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Town Manager’s Office

NEW – Birch Grove Primary School Project Website

A new website has been created to keep residents up to date on the Birch Grove Primary School project. Please visit the site at www.birchgroveprimaryproject.org to find answers, see pictures of the progress or to ask questions.

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

Our refuse and recycling vendor, Willimantic Waste Paper (WWP) recently came and met with the Town over the current challenging state of the recycling market. They have proposed a year-long moratorium on paying the $10 per ton for recycling to the Town starting in July with the FY19-20 budget. There are several clauses in the contracts that allow this under the area of “Uncontrollable Circumstances” relating to market conditions. In addition to the moratorium, WWP plans to charge Tolland a $30 per ton tipping fee relating to recyclables. The Town Council approved these changes in May.

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, October 26, 2019 between 8 AM and 12 noon.

Take 2 Inc. will be on site to unload vehicles and safely package and transport all equipment to their Waterbury facility to be responsibly and securely recycled. Take 2 employees will also assist vehicles in the lot.

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.

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Email: pietrasfhs@att.net
Tolland Recreation Department

Contact Information
104 Old Post Road
Office: 860-871-3610
Fax: 860-870-1367

Office Hours
Monday–Wednesday: 8:00am–4:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am–7:30pm
Friday: CLOSED

Mailing Address
21 Tolland Green
Tolland, CT 06084

Registration Website: www.tollandrec.com
Email: tollandrec@tolland.org

Recreation Staff
Director: Bruce Watt, bwatt@tolland.org
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Recreation Board
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David Clokey
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The Board meets every second Monday of the month. All meetings are open to the public.

Recreation News
A note from the Recreation Director, Bruce Watt
The Tolland Recreation Department would like to thank our 2019 sponsors for the Tolland C.A.R.E.S program!!!
Your support is greatly appreciated!

*Lion's Club of Tolland
*Fenton River Veterinary Hospital
*Cathy and Larry Gramling
*Tolland Community Women

Tolland Recreation Department
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:
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.

Registration Information
MAIL-IN
Registrations are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. A registration form is available at TollandRec.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
Registration Website: www.tollandrec.com
Town Website: www.tolland.org
Participants registering online will be confirmed online. Not all classes can be registered for online; however you may view all classes.

FAX-IN: 860-870-1367
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.

REFUNDS
Refunds are given only prior to the start of classes or if we cancel the program. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a $10.00 processing fee.

TRIP CANCELLATION
You will be refunded only if the spot can be filled. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a $10.00 processing fee.

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

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 by reservation only through the Recreation Office. Call the Recreation office at 860-871-3610 for fee schedule and available dates. Rental of the Pavilion does not include beach access.

“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. Building contains 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.tolland.org/recreation

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**Tolland Youth Sports Leagues & Groups**
Tolland Boys Travel Basketball........................................www.tollandbasketballclub.com
Tolland Girls Travel Basketball.............. jeffmartens72@gmail.com
Tolland Lacrosse..........................................................www.tollandalacrosse.org
Tolland Little League.................................www.tollandlittleleague.org
Tolland Soccer Club ..................www.tollsoccerclub.org
Tolland Youth Football & Cheerleading..................www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com
Tolland Garden Paths Youth Garden........ www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net

**Rentals**
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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:**
- 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
- Horseshoe pits
- Easy access to hiking trails and fishing pond

**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 Marshal ..................................................................... (860) 871-3677
Health District/Sanitarian .................................................. (860) 871-3608
Human Resources .............................................................. (860) 871-3600
Human Services ............................................................... (860) 871-3648
Library........................................................................ 871-3620
Planning & Development ................................................ (860) 871-3601
Police - Kevin Eklund, Admin. Resident Trooper ................. (860) 875-8911
Lori Sherwood, Secretary ................................................ (860) 926-4695
Probate Court ................................................................. (860) 871-3640
Public Safety (Non-Emergency) ........................................ (860) 871-3677
Public Works .................................................................. (860) 871-3696
Recreation Department ..................................................... (860) 871-3610
Senior Services ............................................................... (860) 870-3730
Solid Waste & Recycling ................................................ (860) 926-4695
Tax Department ............................................................... (860) 871-3657
Tolland Tykes Preschool .................................................. (860) 871-3610
Town Clerk ..................................................................... (860) 871-3630
Town Manager’s Office .................................................... (860) 871-3600
Youth Services ............................................................... (860) 871-3612
Preschool Programs

MUSIC and MOVEMENT for TOTS

A wonderful group experience! Come sing, dance, play and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments.

Instructor Jill Maznicki will lead the class in finger plays, songs, bounces, and developmentally appropriate group activities. Parent participation is required.

Instructor: Jill Maznicki
Day: Fridays
Date: September 27 – November 15, 2019
Time: 9:30-10:15am
Ages: 1-3
Fee: $65.00 Res. / $75.00 Non-Res., (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

SOCCER SHOTS Mini Program

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. Each child will receive a Soccer Shots jersey. No equipment is necessary.

Day: Saturdays
Date: September 28 – November 16, 2019
Time: 10:00–10:45am
Ages: 2
Fee: $105.00 Res. / $115.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center – Fields

SOCCER SHOTS Classic Program

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.

Day: Saturdays
Date: September 28 – November 16, 2019
Time: 10:45–11:30am
Ages: 3 & 4
Fee: $110.00 Res. / $120.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center – Fields

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.tollandrec.com

www.tolland.org
Youth Programs

BABYSITTER SAFETY - 101

This course is for youth's age 10 to 15 years of age with the most common age of 12. 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.

Basic first aid and obstructed airway management for a conscious choking adult/child and infant will be covered. Other topics include hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, personal safety, interview skills and many more topics.

Booklet, handouts and Babysitter Safety Certificate of completion included. Bring a snack.

Instructor: LifeSafe Services Staff
Day: Saturday
Date: November 16, 2019
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Ages: 10 and up
Fee: $60.00 Res/$65.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Recreation Youth Basketball Program

This recreational basketball league is for boys and girls grades 3-12.

A fun program designed to help improve individual skills and learn the fundamentals of basketball. Games and practices are held primarily on Saturday. Each league has a separate program for boys and girls. SPACE IS LIMITED!

Day: Saturdays (practices and games)
Dates: Mid December-Early March
Time: Times will vary according to schedule
Ages: Boys League: Grades 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th and 9th – 12th
Girls League: Grades 3rd – 5th and Grades 6th – 9th
Fee: $85.00 until November 1, 2019; November 2 – 24, 2019: Fee: $90.00

We will not accept registrations after November 24, 2019
Volunteer coaches are needed for all age groups. Call the Recreation Office at 860-871-3610.

Tolland Recreation After School Program

Open to boys and girls in grades 3rd – 8th.

We are happy to be able to offer this program as an alternative to your child going home alone.

Our program runs out of the Recreation Center and participants will be met at the Tolland Intermediate School and walked up to our building. You have the option of signing up for 3, 4 or 5 days a week. Program participants will have the opportunity to work on homework, enjoy some quiet time, have a snack and then expend energy participating in games and sports either in the gym or outside.

This program runs all the days that the Tolland Public Schools are in operation including scheduled half days.

Instructor: Tolland Recreation Staff
Day: Monday - Friday
Date: First Day of School-Last Day of School 2019/2020
Time: 2:30-6:00pm
Ages: Grades 3–5 and 6–8
Payment Rates are per month:
3 days a week - $170.00 per month
4 days a week - $210.00 per month
5 days a week - $250.00 per month
Payments are due on or before the 15th of each month before the month participating (EX. February’s payment is due January 15th)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center
JUKIDO – (Ages 6-8)

Based on the ancient art of Jujitsu, Jukido helps build focus, determination, confidence and sportsmanship. The emphasis is on safety and doing one’s best while learning the basic principles and self-defense techniques.

Instructor: Todd Sise, is a 4th degree black belt certified with the International Kokondo Association

Day: Tuesdays
Date: October 1–December 10, 2019 (No class Nov 5)
Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm
Ages: 6 - 8
Fee: $47.00 Res./ $52.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

JUKIDO – (Ages 9-13)

This class builds on the fundamentals learned in previous classes. Helps build focus, determination, confidence and sportsmanship.

Instructor: Todd Sise, is a 4th degree black belt certified with the International Kokondo Association

Day: Tuesdays
Date: October 1– December 10, 2019 (No class Nov 5)
Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm
Ages: 9 - 13
Fee: $47.00 Res./ $52.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

DODGEBALL

A chance for some after school fun playing the popular game of dodgeball. The players will use super soft foam balls and safety is stressed. Each week different styles of dodgeball are learned. The emphasis will be on teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants will be met at school and walked up to the Recreation Center.

Instructor: Rich Lavigne
Day: Wednesdays
Date: October 2 – November 13, 2019 (No class Oct 23, Nov 6)
Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm
Ages: Grades 3 - 5
Fee: $50.00 Res. / $55.00 Non-Res. (5 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center
**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 $5.00 an evening. TOLLAND RESIDENTS ONLY.

Instructor: Phil Doucette

Day: MONDAYS

Date: September 16 – December 9, 2019
(No class Oct 14 )

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Ages: 19 and up

Fee: $48.00 (12 weeks) or $5.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Middle School

**VOLEYBALL (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 $5.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sue Vang

Day: Mondays

Date: September 16 – December 9, 2019
(No class Oct 14 )

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: $48.00 Res./ $53.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $5.00 per walk-in

Location: Tolland Intermediate School

**PICKLE BALL**

Are you looking to meet new people, workout, or just have fun? Then Pickle ball is for you! Come join us for some fun playing one of the fastest growing sports in America. Pickle ball is a racquet sport which combines badminton; tennis and ping pong all in one and is easy to learn.

Instructor: Ken and Liz Brown

Day: TUESDAYS

Date: September 17 – December 10, 2019
(No class Nov 5)

Time: 4:30-5:45pm

Ages: 45 and up

Fee: $48.00 Res./$53.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks)

Location: Tolland Middle School

Day: THURSDAYS

Date: September 19 – December 12, 2019
(No class Oct 24, Oct 31 & Nov 28)

Time: 3:45-5:00pm

Ages: 45 and up

Fee: $40.00 Res./ $45.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: THURSDAYS

Date: September 19 – December 12, 2019
(No class Oct 24, Oct 31 & Nov 28)

Time: 5:00-6:15pm

Ages: 45 and up

Fee: $40.00 Res./ $45.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center
Adult Sports

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 $5.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sue Vang
Day: Tuesdays
Date: September 17 – December 3, 2019
Time: 7:15-9:15pm
Ages: 18 and up
Fee: $48.00 Res./$53.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $5.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Intermediate School

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JUKIDO ADULT

Jukido is a style of Japanese Jujitsu founded centuries ago. Jujitsu was used by Japan’s elite warrior class, the samurai, in battlefield combat. Jukido emphasizes safety and doing one’s best in a no-nonsense approach to self-defense.

Instructor: Todd Sise, is a 4th degree black belt certified with the International Kokondo Association
Day: Tuesdays
Date: October 1 – December 10, 2019
Time: 8:00 - 9:00pm
Ages: 14 and up
Fee: $47.00 Res./ $52.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

KOKONDO KARATE

Kokondo Karate, a Japanese style of Karate, uses principles indigenous to the far east and draws from the most effective and traditional techniques from Japan, Okinawa and China. The emphasis is a no-nonsense self-defense and perfection of technique.

Instructor: Todd Sise, International Kokondo Association & 4rd Degree Black Belt
Day: Tuesdays
Date: October 1–December 10, 2019
Time: 8:00 - 9:00pm
Ages: 14 and up
Fee: $47.00 Res./ $52.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

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Instructor: Lori D’Andrea
Day: Tuesdays
Date: September 24-November 26, 2019
Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $57.00 Res./ $62.00 Non-Res. (10 weeks)
Location: TBD

YOGA CLASSES- AM & PM
These classes are moderate, mixed level Kripalu Yoga classes. In Kripalu Yoga, 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. Everything can be adapted to suit individual levels. No previous experience with yoga is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket or towel to cover up for the final relaxation. Register with the Recreation Office, at www.tollandrec.com, or drop in for $9.00 per class.

Yoga Incentive Program: If you get a friend to sign up, you will receive 2 FREE class vouchers which can be used at any Tolland Recreation Department Yoga class within 9 months.

Instructor: Amy Evans, RYT-200
Day: TUESDAYS – AM
Date: October 1 – December 17, 2019
Time: 9:00-10:00am
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./$89.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: WEDNESDAYS- AM
Date: October 2 – December 18, 2019
Time: 9:00-10:00am
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 (12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: MONDAYS – Afternoon
Date: September 30 – December 23, 2019 (No class Oct 14)
Time: 4:45-5:45pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 Non-Res.(12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: WEDNESDAYS- Afternoon
Date: October 2 – December 18, 2019
Time: 4:45-5:45pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 Non-Res.(12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: MONDAYS - PM
Date: September 30 – December 23, 2019 (No class Oct 14)
Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: WEDNESDAYS-PM
Date: October 2 – December 18, 2019
Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

CHAIR YOGA NEW*
Come and get all the benefits of a yoga practice using a chair as a prop. In this class we will use breathing exercises, postures, and meditation techniques to increase strength, flexibility, and peace of mind all with the support of a chair.

No getting down to the floor. Please wear comfortable clothing for ease of movement.

Instructor: Amy Evans, RYT-200
Day: Tuesdays
Date: October 1 – December 17, 2019
Time: 10:15 - 11:15am
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: WEDNESDAYS - PM
Date: October 2 – December 18, 2019
Time: 4:45-5:45pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $84.00 Res./ $89.00 Non-Res. (12 weeks) or $9.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center
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Instructor: Marisa Paradis
Day: MONDAYS
Date: October 7 – December 16, 2019 (No class Oct 14, Nov 4)
Time: 7:00-8:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $45.00 Res./$50.00 Non-Res. (9 weeks) or $8.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: THURSDAYS
Date: October 10 – December 19, 2019 (No class Oct 24, Oct 31, Nov 14 and Nov 28)
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $35.00 Res./$40.00 Non-Res. (7 weeks) or $8.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Day: WEDNESDAYS
Date: October 9 – December 18, 2019 (No class Oct 23, Nov 27, Dec 4)
Time: 7:00-8:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: $40.00 Res./$45.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks) or $8.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

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Roger Williams Spooky Zoo
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Registration Deadline: Sept. 26
Spooky Zoo is back, offering daytime outdoor autumn activities for the whole family. Come trick-or-treat (while supplies last) with us beginning at 10:00 am. Kids and adults will enjoy a packed schedule of seasonal activities including: animal encounters, the annual elephant Pumpkin Stomp, meet & greet with costumed characters, hands-on crafts, and free trick-or-treat bags provided by National Grid!
Day: Saturday
Date: October 26th
Departure Time: 8:30am – Bus leaves Tolland Commuter Lot at I-84 Exit 68
Return Time: Approx. 5:30 pm
Fee: $46.00 per person (ages 13+), $41.00 per child age 12 and under
Location: Pick up and Drop will be located at the Tolland Commuter Lot at I-84 Exit 68

A Day On Your Own In NEW YORK CITY
Saturday, December 7, 2019
Enjoy a day in the “Big Apple” with friends and family. Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping, visit the museums, see a Broadway show, explore some fine dining, take in the views at Times Square, or just enjoy the sights of the city. Bus drop-offs/pick-ups in New York City will be determined by the driver on the day of the trip.
Day: Saturday
Date: December 7, 2019
Departure Time: 7:00am – Bus leaves Tolland Commuter Lot at I-84 Exit 68
Return Time: Approx. 10:30 pm
Fee: $TBD per person (fee includes bus transportation only)
Location: Pick up and Drop-off will be located at the Tolland Commuter Lot at I-84 Exit 68

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Recreation Happenings

Trick-or-Treat
Tolland Recreation Department
Thursday, October 24, 2019

A chance to show off your child’s costume, see your friends and trick or treat in a safe friendly environment. Visit the Recreation Department and find out more about us. Busiest time is between 5:30 and 6pm; come later when the lines are shorter. The event will be held at the Tolland Recreation Center (104 Old Post Road).

Sponsored by: The Tolland Recreation Department

Day: Thursday
Date: October 24, 2019
Time: 5:30-7:00pm
Ages: 10 and under
Fee: In lieu of a fee, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food donation.

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Letters to Santa

Santa's elves will be collecting letters left in the mail boxes at the Post Office, Birch Grove School, Tolland Intermediate School and Tolland Library beginning Monday, December 2nd thru Monday, December 16th, 2019.

It is so hard for Santa to write back when a child doesn't include their FULL NAME & ADDRESS, so please be sure that children include them.

Cider Mill 5K & Family Fun Run

Our final event is the Cider Mill 5K — a challenge for the fastest of runners, and a great goal for beginners. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three male/female 5k finishers (overall), as well as trophies to division winners. All participants in the Cider Kids and Cider Mile fun runs receive medals. T-shirts are free to pre-registered runners. Packet pick up is at the pavilion day of event.

The Cider Mill 5K & Family Fun Run is organized by a committee partnered by the Tolland Elementary PTO, Tolland Middle School PTO, Tolland High School Booster Club and the Tolland Recreation Department. All proceeds benefit these organizations and their efforts to promote physical fitness within the Tolland community.

REGISTRATION

Registration is now available ONLINE at https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Tolland/Cidermillroadrace
Filing Deadline for Tolland Military Veterans

The Tolland Assessor’s office will be preparing the 2019 Grand List during the coming months. Tolland residents are advised that Veterans claiming a property exemption, who have not filed their honorable discharge form DD-214, must bring their original or a certified copy to the Town Clerk’s office prior to September 30, 2019.

The Veteran must be a US citizen for 10 years and have served 90 days of the conflict or the full duration of any conflict lasting less than ninety days. Eligibility for this exemption will be determined by the Assessor after review of the information provided.

Disabled Veterans and Veterans with incomes under $43,900 for married and $36,000 for single may be eligible for additional benefits. Filing deadline is October 1, 2019.

Veterans on active duty service, personnel to certain members of the reserve components of the armed forces, including the National Guard, who perform duty under Title 32 of the United States code, may be eligible for a Veteran’s exemption. Title 32 covers Homeland Security missions, airport security duty service in time of National disasters and patrol of the United States borders. Individuals applying must meet eligibility requirements under CGS-12-81

Active duty military personnel may have one of their motor vehicles exempted from taxes. The Assessor’s office has a form which must be completed and returned to the Assessor’s office along with a copy of a military photo ID and returned to the Assessor’s office to qualify for this benefit

Notice To Tolland Residents

The Tolland Assessor’s office is currently receiving applications from individuals who are entitled to the following exemptions:

Any person who has been declared legally blind is entitled to a $3000 exemption. Proof must be filed with the Assessor. Handicapped individuals who drive special equipped motor vehicles must apply annually to have their vehicle exempted from property taxes. Filing deadline is January 31, 2020.

Totally disabled persons who are receiving permanent total disability under the Federal Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance Program are entitled to an exemption of $1,000 of property assessment on property that they own. The filing deadline is December 1, 2019.

All persons filing for land assessment reductions under Public Act 490, farm, forest and open space for the first time must submit an application to the Assessor between September 1 and October 31, 2019. A State Forester must certify Forest Land applications before the Department of Environmental Protection will issue a Forest Certificate. New since 2016 Grand List, Open Space applications no longer need Planning and Zoning approval and can be filed directly with the Assessor’s office. Owners of land already under Public Act 490 that has not changed in use or acreage do not have to file annual applications with the Assessor.

Personal Property forms will be mailed out late September to those known individuals having taxable personal property. Taxable property consists of all unregistered motor vehicles, campers and horses/ponies and construction equipment.

All Business located in Tolland are required to file an annual Personal Property Declaration. Any Business having personal property to declare and who have not received forms by October 1st, should contact the Assessor’s office and forms will be mailed. All Personal Property forms must be returned to the Assessor’s office during October, or a 25% penalty will be applied according to State law. All Personal Property not declared and discovered by the Assessor will be valued by the Assessor. All appeal rights will be waived. If you closed your business during the past year, you must notify the Assessor in written form to have your account removed from the Grand List.
2019-2020
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Dec 14 BOSTON POPS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Feb 20 DRUM TAO 2020 – Explosive Taiko drumming

Feb 23 PETE THE CAT
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Mar 12 CIRQUE FLIP FABRIQUE – BLIZZARD
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Mar 24 CINDERELLA – Russian National Ballet

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**Districts 1 & 3**
Gymnasium at Tolland Recreation Center
104 Old Post Road

**District 2**
Tolland Senior Center
674 Tolland Stage Road

Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk’s office starting on October 4, 2019 for those who are unable to appear at their polling place during all hours of voting on Election Day. If you are permanently disabled, you may be eligible to file for permanent absentee ballot status. You must file with the Town Clerk an absentee ballot application together with a doctor’s certificate on his/her letterhead stating that you have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at your polling place. Permanent absentee ballot status enables you to receive an absentee ballot automatically for each election and primary for which you are eligible to vote.

You can go to [www.tolland.org/town- clerk/pages/voter-registration-absentee-ballots](http://www.tolland.org/town- clerk/pages/voter-registration-absentee-ballots) to:
- Download an absentee ballot application
- Register to Vote
- Verify your voter registration status
- Verify your polling location
- Change your party affiliation
- Contact your elected representatives
- Contact Tolland’s Democratic and Republican Town Committees

_Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk_
Human Services
Residents may call any of the following Tolland Human Services personnel for more information about state programs and local initiatives:

Beverly Bellody, MS, Human Services Director  
(860) 871-3611
Nancy Taylor Dunn, LPC, Assistant Director Human Services  
(860) 871-3612
Jeanne Pitney, MSW, Human Services Case Manager  
(860) 871-3615
Fran Weigand, Senior Center Director  
(860) 870-3725
Rebecca Ellert, Elderly Outreach Case Worker  
(860) 870-3726
Bridget Joy, Administrative Secretary  
(860) 871-3648

Assistance Programs:

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP/CHAP)
Applications for the 2019/2020 program will be taken beginning on August 19, 2019 for deliveries/assistance beginning in mid-November, 2019. On behalf of eligible households, the winter heating assistance program pays for such heating sources as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal and wood/pellets. Homeowners and renters may apply. Eligibility for energy assistance is based on income, liquid assets and size of household.

Income Guidelines for Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

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To request a list of required documentation, schedule an appointment or learn more about this program: contact Administrative Assistant Bridget Joy, (860) 871-3648; seniors-contact Rebecca Ellert, (860) 870-3726. Information regarding eligibility and required documents will also be posted on the Tolland website, www.tolland.org (Human Services Dept., Energy Assistance). Residents may also contact the ACCESS Agency in Willimantic, (860) 450-7423. All documents must be current and available at the time of your appointment. We are unable to process walk-in applications.

Operation Fuel Emergency Fuel/Utility Assistance Programs
Tolland residents who meet the income guidelines below may contact Human Services with inquiries as to their eligibility and the availability of funds for Operation Fuel Emergency assistance; this program assists with utilities and/or deliverable fuels, depending on the season.

Income Guidelines for Operation Fuel Programs

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2019 Holiday Care and Share Program
provides Thanksgiving and December holiday food baskets, and children’s gifts to Tolland residents and families experiencing financial hardship. Important Program Dates –

September 30: Registration Forms available for program Sponsors

September 30: Applications available to Tolland households needing holiday assistance

October 31: Sponsor Registration and Household Application Forms due to Human Services

• Households facing critical economic hardship may continue to apply throughout the holidays.
• Human Services will ensure that all such households receive the services that are needed.

Distribution Dates for Food Basket and Children’s Gifts:

November 19: Thanksgiving Food Baskets
December 19: December Holiday Food Baskets
Children’s Gifts: December 12-18, by appointment

Eligibility: Tolland households receiving income-based assistance (Energy Assistance, Renters Rebate, Food Stamps etc.) are eligible to apply for this program. Households not receiving other assistance may also apply; those applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, please contact the following:
Sponsors: contact Nancy Dunn (860-871-3612)
Applicants: contact Jeanne Pitney (860-871-3615); seniors contact Rebecca Ellert (860-870-3726) to request an application.

Food Bank
The Food Bank gratefully appreciates donations from individuals, neighborhoods, youth groups, organizations and businesses. Tolland residents needing to use the Food Bank, and those wishing to make donations to the Food Bank, may contact the following staff members: Seniors- contact Rebecca Ellert, (860) 870-3726; all other households- contact Bridget Joy, (860) 871-3648.
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:

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

FoodShare Mobile Food Pantry

The FoodShare Mobile Food Pantry is available in Tolland on alternate Thursdays, 9-9:30 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.

For the next few months, distribution at the Tolland site will be on the following dates:

- September 12 & 26; October 10 & 24; November 7 & 21; December 5 & 19, 2019 from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Residents participating in the program must bring their own bags.

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. Rides are available to locations in Vernon, Ellington and Tolland. 

Trips include: medical appointments, social, shopping and recreational activities. Medical trips are made to Manchester (Monday & Thursdays) and South Windsor (1st & 3rd Tuesdays) when available. All appointments are on a first come, first serve basis. You will need to reserve your ride both to the appointment and from the appointment. In order to provide a return ride you will need to estimate the duration of your stay at your appointment. You may reserve your ride up to 8 weeks in advance. There is an annual $20.00 registration fee and a $2.00 donation for each trip. Round trips are $4.00. You must have exact change. No Passenger will be refused. Call 860-870-7940 to make a reservation or for more information.

Renter’s Rebate

Tolland Human Services accept Renter’s Rebate applications from April 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019. This income-based program provides a one-time payment to renters based on the rent and utilities paid in 2018.

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 and expenses for 2018 must be provided.

Elderly Outreach/Case Management Services

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

Navigating the world of programs and services can be confusing as there are so many options out there. Together, Tolland Elderly Outreach Worker Rebecca Ellert and Tolland Human Services Case Manager Jeanne Pitney have over 50 years of experience working with elders.

Case Management 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 and
- Monitoring of the elders situation

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Youth Programming

TYSCT Coffee House 2019-2020 schedule:

- Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 (Auditions: Monday, Oct. 28)
- Friday, March 20, 2020 (Auditions: Monday, March 9)
- Friday, May 22, 2020 (Auditions: Monday, May 11)

Performances: 7 PM Tolland High School café.

The event features original and popular vocal selections performed by area high school youth. Admission: $5 and a toiletries item for the Tolland Food Bank.

(Admission includes light refreshments)

For more information about programs and services for Tolland youth and families, residents may contact Nancy Dunn, (860) 871-3612 or nancydunn@tolland.org. Please visit us at www.tolland.org for more information, and watch for press releases about upcoming events.

Town of Tolland Fair Housing Notice

Submitted by Beverly Bellody, Director of Human Services

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.

For more information you can also contact The Connecticut Fair Housing Center, 221 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 860-247-4236, or email at info@ctfairhousing.org. The Connecticut Fair Housing Center also has information about foreclosure prevention.

Senior Center News

Senior Center Day Trips for 2019

All trips are subject to change. Contact the Senior Center to make a reservation (860-870-3730).

- September 19th: Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, CT- Frankie Pizarro
- December 12th: Aqua Turf, Plantsville, CT- Glenn Miller Orchestra

Red Cross Blood Drive

Offered at the Tolland Senior Center, 674 Tolland Stage Road.

- Monday, August 26, 2019: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  Appointments can be made at www.redcrossblood.org, Walk-ins are welcome

Senior Center Open House

Tolland Senior Center, 674 Tolland Stage Road.

- Sunday, September 29, 2019: 12:30 p.m.
  Light refreshments will be served

AARP Driving Course

Offered at the Tolland Senior Center, 674 Tolland Stage Road.

- Saturday, October 5, 2019: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  Registration is required, please call the Senior Center at 860-870-3730.

Flu Clinic

Offered at the Tolland Senior Center, 674 Tolland Stage Road.

- Tuesday, October 29, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Senior Banquet

Tolland Senior Center, 674 Tolland Stage Road.

- Thursday, October 31, 2019: 5:30 p.m.
  Reservations required. Please sign up and pay in advance, cost is $14 per person.

Note-ables Chorus Concert

Sunday, December 1, 2019: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free to the public. At the Tolland Arts Center, 21 Tolland Green.
Proposed 2019 Tolland Plan of Conservation Out for Public Review

The Planning and Zoning Commission is pleased to release the proposed 2019 Tolland Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed plan on September 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Per Connecticut General Statutes, the plan has been referred to the Town Council and the Capitol Region Council of Governments. You may review the plan on the Town’s website (see below) and a copy is available to review at the library.

If you wish to provide input, you may do so by:

• Speaking at the hearing.
• Emailing comments to hsamokar@tolland.org or submitting written comments to the Planning & Zoning Commission, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084 by noon on September 23.


Status of Old Cathole Road Reconstruction Project

The Town has been working with its design engineer, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and the Capitol Region Council of Governments to finalize plans and bid documents for the reconstruction of Old Cathole Road. By the time this article is published, we expect to either be completing the bid process or awarding the bid. Though we will not know for certain until we award the bid, it is possible that drainage work would occur in the Fall, with road reconstruction starting next Spring. We expect the project to be completed by November 2020.

Land use applications on-line

Applications submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Inland Wetlands Commission are on-line. See the webpage for each of these entities and select “Applications Pending” in the left sidebar. General information is posted including a map showing where the subject property is located. For more detail on a specific application, contact our department.

If you have any questions, contact us at 860-871-3601.

Building Department
860-871-3601
https://www.tolland.org/building-department

Did you know that many permits can be applied and paid for online? Visit the Building Department webpage and click the Online Permit Center button to start your application. Having proper permits will not only guarantee the work is approved and inspected, but will benefit you if you decide to sell your home. Did you know that homeowner’s insurance claims may be denied due to unpermitted home improvements? Our office staff is happy to answer any questions you may have on the permit process.

While you’re on the Building Dept. page, check out our many Reference Materials and Links. There is quite a bit of information provided to help you with your home improvement projects, including swimming pools, decks, additions and more.

Fall is the perfect time to prepare for cold, winter months. Please be advised that wood stoves, pellet stoves and inserts require a building permit. A permit ensures a proper installation, which requires smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. On the subject of smoke detectors, don’t forget to change your batteries in your smoke detectors when you change the clocks on November 3rd!

Before the snow arrives, consider calling in professional help to address any ice dam issues your roof may have had last year. The root cause is usually a lack of ceiling insulation and/or attic ventilation. We always recommend using a competent, licensed and insured contractor for any home improvement project. A professional contractor will take care of the permit requirements for you and will provide peace of mind knowing that the work is done properly and to current code requirements.

If you have questions for Jim Paquin, the Building Official, he is usually available in the office Mon-Thurs, 8:00-10:00 AM and noon-2:00PM. He is also available Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30PM.
Public Works Department

CT DOT Project 142-149 – Route 74 / Route 195 Realignment

At the time of this writing, the Contractor is working on Stages 4 & 5 which is the area directly in front of the Green. This portion of the project includes the installation of the granite curbing, some drainage improvements and the repaving of that section. The estimated timeframe to have this area completed is two to three weeks. Stage 3 is almost complete, which is the section of Route 195 that now has a designated right turn lane from Route 195 onto Old Post Road heading west. Stage 2 is the intersection of Old Post Road and Route 195 which shall immediately follow the completion of Stages 4 & 5. Stage 3 will be completed along with Stage 2 as they tie into each other. These two sections shall be completed before the start of school. From there the Contractor will move onto Stages 6 & 7 which is the northernmost areas of the project. They encompass the realignment of Route 74, Route 195 and Old Stafford Road. The project is slated form completion by October 30, 2019.

Highway Garage Project

The project is continuing to move forward with the mechanical and electrical portion of the job. The wash bay is almost complete with the undercarriage wash being fabricated and installed within the next week or two. Once the Contractor has the garage portion wrapped up, they will move onto the last phase which is the renovated bathrooms, breakroom, storage rooms, office spaces and sleeping quarters. The scope of the project was to provide adequate housing of our front line pieces of equipment so that during emergencies such as snow events, we can respond in a much more efficient manner. Each vehicle has its own bay for quicker egress from the facility. This improvement will help protect our equipment from the elements thereby extending the lifetime of each unit. Our crews have been assisting with the moving of equipment, furniture and any other items to help expedite the process. We expect to be able “move in” and be fully functional by the middle or end of September based on our latest discussion with our Architect and General Contractor.

Registrar of Voters office

MUNICIPAL ELECTION: November 5th

The State Election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Voting will be for Town Council, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

As we do for all Elections and Primaries, voting will take place at both polling places—the Recreation Center Gym (Old Parker School), and the Tolland Senior Center (674 Tolland Stage Road). If you have moved to another voting district in town then your Polling Place may have changed. Please notify the Registrars of Voters if you have moved within town so that your records can be updated.

Please visit our WEBSITE www.TollandElections.org for answers to any questions you may have regarding your registration. You can also go to www.govote.ct.gov to check your registration or register to vote online (if you have a CT driver’s license). You can also change your address, party, name etc. if you are already registered.

Tuesday, October 29th:
• The online voter registration system will be shut down for new registrations;
• Mail in registrations must be post marked by this date to be processed;
• The last day for in-person registration in Registrars office Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m until 8:00 p.m on November 5th.

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

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Adult Programs

History – Amelia Earhart

On Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM the Friends of the Tolland Public Library will be sponsoring Sheryl Faye, a historical woman performer. Amelia Earhart is the subject of Faye’s program which will be held in the library’s program room.

Buying/Selling Houses

A licensed Realtor, a licensed Mortgage Professional and a licensed Home Inspector will provide information for first time home buyers on navigating the home buying process including: a market outlook, the home buying process step by step, financial aspects (budgeting, qualifying, loan programs) and home inspection essentials.

This will happen at 6 p.m. in the library’s program room on Wednesday September 18. At 7 p.m. a licensed Realtor and a Professional Home Stager will present information to individuals considering selling their home now or in the future. It helps the homeowners through the entire process of home selling including: things to do before putting their home on the market, strategically pricing their home, the benefits to staging a home, marketing their home, tips on better home showings, successfully negotiating the deal and closing the transaction.

Connecticut Authors Trail

The Grand Finale for the Connecticut Authors Trail will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:15 PM at the Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre. New York Times bestseller Angela Rice will be the featured speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Woodstock: A 50th Anniversary Celebration

Craig Harris is presenting a timely multimedia and participatory 90-minute program which incorporates rare audio, archival film, captivating storytelling, group singing, and guided music-making on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM in the library’s program room. (This program was originally scheduled for July.) The August 15-18, 1969 Woodstock Exposition of Music and Art continues to reverberate cultural ripples and this program will not only stir memories but provide a new perspective. Craig is a master percussionist, educator, author, photographer and host of a popular Friday night show on WAMU (NPR) in Washington, D.C. Please call the library (860 871-3620) to register or sign up online at tolland.org/library and look for Online Library Events Calendar.

Music

Peter Biedermann is a solo instrumental guitarist based in Green Valley, Arizona who has been composing and performing for over 40 years. He will be appearing at the Tolland Public Library, 21 Tolland Green on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. His background includes stints in various group settings, most notable the bands PING, White Light, Serious Fun, Magic Spot and Amalgamation. Please register for this event by calling the library (860 871-3620) or register online at tolland.org/library and look for Online Library Events Calendar.

Crafts

Angelina Fleury, a local crafter, will be teaching a class on needle felting at the Tolland Public Library in the Program Room on Thursday, October 24 at 6 PM. This craft produces adorable sculptures made of wool. In this particular class pumpkins will be made. To register for this class call the library at 860 871-3620 or sign up online at tolland.org/library and look for Online Library Events Calendar. Angelina asks that participants not wear perfume.

Holiday Floral Design

Robert Buettner, who teaches floral design at Manchester Community College, will be making several holiday arrangements in the library program room. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Tolland Public Library and is free and open to all. The date is to be determined but will probably be in December.

Ongoing Adult Programs

The Friends of the Tolland Public Library meet on the first Monday of the month (September thru June) in the program room at 11 AM. All library lovers are welcome.

The meditation group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the program room at 6:30 pm. Beginners and advanced practitioners are welcome.

The Knitting at Night group meets on the second Wednesday and the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Audiovisual Room at 6:30 pm.

The Tolland Tabletop Game Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6 pm in the program room.

The Tolland Book Discussion Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 2 PM in the Conference Room.

The Tolland Writer’s Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Audiovisual Room.
The Cook Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Audiovisual Room.

Nookless Knitters meet every Friday at 10 AM in the program room.

Children’s Fall Programs

Cartoon Workshop with Rick Stromoski

Wednesday, November 6 at 2pm

Children ages 6-12 can attend a cartooning workshop with Rick Stromoski, a professional illustrator and creator of the Soup to Nutz comic strip, on Wednesday, November 6 at 2pm. During this hands-on workshop he will instruct children on expressions, free flow of line, creativity with the subject matter and will be teaching children how to draw a variety of animals. Every child who attends will go home with an original drawing by Rick! Space is limited; please sign up for this program in advance.

FRC Playgroup at the Library

Tuesdays at 10:15am

Families are invited to attend a weekly playgroup on Tuesdays at 10:15 am. This is a great time for children to explore, play and meet other children. This program is facilitated by the Family Resource Center.

Kids Chess Club

Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Students are invited to join this weekly chess club. Players should know basic chess moves before joining the group. Please sign up for this program in advance.

Halloween Spook-Tacular with Mad Science

Monday, October 21 at 6pm

Children ages 5 and up can join in on a spook-tacular show! The scientists will create a Mad Science Brew filled with foggy effects and flashes of light. They will use storytelling to teach your little ghouls the story of how Halloween came to be while watching colorful fireworks right in the room. There will be high flying floating eyeballs, we will melt a witch’s head and will create a new fuel for the contemporary witch’s broom! Space is limited; please sign up in advance.

Tolland Public Library Foundation

Consider Making a Gift to the Tolland Public Library Foundation through the United Way

The Tolland Public Library Foundation reminds town residents and library patrons that they can donate to the Foundation through the United Way of the Capital Area.

Donations can be directed to the Foundation through payroll deductions by including the following information: Tolland Public Library Foundation, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084, Designation code: AG1694.

The Foundation was established in 1996 to receive donations to benefit the Tolland Public Library and to enhance library services beyond what the town budget provides.

The Foundation sponsors innovative programs, brings award-winning authors to the library, has completely outfitted the library Maker Space, funded technology throughout the library and funds subscriptions for databases including JobNow! and Ancestry.com.

Earlier this year, it provided the funds to support the Hoopla digital media service that allows library card holders to borrow movies, TV shows and other media on a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week basis.

Library patrons can choose from thousands of titles and borrow movies, music, audiobooks, e-books, comics and TV shows and enjoy them on their computer, tablet, phone or even their TV. With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phones or tablets to be enjoyed offline later.

Before signing up, they can browse the choices at https://www.midwesttape.com/hoopla.

To use Hoopla, visit tolland.org/library and click on the Hoopla icon. Patrons will be asked to create a Hoopla account. Once they have done so, they choose Tolland Public Library and then sign in with their active Tolland Public Library card number. Then they can browse the offerings, just as they would during a visit to the library, and start downloading or streaming content. For free, Tolland library patrons can download or stream up to two digital media selections a month per active library card.

Drop by the library and ask a staff member to show you how to use Hoopla or if you have questions, call the library at 860-871-3620.

Take a Look and You Might Win a Nook

Stop by the Tolland Public Library Foundation’s booth at Celebrate Tolland on Saturday, Sept. 14 and enter a free drawing to win a Barnes & Noble Nook E-Reader.

By dropping by the foundation’s table between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. that day, you’ll also be able to learn more about its initiatives, grants and programs that support the Tolland Public Library.

The library foundation was established in 1996 to receive donations to benefit the Tolland Public Library and to enhance library services beyond what the town budget provides. It sponsors author visits and funds library technology and the Ancestry.com and JobNow! databases that are available for use at the library at 21 Tolland Green.

Friends of the Tolland Public Library

Who are the Friends?

The Friends is a long-standing non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and providing additional funding for library activities and materials, museum passes, and programs. All you have to do to be a Friend is to give a monetary donation. Almost 100% of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to the library.

If you would also like to be an active supporter, our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (Sept.-June). We would love to have you join us.
Friends Book Sale Room

The Friends are very excited to have a sales room for their gently used books. We have a nice variety of hard cover, trade, and paperback books for adults and children. Next time you visit the library be sure to take time to browse our shelves. It is located in the newly expanded space.

Museum Passes

Here’s a chance to go to a new museum or visit a favorite area attraction for free or at a reduced admission. The Friends sponsor most of the many museum passes available to Tolland patrons. We also have two passes to Connecticut State Parks.

All that is needed to check out a pass is an adult Tolland library card. Stop at the desk for a complete listing of passes available.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Friends

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Below are two Recalls of interest, please check your home, garage, vehicles, boats, RVs etc., for these products.

1. Recall 19-162 - Universal Security Instruments recalls battery powered smoke and fire alarms due to risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire.

   - **Name of product:** Battery powered smoke and fire alarms
   - **Hazard:** The smoke alarms can have a misaligned internal switch causing the alarms to not activate properly, posing a risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire.
   - **Remedy:** Replace
   - **Recall date:** July 10, 2019
   - **Consumer Contact:** Universal Security Instruments at 877-612-6955 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.UniversalSecurity.com and click on “Product Safety Notice” for more information.
   - **Recall 19-162 Details**
     - **Description:** This recall involves Universal Security Instruments 10 year battery-operated ionization smoke and fire alarms with model numbers MI3050S and MI3050SB and with date codes between 2015JAN19 through 2016JUL11. The smoke alarms are white in color and 5 ½ inches in diameter. “Universal” and “Smoke & Fire Alarm” are printed on the front cover of the alarm. The label on the back of the alarm lists the model number and date code.
     - **Remedy:** Consumers should immediately inspect their smoke alarms to determine if it will activate appropriately. Press the test button to determine if it is operating properly. If the alarm sounds no further action is required. Additional instructions are located on the firm’s website. If smoke alarm does not sound during the test, consumers should immediately contact Universal Security for a replacement.

2. Recall 18-022 – Kidde recalls fire extinguishers with plastic handles due to failure to discharge and nozzle detachment.

   - **Name of product:** Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles
   - **Hazard:** The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.
   - **Remedy:** Replace
   - **Recall date:** November 2, 2017
   - **Consumer Contact:** Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on “Product Safety Recall” for more information.
   - **Recall 18-022 Details**
     - **Description:** This recall involves two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers: plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers.

   - **Plastic handle fire extinguishers:** The recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.
   - **Remedy:** Consumers should immediately contact Kidde to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit, as it may not work properly in a fire emergency.
   - **Note:** This recall includes fire extinguisher models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. Kidde branded fire extinguishers included in these previously announced recalls should also be replaced.
   - **Sold At:** Menards, Montgomery Ward, Sears, The Home Depot, Walmart and other department, home and hardware stores nationwide, and online at Amazon.com, ShopKidde.com and other online retailers for between $12 and $50 and for about $200 for model XL 5MR. These fire extinguishers were also sold with commercial trucks, recreational vehicles, personal watercraft and boats. Recall information for fire extinguishers used in RVs and motor vehicles can be found on National Highway Transportation Safety Administration’s website www.nhtsa.gov.

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Smoke Alarm Sense

Install and maintain smoke alarms on EVERY level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms. When one sounds, they all sound. TEST all smoke alarms MONTHLY.
Wood & Pellet Stove Safety

Before you know it, there will be a crisp chill in the air and homeowners will be tempted to begin using their wood stoves, pellet stoves and furnaces. We strongly advise to have all heating sources/systems inspected and maintained by a certified, licensed and insured professional BEFORE the heating season begins. Preventative maintenance can protect your family from disaster. Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months and you can avoid being part of that statistic with preventative maintenance.

Tips to help keep you safe:

• Have a QUALIFIED professional install stoves, chimney connectors, and chimneys.
• Stoves should be listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
• In wood stoves, burn only DRY, seasoned wood. Never burn trash or other materials.
• In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
• Have your chimney and stove INSPECTED and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every fall, just before heating season.
• CLEAN the inside of your stove periodically using a wire brush.
• Keep a CLOSE EYE on children whenever a wood or pellet stove is being used. Remind them to stay at least 3 feet away from the stove.
• Stoves need SPACE. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove.
• INSTALL and maintain carbon monoxide alarms (CO) outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect the CO alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.
• Allow ashes to COOL before disposing of them. Place cooled ashes in a covered metal container. Place the container at least 10-15 feet away from your home, other structures, landscaping and trees.

Carbon Monoxide

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Facts & figures

• The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim’s health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body’s ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.
• A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
• At a minimum, industry experts recommend a CO alarm be installed on each level of the home—ideally on any level with fuel burning appliances and outside of sleeping areas. Additional CO alarms are recommended 5-20 feet from sources of CO such as a furnace, water heater or fireplace. Alarms can alert you to problems only after smoke or carbon monoxide reach their sensors. Choose locations free of obstructions, where the alarm will stay clean and protected from adverse environmental conditions. Do not place the unit in dead air spaces or next to a window or door.

Halloween Safety

Soon children dressed in costumes will be excitedly running door to door to trick-or-treat, festive decorations like glowing jack-o-lanterns, paper ghosts and dried cornstalks will adorn front porches – these are some of the classic hallmarks of Halloween that make the holiday special for kids and adults alike.

Unfortunately, these Halloween symbols and activities can also present lurking fire risks that have the potential to become truly scary. But by planning ahead, you can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions like keeping decorations far away from open flames and using battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in jack-o-lanterns can help ensure your holiday remains festive and fun!

• Keep decorations far away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters. Remember to keep all of your home’s exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
• Use battery-operated candles or glow sticks inside jack-o’-lanterns.
• Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush up against the lighting as they eagerly walk to and from your door.
• Choose costumes that don't require long-trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can clearly see where he or she is walking to prevent trips or falls near dangerous or flammable items.
• Talk to your children and remind them to stay away from open flames, including jack-o'-lanterns with candles inside. Provide them with flashlights or glow sticks to carry for lighting as part of their costume.

Replacing your smoke alarms:

• Replace smoke alarms in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations. Generally speaking, smoke detectors should be replaced when they are 10 years old. To determine the age of your smoke alarm, look at the back where you will find the date of manufacture.
• Immediately replace any smoke alarm that does not respond properly when tested.
• Replace combination smoke-carbon monoxide alarms according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

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Holiday Cooking Safety

For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations. So keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there’s a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast following these few simple safety tips and using common sense you will be able to enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

Safety tips:
- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay at least 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don’t trip over kids, toys, pets or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Escape Planning

Create a home escape plan AND practice it with all family members!

Your ability to get out depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

- Bring together everyone in your household and make a plan.
- Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes.
- Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm.

For easy planning:
- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button monthly to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home.
- Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Teach everyone to dial 9-1-1.
- Practice your home fire escape drill!

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, click the Forms button on the left. Questions? Call 860-871-3677 x 72158.

Help Us Help You!

Tolland Fire Department is currently seeking additional Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to join our volunteer ranks. If you currently hold an EMT license or would like to train to become an EMT please consider volunteering for your community.

- Did you know that the Tolland Fire Department is a combination department?

A combination department means that both career and volunteer members work together to provide emergency services to the residents, businesses and visitors of Tolland. Our small career staff is on duty Monday through Friday covering the hours of 7:00am to 4:30pm. Our volunteer staff covers nights, weekends and major holidays. This type of coverage is a resourceful and cost-effective way to provide top-level services to the Town. Career staff may be called
into work to cover major emergencies or during severe weather events. We are grateful that there are still a handful of volunteers that supplement the career staff during the daytime hours.

- The Department operates two ambulances and responds to emergency calls 24/7/365. Handling approximately 170 calls for fire/medical emergency service each month.

- We have a flexible duty schedule in which volunteer EMTs can sign-up for night or weekend shifts. This schedule allows EMTs to fit volunteering into their personal schedules.

- With the increased emergency call volume we are starting to burn-out our core membership. If we could recruit a few more people to assist us we can lighten the load of our members, possibly holding onto these well-trained EMTs and extend their years of service to the community.

- Additions to the Town’s population both residential and commercial over the past years have affected our membership as well. Members have moved away from volunteering for a variety of reasons such as work and family obligations. Bottom line is we need additional volunteer EMTs to keep delivering our high-level of service. We need to plan for Tolland’s future, now.

- Volunteer EMTs often reflect on their service to their neighbors and community as a personally fulfilling and extremely rewarding experience.

We would like to thank all of our past and present members, both career and volunteer, because together they have created a foundation that we continue to build on. We miss those who have moved on and look forward to meeting new people who will help shape our future.

If you reside in Tolland and are interested in becoming a volunteer EMT please visit the Department’s website www.tollandfire.org, click the “join us” button on the left side of the page or stop by the Training Center, located at 191 Merrow Road, during the day or on Monday nights when training is in session.

Thank you in advance for Helping Us Help You!

**STATE LAW: Move Over or Slow Down for Stopped Emergency Vehicles**

Flashing red, blue and yellow lights are a familiar sight on highways and Emergency Responders (Police, Fire and Tow Truck Operators) are asking motorists to “Move Over” and “Slow Down” to provide enough room for them to safely do their jobs.

When lights are flashing Emergency Responders are working in extremely hazardous and sometimes stressful conditions using very limited space. Close calls are beginning to become the norm as motorists speed by emergency scenes. A split second could mean the difference in everyone going home safely or a responder being injured or killed.

Drivers are reminded that they must move over one lane and slow down if they see emergency vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the shoulder of a highway with their lights flashing.

If all lanes are full and drivers can’t move over, they are required to slow down as they pass the scene. Connecticut passed its Move Over law in 2009, fines for breaking the law start at $181.

**TOLLAND ALERT – An Emergency Notification System**

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Tolland Alert, our Emergency Notification Program. This emergency notification system enables Tolland Public Safety officials 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. This Emergency Notification Program is independent from “Tolland Notifications” (formerly E-Blast) the Town's routine community email delivery system.

Once signed up, you will 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.

To sign up please visit [www.tollandfire.org](http://www.tollandfire.org) and click on the Tolland Alert button (as seen above). The button appears on the upper left hand corner of the homepage.

Once you click the button scroll to the bottom of the page to find “Don’t have an account? Sign up”

1. Click “Sign up” to create your profile. Please retain your profile information in order to update your account in the future. We do not have access to profiles.

2. Once you have created your profile, you will be asked to select how you’d like to receive Alerts (Telephone/Text/Email). Choose the method in which you wish to receive alerts AND the order in which you would prefer to receive them.*

3. Next you will be able to choose the Tolland location(s) that are important to you. Such as your home address, your child’s school address, etc. You may add multiple Tolland addresses.

4. Next you will be asked to select ALL Important Community Alerts or only Specific types of alerts which may be of interest to you.

5. Click Finish

*Please Note: Once you’ve elected the method in which you wish to receive Alerts (Phone/Text/Email) when you begin to receiving Alerts, the system will continue to send the alert to your 2nd and 3rd choices until you reply that you received the message.

The information that you provide will be used for notification purposes only. We will not distribute your telephone numbers or email addresses to any vendor or other organization.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**

[www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com)
Tolland Animal Control:

Delinquent Dog Licenses

On August 1st, Tolland Animal Control was notified by the Town Clerk’s office that there are hundreds of dogs on the Town’s Dog License Delinquency List. Animal Control Officers would like to urge dog owners who have not already purchased a 2019 license, to please license their dog(s) immediately. In addition to the $1 per month late fee; failure to comply with Connecticut State statute §22-338 will result in an infraction ticket which carries an additional $75 penalty for each unlicensed dog. Beginning September 1st, 2019, infractions tickets will be written to those owners not in compliance with this State Statute. Due to severe budget constraints there will be NO reminders sent to dog owners via USPS mail.

There are several options to renew licenses, including an online option.

Tolland now offers residents the convenience of renewing your dog license online by using your MasterCard, Visa, Discover credit or debit card. Visit the Town Clerk’s web-page to use this service for license renewals only; dogs must have a current rabies vaccination and or spay/neuter certificate on file, and you must know the dog’s 2018 tag number. An additional convenience fee of $1.75 will be charged per license to allow for this online service. First time licenses must be obtained in person or by mail.

As always you may stop by the Town Clerk’s Office to purchase a new tag. The initial cost is $8.00 for Spayed/Neutered dogs or $19.00 for dogs not Spayed/Neutered, plus the overdue fee of $1 per month. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk’s Office located in Town Hall during regular business hours. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM, Friday closed.

IMPORTANT: Please take note that by failing to license your dog(s) with the town each year, you are in violation of Connecticut State Statute §22-338. As stated above, this violation carries an additional penalty of $75.00 for each unlicensed dog owned or kept by you. Animal Control Officers are required to issue infraction tickets to those in violation of the State Statute. Beginning September 1st, 2019 Animal Control Officers will begin issuing infraction tickets for unlicensed dogs. Due to budget constraints, reminders will no longer be sent out via USPS mail. If you have any questions regarding licensing, please contact our office at 860-871-3676. The overdue fee(s) and infraction fee(s) are set by the State of Connecticut.

If you had a dog licensed in 2018 and no longer own that dog, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office 860-871-3630 or email animalcontrol@tolland.org to remove that dog from the listing. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
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