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*Newsletter*

**SPRING / SUMMER 2024**

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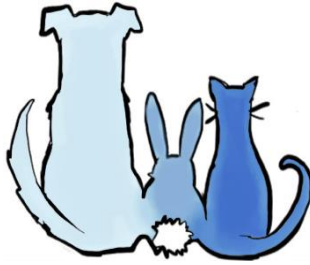
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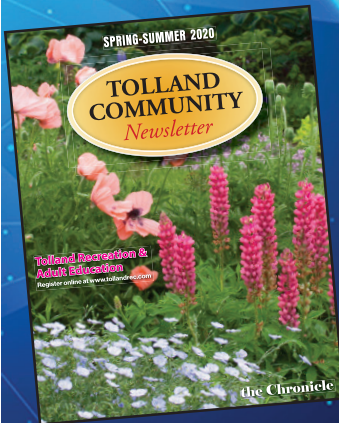
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# Town Manager's Office - Recycling Update

## Tolland Needs Your Help To Increase Recycling!

Below are the items that the Town of Tolland is presently recycling:

- Cardboard and Brown Paper bags
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Glass and Metal Food Containers
- Mixed Paper (Including Junk Mail, Magazines, Multi Ply Carbon Paper)
- Newspaper
- Soft & Hard Covered Books
- Phone Books
- Copy, Color and Computer Paper
- Plastic Containers #1 through #7
- Cans (Aluminum and Tin)

More information can be found at

[www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling](http://www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling)

## FREE Residential Electronics Recycling Collection

The Town of Tolland in cooperation with Take 2, Inc. will be hosting a **FREE** Residential Electronics Recycling Collection event at **Tolland High School** located at **1 Eagle Hill**. Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted electronics to the drive up/drive through electronics collection event on **Saturday, April 27, 2024** between **8 AM and 12 noon**.

Accepted materials include, but are not limited to: Computers, Laptops, Printers, Fax Machines, Monitors, TVs, Cell Phones, Tablets,

Video Games, game consoles, VCR/DVD Machines, Remotes, Keyboards, Small Appliances, Light Bulbs and Batteries. Unaccepted materials include: smoke detectors, propane tanks, ballasts, paint, household hazardous waste and appliances containing freon, i.e. air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers.

## Town Wide Shredding Event

The Town of Tolland will host a **free** paper-shredding event on Saturday, April 27, 2024. The event will take place from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Tolland High School in the rear parking lot. (This event is in conjunction with our Electronics Recycling Event which will be held in the front parking lot.) This event allows residents to bring paper documents for a free and safe paper shredding with proof of residency. Accepted documents will be personal, residential documents only. Commercial or business documents will not be accepted.

- Limit of (3) bags or boxes.
- No junk mail, magazines, books, cards, envelopes, metal ring binders, school papers. Sensitive documents only.
- Non-sensitive documents may be routinely recycled.
- Documents which require shredding should be in secure bags or boxes which can support the weight of the material, be easily accessed within your vehicle for unloading by staff.
- Resident verification (driver's license) required.
- Container(s) or receptacle(s) used to deliver documents to be shredded will not be returned.

Questions can be directed to the Town Manager's Office at (860) 871-3680 or [snivison@tollandct.gov](mailto:snivison@tollandct.gov).

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# Tolland Recreation Department

## Contact Information

104 Old Post Road

**Office:** 860-871-3610

**Fax:** 860-870-1367

## Mailing Address

21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084

## Office Hours

**Monday–Wednesday:** 8:00am–4:30pm

**Thursday:** 8:00am–7:30pm

**Friday:** CLOSED

## Registration Website:

[www.tollandct.myrec.com](http://www.tollandct.myrec.com)

**Email:** [tollandrec@tollandct.gov](mailto:tollandrec@tollandct.gov)

## Recreation Staff

**Director:** Bruce Watt, [bwatt@tollandct.gov](mailto:bwatt@tollandct.gov)

**Recreation Coordinator:** Leah Margelony,

[lmargelony@tollandct.gov](mailto:lmargelony@tollandct.gov)

**Administrative Assistant:** Kim Grimes, [kgrimes@tollandct.gov](mailto:kgrimes@tollandct.gov)

## Recreation Board

Jeff Maron, Chairman

David Drost, Assistant Chairman

David Clokey

Nicole Kowal

Brian Lievens

Cristopher Jiminez

James Leahy

The Board meets every second Monday of the month.

All meetings are open to the public.

## SPRING and SUMMER REGISTRATION

**BEGINS ON:**

**Monday, April 1, 2024; 8:00am**

Please visit our registration site at  
[www.tollandct.myrec.com](http://www.tollandct.myrec.com)

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## Activity and Program Pictures

Throughout the year Andre Garant has taken pictures of our activities and programs.

If you would like to see them please go to:

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[www.flickr.com/photos/63906149@N02/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/63906149@N02/)

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## General Information

### Insurance

All persons participating in Recreation programs should carry their own personal health insurance. The Town of Tolland is not responsible for personal injuries. Participants in all Department sponsored programs do so at their own risk.

### ADA

The Town of Tolland does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. We are committed to assuring equal access to programs, activities, and services to all individuals. If you or a family member needs special assistance, please let us know when you register.

### Participation

Only those enrolled in the program may attend. Sorry, children will not be allowed in the class room or gym during adult programs and siblings must remain seated and not disturb youth classes.

### Age Requirement

To participate, children must meet minimum age before the class starts.

### Inclement Weather

Program cancellations due to inclement weather are announced via email blasts through the Recreation Department's registration system and are broadcast on Channel 3's Early Warning Announcements.

### Scholarship Programs

It is our policy that residents of the Town of Tolland who cannot afford to participate in programs or activities can make confidential inquiries for assistance to the Recreation Director.

### "Oops!"

Despite our best efforts, errors sometimes make it into this Newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may cause." We reserve the right to: Make changes in price, content, description, etc. at any time without notice.

## Registration Information

### MAIL-IN

Registrations are accepted on a first come/first serve basis.

A registration form is available at [tollandct.myrec.com](http://tollandct.myrec.com)

Mail your completed form with payment to:

Tolland Recreation Department

21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084

Consider yourself registered if you do not hear from us.

### ON-LINE

**Recreation Department Registration Website:**

[www.tollandct.myrec.com](http://www.tollandct.myrec.com)

**Town Website:** [www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov)

Participants registering online will be confirmed online. Not all classes can be registered for online; however you may view all classes.

[www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov)

# Tolland Recreation Department

## INFORMATION

Be sure to complete all information when registering.

## REGISTER EARLY!

If a program does not meet its minimum enrollment number prior to the start of class it will be cancelled.

## CLASSES

We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements.

## PAYMENT

Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid. We accept cash, checks, Discover Card, Visa or MasterCard.

## REFUND POLICY

1. If a program is cancelled by the Tolland Recreation Department, a full refund will be issued.
2. All refunds are subject to a \$25.00 processing fee provided a written cancellation request is submitted to the department a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the activity. No refunds will be issued within 14 days of the start of the activity.
3. Bus trips and special events and tickets are only refundable if your seat/space can be filled by someone on a waitlist.

All written request must be submitted to [tollandrec@tollandct.gov](mailto:tollandrec@tollandct.gov) All refunds will be issued as a credit on the household's account unless a check is requested.

## Program Locations

Crandall Park.....	<b>64 Cider Mill Rd, Tolland</b>
Cross Farms Recreation Complex.....	<b>167 Rhodes Road, Tolland</b>
Tolland Recreation Center.....	<b>104 Old Post Rd, Tolland</b>
Tolland Tennis Courts.....	<b>Old Cathole Rd, Tolland</b>
Skungamung River Golf Course, end of Goose La).....	<b>114 Folly Ln, Coventry</b>
Youth Garden, (by Lions Field).....	<b>Cider Mill Rd, Tolland</b>
Birch Grove Primary School.....	<b>247 Rhodes Rd, Tolland</b>
Tolland Intermediate School (TIS).....	<b>96 Old Post Rd, Tolland</b>
Tolland Middle School (TMS).....	<b>1 Falcon Way, Tolland</b>
Tolland High School (THS).....	<b>1 Eagle Hill Rd, Tolland</b>



## Park Facilities

*All parks are open sunrise to sunset. Dogs are required to be on a leash. Dogs are NOT allowed on athletic fields!!*

### CRANDALL PARK

64 Cider Mill Road- 350+ acre Town Park containing 3 tennis courts/ 3 pickle ball courts, a basketball court, softball & baseball fields, a swimming pond, bathrooms, 2.5 miles of marked hiking trails and a picnic area.

### PAVILION

Is an open air shelter with picnic table seating for groups of up to 75. Facilities include a large charcoal grill, horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court. Use of a softball field is possible depending on availability. Rental of the Pavilion does not include beach access. Rental by reservation only through the Recreation Office. Call the Recreation office at 860-871-3610 for fee schedule and available dates

### “THE LODGE”

124 Cider Mill Road- The Lodge is a year round rental facility available to groups of 100 or less for special events such as weddings, showers, picnics, parties or meetings. Rental rates vary for residents, non-residents, and businesses. Building contains Central Air-conditioning, fireplace, tables & chairs, a warming oven, microwave, and double door fridge. For available dates, fees & more information call the Recreation office at 860-871-3610.

### RIVER PARK

South River Road - 2 Little League size baseball fields, river access.

### HERON COVE PARK

125 South River Road-Small soccer field, multipurpose field, basketball court & canoe launch.

### TENNIS COURTS

Old Cathole Road - Six all weather tennis courts across from Tolland Middle School.

### CROSS FARMS RECREATION COMPLEX

167 Rhodes Road - 3 baseball and 3 soccer fields, hiking trails, exercise stations, 18 hole disc golf course, concession stand and Adam's Adventure an all-inclusive play structure.

### ALL WEATHER TURF FIELD

1 Eagle Hill Road - A beautiful lighted synthetic turf field at Tolland High School. The field with permanent lines for football, soccer and lacrosse is available to rent for a variety of practices, games and other events. To find out more, call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 or go to the web site [www.tollandct.gov/recreation](http://www.tollandct.gov/recreation).

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# Tolland Recreation Department

## TOLLAND YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES & GROUPS

Tolland Boys Travel Basketball ..... [www.tollandbasketballclub.com](http://www.tollandbasketballclub.com)  
Tolland Girls Travel Basketball..... [www.tollandtravelbasketball.com](http://www.tollandtravelbasketball.com)  
Tolland Lacrosse..... [www.tollandlacrosse.org](http://www.tollandlacrosse.org)  
Tolland Little League..... [www.tollandlittleleague.org](http://www.tollandlittleleague.org)  
Tolland Soccer Club ..... [www.tollandsoccerclub.org](http://www.tollandsoccerclub.org)  
Tolland Youth Football & Cheerleading... [www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com](http://www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com)  
Tolland Garden Paths-Youth Garden ... [www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net](http://www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net)

## Tolland Town Directory

DEPARTMENT	PHONE
Animal Control .....	(860) 871-3676
Assessor's Office.....	(860) 871-3650
Building Department.....	(860) 871-3601
Elections Administration .....	(860) 871-3634
Emergency Management.....	(860) 871-3677
Finance Department .....	(860) 871-3653
Fire Department/Ambulance-(Non-Emergency).....	(860) 871-3677
Fire Chief.....	(860) 871-3674
Fire Marshal .....	(860) 871-3675
Health District/Sanitarian .....	(860) 871-3601
Human Resources .....	(860) 871-3600
Human Services .....	(860) 871-3648
Library.....	(860) 871-3620
Planning & Zoning .....	(860) 871-3601
Police –Lori Sherwood, Secretary.....	(860) 926-4695
Kevin Eklund,,Admin. Resident Trooper.....	(860) 875-8911
Probate Court .....	(860) 871-3640
Public Works .....	(860) 871-3696
Recreation Department .....	(860) 871-3610
Senior Services.....	(860) 870-3730
Tax Department .....	(860) 871-3657
.....	(860) 871-3654
Tolland Tykes Preschool .....	(860) 871-3610
Town Clerk .....	(860) 871-3630
Town Manager's Office.....	(860) 871-3600
Trash & Recycling.....	(860) 926-4695
.....	(860) 871-3600
Youth Services .....	(860) 871-3612

## Rentals

### TOLLAND RECREATION CENTER- Room Rental

104 Old Post Road, Tolland, CT 06084

Rent a room for parties, events or weekend meetings. Want to have a party for your son or daughter but don't have the space in your house? The Tolland Recreation Center has rooms available to rent for parties, small gatherings, weekend meetings or similar events. Want a special birthday party? Why not rent our gym? Call the Recreation Office at 860-871-3610 to get rates and check on availability.

### THE LODGE at CRANDALL PARK II

124 Cider Mill Road, Tolland, CT 06084

A year-round rental facility overlooking Powell Pond; Available to residents, non-residents, businesses, etc. in groups of 100 or less for special events such as weddings, showers, picnics, parties, or meetings. The building contains tables & chairs, a warming oven, microwave, and double door fridge. Built in 1991, it is located in the middle of a 300+ acre town park. Nestled on a wooded

hilltop overlooking a quiet pond, its singular design blends with the rustic surroundings to create a warm and serene atmosphere. A covered deck on two sides adds to the down home feeling, while inside a large fieldstone fireplace, a cathedral ceiling, and cedar siding completes the picture. The Lodge is heated for year round use, and is available weekdays, weeknights, or weekends. Call the Recreation Department office at (860) 871-3610 for more information, rental fees and available dates.

#### Amenities: Central Air-conditioning

- Kitchen with warming oven, microwave, double door refrigerator (no freezer)
- Two sided field stone fireplace
- Cedar planking on interior walls
- Tables & chairs to accommodate groups of up to 100
- Clean bathrooms
- Sound system with CD player, iPod connection, Bluetooth connection
- Horseshoe pits
- Easy access to hiking trails and fishing pond

## WE ARE HIRING!!

The Tolland Recreation Department is looking for friendly, energetic individuals to join our team. Job positions are part time and offer flexible hours and competitive wages. For more information, call the Tolland Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 or go online at [www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov), **under Help Center.**

Current Vacant positions:

1. Summer Camp Staff
2. Waterfront Lifeguards

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# CRANDALL'S SUMMER CAMP

## CRANDALL'S SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

At Crandall's Summer Camp, we strive to engage your child in a variety of activities that include outdoor games, sports, nature, arts & crafts, creative games, water activities, and special events.

Children should bring a lunch, water bottle (please do not send glass), snacks, bathing suit and a towel each day.

Please remember sunscreen and teach your child how to put it on properly.

Rainy days will be at the Tolland Recreation Center.

Register for camp online, by mail, or bring to the Recreation Office.

Camp Runs Monday – Friday and is for children in grades K-8.

Participants are grouped by grade entering Fall 2024.

**Maximum Enrollment: 80 participants per week**

### CRANDALL'S SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Deadline for registration is the **Wednesday prior** to the week you wish your child to attend by 12:00(NOON).

**Day:** Monday – Friday **Regular Day (8:00am-4:00pm)**

**Ages:** Grades K – 8th

**Date:** Week 1: June 24 – June 28  
Week 2: July 1 – July 5 (No July 4)  
Week 3: July 8 - July 12  
Week 4: July 15– July 19  
Week 5: July 22 – July 26  
Week 6: July 29 – August 2  
Week 7: August 5– August 9

**Location:** Crandall Park (Rain location-Tolland Recreation Department- 104 Old Post Rd)

### REGULAR DAY CAMP HOURS

**Time:** 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Fee:** \$120.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$250.00 Non-Res Regular Day (5 Days)

(If you need extended hours you must also register for extended hours for each week)

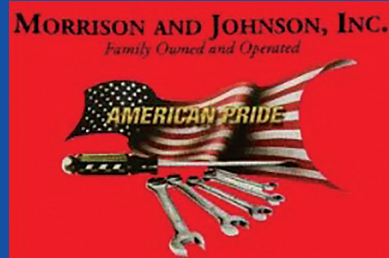
### Week of July 4th Only

**Fee:** \$96.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$202.00 Non-Res Regular Day (4 Days)

**EXTENDED DAY CAMP HOURS** - (Must be registered for Regular day camp hours)

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:30pm

**Fee:** \$20.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$50.00 Non-Res.



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# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS & CLINICS

## TOLLAND TYKES PRESCHOOL

For 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes begin September 2024

The Tolland Tykes Program is sponsored by the Town of Tolland and is under the direct guidance of the Tolland Recreation Department. Our main objective is to provide a safe, positive, nurturing environment where children can grow and thrive in a group setting while at the same time continue their individual development. Tolland Tykes is a play-based, hands-on, developmentally appropriate preschool program. We use the State of Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards to guide our curriculum and programming. The children are exposed to all of the major developmental areas including language and literacy, motor development, creative art, math, science, music, and play. At Tolland Tykes, the individuality of every child is valued and respected.

### 3 year old class

**Day:** Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**Date:** September thru May (32 weeks)  
**Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am  
**Ages:** 3 (Children must be 3 years old on or before December 31st)  
**Fee:** \$650.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$1,300.00 Non-Res. payable in \*two (2) installments (August & January).  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department  
**Participants:** Minimum: 6 Maximum: 12

### 4 year old class

**Day:** Meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays  
**Date:** September thru May (32 weeks)  
**Time:** 9:00am to 12:00pm  
**Ages:** 4 (Children must be 3 years old on or before December 31st)  
**Fee:** \$925.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$1,850.00 Non-Res. payable in \*two (2) installments (August & January).  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department  
**Participants:** Minimum: 6 Maximum: 15

We will be holding an open enrollment on a first come first serve basis. To register, fill out our department's registration form and mail to the Tolland Recreation Department, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084, along with your \$100.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your child's place. The deposit will be applied toward your tuition fee.

Registration forms can be found on our department's website at [www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov) or [www.tollandct.myrec.com](http://www.tollandct.myrec.com).

For more information or if you have any questions please check out our website at <https://tollandct.myrec.com> or feel free to contact the Recreation Office at (860) 871-3610.

## TINY TYKES

### Parent & Child Program

This program is designed for all ages and provides little ones the opportunity for socialization and interaction through fine and gross motor play. Classes will be held in the gym where participants will have the freedom to explore climb-on's, ride-on's and tinkering with puzzles. This class is ideal for those looking to introduce their toddler to the preschool setting and those that may not be comfortable being away from their caregiver to help acclimate into the next stage of our Preschool Program. Classes are open to moms, dads, grandparents, nanny's – all caregivers are welcome. One registration per child, caregiver must accompany child for duration of program.

**Maximum Enrollment: 12**

### Giggle & Go!

**Day:** MONDAYS  
**Date:** April 15 - June 10, 2024 (No Class May 27)  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:00pm  
**Ages:** All Ages Welcome  
**Fee:** \$40.00 Res (discounted fee) / \$90.00 Non-Res (8 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center - Gym

### Little Leapers

**Day:** TUESDAYS  
**Date:** April 16 – June 4, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am  
**Ages:** All Ages Welcome  
**Fee:** \$40.00 Res (discounted fee) / \$90.00 Non-Res (8 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center - Gym

### Curious Kiddos

**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** April 18 – June 6, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 – 10:00am  
**Ages:** All Ages Welcome  
**Fee:** \$40.00 Res (discounted fee) / \$90.00 Non-Res (8 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center - Gym

# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS & CLINICS

## SOCCKER SHOTS Mini Program

**Maximum Enrollment: 24**

Soccer Shots Mini designed for 2 year olds. It is a high energy program introducing young children to fundamental soccer principles such as using your feet dribbling and basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. No equipment is necessary. All returning participants show your Soccer Shots spirit and wear your jersey the first day!



**Day:** Saturdays  
**Date:** April 6 – June 1, 2024 (No May 25)  
**Time:** 9:30am–10:00am  
**Ages:** 2  
**Fee:** \$63.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$137.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

## SOCCKER SHOTS Classic Program

**Maximum Enrollment: 24**

Soccer Shots Classic is designed for 3 and 4 year old children as an introduction to Soccer. Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. All returning participants show your Soccer Shots spirit and wear your jersey the first day!



**Day:** Saturdays  
**Date:** April 6 – June 1, 2024 (No May 25)  
**Time:** 10:15am–11:00am  
**Ages:** 3 & 4  
**Fee:** \$67.50 Res.(discounted fee) / \$145.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

## SKYHAWKS TINY– HAWK (basketball & soccer)

**Maximum Enrollment: 20**

In Tiny-Hawk camps, the essentials of sports are introduced in a fun and safe environment with lots of encouragement. Campers must be toilet trained in order to participate. Children will learn balance, body movement, hand/eye coordination, and skill development through a series of sport-specific games tailored to their attention spans. Our staff is trained to handle the specific needs of these young athletes.

**Instructor:** Skyhawk's Staff  
**Day:** Monday - Friday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 15 – July 19, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 12 – August 16, 2024  
**Time:** 12:15pm – 1:00pm  
**Ages:** 3 & 4  
**Fee:** \$44.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$99.00 Non-Res. per session  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## SKYHAWKS MINI – HAWK (baseball, basketball & soccer)

**Maximum Enrollment: 20**

This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

**Instructor:** Skyhawk's Staff  
**Day:** Monday - Friday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 15 – July 19, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 12 – August 16, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm  
**Ages:** 4 -6  
**Fee:** \$79.50 Res. (discounted fee) /\$169.00 Non-Res. per session  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

# YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLINICS



## Babysitter Safety

### Maximum Enrollment: 15

This course is for youth's age 11 to 17 years of age with the most common age of 12 - 14. This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Other topics include hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, and personal safety and interview skills. Basic first aid and obstructed airway management for a conscious choking adult/child and infant will be covered. First Aid including adult and child CPR (requires passing written and skills testing to receive 2 year certification) Booklet, handouts and Babysitter Safety Certificate of completion included. Bring a snack.

**Instructor:** LifeSafe Services Staff  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** July 27, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am – 2:00pm  
**Ages:** 11-17  
**Fee:** \$55.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$120.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## Building Up S.T.E.A.M. Using LEGO®

### Maximum Enrollment: 15

(ages 5-6) Children are working independently and cooperatively as they begin to explore simple machines using LEGO® DUPLO® early childhood materials. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp. Projects may include drummers, scissor-lifts, and wedge launchers.

**Instructor:** E.Y.E.S., LLC. Staff  
**Day:** Monday – Friday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 8-July 12, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 19- August 23, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am - 12:00pm  
**Ages:** 5-6  
**Fee:** \$80.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$170.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## S.T.E.A.M. Works Using LEGO®

### Maximum Enrollment: 15

(ages 7-9) Children are working with standard LEGO® materials to problem solve pre-engineering challenges involving structure, levers, gears, pulleys, and other elements of simple machines. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp. Projects may include drawbridges, flywheel cars, and amusement park rides.

**Instructor:** E.Y.E.S., LLC. Staff  
**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 8-July 12, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 19- August 23, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
**Ages:** 7-9  
**Fee:** \$80.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$170.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## FOOD EXPLORERS PASTA WEEK

### Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers for an entire week of pasta making! Every day, you'll make your own pasta dough from scratch, and turn it into a delicious meal along with a fresh salad each day. You'll be making recipes like homemade ravioli, bowties and fettuccine with a from scratch sauce. All recipes are nut free but do contain eggs, dairy and gluten. Ingredient substitutions are not possible

**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** July 29 - August 2, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm  
**Grades:** 3-6  
**Fee:** \$90.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$190.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## FOOD EXPLORERS FROM SCRATCH

### Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers for a week of from scratch cooking! Each day you'll be making two recipes completely from scratch. We're talking about homemade tortillas, homemade pasta, homemade naan bread and more. Learn all about complex cooking techniques and skills in this hands-on camp. All recipes are nut free but do contain eggs, dairy and gluten. Ingredient substitutions are not possible

**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** July 29 - August 2, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
**Grades:** 4-7  
**Fee:** \$90.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$190.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

# YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLINICS

## FOOD EXPLORERS CUPCAKE CRAZY

**Maximum Enrollment: 12**

Join Food Explorers for a cupcake spectacular! Each day you'll be making two brand new recipes from homemade cake, homemade frosting and delicious toppings. You'll make recipes like cookie dough, blackberry white chocolate, chocolate brownie and strawberry shortcake. All recipes are nut free but do contain eggs, dairy and gluten. Ingredient substitutions are not possible.

**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** August 5-August 9, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm  
**Grades:** 2-4  
**Fee:** \$90.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$190.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center



## FOOD EXPLORERS CUPCAKE CRAZY

**Maximum Enrollment: 12**

Join Food Explorers for a cupcake spectacular! Each day you'll be making two brand new recipes from homemade cake, homemade frosting and delicious toppings. You'll make recipes like cookie dough, blackberry white chocolate, chocolate brownie and strawberry shortcake. All recipes are nut free but do contain eggs, dairy and gluten. Ingredient substitutions are not possible.

**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** August 5-August 9, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
**Grades:** 5-8  
**Fee:** \$90.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$190.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## ART-VENTURES for Kids

**Amazing Faces and Places ART-ventures**

**Maximum Enrollment: 21**

Oh, the places we'll go! Art explorers travel to some pretty weird places while creating some wicked cool art forms dating back to when art began. Discover weird gargoyle faces and visit the amazing castles of Scotland. Experience cave painting and fossil making. Make worry dolls and totem poles. Learn about Oaxacan alebrijes while designing T-shirts. Sculpt and paint colorful Mexican pots, make bark paintings and create Haitian sequined banners. This is our most creative and original art-venture week!

**Instructor:** Art Ventures for Kids Staff  
**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** July 15– July 19, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am–12:00pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Fee:** \$100.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$210.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

## ART-VENTURES for Kids

**ART-ventures with Pigasso and Mootisse**

**Maximum Enrollment: 21**

Art explorers learn about real artists, their vision of the world and the materials and techniques they use or used. Think about famous artists like Picasso, Matisse, Van Gogh, Modigliani, Homer and more. Included are fun and funky 3-D projects using unconventional and sometimes kooky, artist's techniques and materials.

During this art-packed week create vibrant tie dyed t-shirts, decoupage large paper mache stars, design leather wristbands and celestial stained glass, and experiment with emotion collages, mosaic art and so much more.

**Instructor:** Art Ventures for Kids Staff  
**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** August 12-August 16, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am–12:00pm  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Fee:** \$100.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$210.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center



## The "CREW After School" Program

**Maximum Enrollment: 20**

The 'CREW After School' offers an opportunity exclusively for Tolland Intermediate School students to Celebrate Recreation, Education and Well-being. 'The CREW' meets every day after school for the 2024/2025 school year. Students are met by Crew Leaders at the dismissal bell on Regular School days as well as Scheduled Early Release days (TBD based on BOE Calendar for 2024/2025 School Year).

From there the CREW make the quick walk up to the Recreation Center - 104 Old Post Road (next door to TIS). Afternoons with 'the CREW' begin with quiet time which may look like a good book, a game of cards, making a friendship bracelet or getting a head start on homework - all before jumping into recreational activities.

Consider 'the CREW After School' - the cousin of Crandall's Summer Camp!

We can't wait to meet you and have you join 'the CREW'!

**Day:** Monday-Friday 2024/2025 School Year  
**Date:** First Day of School to Last Day of School  
**Time:** Regular Days 3:15 – 6:00pm  
Scheduled Early Dismissal 12:40 – 6:00pm  
**Grades:** 3rd, 4th & 5th – Must be attending Tolland Intermediate School  
**Fee:** \$1,250.00 (discounted fee)  
\$125.00/month (discounted fee)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center

# YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS & CLINICS

## WIFFLE BALL

**Maximum Enrollment: 90**

That's right ...everyone's favorite backyard game!! The sight of the white plastic ball knuckling through the air. The sound of the yellow plastic bat as it makes contact with the ball. The celebration of a game winning hit! Games, Games, Games! Prizes and a winner take all tournament.

**Instructor:** Scott Curtis  
**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 8–July 12, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 12 - August 16, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am–11:00am  
**Ages:** Grades 5th–12th  
**Fee:** \$40.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$90.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Cross Farms Recreation Area – Field A

## Futsal & Soccer Hybrid Camp

**Maximum Enrollment: 72**

CAB Futsal and Soccer in conjunction with Tolland Recreation Department is running a Futsal & Soccer Hybrid Camp this summer at Tolland High School. Participants will get the benefits of both soccer (on the turf) and Futsal in an air conditioned gym. Every session is broken down into 3 parts; Technical Training, Tactical Training and Game/ Skill Application. Players will engage in a game or modified game in order to apply both technical and tactical skills. By the end of camp your child will be more confident, have some new moves, play and think faster.

In order to get the most out of the program we highly recommend registering players who have previously played on a travel or premier level team. Participants will be coached by the top certified coaches in the area. Players will get a customized CABFutsal.com shirt. This is an event you cannot miss. Register early because it will sell out!

**Day:** Monday–Friday  
**Date:** July 15 – July 19, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm  
**Ages:** 8-14  
**Fee:** \$150.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$310.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland High School

## TENNIS CLINIC (Coed) BEGINNER

**Maximum Enrollment: 16**

Learn and improve on basic techniques thru the use of specially designed drills. Learn how to play points and matches to win.

**Instructor:** Kate Tellers, Former Coach at UConn  
**Day:** Monday–Thursday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 29 – August 1, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 5 – August 8, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am  
**Ages:** 8-14  
**Fee:** \$45.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$100.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** THS Tennis Courts (Old Cathole Road)

## TENNIS CLINIC (Coed) ADVANCED

**Maximum Enrollment: 16**

Learn and improve on basic techniques thru the use of specially designed drills. Learn how to play points and matches to win. Participants must be able to play points out

**Instructor:** Kate Tellers, Former Coach at UConn  
**Day:** Monday–Thursday  
**Date:** **Session 1:** July 29 – August 1, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 5 – August 8, 2024  
**Time:** 8:30am -10:00am  
**Ages:** 8-17  
**Fee:** \$45.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$100.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** THS Tennis Courts (Old Cathole Road)

## GOLF LESSONS - Youth

**Maximum Enrollment: 6**

Beginner golf lessons covering grip, stance, alignment and proper swing. All equipment is provided or you can bring your own.

**Instructor:** Rick Nelson, PGA Professional  
**Day:** TUESDAYS  
**Date:** July 9 – July 23, 2024 (July 23 - double class)  
**Time:** 5:00pm–6:00pm  
**Ages:** 8–15  
**Fee:** \$42.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Club (end of Goose La.)  
**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** July 11– July 25, 2024 (July 25 - double class)  
**Time:** 6:00pm–7:00pm  
**Ages:** 8–15  
**Fee:** \$42.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Club (end of Goose La.)

## CHRIS CORKUM'S

**Baseball Summer Clinic "A week of baseball fun!"**

**Maximum Enrollment: 50**

Players will receive individual and small group instruction in fielding, throwing, hitting, pitching and game strategy. Each day will be filled with skill-related games to bring out the best in all the campers while keeping things fun and exciting. Each day culminates with an age appropriate scrimmage game.

**Instructor:** Chris Corkum Baseball Staff  
**Day:** Monday–Thursday  
**Date:** July 22 – July 25, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Ages:** 7-12  
**Fee:** \$82.50 Res.(discounted fee) / \$175.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Cross Farms Recreation Area – Field B

# YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS & CLINICS

## WINS 4 LIFE BASKETBALL CLINIC

**Maximum Enrollment: 54**

This is an exceptional learning opportunity. This unique basketball school features outstanding instruction, advanced skill development, fun basketball challenges, and educational activities. Full-court competition, station drills, team building games, contests and mini-lectures are creatively combined to teach a range of basketball skills and important life lessons. Our experienced educators provide each student with valuable learning experiences to ensure individual improvement in basketball ability and knowledge. Students gain confidence and make new friends. Excellent staff to student ratio! WINS For Life is affiliated with the Basketball Hall of Fame.

### Boys Clinic

**Day:** Monday-Thursday  
**Date:** July 29-August 1, 2024  
**Time:** 8:45am –11:45am  
**Ages:** Grades: 4-8  
**Fee:** \$110.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$220.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland High School

### Girls Clinic

**Day:** Monday-Thursday  
**Date:** July 29-August 1, 2024  
**Time:** 12:30pm–3:30pm  
**Ages:** Grades: 4-9  
**Fee:** \$110.00 Res.(discounted fee) / \$220.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland High School

## SKYHAWKS-BEGINNING GOLF

**Maximum Enrollment: 16**

Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. Using the SNAG® (Starting New at Golf)

system, we have simplified instruction so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment provided.

**Instructor:** Skyhawk's Staff

**Day:** Monday-Friday  
**Date:** July 29–August 2, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am–12:00pm  
**Ages:** 5-8  
**Fee:** \$79.50 Res.(discounted fee) / \$169.00 Non-Res.  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center.



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# ADULT SPORTS

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE Slow Pitch

Weeknights at Crandall Park starting in May. A good competitive league for adults 18 and over. The league will play 8 games plus playoffs. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team.

**Day:** Tuesdays nights (Thursdays will be used for make-up games)  
**Date:** Starts in May, 2024  
**Time:** Evening games; various times  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** Fee by Team; \$650.00  
**Location:** Crandall Park

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE Slow Pitch (Over 35)

Plays Friday nights at Crandall Park. Fun, friendly competition and good exercise. The league will play 8 games plus playoffs. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team. This league consist of residency requirements.

**Day:** Fridays  
**Date:** Starts in May, 2024  
**Time:** Evening games; various times  
**Ages:** 35 and up  
**Fee:** Fee by Team; \$650.00  
**Location:** Crandall Park

## PICKLE BALL- OPEN COURT – Pick-up

### Maximum Enrollment: 10

Coed pick-up games for fitness and fun - Are you looking to meet new people, workout, or just have fun?

Then Pickle ball is for you! Pickle ball is a racquet sport which combines badminton; tennis and ping pong all in one. **Pickup games only; No instruction provided. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Limited to 10 participants**

### Session 1

**Day:** TUESDAYS  
**Date:** April 9 – May 28, 2024  
**Time:** 5:30pm-7:00pm  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** \$20.00 Res. (discounted fee) /\$50.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)

### Session 2

**Day:** TUESDAYS  
**Date:** April 9 – May 28, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** \$20.00 Res. (discounted fee) /\$50.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)

**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

**Participants:** Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10

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### Session 1

**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** April 4 – May 23, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** \$20.00 Res.(discounted fee) /\$50.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)

### Session 2

**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** April 4 – May 23, 2024  
**Time:** 2:30pm-4:00pm  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** \$20.00 Res. (discounted fee) /\$50.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)

### Session 3

**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** April 4 – May 23, 2024  
**Time:** 4:30pm-6:00pm  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** \$20.00 Res.(discounted fee) /\$50.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)

**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

**Participants:** Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10

## VOLLEYBALL (Coed)

If you are looking for a fun way to improve your health, volleyball could be the sport for you. Join us for coed pickup games, No experience necessary. Our experience instructor will help you learn the game. If you have experience he will help you improve. A good opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

*Sign up with the recreation department at the reduced rate or pay the drop in rate for \$7.00 an evening.*

**Instructor:** Sue Vang  
**Day:** Mondays  
**Date:** April 15 – June 3, 2024  
(No program May 27)

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Fee:** \$21.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$52.00 Non-Res. (7 weeks) or \$7.00 per walk-in

**Location:** Tolland Intermediate School



## VOLLEYBALL (Power)

If you have some experience as volleyball player this program is for you. Coed pick-up games for fitness and fun. Improve your game and meet new people while getting a good cardiovascular workout. Build muscle and burn fat.

*Sign up with the recreation department at the reduced rate or pay the drop in rate for \$7.00 an evening.*

**Instructor:** Sue Vang  
**Day:** Tuesdays  
**Date:** April 23 – June 4, 2024  
**Time:** 7:15pm-9:15pm  
**Ages:** 18 and up  
**Fee:** \$21.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$52.00 Non-Res. (7 weeks) or \$7.00 per walk-in  
**Location:** Tolland Intermediate School



## GOLF LESSONS (Beginner) – Ladies

**Maximum Enrollment: 7**

If you want to learn to play golf or improve your game this course is for you. Learn proper grip, alignment, swing technique, basic etiquette and rules.

**Instructor:** Rick Nelson, PGA Professional  
**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** **Session 1:** June 6 – June 27, 2024  
**Session 2:** August 8 – August 29, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm  
**Ages:** 16 & up  
**Fee:** \$42.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

## GOLF LESSONS (Beginner) - Coed

**Maximum Enrollment: 7**

If you want to learn to play golf or improve your game this course is for you. Learn proper grip, alignment, swing technique, basic etiquette and rules.

**Instructor:** Rick Nelson, PGA Professional  
**Day:** TUESDAYS  
**Date:** May 7 – May 28, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00pm -7:00pm  
**Ages:** 16 & up  
**Fee:** \$42.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** May 9 – May 30, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00pm -7:00pm  
**Ages:** 16 & up  
**Fee:** \$42.00 Res(discounted fee). / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

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**Instructor:** Rick Nelson, PGA Professional  
**Day:** THURSDAYS  
**Date:** September 5 – September 26  
**Time:** 6:00pm -7:00pm  
**Ages:** 16 & up  
**Fee:** \$42.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

## BASKETBALL - Pick up

The benefits of basketball include great aerobic exercise, it provides a wonderful cardiovascular workout, improves heart health, stamina and lung capacity. The quick movements exercise your joints and muscles and improve strength and flexibility. In other words it provides a complete workout and allows you to meet new people while having fun! Pickup games using multiple courts.

*Register with the Recreation Department for a reduced rate or pay the drop in for \$7.00 an evening. TOLLAND RESIDENTS ONLY.*

**Day:** MONDAYS  
**Date:** April 15 – May 20, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm  
**Ages:** 19 and up  
**Fee:** \$18.00 (discounted fee) (6 weeks) or \$7.00 per walk-in  
**Location:** Tolland Middle School

**Day:** WEDNESDAYS  
**Date:** April 24 – May 29, 2024  
**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm  
**Ages:** 19 and up  
**Fee:** \$18.00 (discounted fee) (6weeks) or \$7.00 per walk-in  
**Location:** Tolland Middle School

## GOLF LESSONS (Beginner) – Ladies

**Maximum Enrollment: 7**

If you want to learn to play golf or improve your game this course is for you. Learn proper grip, alignment, swing technique, basic etiquette and rules.

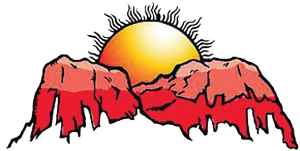
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**Time:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
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## ADULT EDUCATION

### KNITTING CLASS

**Maximum Enrollment: 18**

Beginners, novice, intermediate or expert knitters; this is your class. Bring your problems, questions, or unfinished projects. The basics of knitting will be explored. Casting on, binding off, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, simple knit & purl combinations, simple cables, reading & interpreting patterns & abbreviations. Come join the fun and learn a thing or two. Materials are covered by the student according to individual patterns. Students will need a skein of medium weight yarn (4) & US needles, size 6, 7 or 8 to practice stitches & techniques.

**Instructor:** Lori D'Andrea

**Day:** Tuesdays

**Date:** April 16 – June 4, 2024

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Ages:** 16 and up

**Fee:** \$32.00 Res. (discounted fee) /\$74.00 Non-Res,  
(8 weeks)

**Location:** Tolland Recreation Center- Program Room 1

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Here at the Tolland Recreation Department we offer a wide range of ed2go courses that you can take from the comfort of your own home. All of our courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Our online courses are affordable, fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you. **Classes as low as \$95!!** Ready to explore our catalog? Visit [www.ed2go.com/TollandRec](http://www.ed2go.com/TollandRec)



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# ADULT EDUCATION

## YOGA AM & PM

**Maximum Enrollment: 18**

These classes are mixed level Kripalu Yoga classes. In the Kripalu approach we use the tools of yoga – breathing exercises, yoga postures, and meditation – to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, balance, and resilience in the body and mind. I also incorporate some of the principles of Ayurveda, “the science of life”, in these classes to give you more tools to cultivate balance, harmony, and vibrant health in your life. Everything can be adapted to suit individual levels. No previous experience with yoga is required. Please bring a yoga mat. Other props are provided.

**Walk-in rate \$10.00 per class. Space is limited. Instructor – Amy Evans, KYT-500, AYT.**

### MORNING YOGA

**Day:** TUESDAYS- AM  
**Date:** **Session 1:** May 28– June 25, 2024  
**Session 2:** July 2- July 30, 2024  
**Session 3:** August 6 – September 3, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00am-10:00am  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Fee:** \$17.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$45.00 Non-Res., (5 weeks)

**Day:** WEDNESDAYS- AM  
**Date:** **Session 1:** May 29 – June 26, 2024 (No Class June 19)  
**Fee:** \$14.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$38.00 Non-Res. (4 weeks)  
**Date:** **Session 2:** July 3 – July 31, 2024  
**Session 3:** August 7 – September 4, 2024  
**Fee:** \$17.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$45.00 Non-Res.,(5 weeks)  
**Time:** 9:00am-10:00 am  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

### AFTERNOON YOGA

**Day:** WEDNESDAYS- Afternoon  
**Date:** **Session 1:** May 29– June 26, 2024 (No Class June 19)  
**Fee:** \$14.00 Res. (discounted fee) \$38.00 Non-Res. (4 weeks)  
**Date:** **Session 2:** July 3 - July 31, 2024  
**Session 3:** August 7 – September 4, 2024  
**Fee:** \$17.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$45.00 Non-Res., (5 weeks)  
**Time:** 4:45pm – 5:45pm  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

### EVENING YOGA

**Day:** WEDNESDAYS- PM  
**Date:** **Session 1:** May 29– June 26, 2024 (No Class June 19)  
**Fee:** \$14.00 Res. (discounted fee) \$38.00 Non-Res. (4 weeks)  
**Date:** **Session 2:** July 3- July 31, 2024  
**Session 3:** August 7 – September 4, 2024  
**Fee:** \$17.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$45.00 Non-Res.,(5 weeks)  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00 pm  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department

# Trips/RECREATION HAPPENINGS

## JAMES TAYLOR at TANGLEWOOD

**Thursday, July 4, 2024**

Tanglewood presents James Taylor with his extraordinary band of musicians. Fireworks will follow the July 4 concert. Register early. Tickets are expected to sell out. We will not have a stop on the way to Tangle wood. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. The grounds open at 5:30pm. We will arrive shortly after 5:30 p.m. There are plenty of places to buy dinner inside, but you're welcome to bring in food, coolers, wine, etc. There is no cooking allowed on the grounds.

The Bus will leave the commuter lot at exit 68 off I-84 at 3:30 p.m. and will return approximately midnight (2 hours after the fireworks are over) FEE: \$95.00 for everyone (Fee includes bus and lawn ticket to the show.)

**Day:** Thursday  
**Date:** July 4, 2024  
**Time:** Bus leaves commuter lot at exit 68 off of I-84 at 3:30pm and will returns at approximately midnight (2 hours after the fireworks are over).  
**Fee:** \$95.00 for everyone (Includes coach bus transportation and lawn ticket to the show)  
**Location:** Lenox, MA

## Kayak Loaner Program

Loaner equipment is available Monday-Thursday by appointment. The Tolland residents may reserve for any service up to four weeks in advance. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household. The person requesting the reservation must be 18 years or older.

24 hour rental unless equipment is available.

May - October (Weather dependent): Pickup by appointment

Drop off 9:15 am the following morning (unless a weekend then drop off is Monday at 9:15am).

## KAYAK RESERVATIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Call (860) 871-3610 during office hours:**

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm;

Thursday 8:00 am – 7:30 pm, to schedule an appointment.

Check in & check out location is at the Tolland Recreation Department, 104 Old Post Road.

# Collector of Revenue - July is Tax Season!

## July is Tax Season!

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Tolland that the first installment of real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle tax bills on the grand list of October 1, 2023 are due July 1, 2024, payable by August 1, 2024 without penalty.

The last day to pay in person at the Tax Office without interest is Thursday, August 1, 2024 by 7:30 PM. The last day to pay by mail (USPS postmark required) without interest is Thursday, August 1, 2024 or you may use the Town Hall drop box. Payments left in the box after 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 1, 2024 will be late and accrue interest.

Payments can be made online. Your transaction must be completed prior to midnight on August 1, 2024. Visit the Town of Tolland website at [www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov), click on Help Center and Pay Taxes Online. ACH payments (electronic checks) are a flat fee of \$1.95 for all bills and credit card payment fees will be 2.99%. Credit card payments are now accepted in the office with a 2.65% fee or a minimum fee of \$3.00

Per State Statute 12-145, interest of 1.5% per month from the due date of July 1 with a minimum charge of \$2.00 is applied to all delinquent bills.

Office hours are: Monday – Wednesday from 8 AM–4:30 PM, Thursday 8 AM–7:30 PM. Town Hall, including the Tax Office, is closed on Friday.

Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate the tax or any interest which may, by State law, accrue.

**Erin Bartlett, CCMC**  
Collector of Revenue

### Sold A Vehicle?

**When a vehicle has been sold, your bill may be adjusted or deleted. A returned plate receipt from DMV and a copy of a bill of sale should be provided to the Assessor's Office for their consideration. For further information on acceptable proof call the Assessor's Office at (860) 871-3650.**

### Tax Breaks

**There are a number of tax assessment relief programs authorized by Connecticut State Statute that are available to qualified property owners and renters in Tolland.**

**For additional tax assessment relief program information, you may call the Tolland Assessor's Office at (860) 871-3650.**

# Town Assessor's Office - Tax Relief Programs

## Town of Tolland Tax Relief Programs

The Tolland Tax Assessor's office is currently accepting applications for tax relief for senior citizens or permanently disabled homeowners from February 1, 2024 through May 15, 2024. There are three separate programs available:

**Homeowner Aid for the Elderly and Disabled Program (Circuit Breaker)** is a State program which requires homeowners to be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2023, or be 50 years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a homeowner who at the time of death had qualified for and was entitled to tax relief, or be eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security. You must also have been a resident of Connecticut for at least one year. Your 2023 income, including Social Security, cannot exceed \$53,400 if married or \$43,800 if unmarried.

**Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens (Ordinance 25)** is a local tax deferment program. This program defers property taxes for low income or totally disabled homeowners while they own their property. When the property is sold or a use change occurs, all back taxes are due with interest. Your maximum 2023 income cannot exceed \$75,600 for this program. You must be over 65 years of age as of December 31, 2023 or eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security.

**Local Tax Relief Program for Permanently Disabled and Senior Residents (Ordinance 60)** Eligibility requirements are that homeowners must have resided and paid taxes on property since July 1, 2023 or earlier, at least one of the homeowners must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2023 or eligible to receive

permanent total disability benefits of the surviving spouse of the homeowner who at the time of death qualified for this program. Total household income for the year 2023 cannot exceed \$75,600 and total household assets (excluding your primary home) cannot exceed \$756,000.

The application period for all three programs is February 1, 2024 through May 15, 2024. All applications must be accompanied with proof of 2023 income. For an application or more information, please call the Tolland Assessor's office at 871-3650.

## Tolland Revaluation

The town of Tolland will be conducting a town wide revaluation for the 2024 grand list. Commencing February 2024 the Assessor will be conducting drive by inspections of all properties to review property data and update property photos. Properties that have been sold between October 1, 2023 and September 31, 2024 will be sent sales verification forms. The questionnaire is an essential part of the sale verification process, so please complete these forms and return them to the assessor's office promptly. The sales from this time period will be used to generate values for the entire town. Following the sales analysis, valuation notices will be sent to every property in late fall. Informal hearings will follow for those who wish to review their assessments with the Assessor.

Income and Expense questionnaires will be mailed to all Commercial, Industrial & Apartment type properties as part of the revaluation process in March. This form is due back to the Assessor's office by June 1, 2024. Failure to file in a timely manner will result in a 10% assessment penalty.

## June is Dog Licensing Month!



CT law requires that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed during the month of June. The cost is \$8.00 for altered dogs and \$19.00 for unaltered dogs. A one dollar late fee per dog will be charged each month for those who are late.

All dogs must have proof of a current rabies vaccination on file. Postcard reminders will be mailed the last week of May. **Please check the rabies expiration date printed on the postcard. Any dog whose expiration date is 6/1/2024 or before will have to provide a new rabies certificate in order to license in June.** When licensing by mail, make checks payable to "Town of Tolland" and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your tags and paperwork. Mail it to: Kathleen Pagan, Town Clerk, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084.

You can also renew your current dog license(s) online using your credit/debit card. There is a \$1.75 convenience fee added to allow for this online service. A valid rabies certificate must already be on file. You will need to enter your dog's current tag number, which is printed on your reminder postcard. Your dog's new tags will be mailed to you.

If you no longer own your licensed dog, please notify us at 860-871-3630 or email us at [kpagan@tollandct.gov](mailto:kpagan@tollandct.gov) so that we can remove the record.

**Remember:** Per CT State Statute, the fine for having an unlicensed dog is \$75.00.

[www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov)

## A Message from the Town Clerk's Office...

In recent years, you may have heard of property record fraud, and with the increase of personal accounts being hacked, wonder if you could be the target of someone attempting to steal your home and land. Property record fraud is the manipulation of documents related to real estate in order to defraud individuals or institutions. This type of fraud occurs when someone illegally obtains a title to a property or falsifies the records associated with it, without the owner's knowledge or consent. Our office has gotten a few phone calls from concerned residents, asking what they can do to prevent this. While this situation has not occurred to the best of our knowledge here in Tolland, there are safeguards you can do to keep an eye on your records.

You can stop in to the Town Clerk's office anytime during our open business hours. Land records are available on a public terminal in our vault, and we would be happy to show you how to look up your own records.

You can also check your records online from any computer. Go to [USlandrecords.com](http://USlandrecords.com), select Connecticut, then Tolland, and enter your last and first name. When you search, everything in your name will come up and you can view an "unofficial" copy right on the screen, free of charge.

As always, you can call us with any questions – we are here to help. Making a habit of checking on what has been filed in your name periodically is well worth your peace of mind.



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# Human Services - Assistance Programs & Youth Services

## Human Services Assistance Programs:

### **Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program**

The Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program provides zero percent interest loans to eligible residents for home repair projects that include, but are not limited to: septic systems, well repair, roofing and siding, structural deficiencies, replacement windows, insulation, ADA improvements, plumbing, electrical and heating systems.

To be eligible, yearly gross income must not exceed amounts listed below:

Number in Family	Household Income
1	66,150
2	75,600
3	85,050
4	94,500
5	102,100
6	109,650
7	117,200
8	124,750

For an application or for more information, residents who are interested and feel they may be income eligible may contact (860) 871-3648. All information provided to the Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program will be kept confidential.

### **Renter's Rebate**

Tolland Human Services will be accepting Renter's Rebate applications beginning **April 1st, 2024**. This income-based program provides a one-time payment to renters based on the rent and utilities paid in **2023**. Recipient or spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of the renter's death had qualified and was entitled to tax relief provided such spouse was domiciled with such renter at the time of the renters death, or 18 years of age or older and eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits and must meet a one year state residency requirement. Proof of income (SSA 1099) and rental expenses for 2023 must be provided.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Jillian Fiddler at (860)-871-3615.

### **Food Pantry**

Tolland residents needing to use the Food Pantry may contact the following staff members: Seniors contact Rebecca Ellert, (860) 870-3726; all other households may call Human Services, (860) 871-3648.

### **FoodShare Mobile Food Pantry**

The FoodShare Mobile Food Pantry is available in Tolland on alternate Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green. Pre-registration and identification are not required. For more information about FoodShare, residents may contact FoodShare

at (860) 286-9999 or the UCC office at (860) 875-4160, or visit the FoodShare website, [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org).

Residents participating in the program must bring their own bags.

## Elderly Outreach/Case Management Services

Would you or a loved one benefit from Case Management/Elderly Outreach services?

Navigating the world of programs and services can be confusing as there are so many options out there.

Case Management services include:

- Helping residents gain access to support services such as
  - o Counseling
  - o Medical & Insurance
  - o Social, Educational & Financial
- Providing assessments, intakes, planning and implementation to achieve goals

Contact Jillian Fiddler at (860) 871-3615 to schedule an intake.

### **Elderly Outreach services include:**

- An Assessment of the elder's current health, financial and living situation
- Identification of community resources and funding options for home care services such as Transportation, Home Delivered Meals, Insurance, Adult Day Care, Emergency Response Systems, etc.
- Developing a Plan of Care based on the client's needs/ situation
- Monitoring of the elders' situation

Rebecca Ellert is a Certified Choices Counselors and is available to help you understand your options regarding Medicare including Medigap and Medicare Advantage Plans. Contact Rebecca at the Senior Center (860) 870-3726 to arrange a consultation.

## Youth Programming

We are looking forward to the return of the **Tolland Youth Services Community Theater** Program this summer. This year's production will be announced soon!

Please **Save the Date** for this year's performance dates and keep an eye out on the Youth Services' Page for audition and registration information!

### SAVE THE DATE

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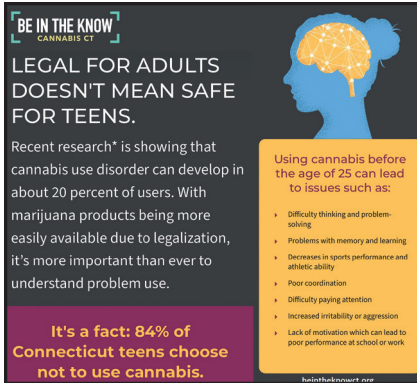
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7:00 PM TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION INFO TO FOLLOW!

## Interested in joining the Tolland Youth Advisory Board?

The advisory board works with the **Local Prevention Council (LPC)** and helps to advise and make recommendations for the Tolland Youth Services Program. This is a great opportunity for community involvement and service hours!

# Human Services - Senior Center Programs



If you would like to join, please contact Teresa Kristoff at [tkristoff@tollandct.gov](mailto:tkristoff@tollandct.gov) or (860)-871-3612.

The Tolland Local Prevention Council is looking forward to sponsoring upcoming events and activities for youth and families in the community. Check

the Youth Services page for upcoming event information as it becomes available!

Tolland Youth Services is offering **free Deterra Drug Deactivation Pouches**, which facilitate safe disposal of drugs at home. Businesses, civic organizations, doctors' offices and individuals are welcome to request samples. This resource was made possible through the CT State Opioid Response (SOR). Contact Human Services at (860) 871-3648 to request pouches.

For current information regarding any services for Tolland youth and families, residents are encouraged to contact Teresa Kristoff, (860) 871-3612 or visit <https://www.tolland.org/youth-services>.

## HVCC Dial-A-Ride Program

Dial-A-Ride is a transportation program (wheel-chair accessible) for residents who are at least 60 years of age or are disabled adults. This program will provide transportation to medical appointments, shopping, social and recreational activities. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. You will need to reserve your ride both to the appointment and from the appointment. There is an annual \$20.00 registration fee and a \$2.00 donation for each trip. Round trips are \$4.00. Call (860) 870-7940 to make a reservation.

## Fair Housing Notice

Beverly Bellody, Director of Tolland Human Services, serves as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Tolland. The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or the presence of children, or disability.

Under the Connecticut Fair Housing Act, it is against the law to deny anyone housing based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, familial status or the presence of children, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, age (except minors), lawful source of income, veteran status or gender identity or expression. If you feel your rights have been denied in the equal access to the rental, sale or financing of residential property, please contact Beverly Bellody at (860) 871-3611, Mon.-Wed. 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Thurs. 8:00 am-7:30 pm, closed on Friday.

[www.tollandct.gov](http://www.tollandct.gov)

# TOLLAND SENIOR CENTER

674 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland, CT 06084

## Mailing Address:

21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084

**860-870-3730**

## Center Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM • Friday: CLOSED

## Programs we offer:

***Bean Bag Toss, Billiards, Book Club, Bridge, Cardio Drumming, Cards, Chair Volleyball, Chorus, Dominoes, Jammers, Line Dancing, Mahjong, Pickleball, Ping Pong, Quilting, Cooking Program, and Tech Class!!***

## We also offer the following Health & Wellness programs:

***Chair Yoga, Exercise, Foot Care, Haircuts, and Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinic!!***

We serve **LUNCH** every Wednesday!!

Stop in or visit our webpage

([www.tollandct.gov/home/senior-center](http://www.tollandct.gov/home/senior-center))

and see what we have to offer!

## Want a newsletter emailed to you?

Email:

[kkowalshyn@tollandct.gov](mailto:kkowalshyn@tollandct.gov) and let us know.

# Planning & Development

## Building Department

**860-871-3601**

Did you know that many permits can be applied and paid for online? From the homepage of TollandCT.gov, click on the Building Department, then the Forms & Permits button. While you're on the Building Dept. page, please browse through our many informative handouts. There is quite a bit of information regarding swimming pools, decks, additions and the permit application process in general. Remember to schedule a final inspection appointment to properly close out your permit. Open Building Permits will impede the sale of your home and may give cause to an insurance company to deny a claim for fire or personal injury.

Spring brings many outdoor projects to the forefront. It is likely that you may want to power-wash your home, repair a fence, replace a few shingles, paint the house or stain a deck. While none of the above home-maintenance items require a permit, it is highly recommended that you still hire licensed and insured contractors. You should also always get a written proposal from the contractor and ask for references. Never pay in-full for a job in advance; a partial deposit is common and fair to everyone involved.

Perhaps you are considering adding a tool shed, gazebo or greenhouse to your property? Building and Zoning permits are required for these type of structures larger than 100 square feet. Lots on private septic and wells are required to apply to Eastern Highlands Health Department. Our advice is to call our office to discuss your project and our staff will guide you through the process in an efficient manner.

The Building Official, James Paquin is typically available in the office to answer questions from 8:00-10:00 AM and Noon-2:00 PM, plus 6:00-7:30 PM on Thursdays.



## Planning Department

<https://www.tollandct.gov/planning-zoning>

The Planning & Community Development Department is charged with reviewing building and development projects to ensure compliance with State and Town codes and regulations. The Department also performs long range development and conservation planning projects, studies and gathers community data, advises the public on planning and zoning matters, encourages sound economic development and assists other town agencies as needed. Please visit our website for frequently asked questions, forms and fees, zoning regulations and much more!

Commissions	Meetings held:
Agriculture Commission	1st Monday of each month
Conservation Commission	2nd Thursday of each month
Design Advisory Board Meeting	1st Thursday of each month
Inland Wetlands Commission	3rd Thursday of each month
Planning and Zoning Commission	2nd and 4th Monday of each month
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Thursday of each month

Staff provides technical guidance and support to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands Commission, Conservation Commission, Agriculture Commission, Design Advisory Board, Water Pollution Control Authority and the Water Commission. For Meeting information, Agendas, Packets, Minutes and Recordings - please visit <https://www.tollandct.gov/boards> and locate the Board or Commission you are interested in.



# Registrars of Voters



**ALL ELECTIONS** (MUNICIPAL, GUBERNATORIAL, PRESIDENTIAL AND PRIMARIES) are held at the Recreation Center and Senior Center  
**ALL REFERENDUMS** are held in the Program Room of the Library.  
**ALL EARLY VOTING** is held in Conference Room B.

## ELECTION CALENDAR

**March 26th, 27th, 28th and 30th**

Early Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary

**April 2nd** Presidential Preference Primary

**May 7th** Budget Referendum

**August 5th – 11th** Early Voting for Primary

**August 13th** – If there is either a Democratic or Republican Primary, such Primary will be held on this date.

If you are already registered as a Democrat or Republican and want to vote in your party's primary you are all set to vote.

If you are a member of any of the following parties and wish to **change party affiliation to either Democratic or Republican**, and be able to vote on **August 13th**, you must change your party affiliation by **May 15th**.

**Democratic • Republican • Independent • Working Families • Green • Libertarian**

If you are not registered with a political party, you are an **Unaffiliated voter** and may change your party affiliation up **until noon on August 12th** and be able to vote in the primary on the August 13th.

**November 5, 2024** US President, US Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters.

To register to vote online or to make changes to your voter registration card (name, address, party etc.), please visit [www.govote.ct.gov](http://www.govote.ct.gov) and follow the prompts. You will need a valid Connecticut Driver's license.

Please visit our WEBSITE: [www.Tollandelections.org](http://www.Tollandelections.org) for answers to many questions you may have.

Absentee ballots and applications may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall.

**If you have any further questions, please call the Registrars of Voters at 860-871-3634.**



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# Public Library - Adult Programs

## Ongoing Programs/Groups

### Friends Meeting

The Friends of the Tolland Public Library meets on the first Monday of the month at 11 am in the library's program room. The group is always looking for new members so just stop in. The group does not meet in July or August.

### Virtual Meditation

The meditation group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This group is run by Kathy Grinold and is appropriate for beginners and more experienced practitioners.

### Tech Help

Do you have questions about your laptop, smartphone, or tablet? The Tolland Public Library is now offering one-on-one tech help appointments. Call 860- 871-3620 to book your personalized session today! Tech appointments will be available on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am.

We can help you create an email or social media account, set up new devices, download library articles, e-books and magazines and learn to use Microsoft Word.

### Movies

The Tolland Public Library will show movies on either the first or second Saturday of the month at 2 pm in the library's program room.

### Book Discussion

The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in the program room. We provide the books and the questions. The group does not meet in July or August.

### Featherweight Friends Club

The Featherweight Friends Club meets one Saturday a month at 10 am in the library's program room. Come learn about the featherweight machine and this type of sewing!

### Writers Workshop

The Writers Workshop meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Audiovisual Room. Participants of this group share their work and receive support from other members.

### Knitters

Nookless Knitters meet every Friday at 10 am in the Program Room. Nookless Knitters II meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Audiovisual Room.

### Tech Class

Classes on a variety of tech topics are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm in the library's program room. Past classes have covered iPhones, e-books, Pixlr, and Canva.

## Transitions Salon

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**(860)896-9010**

# Public Library - Children's Department

Events for April – August in the Children's Department at Tolland Public Library

## Buildwave: An interactive STEM workshop for kids

Saturday, April 13 - 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Buildwave is a creative building program that feels like a video game! Over the course of the workshop, children create with over a dozen different building materials, including Lego®, PlusPlus®, and custom-made Buildwave materials. The workshop is structured like a video game, with an audiovisual setup featuring animations and music that guide children through the different building waves. As your child creates with wave after wave of new objects, they build creative confidence, become better collaborators, and encounter design and engineering fundamentals in a unique and memorable context.

### For grades K - 6.

Spots are limited. Please register for each child participant at [tollandct.gov/library](http://tollandct.gov/library) and look for the Online Library Events Calendar or call (860) 871-3621.

## Story Time

Select Tuesdays - 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Kids and caregivers are invited to join our children's librarian on Tuesdays for stories, songs, crafts, and oodles of fun! Toddlers & Kids. FREE. Due to limited space and supplies, registration is required for all participants.



Please register for your spot at [tollandct.gov/library](http://tollandct.gov/library) and look for the Online Library Events Calendar or call (860) 871-3621. Dates are subject to change. Please check our calendar for the most up-to-date information.

April – 2, 9, & 16

May – 7, 14, 21, & 28

June – 4, 11, 18, & 25

July – 16, 23, & 30

August – 6, 13, 20, & 27

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# Public Library - Children's Department

## Baby Bookworms

Select Wednesdays - 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Join us on Wednesday mornings for board book read-alongs, songs, rhymes, finger-plays, and playtime for your little ones. Perfect for babies 0 -23 months. Free!

Please register for your spot at [tollandct.gov/library](http://tollandct.gov/library) and look for the Online Library Events Calendar or call (860) 871-3621. Dates are subject to change. Please check our calendar for the most up-to-date information.

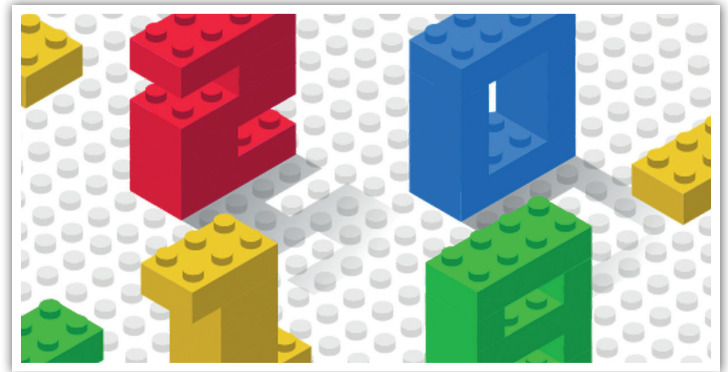
April – 3, 10, & 17

May – 8, 15, 22, & 29

June – 5, 12, & 26

July – 17, 24, & 31

August – 7, 14, 21 & 28



## Lego Club

Second and fourth Thursday of each month - 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Attention LEGO lovers! Exercise your creativity, show off your skills, and attempt awesome challenges. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, 4-4:45 PM. Kids & Pre-Teens. FREE. Call (860) 871-3621 for more info.

April – 11 & 25

May – 9 & 23

June – 13 & 27

July – 11 & 25

August – 8 & 22

## Anime/Manga Club

Third Wednesday of each month - 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Practice manga-style art, eat exotic snacks, fold origami, watch, read, and discuss your favorite anime and manga. Pre-Teens & Teens. Please register for your spot at [tollandct.gov/library](http://tollandct.gov/library) and look for the Online Library Events Calendar or call (860) 871-3621.

April – 17

May – 15

July – 17

August - 12



## Reading to Millie the Therapy Dog

Second and fourth Thursday of each month

Ten minute slots between 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Improve your child's reading-out-loud skills with a furry friend who loves to listen and perhaps get a scratch behind the ears. Millie is a certified therapy dog from the Tails of Joy. Sign up for a ten-minute one-on-one session with Millie. Pick out a favorite book (prior to your child's appointment) or read one provided by us. This program

will occur on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Slots are limited and sign-up is required for each date attended. Check our calendar to see which dates Millie will be here!

For elementary-aged students who wish to improve their reading-out-loud skills. Registration is required for your ten-minute slot and must be done by calling (860) 871-3621 or email [mestey@tollandct.gov](mailto:mestey@tollandct.gov).

**More Events will be added throughout the season. Check our Event Calendar for more up-to-date information.**



# Fire Department & Public Safety

From the Office of the Fire Marshal:

## Grilling Safety

### SAFETY TIPS:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, structures and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill and from the trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it

### PROPANE GRILLS:

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.
- If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and

away from heat sources.

- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord rated specifically for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

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### Submitted by Tolland Fire Department:

#### Is Your Street Number Visible from the Road?

Residents and Business Owners are asked to please check their street address numbers. Can they be seen from the road? Are they faded, too small, overgrown or missing? If so, please update your numbers so that they are visible from both directions. The Fire Department offers blue reflective street address signs for \$16. The signs measure 6" wide and 18" long, your house numbers are placed on both sides and the blue coating is also reflective. These signs will make your address easier to find and they also make great gifts! For an order form please visit [www.tollandfire.org](http://www.tollandfire.org), click "Health & Safety", select Reflective Street Address Sign or call 860-871-3677 ext. 2158.

#### Driveway Accessibility

As you know Tolland Fire Department's number one priority is the safety of our residents and our ability to respond to emergency calls for service. While that statement is true, we are also concerned for the safety of our staff and Fire Department equipment.

Lately, we are noticing a disturbing trend where driveways to properties have become narrow, littered with overhanging trees, limbs, branches and the like. Clearance problems may not be so evident to you, however they are of great concern to the Department.

Since our apparatus is larger than most personal vehicles, extra clearance is needed to accommodate the larger size of a fire truck or ambulance to prevent scratches or damage to the apparatus. Additionally low hanging vegetation could impact your service wires, possibly causing damage to your connection. Low hanging wires may also impede emergency access.

We would appeal to our residents to please evaluate driveway access to their property and complete the necessary maintenance, so that it can easily accommodate larger vehicles. Also, please re-evaluate access often throughout the year, especially after strong storms. Your cooperation will help ensure we can get to you in your time of need safely and quickly, without damaging our equipment or your trees, bushes, etc. Being vigilant will benefit everyone.

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## Submitted by Tolland C.E.R.T. 40:

The **Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)** free training program is a nationally-certified educational series



that focuses on disaster preparedness. Skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations are among the topics taught during the series. The C.E.R.T. curriculum also teaches valuable skills such as;

how to recognize hazards that are most likely to affect your home, workplace, and neighborhood, steps you can take to prepare for a disaster, identifying and reducing potential fire hazards in your home and what to do when disaster strikes.

Utilizing the training learned in the classroom and during hands-on exercises, C.E.R.T. class participants are welcome to use this knowledge for helping themselves, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers. While it is not required, graduates who would like to take a more active role in supporting their local emergency response agencies are welcome to join their local C.E.R.T. team.

Tolland's C.E.R.T. team, known as Tolland C.E.R.T. 40, has been activated for many types of situations including, a land-area search, COVID-19 testing clinics, Tolland Emergency Operation Center operations, Animal Control's rabies vaccination clinic, Celebrate Tolland, and Vernon's July in the Sky. Our team has recently expanded to add HAM radio operators to develop radio communications. Once you've completed all training modules you can choose to join our team. Participants are not required to join the team, but many do!

If there is enough interest, we hope to offer the C.E.R.T. training series of classes in 2024.

If you are at least 18 years of age and are interested in participating, please send an email with your name, address and best contact phone number to [certleader@tollandct.gov](mailto:certleader@tollandct.gov). Please also include which weeknight(s) you would prefer classes to be held.

## Articles submitted by Tolland Emergency Management:

### Staying Informed

Through the State of Connecticut's website (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Individuals/Staying-Informed>) there are multiple ways for you to stay informed before, during and after a disaster. The following are a few of the resources available to you during an emergency or disaster situation.



## CT Prepares Web Application:

The CT Prepares app can be downloaded on both Apple and Android based smartphones. CT Prepares provides information and alerts in emergency situations and incorporates and integrates text messaging, email, and social networking, allowing residents to communicate with family members during an emergency. Users will receive real-time notifications including emergency news, state office closings, and public safety messages. Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Individuals/Staying-Informed> to download the app

## CT Alert Notification System:

CT Alert is an enrollment based notification system that is



used by the State to notify the public of impending emergency situations. The public may enroll in this notification system by visiting <https://portal.ct.gov/CTAlert/Common-Elements/Common-Elements/Learn-about-CT-Alerts>

For a link to these pages visit [www.tollandct.gov/emergency-management](http://www.tollandct.gov/emergency-management) Select "CT Prepares Informational Webpage" listed on the left-hand side.

## Tolland Alert:



For local alerts, visit [www.tollandct.gov/emergency-management](http://www.tollandct.gov/emergency-management) to sign-up for Tolland's Emergency Alerts

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Tolland Alert, our Emergency Notification Program. This emergency notification system enables the Town

of Tolland to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

You can receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how.

# Fire Department & Public Safety

## Animal Control - Submitted by Tolland Animal Control: Wildlife Babies



With winter winding down and warm weather on the horizon, residents can expect to see an increase in wildlife throughout town. An increase in wildlife brings the possibility of seeing young and newborn animals. Tolland Animal Control often receives calls for potentially abandoned newborn wildlife during the spring and summer months. We would like to use this opportunity to help inform and educate residents about these youngsters and the best practices for when you encounter them.

If you stumble upon a baby squirrel at the base of a

tree, do not be alarmed. Check the area above and see if there is a visible nest. Squirrels prefer to build their nests high up and it is likely that Mom is nearby. If given some time, she will be able to locate her baby and safely return it to the nest. Be sure to keep people and pets at a safe distance and feel free to contact Animal Control to notify us of your findings. If the baby squirrel appears injured or in significant distress, contact a wildlife rehabilitator or Tolland Animal Control as soon as possible so it can be properly cared for.

Fawns are another common wildlife baby to see as the weather warms up. If you stumble upon a fawn that is by itself, it is best to leave it be and keep a safe distance. It is typical for its mother to return at different times during the day to feed it. If a fawn has been in the same spot for an extended period of time, and you are concerned that it may be orphaned, contact Tolland Animal Control and provide us details such as how long it has been there, if you have seen any other deer in the area etc. We can provide instructions and assistance on the next steps that should be taken.

In addition to fawns and squirrels, you may find baby bunnies. If you find baby bunnies that are alone, as with our other warm weather newborns, be sure to keep people and pets at a distance. Their mother will only visit a few times a day in order to avoid attracting predators. It may be more common for the mother to spend time with her babies during the overnight hours.

If you have questions or concerns regarding wildlife or baby animals in your area, feel free to contact Tolland Animal Control via email at [animalcontrol@tollandct.gov](mailto:animalcontrol@tollandct.gov).

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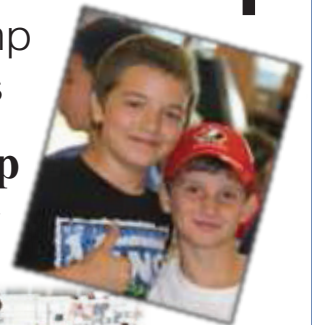
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