police Officer team consists of thirteen sworn Police Officers. Officer Joseph Decker CC25 serves additionally as the Police Support Specialist. The Resident State Troopers Office also provides Marine Patrol support on Crystal Lake through the use of three certified Marine Patrol Officers. The Resident State Troopers Office is supported by Troop C in Tolland for all daily operations. The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads.

## JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

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 Burnell (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 board meets the first Thursday of each month in Somers.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION

Prescription medications are collected from the Prescription Drug Collection Box and transported to the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) for destruction. Over 1000 lbs. of prescription drugs have been collected for destruction.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The Resident State Troopers Office continues to staff the Ellington Public School system with a School Resource Officer. For the 2023/2023 School year Officer Jeff Duda will fill the SRO position.

## DARE PROGRAM

The Resident State Troopers Office continues to provide two DARE Officers for the 2023/2024 School Year. Trooper Cedergren #619 and Trooper Fratini #899 have been selected to teach the DARE curriculum.

## BUILDING OFFICIAL

The Building Official is responsible for 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 completed within one or two days of an inspection request.

## ACTIVITY REPORT

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
New Single Family Homes	15	22	9
New Commercial Buildings	2	6	4
New Multi-Family Buildings	0	0	0
Residential Alterations & Additions	44	70	66
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	407	357	252
Mechanical/Electrical	773	715	608
Other	229	129	52
Totals	1,470	1,299	991
Field Inspections	1,322	1,228	1077
Estimated Construction Value	\$22,457,444	\$29,436,422	\$24,468,676
Permit Fees Collected	\$397,026	\$483,962	\$378,653



## FIRE MARSHAL

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 exceeds 2,000.

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.

In late 2022, Connecticut adopted a new State Fire Code. This new code enacted stringent requirements for existing buildings including a 10-year lifespan for smoke alarms. These changes have increased the number of enforcement citations in certain occupancies.

The Department of Town Fire Marshal also administers several

public outreach programs to promote fire safety throughout our community. These include the Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest and the Smoke Alarm Battery Program.

In the Poster Contest, elementary school students design posters with fire safety messages and compete at the town, county, and state levels. Winning posters are then featured in calendars and fire prevention media in the next year.

The Smoke Alarm Battery Program is to help supply those in need with new 9V batteries (graciously donated through corporate sponsorship) to keep their smoke alarms up-to-date. Batteries are distributed through community partnerships with local food pantries, Human Services, Senior Center, Hall Memorial Library, and the Ellington Housing Authority.

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.



*If you see something, say something.  
Residents passing by this building noticed smoke and called 911. Investigation by the DTFM and CT State Police FEIU led to criminal charges for this fire.*

Photo Credit: Ellington Department of Town Fire Marshal

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2002-2003	2012-2013	2022-2023
Investigations	53	40	55
Criminal (Felony and Misdemeanor <sup>1</sup> )	19	5	1
Non-Criminal	27	31	45
Undetermined	6	4	9
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	0
Non-Fatal	4	1	1
Building Fires	20	20	8
Motor Vehicle Fires	5	4	4
All Other Fires	16	12	23
Non-fire Incidents	--2	--2	18
Hazardous Materials Incidents	8	1	2
Fire Losses, Total (X \$1000)	\$168.1	\$159.0	\$133.4*
Criminal	\$35.0	\$0	\$60.0
Non-criminal	\$130.0	\$135.3	\$60.3
Undetermined	\$3.6	\$23.7	\$3.1
Value of All Properties	\$1,434.6	\$4,768.5	\$3,318.1
Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)			
Enforcement Inspections	337	1,118	2,052
Commercial	27	167	157
Public Assembly	19	41	60
Educational	20	13	6
Residential (Multi-family)	238	874	1,592
Hazardous Materials	10	4	8
Other	24	19	17
Life Safety Systems	--2	--2	37
Drills	--2	--2	51
Burn Inspections	--2	--2	17
Enforcement Citations Issued (Misdemeanor)	272	301	512
State Licenses and Permits Approved	52	18	25
Open Burning Permits Processed / Approved	24	14	16
Arrests or Referrals	6	0	15

<sup>1</sup> Misdemeanor violations cited as a result of code enforcement inspections are not included here; they are shown at Enforcement Inspections.

<sup>2</sup> Not administered or recorded by this department at that time.

\* Loss data unable to be obtained for certain investigations. Number presented is lower than actual loss values.



The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud to recognize 96 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. During the past several years, the types of incidents, the added frequency as well as growth within the town, has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

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

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

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the country 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 Street, visit our award winning website at: [www.ellingtonfire.org](http://www.ellingtonfire.org), our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/ellingtonfd](https://facebook.com/ellingtonfd) or leave us a message at 860-870-3190.

## INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

On the next page is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. During this period, the department responded to 1013 emergency calls totaling 580 hours, which equated to more than 3163 donated man-hours for emergency services.

Significant incident activity for the year included large single family residential fires, motor vehicle fires and the ever increasing number of medical calls.

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



## ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

**CHIEF:** Jack Rich, II

**ASSISTANT CHIEF:** Karl S. Neubecker

**DEPUTY CHIEFS:** Robert Smith, Michael Gallagher

**CAPTAIN:** Cole Prato

**LIEUTENANTS:** Jared Fongemine, Regan Toomey\*

**SECRETARY:** Michael D. Varney

**TREASURER:** Adam D'Agostino

### MEMBERS

Thomas Adams	Valerie Adams	Frederick Bird
Steven Breault, Sr.	Brendan Burke	Jordan Chamberlin
Dominick Cristelli	Elizabeth Feldman	Vincent Gambacorta
Katherine Hany	Peter Hany, Jr.	Greg Larensen
Erich Martin	Jacob Miceli	Kaila Morrow
Daniel Parisi	Randy Smith	Noah St.Germain
John W. Turner	Dennis Varney	Aaron Virkler
	Frederica M. Weeks	

### LIFE MEMBERS

Jonathan Allen	Bryan Blotniski	Arthur Caldwell
Daniel Connors	Richard Daugherty	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.
Kevin Gambacorta	Allan Lawrence, Jr.	Robert Levandoski
Jack Rich	Robert Sandberg, Sr.	Allen Smith

### CADET MEMBERS

Sujay Chava	Landon Chapman	Cameron Cheney
Joshua Davis	Kaitlyn Delaney	Steven Dzen
Kieran Foster	Joshua Gonzalez	Logan Herrick
Jaidyn Morrow	Jack Spanwick	

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Ted Graziani
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\*2021 Firefighter of the Year

<b>Fire, Explosion</b> .....	<b>39</b>
Structural/Building fire.....	5
Cooking Fire .....	2
Chimney Fuel Burner/ Boiler Malfunction or Fire Confined .....	1
Vehicle/Mobile Property fire .....	2
Forest, Brush, grass fires .....	11
Refuse, Construction, Dumpster, Landfill fire.....	15
Outside fire other .....	3
<b>Rescue, Emergency Medical Service</b> .....	<b>666</b>
Medical assist, assist EMS crew .....	603
Vehicle accident, Extrication from vehicle .....	50
Extrication, Rescue other .....	1
Removal of victim from stalled elevator .....	1
Rescue Standby or other Rescue .....	5
<b>Hazardous Condition, Standby</b> .....	<b>51</b>
Flammable/Combustible liquid spill .....	6
Natural Gas or LPG Leak .....	3
Chemical Hazard .....	1
Carbon monoxide incident.....	1
Electrical Equipment problem/Overheated Motor.....	5
Power line down.....	19
Arching, shorted electrical equipment .....	4
Vehicle Accident no Extrication .....	10
Aircraft Standby .....	2
<b>Service Call</b> .....	<b>82</b>
Service Call , Other .....	10
Person in Distress .....	4
Lock Out .....	6
Water or Steam problem/Water Evacuation .....	12
Smoke, odor removal .....	6
Animal Rescue .....	1
Public service assistance/ Assist Invalid .....	5
Assist police or other government agency .....	3
Cover assignment, standby, move up .....	35
<b>Good Intent Call</b> .....	<b>73</b>
Good Intent Call , Other .....	12
Cancelled enroute, wrong location .....	52
Odor of Smoke Steam or vapor .....	6
Hazardous Materials Investigation .....	3
<b>False Call</b> .....	<b>81</b>
False call other.....	10
Alarm System malfunction .....	23
Unintentional alarm .....	45
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.....	3
<b>Other</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Standby.....	1
Lightning strike (no fire) .....	1
Special Type of Incident , other .....	1
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>1013</b>

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 5000 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.

## Current Levels of members' certifications include: (only the highest level is listed)

Fire Fighter I .....	30
Fire Fighter II/III .....	29
Fire Service Instructor I.....	19
Fire Service Instructor II .....	7
Fire Service Instructor III .....	2
Fire Officer I .....	9
Fire Officer II.....	3
Fire Officer III .....	1
Fire Officer IV .....	3
Safety Officer.....	6
Pump Operator.....	5
Aerial Operator .....	11
Hazardous Materials Operational .....	14
Hazardous Materials Technician .....	16
Emergency Medical Technician .....	16
Emergency Medical Responder .....	6
Emergency Medical Services Instructor .....	3

## EQUIPMENT

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

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

## FACILITY

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 their training continues.

## **FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC FIRE 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 amount per call. Since the inception of the program, it has benefited the town by attracting more members and increasing the activity of the existing staff, however the program needs to be updated as the level of volunteers in the town are rapidly declining.

## **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.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this, the 96th year of our service to the community, a safe and successful year for everyone.

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

## **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 ensures 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 the time of construction. Existing streets are adjusted for extensions or additional lots. Several times during 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 ensures 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 can 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 supplement operating expenses, capital improvements and dispatcher training.

The member towns of the regional center continue to supplement the operational expenses for the dispatching services. A change in the municipal assessment for dispatching services has been implemented and will be phased in over three years. It will more accurately assess the municipality for the services it uses.

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, communication links across the region and working through the sunset of the low band communications network are challenges that are being addressed. A Bond Grant from the State of Connecticut will help to facilitate some of the infrastructure up-grades.

A Mobile Command unit has been outfitted for field service assignment for large and lengthy duration events.



## CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**CHIEF:** Timothy Seitz  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF:** Robert Edwards  
**DEPUTY CHIEF:** Michael D'Averso  
**FIRE CAPTAIN:** James Adkins  
**EMS CAPTAIN:** Annmarie Seitz  
**1ST LIEUTENANT:** Bryan Harvell  
**2ND LIEUTENANT:** Douglas Gebhardt Jr.  
**SECRETARY:** Annmarie Seitz  
**TREASURER:** Bryan Harvell

### MEMBERS

Chad Adams	Robert Edwards	Douglas Rogala
James Adkins	Douglas Gebhardt, Jr.	Annmarie Seitz
Michael Allen	Douglas Gebhardt, Sr.	Timothy Seitz
Michael Bigda	Bryan Harvell	Fred Sharpe, Jr.
Michael D'Averso	Julia Meyer	Scott Small
Britney Edwards	Alberto Rivera	John Streiber
	Cindy Rivera	

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Krystina Adkins	Cindy Bregoli	Jessica Harvell
	David Bregoli	

### LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Charles Pippin
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### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

**CHAIRMEN:** Mike Bialozynski

**CO-CHAIRMEN:** Mike Disenza

**CLERK:** Annmarie Seitz

**BOARD:** Annmarie Seitz, Patricia Wendell, Robert Edwards

The Crystal Lake Fire Department (CLFD) continues to serve the Crystal Lake Community with premier fire and emergency medical services while also providing assistance to surrounding communities through a county mutual aid agreement. The department members have proudly volunteered to serve their community for the last 89 years. The primary mission of CLFD will always be the protection and preservation of life and property during each fire, medical, or rescue related emergency. The department is staffed by trained volunteers who are state and nationally certified Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Emergency Medical Responders. All members operate out of "Station 42", which is located at 316 Sandy Beach Road, and is home to all of the department's apparatus and equipment. Annually the members volunteer thousands of hours of their personal time, which is time away from their homes and families, to keep their neighbors and community safe. The success of the department is testament of the dedication and commitment of the membership and their families.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department responded to a total of 352 calls for service, totaling 2,349 hours volunteered to fulfill the emergency needs of the community. This is also the first full year that the Crystal Lake Fire District has been providing automatic mutual aid to the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department. CLFD provides this response Monday-Friday from 6am-6pm to add increased manpower and equipment needed for mitigating certain incidents. This has been great for both departments as we have been able to work together more often making us a stronger and more collaborative team. CLFD remains prepared to respond to and mitigate numerous types of emergencies, including structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous materials emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical incidents, water emergencies, and technical rescues.

In order to effectively operate at various emergency scenes each member has to maintain, often exceeding, the strict skills and certifications required by the State of CT and the department.

This is done through in-house training drills/classes and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Regional Fire School, Eastern Connecticut Regional Fire School, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Our members participated in a total of 2,489 hours of training during the course of the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Some of the courses that our members typically complete include: Fire Officer, Fire Service Instructor, Firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Medical Services, Incident Command, Incident Safety Officer, Live Burn Exercises, Rapid Intervention Team, Extrication, Search and Rescue, Scuba Diving, and Technical Rescue.

This year we returned to Crystal Lake Elementary School and do our annual fire safety presentation for the kids. This is a time where the members get to interact with the youth of the town and shed some light on what the fire department does for the community and allows the youth to bring some fire safety tips home. We delivered the program to approximately 350 children from Pre-K- 4th grade. This is always a treat for the kids of the community and for our membership.

Medical emergencies make up the largest portion of our call volume in district. Crystal Lake residents have become accustomed to receiving a quick response from a trained professional providing the best care possible whenever a 911 call has to be made. This is what we always strive to provide at every call, every time. Our highly trained medical personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders, work seamlessly with multiple agencies, including Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. If a patient should require a more advanced level of care, members will work closely with an Advanced Life Support provider, known as a Paramedic, usually provided by American Medical Response (AMR) or Ambulance Service of Manchester (ASM). At times, CLFD will request a Life Star Helicopter should a patient sustain an injury or illness requiring rapid transport to a specialized facility that provides a higher level of care. Our main concern is always making sure our patients receive the best pre-hospital care possible in a timely manner.

Station 42 continues to be dispatched by Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, where they handle all of its emergency communications. The department also continues to participate in the county wide emergency task force through our mutual aid agreements providing manpower, equipment, and water to our surrounding communities should the need arise.

The dedicated Fire Officers of the Crystal Lake Fire Department have completed 6,591 hours of administrative and support work including, completing all incident reports, equipment testing, and town required paperwork. The Officers





serve the department in a supervisory role at all emergency calls in and out of district and are in charge of running meetings and routine operations at the station. The Officers are also responsible for making sure there are always members available to provide proper coverage of the Crystal Lake district ensuring the residents receive immediate service when they are in need.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has 19 members and is always looking to expand its membership with new residents who take an active interest in the fire or medical services. Training is provided by the department for new dedicated volunteers! If you would like to receive more information about volunteering please stop into the fire station Mondays at 7pm and speak with a member, visit [www.crystallakefire.org](http://www.crystallakefire.org), or call (860)870-3174. CLFD offers a junior membership program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and have the opportunity to train with adult members. This provides a perfect avenue for the youth of the community to learn about fire and medical services. In addition to the training they receive they also will assist in operations at the scene of emergency incidents while under the supervision of an advisor.

While we hope that the residents will never need our assistance in the upcoming year, we continue to remain prepared to respond to emergencies for the residents of the Crystal Lake Fire District and any surrounding communities that need us.

## SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

<b>Fires and Explosions Total</b>	<b>29</b>
Structure Fires	12
Outdoor Equipment Fire	2
Vehicle Fire	2
Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire	2
Natural Vegetation or Brush Fires	10
Fire, Other	1
<b>Rescue Call Total</b>	<b>166</b>
Emergency Medical Incident or Assist	118
Emergency Medical Service Incident, Other	15
Motor Vehicle Accident/ Vehicle Extrication	29
Trapped by Power Lines	1
Search for Person in Water	3
<b>Hazardous Condition Total</b>	<b>25</b>
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	2
Gas Leak (natural Gas or LPG)	4
Carbon Monoxide Incident	3
Electrical Problem/ Arcing Electrical Equipment	3
Power Line Down	12
Accident, Potential Accident, Other	1
<b>Service Call Total</b>	<b>21</b>
Service Call, Other	1
Animal Rescue	1
Assist Police	1
Public Service Assistance	3
Unauthorized Burning	2
Cover Assignment, Standby	13
<b>Good Intent Call Total</b>	<b>85</b>
Good Intent Call, Other	4
Dispatched and Cancelled Enroute	80
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	1
<b>False Alarm Call Total</b>	<b>26</b>
False Alarm or False Call, Other	4
Smoke Detector Activation	16
CO Detector Activation	3
Alarm System Malfunction	3
<b>Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disaster</b>	<b>0</b>



## ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

**PRESIDENT/CHIEF:** Peter Hany, Sr.  
**VICE PRES./ASSIST. CHIEF:** Bruce Hoffman  
**TRAINING/DEPUTY CHIEF:** Nicole Caron  
**SECRETARY/CAPTAIN:** Melissa McCann  
**TREASURER/CAPTAIN:** Joshua Rosenfeld  
**SCHEDULER/LIEUTENANT:** Alisa Smith  
**SUPPLY:** Nicole Caron  
**MAINTENANCE:** Peter Hany, Sr.  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS/LIEUTENANT:** Mitch Laforge

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Nicole Caron	Peter Hany, Sr.	James O'Donnell
Dorota Gdula	Mitch Laforge	Joshua Rosenfeld
Douglas Gebhardt	Ed Landsberg	John Streiber
Rebekah Gerber	Melissa McCann	Greg York
	Jack Nemec	

### PAID STAFF

Chad Adams	Aiden Ghiroli	Rachel Oakes
Olivia Alvesteffer	Mike Girard	April Phelps
Kerri Cushing	Collin Hall	Caitlin Suttyak
Abigail Edelstein	Deborah Landry-Schiessl	Noah Welti
Kimberly Gambacorta	Erin Meikle	Kim Winalski
	Kaila Morrow	

### LIFE MEMBERS

Ray Close	Dan Flanagan	Angela Sandberg
Doreen Connor	Bruce Hoffman	Krista Schulz
Jean-Marie Currier	Steve Kratzke	Alisa Smith
Renee Cyr	Denise Rioux	

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Tonya Glomboske	Tom Palshaw	Kim Courville
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### LAST CALL

None

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical services to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 60 years. 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 EVAC members that live in Ellington are provided with first responder medical supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever possible.

In this past fiscal year alone, EVAC responded to 1,728 calls. We strive to provide the best possible care, and are always training for the next call.

EVAC continues its commitment to continuing medical education with online training assignments and monthly training drills, at which both fire departments are now invited so we can train together. There are many opportunities for additional training and courses with local hospitals and our partners in the region.

EVAC not only has American Heart Association CPR and First Aid qualified instructors on staff to offer training to various organizations and individuals in our community, but also has 5 State of CT certified EMS Instructors, who can teach a magnitude of knowledge to their members as well as individuals and community. EVAC personnel are also trained as state examiners for skills testing. This year, EVAC EMS Instructors ran an EMR class for local high school students. 100% of students in the class passed both their state practical exams and national written exam. Many students from that class are part of Rescue Post 512, and now serve alongside our members on the ambulance during the day.

As a responsible municipal member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with the other emergency departments to streamline services and reduce costs to taxpayers whenever possible. EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for the town-wide fire and rescue services, as well as for AEDs and supplies within municipal buildings. EVAC further provides CPR and





*Senior Center Christmas*



*Ellington Volunteer Fire Department*



*Trail of Treats*



*Cultural Night - Diversity & Inclusion Committee*



*Parks & Recreation Day Camp*



*Youth Services*



*Holiday Lighting Contest*



*Scarecrow Contest*

# ELLINGTON IN COLOR





*Memorial Day*



*Public Works*



*Human Services at Farmers Market*



*Metcalf Ribbon Cutting*



*Winterfest Parade*



*Ellington Volunteer Fire Department*



*Ellington Volunteer Fire Department*



*Youth Services*



*Parks & Recreation Basketball*



*Senior Center Hiking Group*



*Gingerbread House Contest*





# TRASH & RECYCLING

## 2024 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

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**D** = One-day delay in pickup

(New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day)

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

**Bulky Waste Pickup: 860-289-7850**



First Aid training to town employees "at cost," ensuring our colleagues within public works, recreation, public schools, and more are prepared for emergencies, while keeping costs for the town low. Additionally, money generated by ambulance billing funds a portion of the department budget, resulting in a less funds from the town general fund helping to keep the mill rate down. Ambulance billing also fully funds the purchasing of vehicles like our ambulances, resulting in no cost to the taxpayer.

EVAC, along with Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Fire Department, Ellington CERT, Connecticut State Police, and Ellington Police continue to train annually for Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response. Members across all three Ellington emergency service departments, alongside our law enforcement partners, are trained in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC). TECC, a civilian adaptation of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) from the US military, is designed to ensure those affected by a high-threat event receive prompt, quality medical care even while the event is still unfolding. While we hope to never require these skills, we remain committed to being ready when we are called.

EVAC participates in the national awareness campaign called Stop The Bleed, which trains bystanders the basics of bleeding control. Classes have been completed for all of our current members, offered to all new providers, and are available to the community as needed. We are in the process of equipping our Rescue Post 512 members with stop the bleed kits to carry within Ellington High School, and expect to roll this out in late 2023.

EVAC also completed some significant upgrades in 2023. Using ARPA funds, we were able to replace 10+ year old carpet in our training room. Additionally, a new digital white board was purchased to enhance our training capabilities. Using savings from bulk medical supply purchasing and better coordination between the 3 departments, EVAC was able to use funds to purchase a new full-body manikin. This manikin provides for improved simulation for both our classes and trainings, including anatomically realistic airway management, blood pressure auscultation, pulse monitoring, IM injection, and more. Unlike our existing torso-only CPR manikins, this full-body manikin can also be used to practice pt lifting and moving, spinal motion restriction, use of backboards, and more.

EVAC members also maintain a presence on the national Emergency Medical Services stage by serving on various national committees, including the National Association of EMTs, International College of Advanced Practice Paramedics, and the American Heart Association). Members are also involved locally, within the CT OEMS Region 3 Committee and the Tolland Windham County Mutual Aid Ambulance Association. Members are engaged in speaking activities at a wide array of local and national conferences.

EVAC would like to congratulate the 2023 Volunteer of the Year, Nicole Caron, for her exceptional service, and to all our members reaching milestones of 5, 10, 20, and more years of service.

## MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families, friends, neighbors, and the Town of Ellington for your continued support throughout the year. We are always appreciative of the many businesses, individuals, houses of worship, and other organizations that have been very generous in providing monetary donations, meals, and many words of encouragement. We have been extremely lucky to have such a generous community and can not thank each of you enough. Your support is so important to us as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for new motivated members. Prospective members must be committed to providing high quality emergency care. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education, and equipment to all members at no cost. Not yet an EMT? EVAC has programs to cover the cost of initial training as well.

For additional information, please call us at 860-870-3170 visit our website at [ellingtonambulance.org](http://ellingtonambulance.org), or email us at [information@ellingtonambulance.org](mailto:information@ellingtonambulance.org). Check out our Instagram @ellingtonambulance or Facebook @ellingtonamb to learn more about us and all of the exciting things that we do!

# ELLINGTON ANIMAL CONTROL

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

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, maintains the animal control facility as well as enforcing the State dog licensing regulations. The officers also investigate complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as impounding stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the animal control 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 for the year, a search for unlicensed dogs and any delinquent dog licenses begins. There is a penalty for failure to license under CT Statue 22-349 which is a \$75 fine. The penalty for failure to vaccinate for rabies is \$136, under the CT Statue 22-339b\*.

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach, Assistant Animal Control Officers, Kathy DiBacco and James Lockhart. The shelter is open to the public seven days a week but since we do work part-time, we require appointments to see the animals available for adoption or to redeem your dog. To reach Animal Control, please call (860) 870-3155. 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 quarantined dogs and cats.

Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State of CT D.E.E.P. Wildlife Department. That phone number is (860) 424-3333. They also have a website that gives information on wildlife rehabilitators and nuisance wildlife. Our department does respond to sick or injured wildlife and any wildlife that exhibits signs of rabies. We also advise the public on ways to resolve issues with wildlife living in their neighborhood.

Ellington Animal Control helps the community so that pets and people can co-exist safely. 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.

Ellington Animal Control has a Facebook page with animal care information, 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 when funds are available. This program helps Connecticut 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 the low-income state assistance programs listed on the application. For more information, please call the State Animal Population Control Program Unit at: (860) 713-2507.

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

## RECENT UPDATES

There are changes made by the State of Connecticut regarding Quarantine orders for animals that bite or attack humans or any domestic animals. The changes are to the duration and location of quarantine. These changes became effective on July 1, 2019. The quarantine period for a dog, cat or ferret that has bitten or attacked a person, or another animal is shortened from 14 days to 10 days. If the animal has a current rabies vaccination, a biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret may be quarantined on the premises of the animal's owner if the ACO determines the premises are adequate for quarantine purposes. However, if the animal does not have a current rabies vaccination, a biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret must be quarantined in a public dog pound, veterinary hospital or commercial kennel approved by the state veterinarian and must receive a rabies vaccination on the 10th day of quarantine. It is very important to keep your pets Rabies vaccinations up to date.

The Animal Control Department has been transferred to the supervision of the Resident State Troopers' supervisor. This transfer was effective as of June 14, 2022. The Animal Control Department will also fall under the Police Accountability Act. Currently, we are still waiting for more information on some of these changes.

Another new change to take place will be the new dispatching system from the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Services. This

service will include computer-aided dispatch (CAD) software and a records management system that will track the officer's activity.

While we are going through these changes and new learning experiences, we will continue to give our best to service the people of Ellington and to protect the animals that we are here for.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control assisted with the Rabies and Microchip Clinic that was hosted by Ellington Center Animal Clinic on June 10, 2023. The Clinic offered low-cost rabies vaccinations and microchips for the local dogs and cats. The proceeds were generously donated to benefit animals in need. We wish to thank the Doctors and staff for this fundraiser that has helped so many animals.

On a final note, Ellington Animal Control is very grateful to all the local town people, the Girl Scouts and local businesses that have made donations to the Ellington Animal Control Facility. These donations 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 so much for animals.

*"Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet."*

– Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

It is the duty of the Department of Public Works to maintain, repair, clean, and remove snow/ice 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 and/or repair of the facilities, grounds and infrastructure which come under the jurisdiction of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ROAD WORK/SIDEWALKS/PARKING LOTS

- Continued to move and work with UCONN T2 on driver notification speed detectors.
- Responded to various residents' concerns, potholes, sink holes, sign repairs, tree requests.
- Monitored traffic control signs for mandated MUTCD requirements.
- Staff attended various NEAPWA and UCONN T2 training sessions.
- Completed mandatory training sessions per Conn OSHA.
- Held tailgate talks on various safety issues.
- Initiated and renewed all necessary CYBD's for DPW.
- Monitored waterways and catch basins during rain events.
- Cleared and cleaned up various tree requests from weather events.
- Maintained dirt roads, grading and sealing with calcium when necessary.
- Monthly SPCC inspections.
- Worked on the MS4 Catch basin inspections and outfalls.

- Continued mowing of town Right of Ways, detent basins and tree trimming along roadside.
- Continued to clean and monitor beaver dam on Ladd Road.
- Begin Highland area rehab project - catch basin repair.
- Complete Center School sidewalk project.
- Repaired miscellaneous sidewalk sections around Town.
- Repair/Replace catch basins on Tree Top, Timber, Pine Cone, Andrew, and Kenneth.
- Apply 20% rubber chip seal to the following roads: Olde Country, Country Farms, Middle, Randy, Bridge, Gloria, Joel, Cindy, Franlee, and Punkin.
- Performed annual street sweeping as required by MS4.
- Completed annual stop bar and crosswalk painting.
- Prepare, fine grade and pave Hubbard Road, Porter Road Schoolhouse Road, and Newell Hill Road sections.
- Mill and pave at 4 Sweeney Street.

## ENGINEERING AND BUILDING PROJECTS

- Continued Engineering work completed for Route 83 Sidewalk Project.
- Discussions with Town Engineer, JR Russo, to review various projects, unimproved road improvements, Newell Hill Road, Fire Dept. access onto RT 286 from Substation and culvert repairs to Kibbe Road, East Porter Road drainage.
- Discussion with JR Russo to redesign Stein Road parking lot to include more spaces.
- Coordination, advertisement, award and start of the Strawberry Road Bridge Project.
- Coordinated, presented, received approval and completed the Dek Hockey Rink project at Tedford Park.
- Met with planning staff to review various projects: Abbott Road at Broad Brook, Apostolic Christian Church, and new subdivision off of Tripp Road.
- Actively working on the Athletic Field Lighting Project.
- Working with the Permanent Building Committee for the Windermere School upgrades
- Rework offices at the Town Hall, Recreation Department building, and Public works office.
- Take down red shed from behind Center School, move to the recycling center, rebuild and move/expand the recycling facility.

## **EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

- 2 new Pick-up Trucks, Sandpro, and small equipment items.

## **SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL**

- Held annual Snow Day training and route review event.
- 17 Callouts for 16" of snow.

## **FACILITIES AND GROUNDS**

- Town Hall parking lot restripe and signage installation for safer traffic circulation.
- Continued maintenance of all Town Facilities and minor repairs.
- Inspected the Pinney House.
- Daily operation of the DPW recycling shed, electronics, waste oil, etc.
- AED, Fire Extinguisher and Emergency Lighting monthly inspections completed.
- Monitored Safety Data Sheets for all facilities.
- Daily mail pickup and delivery to Town Hall.
- Responded to various service calls at all facilities.
- Installed new flooring, furniture and painting at the Emergency Management Office, Assessor's Office, Recreation staff offices and Commission Room B.
- Maintained fields for various sports, installed all nets and equipment as required.
- Cut out existing sod and replaced with new at various locations.
- Trash and litter patrol at all locations.
- Repair and install/remove swim buoys for public beach opening/closing.
- Clean and maintain public beach bathroom facilities.
- Mow Batz and Bronisz open space areas.
- Paint the Old School House railings.
- Paint the field goal posts at the High School.
- Repair Recreation Dept. handholes.
- Maintain all fields as required to meet game schedules.
- Completed phase 1 of DPW office upgrades- painting, barn doors and smart board installation in the conference room.
- Set up and staff annual Town events
- Install, remove and maintain the police boat, boat dock and boat lift.
- Complete phase 1 of the DPW Recycling Center upgrade-Relocation of the Maple Street red shed, relocation of all recycling structures at the DPW.
- Erected material storage bins at Tedford Park.
- Widened the west entrance at Tedford Park to reduce congestion.
- Restored and painted meeting room at Center Fire Department.
- Completed annual brush grinding and hauling of chips.
- Completed the installation of the Nicolas DiCorleto Meeting Room sound system.
- Completed annual OSHA invitational facility review at the DPW maintenance garage.
- Worked with the Jacob Poulin Foundation to complete the installation of the Dek Hockey Rink at Tedford Park.
- Conducted monthly SPCC inspections.
- Relocated the parking garage waste oil furnace and installed a new double-wall 100 gallon tank.
- Overseeding and aerating fields.
- Beach maintenance while open.
- Monitor irrigation systems.
- Yearly inspections of bleachers, grandstands, and playscapes.
- Respond to Trails Committee requests.

## **MAINTENANCE GARAGE AND FLEET**

- Inspected, serviced and maintained rolling stock and equipment, preparing for spring, summer, fall and winter equipment operations.
- Weekly generator and police vehicle inspections completed.
- Monitored and maintained vehicle fuel supply- unleaded gas and diesel.
- Serviced the three (3) waste oil heaters: Parking Garage, Ground Garage and WPCA garage.
- Replaced tracts on T190 loader.
- Maintain Police boat throughout season.
- Completed annual garage door inspections and service for maintenance and parking garage.
- Prepared large salt conveyor for use while loading salt shed.
- Fabricate, install and test a new liquid application system for one Steiner sidewalk machine and one spare truck.
- Completed annual winter material application equipment calibrations.
- Replaced flywheel housing on one GMC 5500 truck.
- Undercoated all plow trucks with Fluid Film.
- Completed annual stand-by generator services.
- Sandblasted and painted frame and dump body on truck #84.
- Auctioned off car #67.
- Added two new pickups to the DPW fleet.
- Received and installed a utility body from the BOE for truck #12.
- Replaced cylinder head on Truck #8.
- Completed annual lifting chain and strap inspections.

## **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

- Continued to work with the Connecticut Water Company and EJ Prescott for WPCA deduct meter program.
- Work with engineers Fuss & O'Neil on various projects.
- Continue to Monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station
- Continue grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake.
- The Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) program is continuing to be monitored.
- Yearly wet well cleaning.
- Sewer camera truck used in conjunction with Vernon and Stafford.
- Replace control panels on 5 Pump Stations.

## **MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING**

- Recycling and Refuse Manager Sam Saunders, program is progressing very well with inspecting and educating residents in proper recycling.
- Continued with the resale of compost bins and rain barrels to promote recycling of organics.
- 2022-2023 Ellington Residents Recycled: 1,119 Tons.
- Electronics Recycled: 31.63 Tons.
- Textiles Recycled: 4.56 Tons.
- A mattress recycling program had been implemented (by appointment only) and so far over 100 mattresses and box springs have been recycled.
- A paint recycling program had been implemented mid-year (by appointment only) and so far, 3 tons of paint have been recycled.
- The Hoffman Road Brush dump was available to residents for discarding leaves, brush, firewood and truckloads of trees.



# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY & RISK MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency & Risk Management (OERM) consists of; the Emergency & Risk Management Director, two Deputy Emergency Management 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; weather related, hazmat issues, and human initiated mass casualty events. The primary goals of the OERM Office are; the preservation of life, recovery from emergency incidents, the education of the Town residents, schools and businesses in preparing for an emergency incident, limiting liability to the town, and preservation of the physical and human assets of the Town of Ellington for the successful continuation of its operations.

## PURPOSE

The OERM 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 OERM's responsibility to have current data concerning the Town's; businesses, schools and population areas. This information provides the scope of an Emergency Incident. The OERM manages Town resources during a disaster. The OEM is the conduit between the Town, and the State and Federal Government, when assistance is needed during disasters.

## PREPARATION, TRAINING, ACTIVITIES

The Town's Emergency Service Units conducted a town wide active shooter/hostile event response incident at Rice Packing in March of 2023. Drill participants included Town of Ellington Emergency Management, Ellington Resident Troopers and Constables, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Explorers, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Ellington CERT, Tolland County Fire Services and Enfield Police Explorers.

The OERM worked with the Board of Education, Police and Fire Departments in conducting monthly Lock-Down and Fire Drills at the Ellington School Facilities. The OERM Director attends district-wide and facility specific school safety and climate meetings. The OERM Director is working with the Resident Troopers Office and Board of Education (BOE) Central Office Staff to update and conduct school based emergency response training programs for staff and students. Continual working with BOE facilities director and the Resident Troopers Office to ensure all school emergency equipment, protocols, and devices are working effectively and making repairs and changes as necessary. OERM worked with The United State Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to conduct an on-site assessment of Ellington High School.

During large scale Emergency Incidents, Ellington High School and Crystal Lake School are the primary Town

Emergency Shelters. The Middle School is the back-up Emergency Shelter. Each shelter has an emergency generator providing full power to each facility. Each facility is able to provide; heat, food, showers and overnight stays for residents in need, during an Emergency Incident. The Emergency Shelters are able to provide care for a resident's household pet.

The Ellington CERT team operates the shelters during activation. An Ellington Ambulance member and a Police Officer are assigned to the shelter when it is open.

The Office of Emergency Management applied for and was approved for the following grants; Emergency Management Performance Grant and Homeland Security Grant. The money from these grants will be applied to the Town Budget.

The Director of Emergency Management is a committee member of and attends meetings regularly with the Connecticut Interlocking Risk Management Associations (CIRMA) Operations and Underwriting Committee, CIRMA's Risk Management Advisory Committee, Capitol Region School Emergency Management, Connecticut Region 3 Emergency Management, CCROG – Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council, Ellington's Emergency Services Committee, Co-Chair of Ellington School's Safety and Climate Committee, Chair of Ellington's Emergency Management Advisory Committee, Chair of Ellington Safety and Health Committee, and Chair of Ellington's Ad Hoc Long Term Recovery Committee.

OERM has worked with the First Selectman's office, the Human Resources Coordinator, Department of Public Works, and the Finance Department on a number initiatives and incident responses to eliminate and reduce the risk of liability to the Town of Ellington and its tax payers. The office has assisted in implementing best practices and streamlining efficiencies. Through its partnership with CIRMA, the OERM continues to identify programs that will benefit the town of Ellington and reduce overall liability and risk.

OERM also identified and made improvements to equipment essential in the Town's ability to prepare its citizens and respond to emergencies. Upgrades were made to computer and phone equipment at the town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The town also invested in upgrading its mass notification system though Everbridge increasing the capabilities to communicate with those who reside and work in the town of Ellington.

The OERM Director also serves as the Municipal Veterans Representative and is certified by the State of Connecticut to assist town veteran residents in dissemination of veteran benefits and information. Some areas of interest are VA health care, VA survivors and burial services, disability compensation, aid & attendance, medal replacements, and more. Also in collaboration with the Ellington Human Services Department holds Veteran's Coffee Houses monthly. The program's intention is to bring all veterans together in a comfortable setting to meet, socialize, seek and share information on their military experiences, learn about local and State Veteran's benefits and services and to enjoy a cup of coffee.



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

The Ellington CERT team is composed of volunteers from Ellington and surrounding Towns. The CERT Team has thirty-four members. The Team is supported by Federal and State funds. CERT members receive training in; fire safety, basic first aid, and Ham Radio and traffic management. Members provide traffic and crowd control at; parades, fireworks displays, Fairs and other activities in Ellington, and Towns in the Tolland county area. Additionally, CERT provides assistance to first responders and assists in non-hazardous search and rescue incidents. The Ellington CERT program has a Ham Radio Team that has the capability to provide communications during Town Emergency Incidents. The Ham Radio Team provides communication assistance to other Towns in the Region during emergency incidents. During the Holiday Season, the CERT Team worked with the Human Services Dept. and adopted needy seniors and a needy family. CERT members also attended training sessions and monthly meetings. The Ellington CERT members are to be congratulated for their outstanding service to Ellington and surrounding Towns. If you want information to become a member of this outstanding group; email Deputy Emergency Management Director John Streiber at: [jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov](mailto: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 AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE



The Ellington Patriotic Committee is an all-volunteer, non-partisan, non-politically-affiliated organization of local citizens with the goal of promoting PATRIOTISM, in various forms, among the residents of Ellington. Some of our members are veterans of America's

Armed Forces; some are members of various civic organizations. Some are regular, everyday people. All of the members share a desire to be involved in our community: Ellington, the place we call home.

**Our agenda is simple:** to promote patriotism in all manners and means, to support and honor America's veterans and their families, remembering their sacrifice, so that we, as Americans, can live free, and to foster a sense of pride and belonging among all of Ellington's residents.

**What We Do:** The Ellington Patriotic Committee is involved in many events and observances in our town dedicated to promoting Patriotism, and remembering the sacrifice of our active-duty military personnel and veterans, both living and those who have fallen. Chief among these are:

- Flag Retirement Ceremony (in cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department)
- Memorial Day Observance and Parade
- Wreaths Across America
- Placement of Veteran Medallions and Flags at Cemeteries

Members are appointed for one-year terms. We are currently seeking new members; please join us in our efforts. For more information and to become a member, please contact the First Selectman's Office at 860-870-3100 or email [info@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:info@ellington-ct.gov).

**Our Mission Statement:** "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."

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## PARKS & FACILITIES GUIDE

### CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE

The Crystal Lake School house (across from Sandy Beach) continues to serve the Parks and Recreation Department for regular use, including summer hours at the schoolhouse, offering middle school and pre-school programming.

### ARBOR PARK

Arbor Park is located on Main Street in the heart of town. Arbor Park offers a nice area to walk. This park is not managed by the recreation department. Reservation inquiries should be made at the Office of the First Selectman.

### 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 sensory garden and community garden plots.

### SANDY BEACH

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



### ROBERT TEDFORD MEMORIAL PARK

Robert Tedford Memorial Park is located on Route 140, approximately two miles from the center of Town. This facility has baseball, softball, soccer & football fields. There is also a tennis court, pickleball courts a playground, volleyball court, covered pavilion and dek hockey rink. The 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.

### SCHWARTZ PARK

Schwartz Park is located at Ellington High School at 37 Maple Street, and houses 4 full-sized tennis courts and a covered gazebo.

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





# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

The Department's new business hours are Monday 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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

## STAFFING

The department is staffed by three full-time recreation professionals and two part-time administrative assistants. 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.

## VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Volunteer assistance continues to be a benchmark within the community, regardless of the activity. Serving as a volunteer is a rewarding activity, and more importantly, is vital to sustaining a viable community. Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 300 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. Any person wishing to volunteer must complete a volunteer disclosure form. 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 basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. 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 enjoy increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the "pulse" of the community when arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and/or individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

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

Classes and programs include but are not limited to youth and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, fitness classes and special events.

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

## 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.

## 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 also 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.

Additional gratitude should be extended to the Hall Memorial Library for allowing the department to hold various preschool events on site.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022-2023 activity year was one of the most robust programming periods in our history. Below are some of the more significant highlights of the past year.

On June 20, 2022 our department unveiled J4cob's Arena. A full-sized dek hockey rink for the community to enjoy in honor and memory of Jacob Poulin an Ellington resident who was a very young and avid hockey player. The rink was donated as a gift to the town by the Jacob Roger Poulin Foundation.



Our annual Robert Tedford Memorial 5k. The road race was held on November 20, 2023 and well over 100 athletes competed in spite of the record cold temperatures. All participants received a commemorative apparel and a medal of accomplishment. The event raised vital funds for the Robert Tedford Memorial Fund that helps finance department initiatives and scholarships.



Our u11 girl's soccer team capped off an undefeated season with a district championship furthering Ellington's legacy of strong soccer teams at all age levels. The team was coached by Katie Hartig and they were all honored at a banquet with district leadership present as well as all of the other district champions.



Our very popular summer camp program was expanded this year by adding a full day pre-school option as well as an all day middle school adventure camp. Our camp continues to be one of the only camps in the state to offer participants hot lunch daily at no additional charge. The camp also provides enriching and educational entertainment on a daily basis to keep our youth both engaged and active in the summer months.





# LIBRARY



## HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is a welcoming community resource for all residents seeking reading materials in various formats, research materials for school projects and life-long learning, items for leisure and entertainment, access to computers and the internet, and great programming for all ages. The friendly staff provides personalized services to aid in research, assist with computer skills or find that just-right book. But there is so much more that happens here!

The Library has long served as the community center for Ellington. Residents come to the library for more than just the items on the shelves or even the programs offered here. Community groups hold their meetings here, tutors teach their students here, students of all ages work on their group projects here, and friends and neighbors meet and catch up here. They enjoy and use the library as a space to collaborate, interact and connect.

No matter how you choose to use your library we hope you visit often and leave with a smile on your face!

## SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library, as the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, provides all residents with materials and opportunities for education and entertainment. The collection consists of items in many formats, including books, periodicals, newspapers, eBooks and eaudiobooks, digital magazines, music and audiobooks on CDs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online databases and reference materials, and specialty items such as cake pans and lawn games. For materials not found in these collections 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, digital scanners, fax machine, digital microfilm reader/printer, computer lab, notary service, passport acceptance service, exam proctoring, and meeting spaces 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 provides a variety of programs for residents of all ages. Story time sessions are offered for children from 9 months to 5 years old. Activities 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

**Programs and Services:** A full range of programming for all ages was provided for our 78,015 visitors during FY22-23.

Summer programming, with the theme of "Oceans of Possibilities", featured fun activities for all ages. All summer programming was once again generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

For children, preschool story hours were held, and the Reading to the Dogs program continued to be a hit. The annual Holiday Ornament Workshop was held on Winterfest weekend. The Chess Ninjas kids' chess club was led by members of the Ellington Chess Mates from the Senior Center. New offerings included cursive writing workshops, Lego Club, and Pokémon Club. And Santa's helpers answered children's letters to Santa.

Teens participated in the Teen Advisory Board, providing ideas for programs and materials, decorating the bulletin board and teen area and volunteering at community events. In conjunction with the Youth Services Department, the Library hosted a creative writing series. The Young Adult book collection has been undergoing a massive reclassification project that is generifying titles for easier access.

For adults, a variety of informational and entertaining programs were offered. Topics included intros to reiki, tai chi and qi gong, retirement and estate planning topics, recycling and electric rates, and a series of animal/nature programs in conjunction with the Trails Committee. The Historical Society presented an informative program about the history of the Swiss community in Ellington that was so popular two sessions were held. They also presented on the history of the Hall Family schools. Movie showings, cooking classes, the creative writing group and the ever-popular Friday night Coffeehouse musical series were offered. The garden seed swap was held again, and a plant swap was added. New this year was a series of beginner quilting workshops hosted by members of the Ellington Country Quilters. A winter reading challenge for adults and teens was a big hit. The "Blind Date with a Book" program featured a variety of books wrapped in paper—hence the "blind" in blind date. The Mysteries and More Book Discussion group met monthly to enjoy an eclectic range of titles. A series of fiction titles explored the lives of wives in different time periods and social settings. Copies of titles in both print and digital formats were provided for the 15 community book discussion groups that met throughout the year. The Knit and Natter handcraft group and the Bridge Club met weekly, and the Veteran's Coffeehouse met monthly.

The artistic endeavors of the High School and Middle School Art students hung in the Library hallway exhibit space in the spring. The Art Honor Society held their induction ceremony in the McKnight Room.

In the Reference Room the Librarians assisted patrons with their computer and internet needs, including navigating the unemployment benefits system, job searching and resumes, mastering Zoom meetings and ebooks, and the always challenging income tax filing season. An area for patrons to conduct job interviews via Zoom was offered in the meeting room.

An exciting new collection of Adventure Kits was begun, funded by a grant from the Institute for Museums and Libraries and the Connecticut State Library, augmented by the Friends of the Library. Each Adventure Kit includes a variety of things to use and do—make crepes in France, listen to mariachi music in Mexico, search for treasure, try out gardening or fishing, or sing to your favorite karaoke songs—as well as a resource guide to help you explore the topic further. The star-gazing kit includes a telescope donated by the Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford.

The Library now has a self-serve Media Conversion Center that allows for conversion of old VHS or camera film into digital files. The equipment is available, to use for free, as well as DVDs, SD cards, and USB drives for sale. The center runs on a first come first serve basis; basic instruction will be provided.



Library Exhibit at Cultural Diversity Night



Ellington Singers Holiday Concert

**Staff:** Two new staff members were welcomed, Ethan Poetsch LAI and Heather Nosack LAII. An MLS student intern from SCSU spent her spring semester at HML, working on programming and learning the ins and outs of public libraries.

**Building and Grounds:** The Library routinely serves as the community cooling or warming center during times of extreme weather. With the sporadic power outages caused by bouts of severe weather throughout the year, the Library welcomed residents and served as a work place, electronics charging place, cooling/heating center and even fresh water source.

**Collaborations:** The Library is pleased to continue to collaborate with and host the activities of the Veteran's Coffeehouse, Ellington Unified, the Parks and Rec Department, The Board of Education, Youth Services Department, Human Services Department, Ellington Trails Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion as well as the wide variety of community groups and organizations who use the meeting rooms.

Girl Scout Troop 10725 hosted Sunday crafternoon craft sessions. The Ellington Singers held their Christmas and a spring concert here. For Ellington Farm Day, the Library welcomed some feathered friends in an exhibit of incubating and hatching chicken eggs. For Ellington Community Wide Unified Week sensory-friendly movies were offered.

Library continued to work with the school media specialists to provide both physical and digital materials for students and teachers, and to issue library cards for access.

Teen/YA Librarian Ashley Dabbondanza worked with the Youth Services Department to design and present a series of programs for Tweens, including a creative writing group, cooking workshops and sign language classes.

Staff from the Human Services Department held office hours in the McKnight Room once a month.

The Library was pleased to host a display of 1,000 paper cranes, made by students in grades 4, 5, 6 students at Ellington Public Schools. Cranes were strung by EHS Class of 2022 and hung by HML staff and custodian. The cranes were a project done in memory of Pranit Chakravorty, an Ellington student, and inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki and the tradition of folding cranes for peace and hope. The cranes made a striking display in the main floor skylight.

The Friends of the Library continued to be an integral part of the library operation, funding the summer reading programs and subscriptions for passes to area cultural attractions, maintaining the armillary planter, and providing funding to expand the lawn games collection and to help develop the exciting new adventure kits. In addition to funds raised through the Book Cellar and the book fair sale tables, the ever-popular Minigolf in the Library event returned, providing a great day of pizza, photos, magic, and minigolf for more than 450 people.

**Outreach:** The Library participated in the Ellington Historical Society Fall Festival, the Trails Committee/Lions Club Trail to Treats, and Trick or Treat at the Y and YMCA Healthy Kids Day. At the Earth Day booth, participants created recycled planting pots, learned sustainable gardening tips, and lawn games were enjoyed by all. An array of books and materials was displayed at the Culture Diversity Night sponsored by Girl Scouts Troop 10737 at Arbor Park. Children's Librarian Pat Grundman did weekly summer story hours at Educational Playcare and a session at the Recreation Department summer day camp.

Winterfest was held on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, and kicked off with a concert of holiday music presented by the Ellington Singers. Saturday's events drew a festive crowd on the Green and at the various venues around the town center, while at the Library music students from the high School and Windermere performed and the Library Board served refreshment.

## HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNIVERSARIES

This year, 2022, marked the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the newly expanded Hall Memorial Library. During those 30 years much has changed in the library world—computers and the internet, DVDs and ebooks, databases and Zoom. Here we have seen expanded library hours, services and programming. And for the building, new carpeting, restroom renovations and solar panels. At the heart of all this remains the dedication of the staff and Board to our community and their information and reading needs. November 11, 2022 marked the 119th anniversary of the dedication of the original Hall Memorial Library. We are proud to continue the dream of Francis Hall to provide the best Library services for our great town and to serve as a valued community resource and destination.

## STATISTICS 2021-2022

### CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	33,030
Young Adult Books and Periodicals .....	2,471
Children's Books and Periodicals.....	32,269
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials .....	12,022
Digital (ebooks, eaudio, etc.).....	16,764
Museum Passes.....	368
TOTAL.....	96,924

### COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	31,356
Young Adult Books and Periodicals .....	2,380
Children's Books and Periodicals.....	23,100
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials .....	9,279
Databases .....	22
TOTAL.....	66,137

### REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults.....	5,636
Young Adults .....	366
Children.....	1,138
TOTAL.....	7,140



1000 Paper Xranes



New Adventure Kits Ready to Go!



Fun at Minigolf 2023



Look What I Found in the Library of Things



# SOCIAL SERVICES

## HUMAN SERVICES

### PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Human Services is the Town's principal agency for providing social service needs to Ellington families, adults, and seniors. This includes help with heating and food assistance, back to school and holiday programs, advocacy, referrals, and assistance with state and federal benefits. Human Services consists of a full-time Director, a full time Elderly Outreach/Social Worker, and a full time a full time Administrative Assistant.

### DIRECT SERVICES

Direct services provided by the department include active, hands-on involvement with processing information or determining eligibility for programs. Programs include Energy Assistance, Renters Rebate, Food Bank, SNAP (food stamps), Fuel Bank (fuel delivery or shut off assistance), Benefits Counseling (Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid), Back to School Assistance, Holiday Assistance, Camperships, Salvation Army and other discretionary programs. Most programs require income and residency information. Some also require proof of assets.

### 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 Community Council (Transportation, Counseling & Food Pantry), Interval House (Domestic Violence Shelter), Big Brother Big Sister, YWCA/ Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Cornerstone Foundation (Homeless Shelter), Amplify, Inc. (formerly the North Central Regional Mental Health Board), and Access Community Action Agency (Nutrition Programs, Affordable Housing Programs, Job Readiness).

### MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

The Human Services Director is the Municipal Agent for the Elderly. This statutorily required position's charge is to disseminate information to elderly persons, assist such persons in learning about community resources and publicize such resources and benefits. Additionally, they are to assist with applying for federal and other benefits, as well as report to the chief elected official or chief executive officer of the municipality, and the CT State Department of Aging and Disability Services, any needs and problems of the elderly and any recommendations for action to improve services to the elderly.

### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY (Grandma's Pantry)

Grandma's Pantry is dedicated in memory of Estelle Williamson, an Ellington resident for 57 years and a lifelong advocate of those in need. The pantry continues her mission that no person to go to bed hungry. The Food Pantry is available to anyone with emergency food needs, 24/7/365. The pantry usage is consistent and proves to be



a valuable resource. Human Services is very appreciative of the kindness and generosity shown by the community members who stock the pantry with nonperishable foods.

### SUMMER PRODUCE CART (Grampa's Garden)

Ellington Human Services is now offering all varieties of fresh produce for residents in need. This pilot program began in July 2022 and was very well received. The produce offerings are generously donated from members of the community and are located outside of the Human Services building.



### VETERANS COFFEEHOUSE

The Veterans Coffeehouse is a monthly gathering of Veterans from all branches of military service for coffee & conversation. A different guest speaker joins each month to discuss various military related topics. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at Hall Memorial Library at 10:30am. Last fall the Coffeehouse and Human Services collaborated on a "Save a Suit" drive. The Save a Suit Organization collects business attire for both men and women for Veterans returning to work. The drive was a huge success!

### HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Per the Town Charter, the Human Services Commission acts as an advocate of the physical and mental health needs as well as the social service needs of the community. They investigate such needs and assist both the public and private agencies in procuring health and social services for the town residents, provided that such assistance is requested. The Human Services Commission is also charged with reviewing funding requests from various service providers in an attempt to deliver quality service in the interest of meeting resident needs.

### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (Ellington for Everyone)

Their mission is to promote a community that ensures welcoming attitudes, inclusion, equity, affirmation, and respect of diversity in Ellington. In June 2023 the committee organized their second Signing Day Event at Ellington High School. Signing Day celebrates all students' post-graduation endeavors. In addition, the committee created informational cards to distribute at community events.

### NOTABLE STATISTICS FOR 2022-2023

- 40 families/individuals utilized Food Bank monthly (average).
- 146 families/individuals received food baskets/grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving.
- 68 children and 51 senior/disabled persons received gift cards to department stores and 114 families/individuals received grocery gift cards for the Holidays.
- 226 Energy Assistance applications processed.
- 76 Renters Rebate applications processed.
- 361 Information/Referrals. (Including but not limited to advocacy, case management, benefit enrollment etc.)
- 12 Community Outreach Events (Earth Day, Farmer's Market, Trail of Treats, Snipsic Village, Hall Memorial Library, Senior Center)



# ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

It has been a year of growth, accomplishments, and unwavering dedication to our mission of enhancing the lives of seniors in our community. Through the collective efforts of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, we have continued to provide essential services, foster social connections, and promote the overall well-being of our senior population.

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center welcomes individuals to join us at 40 Maple Street who are at least 55 years old. Our mission is to help participants maintain their independence, dignity and self-respect and productivity through participation in recreational, social, nutritional, educational and informational programs that promote healthy aging.

## CONTACT US

Please contact the Senior Center at (860) 870-3133 for further information.

Monday: 8:30am-6:00pm Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm, Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm

The monthly newsletter and calendar, "Maple Street Monthly" is available on the town's website <http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct>. If residents do not have access to the website, please call us to request a copy mailed to you. Copies are also available at the Senior Center during business hours or in a drop box in the front of the center. You may also find us on Facebook and YouTube.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Two grants were awarded from North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc., for EMATS, The Ellington Medical Transportation Appointments Services and The Maple Street Café, meals program under The Nutritional Partnership Project. The Senior Center also receives a 5310 grant from the DOT for a 12-passenger mini-bus and monies from a Municipal Grant Program for the transportation program.

## STAFFING

The Senior Center is staffed by a full-time Director, Assistant Director and an Administrative Secretary. Part-time staff includes Transportation Drivers, Program Assistant and a Kitchen Manager. Several volunteers also perform a variety of duties to support the center.

## TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Transportation services are offered to residents who are age eligible. To meet the age eligibility requirement a person must be at least 55 years old or between the ages of 18-59 and receive Social Security Disability benefits. Transportation services for residents include rides for social, nutritional, recreational and educational programs. Transportation services include rides to grocery stores, banking, post-office and for non-emergency medical appointments. The Senior Center has provided 1759 rides.

## NUTRITION

The Maple Street Café is open three days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Meals are cooked in house by staff and volunteers. All meals are cooked to order and are a \$5.00 suggested donation. Le Petit Café is a standalone self-service venue that allows individuals to purchase items at a low-cost fee. Such items are snacks, drinks, baked goods etc. The Senior Center also offers breakfast Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the summer months and Monday mornings the remainder of the year. The Senior Center has a Holiday Dinner and St. Patrick's Day Dinner and a summer cookout every year which provides a meal and entertainment.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The Red Cross sponsors Blood Drives, Monthly Podiatry clinics. Fall Prevention Classes are held quarterly. Flu Shot/Vaccination Clinics are held in the fall sponsored by Urgent Care of Ellington. A local hairdresser offers Haircuts monthly, weekly Hand Massages and Blood Pressure Clinics are offered. Several seminars that focus on Health and Wellness topics that are related to the senior population are offered several times throughout the year. The Senior Center has a Medical Loan Closet where individuals can borrow durable medical equipment to offset medical costs.

## FITNESS PROGRAMS

Walking, Hiking, Meditation, Yoga, Chair Yoga, Chair Exercises, Chair Volleyball, Stretch and Strengthen Exercises, and Tai Chi are offered.

## SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Ellington Singers, Spring Musical and Winterfest Performances, Carving Club, Knitting, Crafts, Creative Writing, Bridge, Setback, Billiards, Shuffleboard, Chess, Horseshoes, Ladder ball, Corn Hole, Board Games, Movies, Voice and Piano Lessons, Acrylics on Canvas, Wii Bowling and Adult Coloring. Trips are offered for day outings, overnight excursions, and cruises. Concerts and cookouts are held during the summer along with Pizza and Ice Cream Socials.

## EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

State Legislative Informational Updates, Elderly Social Worker Informational Sessions, AARP Smart Driver Education Classes, AARP Income Tax Preparation, History for Fun and TES (Technology, Education, and Design) Talks. Lending Library, Ask the Realtor, Ask the Financial Advisor and Ask the Lawyer, Medicare Seminars, Will and Estate Seminars, IPAD Lending Program, One-on-One Technology assistance. Book Signings by local authors. Representatives from town departments present programs on services offered by the town.

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

The Senior Center staff is grateful for over 35 active volunteers who do a variety of tasks and programs. Our volunteer base grew, enabling us to extend our reach and enhance the quality of services. Volunteers played a crucial role in organizing events and assisting with daily operations.

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	Attendees
Arts and Crafts	658
Cards and Games	3,872
Fitness, Health and Wellness	3,189
Nutrition	2,831
Recreation	190
Social	1,112
Special Event	892
Technology Assistance	36
Trips	112
Transportation	1759
<b>Total Event Sign-Ins</b>	<b>12,959</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>27,067</b>

# YOUTH SERVICES

## PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Ellington 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 young adults 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 full-time youth assistant director, a part-time program coordinator, a part-time prevention coordinator, program instructors, Ellington Unified advisors, and volunteers.

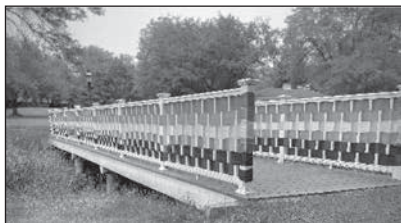
## HIGHLIGHTS

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 2022-2023-year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had a total of approximately 14,000 children and their families participate in the following programs in school presentations, afterschool programs, outreach, and other events.

**Programs:** We provided 85 programs for 2022-23 year with about 700 participants.

**In-school Services:** SOS Program: Suicide Prevention Program was presented to in person students in 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades about 1200 students. The Gizmo program, which is a mental health awareness program, was presented to all 3rd grade students in the Ellington School District which has about 190 students. We also worked with 6 K-2 classrooms with Kind Farm and 7 5th and 6th grade classrooms for Mind Up. In addition, we provided 2 days of healthy relationship presentations at the high school and two days of internet safety presentations at the middle school. We worked with the BASES program and other programs with the schools.

**Outreach to the Community** is a very strong component of Youth Services. This past year we, tables at Farmer Markets to distribute resources, Pride Bridge in Arbor Park, You are Not Alone Mural, Earth Day, Social Media Campaigns and DPYC clean up events. We had many of our materials shared and used by community members. We were at open houses at middle and high school giving out about 300 informational bags, parenting series including topics of anxiety, marijuana, and vaping. In addition, we began a new campaign to focus on mental health in athletics called Change the Game. EYS Staff



were able to create a resource for coaches and led several yoga sessions with our high school boys' soccer, boys' baseball and boys' and girls' tennis teams.

**Juvenile Review Board and Truancy Board:** Youth Services director is a member of Juvenile Review and truancy boards. These boards meet once a month to help members of the Ellington Community in assessment, case management and referrals. Additional EYS Staff work with the JRB to conduct prevention sessions with about 10 clients throughout the school year.

**Ellington Unified** believes that everyone should have a sense of belonging and a part within our community. By connecting families, schools, and community through activities, advocacy, and support. Our hope is to strengthen the Ellington Community for youth with disabilities and their families. This year we contracted out for Unified Advisor and created wonderful programs for youth and their families to participate in including unified Karate, basketball, dance, and crafts. We also worked hard to have our first community wide unified week in partnership with the schools and community businesses.



**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. This year we sponsored programs at high school and middle school, including leadership programs, parent education presentation on internet safety and resources on mental health for the high school check in event.

**EYS Alliance** is 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 12th year. This year the group ran activities at fall festival, trail of treats, Earth Day, middle school dodgeball, check in event for the high school, and volunteered at unified events.



# CHANGE THE GAME

MENTAL HEALTH IN ATHLETICS

@ELLINGTONYOUTHSERVICES  
@ELLINGTONATHLETICS

# BOARD OF EDUCATION



Ellington schools, with support from central office and the broader community, worked hard to engage all students in meaningful and rigorous learning this year. The following is a summary of action steps and strategies from the 2021-22 school year.

## HIGH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING (HQTL)

- Complete learning walks at all schools attended by teachers and administrators to build collective vision of the instructional core and excellence in teaching and learning, share best practices, and reflect on student engagement. Nineteen administrators and 35 teachers visited 70 classrooms during district learning walks this year.
- Reflect on progress within core instruction and programming in support of the Vision of a Graduate at all levels, elementary through high school. Reflect on how tasks assigned to students affect progress toward academic excellence and student development, especially at the middle school level.
- Continue to strengthen intervention practices K-8 with a focus on targeted goals for intervention, documenting progress, flexible grouping, and whole-team ownership and collaboration for student support(s).
- Review science curriculum scope and sequence and alignment with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), especially in grades six through nine. Plan for program adjustments to improve student outcomes.

## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (EI)

- Train all school staff in our emotional intelligence tool—RULER. Prepare to leverage emotional intelligence in students to promote well-being and readiness for collaboration and rigorous learning. At Windermere, practice application of four emotional intelligence strategies (Charter, Mood Meter, Meta-Moment, and Blueprint) at Windermere. Use RULER lessons and strategies to support students in wellness and readiness for collaboration and academic engagement.
- Continue to embed Seeds of Civility in school culture, classroom practices, and processing of behaviors. Equip students for challenging conversations by explicitly practicing the Seeds' norms. Model Seeds of Civility at all levels demonstrating openness to diverse perspectives and common goals in relation to issues of concern in the district.
- Continue to develop engagement and responsibility within the culture of the middle school and high schools. Align teacher expectations and support of common standards of behavior, reducing disciplinary infractions and disruptions to students' learning experiences, including the climate and culture in common spaces.
- Provide multiple opportunities for students K-12 to move through a continuum of social and emotional services in specialized programs within the district to minimize disruption to their academic achievements.

## EFFICIENT OPERATIONS (EO)

- Continue to focus on maintaining adequate staffing by promoting and advertising our open positions, promoting healthy work environment and positive communication.
- Ensure design process for Windermere Elementary School has robust input from end-users, complete referendums for construction bonding.
- Develop a comprehensive plan for addressing HVAC systems in all the schools the next 5-10 years.
- Continue to develop and ensure success of ongoing Shared Services initiatives with the Town.

## EPS VISION

Ellington Public Schools grows exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world.

## EPS MISSION

Ellington Public Schools creates a culture of learning that challenges and inspires all students on their personalized educational journeys.

## EPS CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

- 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.

## ELLINGTON VISION OF THE GRADUATE

Ellington Public Schools' Graduates will develop the skills that will allow them to be exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world.

Ellington Public Schools develop students who are:

### Self-directed and Reflective Learners

- Pursues learning in areas of personal interest
- Sets goals to advance learning based on reflection and feedback
- Demonstrates perseverance and flexibility in pursuing goals

### Involved Citizens

- Participates and contributes to the enhancement of community life
- Pursues opportunities to learn about other cultures and different points of view
- Demonstrates awareness of the impact of personal actions on others and the world

### Co-Creators and Collaborators

- Works synergistically and equitably to achieve a common goal
- Recognizes their own and other perspectives to enrich their learning

### Problem Solvers and Innovators

- Engages in inquiry around real-world problems
- Translates ideas into actionable solutions
- Takes intellectual risks
- Thinks divergently

### Effective Communicators

- Communicates ideas in compelling, impactful ways
- Demonstrates an awareness of audience and adjusts style and tone accordingly



# ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2023



## CLASS OFFICERS

Melissa Ryan, *President*  
 Anna Guerette, *Vice President*  
 Olivia Tebbetts, *Secretary*  
 Samantha Norton, *Social Chair*  
 Ankit Roy, *Class Representative*

Bader Abushaqra  
 Ashira Chanel Andrews  
 Nathan Asante Ansong  
 Ethan Joseph Araujo  
 Starla E. Aregood  
 Fiona Keane Armstrong  
 Amos John Gottfred Bahler  
 Mitchell Wade Bahler  
 Grace H. Baker  
 Rhianna Bauman  
 Eric J. Bava  
 Samantha G. Beaulieu  
 Spiro Berdebes  
 Nathan Beturne  
 Andrew R. Bilbie  
 Brendan P. Birmingham  
 Cynthia L. Blinn  
 Abraham Marshall Borst†  
 Caleb Boucher  
 Mikhail A. Bruno  
 Angelica Zaren Burce  
 Midori Grace Cannon  
 Ella Grace Carvell  
 Drew Anthony Casella  
 Jason G. Chapman  
 Tyler Chapman  
 Hunter James Chipman  
 Lidia Cirillo  
 Orion Colón  
 Thomas Patrick Costello  
 Piper Couture  
 Caitlin Virginia Covino  
 Chance E. Crandall  
 Emma Arlene Critchley  
 Allyson Olivia Currier  
 Samuel Currier  
 Emily J. Dagon  
 Callista Deane  
 Ryan William Delaney  
 Molly Grace Deptula  
 Kevin J. Desrocher  
 Ryan A. Dieterle†  
 Brooke D. Diwinsky  
 Conor A. Dobrowolski  
 William Dodge  
 Abigael Evelyn Drury  
 Emily M. Dubord  
 Avery Westcot Dwyer  
 Bridget F. Eckels  
 Joshua Einsiedel  
 Nicholas Evan Elsass  
 Shane Engler

Natalie Jennifer Ewald  
 Laurel P. Feindel  
 Katelyn S. Figueroa\*  
 Samuel J. Forst  
 Kieran Christopher Foster  
 Tyler Cole Fuska  
 Lakshita Ganesh Kumart  
 Jaliya Garcia  
 Joseph D. Gargiulo  
 Abigail L. Gendron  
 Jason Matthew Gentile  
 Hannah J. Gerber  
 Piper Gerhauser  
 John Whitson Gerlach  
 Jonathan Driscoll Gilnack  
 Joshua Louis Goodman  
 Katelyn N. Gottier  
 Hannah D. Grimes  
 Anna Grace Guerette  
 Caroline Lynne Gunnoud  
 Matthew W. Harris  
 Jasiah Hayes  
 Mackenzie Lynn Helbig  
 Mikayla E. Helin  
 John Hintze  
 Amanda G. Hinze  
 Gregory B. Hisel  
 Owen M. Hoffman  
 Atul Jaishankar  
 Coii N. James  
 Mads P. Jensen  
 Emil R. Johnson  
 Ayden M. Jones  
 Alexander D. Josevski  
 Shawn Judd  
 Sai Utkarsh Reddy Kaput  
 Natalie Rose Kiessling  
 Jacob F. Kindall  
 Colton A. Koehler  
 Rai Kumart  
 Aidan E. Ladr  
 Hunter S. Laforest  
 William J. Lally  
 Caroline Elizabeth LaMalva  
 Corbin Thomas Lanz  
 Tayvia Virleece Larocque-Clay  
 Braden M. Late  
 Amarion Daniel Lee  
 Emma Rose Lipman  
 Devin Christopher Lonsberry  
 Kate Lynn Ludwig

Landon Joseph Luginbuhl  
 Ana Francesca Lundberg  
 Kevin Lunsford  
 Kyle Warren Lunsford  
 Brett W. Lussier  
 Aiden S. Madore  
 Dominic Mafuz  
 Aiman Malik  
 Ethan Mallett  
 Kathleen Mandeville  
 Dante Mangiafico  
 Maya R. Margelony  
 Megan C. Margelony  
 Natalie Ann Marshall  
 Nicholas T. Martino  
 Sydney K. Matz  
 Amadeo Mazzotta  
 Angelina Maria Miller  
 Elijah Miller  
 Ian Monahan  
 Harin Moon  
 Emilie Kailyn Morrisette  
 Evan Micheal Morrow  
 Christina Noel Munn  
 Cody Michael Murphy  
 Asanio Dionisi Myrie  
 Syed Abdullah Nadeem  
 Sivasree Nagavarapu  
 William A. Naraghi  
 Jack Francis Neves  
 Thuy Nguyen  
 Korynne M. Nomee  
 Samantha M. Norton  
 Anna M. Olender  
 Peyton Haiz Olson  
 Nailah Oyarzun  
 Divyesh Paladugu  
 Erica Paparian  
 Gillian Grace Paseka  
 Johnathan Douglas Paton  
 Olivia R. Patterson  
 Evan S. Pelley  
 Daris Pon Mohan Kumart  
 Ava Suzanne Powell  
 Shaelin Amy Rathburn  
 Maxwell G. Raymond  
 Cecelia Elise Redford  
 Shayla Mae Regan  
 Michael F. Rein  
 Benson D. Reutter  
 Cassandra Rice

Evan C. Robbins  
 Ely Rocheleau  
 Imani Shaylin Rogers  
 Noah D. Rogers  
 Ankit Roy†  
 Madelyn Sun Roy  
 Melissa A. Ryan  
 Lauren M. Sardinha  
 Bradley Carl Sawka  
 Linus Schenke  
 Evan M. Schmidt  
 Elliott James Shannon  
 Nicholas R. Shepard  
 Julia Lynn Sikora  
 Gabriel N. Simon  
 Anna Victoria Sirois  
 Isabell Rose Skrzyzniarz  
 Alexis Smith  
 Damian S. Smith  
 Thomas L. Soule, V  
 Hannah D. Spivey  
 Kyleen E. Spivey  
 John Kemble Sprague  
 Annika Marie Stimact  
 William C. Stocker  
 Mikalah N. Svalestad  
 Holden A. Tait  
 Olivia Morgan Tebbetts†  
 Camden Thomas  
 Gina Gabrielle Transki  
 Breanna L. Ulrich  
 Emma L. Van Tasel  
 Andrew J. Velasquez  
 Nicolas Samuel Velasquez  
 Benjamin P. Viviano  
 Sophia Vrakas  
 Noelle Wan  
 Olivia C. Welch  
 Ryan Thomas Wheeler  
 Elise S. Whelan†  
 Lilah J. White  
 Shane C. Wilkos Jr.  
 Amare J. Williams  
 Ava Grace Wilson  
 Hannah Grace Wojcik  
 Julia Yarnot  
 Dayvon Anthony Ya-shar-ah-lah  
 Sahasra B. Yellapragada  
 Nadia Mercedes Zaffanella  
 Natalie Grace Zahner  
 Olivia Joy Zahner

## † Class Scholar

*Students who attained honor roll status each quarter during his/her high school career are wearing Silver Honor Cords.*

*Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society are wearing Gold Honor Cords.*

*Students who attended National History Day in Washington, D.C. are wearing Black/Yellow/Red Honor Cords.*

*Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society are wearing Black/White Honor Cords. Members of the Société Honoraire de Français are wearing Blue/White/Red Honor Cords.*

*Members of the National Art Honor Society are wearing Rainbow Honor Cords. Members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society are wearing Pink Honor Cords.*

*Student Council Officers are wearing White Honor Cords. Senior Class Officers are wearing Black Honor Cords.*

*Link Crew Members are wearing Navy Cords. Capstone project students are wearing Lavender cords. National Latin Society are wearing Purple/Gold Cords.*

*La Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica are wearing Red/Gold Cords. Best Buddies are wearing Yellow/Orange Cords*

*\*Congratulations to Katelyn Figueroa for Enlistment in the United States Army*

# PEOPLE SERVING YOU

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## TOWN DEPARTMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION

**First Selectman:** Lori L. Spielman

**Town Administrator:** Matthew Reed

**Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator:**

Julia Connor

**Human Resources Coordinator:** LouAnn Cannella

**Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary:**

Rebecca Einsiedel

### ANIMAL CONTROL

**Animal Control Officer:** Barbara Murdach

**Assistant Animal Control Officer:** Kathy Kane-DiBacco

**Assistant Animal Control Officer:** James Lockhart

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**Assessor:** John Rainaldi

**Deputy Assessor:** Laura Plona

**Administrative Assessment Technician:** Holly Petronella

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

**Administrative Secretary II:** Ginger MacHattie

### ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

**Emergency Medical Technicians:** Deborah Landry-Schiessl, FT;

Erin Meikle, FT; Kerri Cushing, PT; Collin Hall, PT;

Kylie Logan, PT

**Per Diem Staff:** Chad Adams, Olivia Alvesteffer, Abigail

Edelstein, Kim Gambacorta, Michael Girard, Aiden Ghiroli,

Kaila Morrow, Rachel Oakes, April Phelps, Caitlin Sutyak,

Noah Welti, Kimberly Winalski

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**Emergency & Risk Management Director:** Walter Lee

**Deputy Director:** John Streiber

**Deputy Director:** Frederica Weeks

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Finance Officer/Treasurer:** Tiffany Pignataro

**Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer:** Felicia LaPlante

**Accounting/Payroll Specialist:** Scott Naylor

**Accounting Assistant:** Patricia Choiniere

### FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

**Fire Marshal:** James York

**Deputy Fire Marshal:** Sydney Kern

**Fire Inspector II:** Gary Buzzell

**Burning Officials:** James York, Sydney Kern, Gary Buzzell

### HUMAN SERVICES

**Director of Human Services:** Rebecca Stack

**Elderly Outreach Social Worker:** Stephen Clapp

**Human Services Assistant:** Kelly Hearn

### LIBRARY (Hall Memorial Library)

**Director:** Susan Phillips

**Children's Librarian:** Patricia Grundman

**Reference Librarian/Program Coordinator:** Francie Berger

**Library Assistant II:** Lisa Kuraska, Lisa Giaquinto, Cheryl

Chamberlin, Luci Pantuosco, Patricia Brudz

**Library Assistant I:** Gay Szumyk, Laurie Wormstedt, Lindsay

McKeegan, Tara Clynch, Ethan Poetsch, Heather Nosack

**Reference Librarians:** Linda Callahan, Michelle Farella

**Teen/Reference Librarian:** Ashley Dabbondanza

**Bookkeeper/Recording Secretary:** Rhonda Villanova

**Pages:** Anna Bahler, Jacob Christopher, Xavier Riddle

**MUNICIPAL AGENT:** Rebecca Stack

### NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Director of Recreation:** Dustin Huguenin

**Assistant Director of Recreation:** Mary Bartley

**Recreation Coordinator:** Kevin Barrett

**Administrative Secretary I:** Tina Modzelewski

**Recreation Program Assistant:** Vacant

### 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, *Resident State Troopers' Office Supervisor*

Tpr. Justine Cedergren

Tpr. Joe Fratini

TFC. Tyler Burnell

Tpr. Stephanie Gurski

**Town Police Officers:**

Bart Alexander; Michael Bard; John Barth; Aaron Blank;

Theodore Branon; Donald Bridge; Arthur Carlson, III;

Edward "Joe" Decker; James Desso; Jeffrey Duda, SRO;

Jose Martinez; Mark Estes; Stephen Estes; Kevin Furbush;

James Keeney

**School Resource Officers:** Jeffrey Duda

**Marine Police Officers:** Allen Bump, Sebastian Magnano,

John Streiber

**Police Support Administrator:** Edward "Joe" Decker

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Director of Public Works:** Tom Modzelewski

**Administrative Assistant II:** Carolyn Kidney

**Foreman:** Taylor Olson

**Assistant Foreman:** Kevin Gambacorta

**Crew Chief/Grounds:** Bob Ouellette

**Lead Mechanic:** Saxon Marselli

**Mechanic II:** Perry Dikeman, Patrick Roy, Ronald Moser

**Maintainer I:** Colton DuBois, Denis Giroux, John Hoffman,  
Spencer Hutchinson, Keith Jarvis, Cody Langlois, Gregory  
Miano, James Muratori, Jason Suchecki, Christopher Stanley  
**Lead Custodian:** Kim Gallicchio  
**Custodians:** Gary Berube, Victoria Brooks, Dana DiNallo  
**Recycling and Refuse Manager:** Samuel Saunders  
**Brush Drop-off Facility Attendant:** Michael Messier

#### RECORDING SECRETARIES

**Permanent Building Committee:** Christina Shackford  
**Board of Finance:** Elizabeth Luginbuhl  
**Land Use Boards/Commissions:** Nathaniel Trask

#### SENIOR CENTER

**Senior Center Director:** Sheila Grady  
**Senior Center Assistant Director:** Samantha Baer  
**Senior Center Administrative Secretary II:** Erica Botti  
**Senior Center Program Assistant:** Marjorie Richardson  
**Senior Center Kitchen Manager:** Michael Castro  
**Senior Center Lead Van Driver:** Kenneth McCarthy  
**Senior Center Van Drivers:** Eugene Allard, Louis Fleck,  
James Clyburn

#### TAX DEPARTMENT

**Tax and Revenue Collector:** Ann Marie Conti  
**Deputy Tax and Revenue Collector:** Ashley Bastien  
**Tax Clerk:** Joann Bolles

#### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:** Donna G. Hosey  
**Assistant Town Clerk/Registrars of Vital Statistics:**  
Margaret Schmidt  
**Assistant Town Clerks (Per Diem):**  
Suzanne Litwin, Courtney Spazzarini  
**Town Clerk Assistant (Per Diem):** Jacquelyn Friedrich

#### 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:** J. R. Russo Surveyors • Engineers

**TREE WARDEN:** Tom Modzelewski

#### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)

**Administrator:** Tom Modzelewski  
**Crew Chief/WPCA:** Phillip Kidney  
**WPCA Technician/Maintainer I:** Sam Hubbard

#### YOUTH SERVICES

**Youth Services Director:** Kristen Harp  
**Assistant Youth Services Director:** Kayla Bahler  
**Prevention Coordinator:** Marque Mercure  
**Program Coordinator:** Jessica Maitland

## ELECTED OFFICIALS (as of June 30, 2023)

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lori L. Spielman, *First Selectman*  
David E. Stavens, *Deputy First Selectman*  
Melinda M. Ferry  
Michael B. Madru  
James M. Prichard  
Ronald F. Stomberg  
John W. Turner

#### TERM EXPIRES

December 2023  
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#### BOARD OF FINANCE

Michael Purcaro, *Chairman*  
David J. Olender, *Vice Chair*  
Peggy Busse  
Barry C. Pinto  
Douglas Harding  
James Fay

December 2023  
December 2023  
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December 2025  
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December 2025

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Dzen, *Chairman*  
Michael Young, *Vice Chairman*  
Gary Blanchette  
Angela Moser  
Elizabeth Nord  
Marcia Kupferschmid  
Jennifer Mullin  
Kerry Socha  
Miriam Underwood  
Steven Viens

November 2025  
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November 2025

#### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Wanda Deland (*Republican*)  
Lois Timms-Ferrara (*Democrat*)

January 2027  
January 2027

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mary E. Blanchette, *Chairman*  
Mary Cone, *Secretary*  
John Halloran, Jr.  
Judy Stomberg  
Janet Wieliczka, *Treasurer*  
Pam McCormick

December 2023  
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#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, *Chairman*  
Sean Kelly, *Vice Chairman*  
William R. Hogan  
Michael Swanson  
Jonathan Moser  
F. Michael Francis  
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.

December 2025  
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December 2023

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Arthur G. Aube, *Chairman*  
Sulakshana N. Thanvanthri, *Vice Chairman*  
Kenneth M. Braga  
Katherine Heminway  
Subhra Roy

December 2023  
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# APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (as of June 30, 2023)

(Term Length – Month of Reappointment)

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

(One year - September)

Brian Cocuzzo, <i>Chairman</i>	Lenora Williams
Trudie Luck Roberts	Anthea Grotton
Paulette Barnes	Juliana Barbosa, <i>Student Rep.</i>
Ramona Puchalski-Piretti	

## AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING

### POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (One year - August)

Kristen Harp	Robin Johnson
Mary Bartley	TFC Tyler Burnell
Michael Nash	John Lally
Amy Darling	Tracy Kearcher
Marque Mercure	Scott Raiola
Sgt. Brian Santa	Oliver Burton, <i>Student Rep.</i>
Leah Coughlin	Viviana Zambrano, <i>Student Rep.</i>
Rebecca Stack	

## AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

(One year - May)

David Arzt, <i>Chairman</i>	J. Albert Breton, Jr.
Jean Burns	Rodger Hosig
Victor Laptik	

## AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

(One year - April)

Katherine Heminway, <i>Chairman</i>	Kay Luginbuhl
Carole Gerber	Alyce Mayer
Karen Hunt	Jennifer Wells

## AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

(One year - April)

Linda Anderson, <i>Chairman</i>	Valerie Amsel
Cynthia van Zelm, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Deanna Wambolt-Gulick
Judi Manfre	Donna Allen
Larrissa Burke	Lindsay Neubecker
William Schultz	

## AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

(One year - February/through December 2023\*)

John Turner, <i>Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative*</i>
Douglas Harding, <i>Board of Finance Representative*</i>
Robert Edwards, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative</i>
Gary Feldman, Sr., <i>Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Rep.</i>
Jack Rich II, <i>Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative</i>
Michael Madru, <i>Board of Selectmen Representative*</i>
Timothy Seitz, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative</i>
Bruce Hoffman, <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative</i>
Walter Lee, <i>Emergency Management Director</i>
Peter Hany, Sr., <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative</i>

## AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (One year - December)

Christian Sauer, <i>Chairman</i>	John Takach, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Ted C. Graziani	Bruce N. Warkentin
Sara K. Landon	Cheryl Samborski
Rhonda Villanova, <i>Secretary</i>	Joseph Boucher
James Lavey	Steven Villanova, John Takach, <i>Student Representatives</i>

## AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE (One year - July)

Dale Roberson	Debby Wallace
Marcia Kupferschmid	Stephen Flickenschild
Jacob Nadeau	

## TERM EXPIRES

### BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (Three years - January)

Karen Neal	2024
Kurt Sullivan	2025
Sherri Czyz	2026

#### Alternates (2 years)

Joseph Malone	2024
Norman Perkins	2025

### BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (Five years - April)

Frank Engel	2024
Dennis Milanovich	2026
Donald Gobeille, Jr.	2027
Howard D. Reckert	2028

## CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT

(Three years - June)

Jacob Nadeau	2023
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## COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Two years - June)

Marc Diwinsky	2024
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## CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL

(One year - August)

Lois Timms-Ferrara ( <i>Alternate</i> )	2023
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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Four years - March)

Rebecca A. Quarno, <i>Chairman</i>	2027
David H. Bidwell, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2025
Sean Dwyer	2026
James Gage	2027
George Nickerson	2025
Robert E. Zielfelder, Jr.	2026
Laurie Burstein	2024
<i>Alternates (2 years)</i>	
Jessica Fay	2024
Ann Harford	2025

## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (Four years - June)

Michele Beaulieu	2025
Gary Chaplin	2025
Ronald F. Stomberg	2024
Katherine Heminway	2025

## DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (Four years - January)

Lois Goodin ( <i>Republican</i> )	2027
Elizabeth Nord ( <i>Democrat</i> )	2027

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(Four years - July)

Sean Kelly, <i>Chairman</i>	2024
Donna Resutek, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2025
Christopher Todd	2023
David Hurley	2026
James Fay	2026
<i>Alternates (Two years - January)</i>	
Amos Smith	2025
Sam Chang	2025
Michael Swanson	2025

	TERM EXPIRES
<b>ETHICS COMMISSION</b> <i>(Four years - January)</i>	
Charles McCleary, <i>Chairman</i>	2025
Derek Reed, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2027
Deb Lynch	2024
Brett Palmer	2024
Kelly Scutt	2026

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b> <i>(Five years - June)</i>	
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	2028
Michael Swanson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2027
Atherton "Joe" Ryan, <i>Secretary</i>	2025
Dennis Varney	2026
Robert Lech	2024

<b>HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION</b> <i>(Four years - January)</i>	
Susan Stack, <i>Chairman</i>	2024
Hocine Baouche	2026
Jessica Fay	2024
Deanna Wambolt-Gulick	2024
Lenora Williams	2026
Deborah Newton	2026

<b>INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY</b> <i>(Four years - January)</i>	
Jean Burns, <i>Chairman</i>	2025
Katherine Heminway	2027
Kenneth Braga	2027
Ron Brown	2025
Arthur G. Aube	2027
Hocine Baouche	2025
Steven J. Hoffman	2027
<i>Alternates (2 years)</i>	
Jonathan Kaczmarek	2024
Ryan Orszulak	2025

<b>INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD</b> <i>(Four years - April)</i>	
Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	2027
Mark Boone	2027
Elizabeth Nord	2025

<b>MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15</b> <i>(Three years - January)</i>	
John H. Lally	2025

<b>NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <i>(Three years - June)</i>	
Dianne Trueb	2025
Fred Journalist	2025

<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION</b> <i>(Four years - January)</i>	
Gordon Oliver, <i>Chairman</i>	2024
Thomas Boscarino	2024
Cynthia Costanzo	2024
Shay Drake	2026
Kevin Hayes	2026
Cheri Murphy	2024
Tara Kozik	2026
Sherryl Kraus	2026
Christopher Weitz	2026

<b>PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE</b> <i>(Four years - February/through November*/December**)</i>	
Peter W. Welti, <i>Chairman</i>	2026
Gary Magnuson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2024
Thomas Adams	2026
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	2026
Dale Gerber	2024
Patrick Stavens	2026
Guy Burns	2024
Ronald Stomberg <i>(BOS Representative)**</i>	2023
Gary Blanchette <i>(BOE Representative)*</i>	2023
James Fay <i>(BOF Representative)**</i>	2023
Sean Kelly <i>(P&amp;Z Representative)**</i>	2023
Tom Modzelewski, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

<b>PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES</b> <i>(Two years - September)</i>	
Rachel Dearborn	2023
Mary Cardin	2023

<b>SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION</b> <i>(Three Years - October/through November*/December 2023**)</i>	
Daniel Keune, <i>Chairman</i>	2024
Christopher Socha, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2023
Tracey Kiff-Judson	2024
Jennifer Dzen <i>(BOE Representative)*</i>	2023
Michael Purcaro <i>(BOF Representative)**</i>	2023
David Stavens <i>(BOS Representative)**</i>	2023

<b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY</b> <i>(Four years - April)</i>	
Daniel J. Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	2025
Paul F. Gilbert	2026
Shawn Koehler	2024
Aaron Foster	2026

<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES</b> <i>(Two years - August)</i>	
Ronald Brown	2023
Rodger Hosig	2024
Ronald F. Stomberg	2024

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Hocine Baouche	Nicole S. Albano
Cynthia Costanzo	Maurice W. Blanchette
Thomas Curtiss	Peter J. Charter
Keith Durao	Christopher C. Davis
Rachel Durao	Ann L. Harford
John M. Giordano	Wayne G. Johnson
John M. Halloran, Jr.	Sean C. Kelly
Lois Timms-Ferrara	Daniel C. Keune
	Laurie Lemek
	Sharon J. McLaughlin
	Lori L. Spielman
	David Stavens
	Ronald F. Stomberg
	Rhonda Villanova
UNAFFILIATED	
James Darby	
Kiel S. Miller	
Christina Marie Morin	
Sylvie Nadeau	
Bettie Jeanne Rivard-Darby	
Elizabeth C. Waters	



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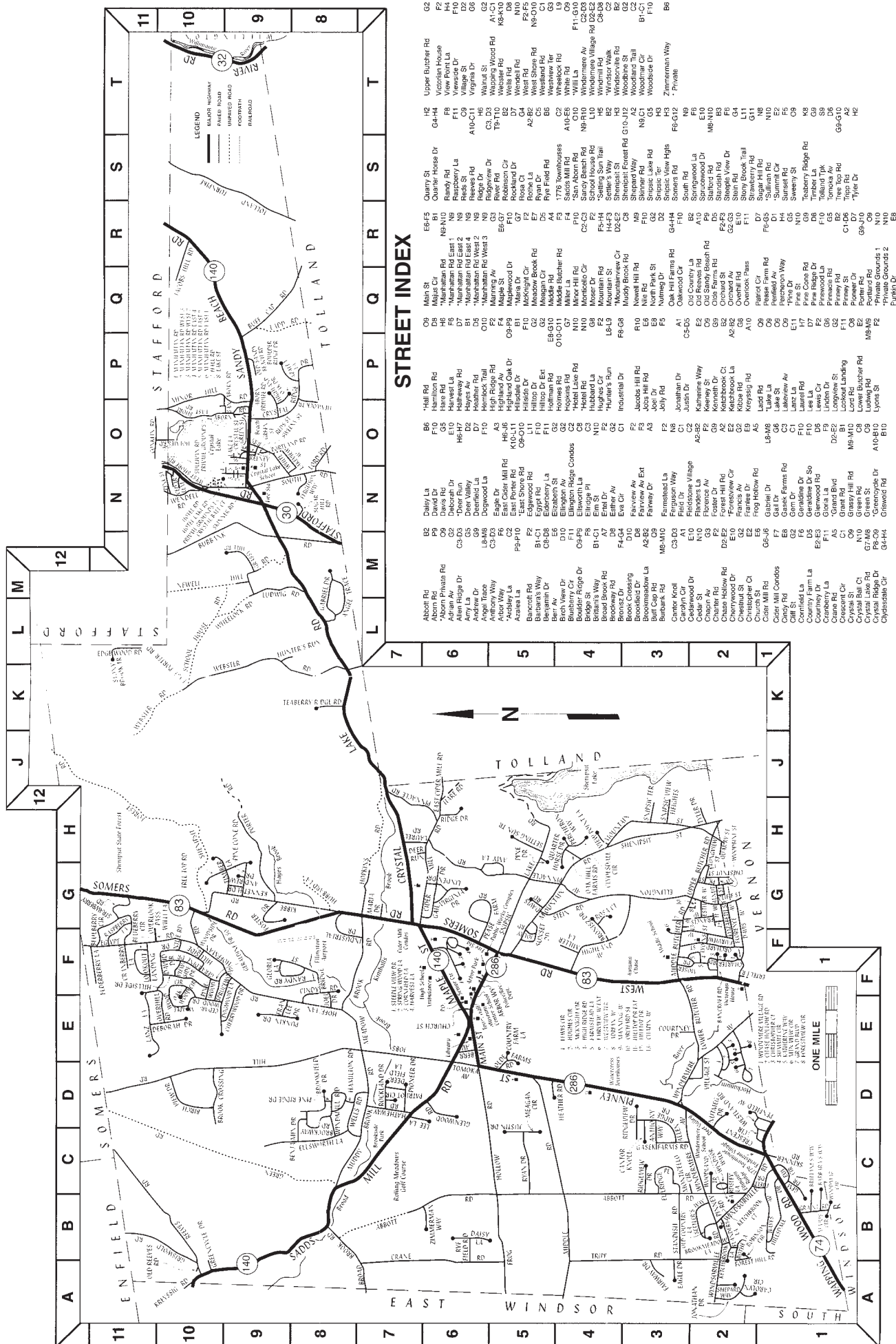
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# INFORMATION GUIDE

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## AREA

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

## ALTITUDE

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

## CLIMATE

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

## POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2022, the population was approximately 16,977.

## 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 34.3 mills applied to the 2021 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of real estate and personal property. The tax rate for motor vehicles is 32.46 mills.

## 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 2022-23 is 2,586 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 Median income per household was \$109,545 as of the 2021 Census.

## HOUSING

As of the 2020 Census, the Town of Ellington had 7,418 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, Robert Tedford Memorial Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. The Pavilion at Robert Tedford Memorial Park was completed in 1991. The building, equipped with restrooms and a concession stand, is available to local groups by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation Office. Arbor Park, located on Main Street, contains a walking course and 2 gazebos, picnic tables, and Sunday evening concerts sponsored by the Recreation Department. In 2012, four new tennis courts were completed at Schwartz Field next to Ellington High School. The Pinney Street fields, which include lacrosse and soccer fields, were constructed and completed in 2015.

## LOCAL BUSINESS

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

## SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 40 Maple Street. The hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



# ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## District School Calendar

First Day: August 31, 2023  
180<sup>th</sup> Day: June 7, 2024

# 2023 – 2024

AUGUST 2023								(1)							
28-30 Prof. Development 31 First Day of School		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S							
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SEPTEMBER 2023								(20)							
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OCTOBER 2023								(21)							
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DECEMBER 2023								(16)							
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JANUARY 2024								(20)							
1 New Year's Day 12 Prof. Development 15 Dr. MLK Jr. Day 24 Half Day – PD		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S							
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FEBRUARY 2024								(19)							
President's Day Prof. Development		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S							
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EHS Graduation* Projected Last Day* Professional Development**		S	M	T	W	TH	F	S							
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JULY 2024								(20)							
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- Schools Closed
- Schools/District Closed
- Professional Development Days/Schools Closed
- Early Dismissal Day – Elementary
- Early Dismissal – EHS
- ≈ Early Dismissal – EMS
- ± Late Opening – EMS
- μ Late Opening – EHS
- ★ Early Dismissal Day – All District

**SEE REVERSE FOR A LIST OF SCHEDULED EARLY DISMISSAL/LATE ARRIVAL DAYS, INCLUDING A LIST OF 2023-2024 HOLIDAYS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES**

\*EHS Graduation will take place on June 7, 2024. This graduation date will remain June 7, 2024 in the event school closings push back the 180<sup>th</sup> day. \*The last day for students will be on June 7, 2024 \*In the event of excessive snow days, a decision regarding April vacation will be made as early in March as possible. \*\*In the event of snow days, this PD day for faculty will be after the last day of school for students.



# TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

(Area Code 860)

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

Non-Emergency Calls			Visit the website at <a href="http://ellington-ct.gov">ellington-ct.gov</a>	
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps</b>	870-3170	<b>Town Hall</b>	
	41 Maple Street, P.O. Box 71		Address: 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT 06029	
<b>Fire</b>	<b>Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department</b>	870-3174	Mailing Address: P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029	
	316 Sandy Beach Road		<b>Town Hall Hours</b>	
	<b>Ellington Volunteer Fire Department</b>	870-3190	Monday 8:00 am to 6:30 pm	
	29 Main Street, P.O. Box 911		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm	
<b>Police</b>	<b>Resident State Troopers' Office</b>	875-1522	Friday <i>Closed</i>	
	33 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187		<i>*Public Works, Hall Memorial Library, and the Senior Center have different operating hours; check the website for details.</i>	
	<b>State Police Troop C</b>	896-3200		
	1320 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland CT			
<b>ADMINISTRATION, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 187</b>		<b>870-3100</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	website: <a href="http://ellingtonschools.org">ellingtonschools.org</a>
Lori Spielman, First Selectman		870-3102 (Fax)	Scott Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent, 47 Main Street	<b>896-2300</b>
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Holly Petronella, Administrative Assessment Technician			<b>Windermere School</b> (Jennifer Hill, Principal)	896-2329
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Sydney Kern, Deputy Fire Marshal			<b>TOWN CLERK/VITAL STATISTICS, 55 Main Street</b>	<b>870-3105</b>
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Carolyn Kidney, Administrative Assistant			Marque Mercure, Prevention Coordinator	
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