

WATERBURY ADULT  
CONTINUING EDUCATION

11 Draher Street

Waterbury, CT 06708

(203) 574-8038



*Offering* DAY TRIPS

*Offering Free*

High School Diploma, GED,  
Adult Basic Education,  
English As A Second Language  
& Citizenship Classes

# **Program Information and Reference Material**

## **Principal:**

Mr. Antonio Musto

## **Guidance:**

### **A.M.**

Mrs. Katherine Volikas

Mrs. Fatbardha Ajdini

### **P.M.**

Mr. Laurence Aucella, ESL

Ms. Ellen Jordan, Guidance

Mr. David Basile, Guidance

## **Program Facilitators:**

Mrs. Roxanne Monaco

Mr. Stephen Barbieri - College and Career Readiness Facilitator

Mr. Stanley Chesnas - ESL Facilitator

## **Class Hours**

### **High School Diploma/Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation**

A M Division Monday – Friday 7:50 AM – 1:14 PM

P M Division Monday – Thursday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

### **English As A Second Language**

A M Division Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

P M Division Monday – Thursday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

***All High School, ABE, GED, and ESL/Citizenship classes are free of charge.***

Classes are scheduled on a trimester calendar. All classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Once classes are filled, unscheduled students must wait until the following trimester to enroll.

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## **WATERBURY ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION WEBSITE**

[www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/schools/alternative-schools/waterbury-adult-continuing-education](http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/schools/alternative-schools/waterbury-adult-continuing-education)

***Waterbury Adult Continuing Education is an***

***Approved Pearson-Vue Testing Center for GED®***

# WATERBURY ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

## **Free Adult Education Classes**

**Registration for ABE, ESL, GED ,CDP, or Citizenship classes are available for:**

**Waterbury, Wolcott, Prospect and Beacon Falls residents only**

*In compliance with Connecticut General Statute 10-73a, there is no fee for registration, books, or materials to any adult enrolled in the Citizenship/ESL, ABE/GED or high school credit diploma programs.*

## **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Waterbury Adult Continuing Education is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut State and/or Federal Non-Discrimination Laws.

## **General Accessibility and Accommodation**

All activities offered by Waterbury Adult Continuing Education are held in accessible locations.

Accommodations for individuals with disability are available upon request.

Please contact: Ms. R. Monaco at 203-574-8038

## **Storm Closing**

If Waterbury Public Schools are closed or released early due to inclement weather, the enrichment and mandated program classes will not be held. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up at the end of the trimester. Please check the Waterbury Public Schools website for closings or the local news channels for cancellations.

## **GED PREP**

This program prepares adult learners to pass the 4-part, computer-based GED® exam to earn a State of Connecticut diploma. Students receive necessary instruction in each of four subject areas: Science, Social Studies, Mathematics and Reasoning through Language Arts. Instructors will also review the official website (GED.com) where students can access related exam information and exam registration procedures.



## **GED**



Eligibility for Connecticut GED® exam requires students to be at least 17 years old. All 17 year olds must submit a withdrawal form with a parent/guardian signature showing they have been withdrawn from school for 6 months. 18 years olds must submit a withdrawal form showing students can begin the GED® registration process online at GED.com and complete the process in person at:

Waterbury Adult Education, 11 Draher Street, Waterbury, CT 06708

Accommodations for the GED®  
are available for qualified individuals with a disability.

**Contact Sabrina Mancini at the Connecticut State Dept. of Education at (860) 807-2110**

***Request for special accommodation forms for GED® testing  
may be accessed through GED.com.***

# Mandated Classes

Offered by Waterbury Adult Education are **Free of Charge and no fee** for any textbooks or materials used in the mandated program areas.

## Waterbury, Wolcott, Prospect and Beacon Falls

### Free Classes are as Follows:

#### ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The High School Credit Diploma Program provides students the opportunity to earn credits toward a high school diploma. Transferred credits from accredited high schools and other adult education programs are accepted. Upon the successful completion of 25 credits (a minimum of 2 must be earned at Waterbury Adult Education), students are awarded a City of Waterbury High School Diploma.

The High School Credit Diploma Program allows you to go beyond the traditional classroom, and use your PC to earn credits at home. This component affords you flexible hours.

Contact the Guidance Office for eligibility and availability of Distance Learning courses

#### ESL PROGRAM (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

The ESL Program offers Limited-English speaking adults instruction in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Classes are provided for all English proficiency levels. Career development, computer literacy, and civics literacy activities are integrated into the instructional design. Morning, afternoon, and evening classes are available at Waterbury Adult Education Learning Center and other Satellite Sites.



#### ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

The ABE program is a highly individualized program of instruction targeted toward adults who are interested in increasing their reading, math, and writing skills. ABE teachers align course content within the competencies and content standards of the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System. Instructional strategies are designed to meet the student's individualized needs.

#### CITIZENSHIP



The Citizenship class prepares adults for the U.S. citizenship examination. Focus is placed on U.S. History and Civics education. Questions and characteristics of the exam are reviewed and examined. Students practice written and oral skills in relation to the exam and daily life skills. Guidance through the Naturalization application process is provided.

Evening classes

Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER WATERBURY

This free program, in cooperative partnership with Waterbury Adult Education, offers one on one or small group instructions for adults who need help learning to read, write, and speak English. LVGW provides instruction in ABE, ESL, and Citizenship through the combined efforts of trained volunteers.

LVA is located at Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT  
For more information, contact (203) 754-1164



# The Following Classes & Trips are open to the Public with accompanying fee

**Contact: Lynn Bacik - 203-574-8038**

## Health Related Course

### **MEDICARE & BEYOND**

Navigating Medicare in 2026: Essential Updates and Coverage Options

Mention the word Medicare and you're likely to get a confused look in return. The Father/Daughter Team of Lou and Jessica Pelletier will sort through the Parts (A -Hospital; B - Physician and Out-patient Coverage; D - Drug Coverage), including the significant changes to Medicare drug plans in 2026 introduced by the government. They will review the pros and cons of Medicare Supplement Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. Learn about IRMAA (Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount), Medicare Savings Programs, a Medical Power of Attorney, and how to protect your assets from nursing homes without having Long-Term Care Insurance. Join us if you are a senior, a child of a senior, or just want to know more.

Teacher: Lou Pelletier/Jessica Pelletier  
Kennedy High School  
Time: 6:00PM to 8:00 PM  
**Start Date: Tuesday**  
**Sept 29,2026 & Oct.13,2026**  
**Duration: (2 Class)**  
Cost: \$20.00



### **CROCHET**

This course teaches students to hold a crochet hook, make a slip knot, chain, and work single and double crochet stitches, then apply these skills to make potholders, scarfs, sunglass holders, and small blankets.

Teacher: Linhchi Kompare (C.L.P.K.)  
Kennedy High School  
Time: 6:00PM to 8:00 PM  
**Start Date: Tuesday**  
**Sept 8,2026 (8 weeks)**  
Cost: \$80.00



### **INTERESTED IN TEACHING A COURSE?**

**Share your interest or talent with others!**

**Email us at [wae@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:wae@waterbury.k12.ct.us)**

**with your proposal,**

**and we will reach out to you once we have had a chance to review your proposal**

## Real Estate

### PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES of REAL ESTATE

This course covers all areas required to qualify you to take the State of Connecticut test for a Real Estate license. If you are considering a career in real estate, this class is for you. By the end of the course you will be able to understand various principles of real estate, concepts of real property, homeownership, agency, brokerage, listing agreements, buyer representation, interest, ownership, legal description, taxes, liens, contracts, title and financing leases. The class will help you understand various practices such as property management, appraisals, land use, property development, fair housing, ethical practices, environmental issues and closing. Students must pass final exam with a minimum score of 70% also 60 completed mandatory hours per the state of Connecticut. (No Exception), and you must be on time for classes. PRE-REQUISITE COURSE NEEDED TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO TAKE THE STATE EXAM FOR A LICENSED REALTOR

Kennedy High School  
Teacher: Judy Caputo  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 9:15 PM  
**Start Date: September 8, 2026**  
Duration: **10 weeks (65 Hours)**  
Cost: **\$600.00 (Includes Books)**



### DRAWING IS MY PASSION

**"Drawing is my passion"** aims to teach, guide, and motivate students to make and reinforce their first strokes in the art of drawing, with basic and simple materials, we can achieve great results. The students will be guided through our curriculum from beginning to end to develop their talent with professionalism. Students will be able to acquire skills in observation techniques so that they can see details from the artist's perspective, which is very important.

#### **Supplies needs:**

- Drawing easel
- Pens
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener

Teacher: Alicia J. Chiguanu  
Kennedy High School  
Start Date: - Tuesday (only)  
Time 6– 8 pm  
**Start Date: September 8, 2026**  
Duration: (6 Classes)  
Cost: \$1200.00



### CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Join the country's fastest growing career field! This State approved training and competency evaluation program will prepare students to function as nursing assistants in hospitals, nursing centers, and home care settings. The ten week courses are taught by certified nurses. Topics include vital signs, bed making, bed bath, transfers, lifts, and other nursing assistant skills.

Students will be provided with seventy-five (75) hours of nursing theory and sixty (60) hours of supervised clinical instruction. Emphasis will be on nursing assistant responsibilities and limitations as well as legal and ethical aspects of the nursing assistant role. **(For more information contact Mildred Morales at (203) 574-8038)**

Teacher: Mary Salvador, LPN - Location, Waterbury Adult Education  
Days: Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Clinical Theory: Saturday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Start Date: TBA  
Cost: \$1200.00 includes text books, Nursing Theory and Clinical.



## Finance

# Comprehensive Retirement Planning

Secure Your Future: with Lou and Jessica Pelletier

Join the dynamic Father/Daughter team of Lou and Jessica Pelletier for an engaging and interactive Comprehensive Retirement Planning Workshop! No matter where you are in your Social Security selection journey, uncover all your available options. If you're 59 1/2 or older, still working, and wondering whether to stick with your 401K/403B or transfer to an IRA, we've got you covered. Find out how recent government changes impact non-spouse beneficiaries and learn strategies for drawing income from your assets in a volatile market. Is your life insurance up to date? We'll help you assess and update your plan. Plus, discover the essential legal documents every retiree should have, beyond just a will. Secure your future with confidence!

Teacher: Lou Pelletier/Jessica Pelletier

Kennedy High School

**Start Date: Tuesday 10/27/2026**

Time 6– 8 pm

Duration: (1 Class)

Cost: \$20.00



We encourage you to register early  
It can often make or break a course or trip!

**Educational Programs Free of charge**  
**Adult H.S. Diploma, ESL, Citizenship**  
**Adult Basic Education, and GED Prep**

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**Adult H.S. Diploma, ESL, Citizenship,**  
**Adult Basic Education, and GED Prep**

Waterbury Adult Education Presents:

# CHARLESTOWN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 9, 2026



Join us for a mouthwatering day by the sea at the famous **Charlestown Seafood Festival**, a beloved Rhode Island tradition for 40 years. Feast on fresh-caught lobster, clam cakes, chowder, and all your seafood favorites—plus plenty of land-lover options, sweet treats, and refreshing beverages. Beyond the food, enjoy live music, arts and crafts vendors, and more.

On Sunday, August 9th, the festival hosts the Rhode Island Street Rodding Association's car show. View over 200 antique and unique vehicles from the region. It's a festive, fun-filled summer outing for a truly unforgettable New England experience!

We'll stop at **Quonnie Farmstand** on the way home to shop for fresh produce, baked goods, snacks, and ice cream.

COST: **\$114**.pp based on 35-50

*Depart: 8:30am Chase Parkway Commuter Lot, 709 Chase Parkway  
Return (estimated) 7:00pm Waterbury*

**For Information: Waterbury Adult Education: 203-574-8038**

# Waterbury Adult Education Presents



## Aqua Turf Club ~ Plantsville, CT Wednesday, August 19, 2026

### **Summer Nights is THE electrifying Grease tribute band!**

Get ready to rock and roll like it's 1959, with the most iconic soundtrack of all time!

Part tribute band, part musical theater, all the fun of the 1978 classic movie!

Unforgettable songs, dances, costumes, characters, and summer lovin'!

Hit after hit: *Greased Lightnin'*, *You're The One That I Want*, *Grease*, *Hopelessly Devoted*, *Beauty School Drop-out*, *Born To Hand Jive*, *Sandy*, *Summer Nights*, *We Go Together* and so many more! **The Summer Nights band features music by The Bee Gees, Frankie Valli, John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John, Frankie Avalon and Sha-Na-Na!**

The show's opening act features a **Tribute to Olivia Newton-John**, which adds another layer of nostalgia and celebration of her music and career.

### **COFFEE & DONUTS ON ARRIVAL**

**FAMILY STYLE MENU:** Garden Salad, Pasta, Chicken Parmesan & Baked Scrod with Cracker Crumb Topping, Vegetable, Potato, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage

**\$99.pp Drive on Own**

**Arrival 11:30 am**

**For Reservations: Waterbury Adult Education**

**203-574-8038**

**Waterbury Adult Education presents:**

# **Lake George Luncheon Cruise Lac du Saint Sacrement**



**Saturday, September 12, 2026**

Enjoy a 2 hour Luncheon Cruise aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement, the largest cruise ship on Lake George. Our Captain will share information on the lake's geology, ecology, environment and history. While cruising we'll have a lunch buffet in the elegant dining room.

**Buffet Menu Including:** Extensive Salad Bar, 3 Hot Entrees, Carving Station, Soup, and More!

While on board there is live entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Following our cruise we'll spend time in Lake George Village, the heart of this resort area.



**COST: \$167<sup>pp</sup> based n 35-50**

**Depart: 7:00am 709 Chase Parkway**

**Estimated Return: 8:00pm Waterbury**

**For information & Reservations: 203-574-8038**

Waterbury Adult Education presents:

# *A Taste of Italian New York!*

**Saturday, September 26, 2026**



Here's a chance to visit 3 New York Food 'Hot Spots'...  
all in one fun day !

Stop at 3 locations to eat, shop & bring home your  
Italian food favorites!

**ZABAR'S UPPER WEST SIDE: Gourmet Market** with cheeses, breads,  
meats, smoked fish, cooking gadgets, coffees, teas, and New York bagels plus  
lots of international foods.



**CARMINE'S UPPER WEST SIDE:** Sit and indulge in an  
Italian lunch served family-style at this famous restaurant - be  
amazed by the enormous portions! Menu:

Bread Basket, Mixed Green Salad, Zucchini Frites,  
Rigatoni , Broccoli & Sausage in Marinara, Ravioli Marinara,  
Chicken Marsala, Tiramisu for Dessert.

**ARTHUR AVENUE in the BRONX:** Some consider  
this the real Little Italy of New York for bread, pasta,  
sausage, and pastries. Arthur Avenue Retail Market is a  
covered Italian market bringing together under one roof  
all the Italian food specialties you could want.

*This trip will require a moderate level of walking.*



**Bring a cooler!**

**COST: \$158.00** based on 35-50

Depart: 8:30am Chase Parkway Commuter Lot

Estimated Return: 7:30pm Waterbury

For Reservations: Waterbury Adult Education  
203-574-8038



**Waterbury Adult Education presents:**

Jack--Lantern  
**Spectacular**  
at Roger Williams Park Zoo  
presented by Citizens Bank®

**Providence Rhode Island  
Sunday, October 25, 2026**

**Harvest Buffet under the Tent**



Experience the glow of thousands of pumpkins, set in a magical display of artistry during this **Early Evening Spectacular**. Take a leisurely walk through the 1/4 mile trail as you feast your eyes on hundreds of artfully carved jack-o-lanterns depicting people, places, and scenes from popular culture to old-time favorites and everything in between - all with painstaking detail and amazing intricacy.



The event has been featured on the Today Show, CNN and hailed by USA Today as "extraordinary".

Prior to the **Spectacular**, enjoy a delightful Harvest Buffet under the tent on the grounds of Roger Williams Zoo.

**Sample Menu:** Garden Salad, Apple & Brie Stuffed Chicken, Fall Vegetables, Dessert Platter, Beverage.



**NOTE:** There is a moderate amount of walking on this trip



**COST:** \$**167**.pp based on 35-50

**Depart:** 2:00pm Waterbury Commuter Lot, 709 Chase Parkway

**Return:** 10:00pm Waterbury

**For More Information, Contact:** 203-574-8038

Waterbury Adult Education presents:

## A FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION!



**November 7, 2026 — Saturday**

Come relax in your Orchestra/First Mezzanine Seat for  
America's favorite holiday tradition!

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular is a festive holiday show at Radio City Music Hall, starring the famous ROCKETTES. It features synchronized dance, colorful costumes and 3D special effects. Highlights include the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", a magical visit from Santa, and a traditional Living Nativity scene, making it a memorable experience for all ages.

You'll have time before the 2:00pm performance to Shop,  
Grab a bite to Eat and enjoy the City.

Cost: **\$202**.pp based on 35-50

**Depart: 8:00am Park and Ride,  
709 Chase Parkway  
Estimated Return: 6:30pm Waterbury  
For Reservations: 203-574-8038**



# Waterbury Adult Education Presents:



**La Bella Vista  
Waterbury, CT**



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026**

**Jukebox 45 Show Band** is dedicated to reviving the golden age of **Doo Wop**, bringing the group's infectious energy and heartfelt lyrics to their audiences. Listen to some of the most memorable songs from the great artists of the era such as: Paul Anka, Fred Parrish & The Five Satins, The Duprees, Larry Chance & The Earls, and more, celebrating decades of legendary music.  
*You won't want to miss this!!*

**Welcome Antipasto Platters at your table. Sliced Prosciutto, Fresh Mozzarella Caprese, Imported Cheeses, House-made Antipasto Mix & Garlic Crostini**

**Carafes of Red & White Wine on every table**

**Wonderful Family Style Meal:** Italian Salad, Penne Marinara, Stuffed Filet of Sole, Chicken Fresca, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Deluxe Pastries, Soda & Coffee.

**\$99.00 Drive on Own**

**Arrival 11:30 am**

**For Reservations: Waterbury Adult Education**

**203-574-8038**

**Waterbury Adult Education Presents:**

## Holiday Elegance at Blithewold

**Saturday, December 5, 2026**

**Lunch at the Lobster Pot**

**Bristol, RI**



*Bristol really sparkles during the Holidays!*

Enjoy Christmas at **Blithewold**, the opulent Van Wickle/McKee home in the seaside town of Bristol, Rhode Island. A self guided tour will take you through the rooms decorated to reflect the season. Marvel at the 18 foot tall Christmas tree at the front entry! Take some time to stroll the gardens and lawn that face Narragansett Bay. Blithewold's decorators echo the spirit of the past by transforming the house for visitors. Every year a theme is chosen that explores the interests of the Van Wickle/McKee family

during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Then the decorators translate that theme into a dazzling display celebrating the magic of Christmas.

Before our visit to Blithewold, savor a delicious lunch at **The Lobster Pot** restaurant and take in the spectacular views of Bristol Harbor. Lunch includes salad, *choice of: Chicken Marsala, Baked New England Schrod or Salmon*, chef's choice of accompaniments, dessert, and soft drink or coffee.

Entree choice in advance. *The first floor of the Mansion is accessible to the physically disabled. Gravel pathways lead to the Mansion, and through the gardens. Benches are located throughout the grounds.*



**COST: \$162.pp** based on 35-50

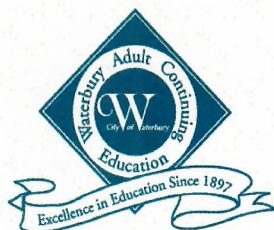
**Depart: 8:30am Park and Ride, 709 Chase Parkway**

**Estimated Return: 6:30pm Waterbury**

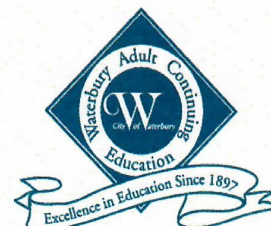
**For Reservations: 203-574-8038**

# WATERBURY ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION ENRICHMENT COURSES REGISTRATION FORM:

Please mail your **Registration Form and Check(s)** to:



Waterbury Adult Continuing Education  
C/O Enrichment Program  
11 Draher Street  
Waterbury, CT 06708  
(203) 574-8038



**(Sorry, Credit/Debit Cards Not Accepted)**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- \*If you are taking more than one class or trip each person registering for a class or trip, must fill out a separate form.*
- \*Please issue one check per trip or class.*
- \*All Enrichment classes must be Paid in advance.*
- \*\* **Tours & Trips:** The cost for trips or tours is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.  
**No Refunds will be issued unless the trip or course is cancelled.***

***Trips fill up quickly, PLEASE call Waterbury Adult Education (203) 574-8038 and reserve your spot before sending in a payment. All trip payments must be made at least 60 days prior to the date of the trip. Failure to make payment may lead to you relinquishing your reserved spot.***

Waterbury Adult Continuing Education reserves the rights to discontinue, postpone, and cancel classes, change staff or change meeting hours if and when conditions warrant a change. It is the student's responsibility to contact Waterbury Adult Continuing Education prior to the start of class to inquire whether any changes have been made to their schedule class.