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As a thirty-five-year resident of Tolland with thirty years of financial experience and countless hours of community volunteer time, I've learned that our people are our greatest resource. I have listened to and learned from every person I've met. I have worked to be fair and impartial, and now I ask for your permission to be the voice we need in Hartford.

### FAMILIES

Connecticut has seen a steady stream of people leaving the state, especially our 25-29 year olds and retirees. These are our kids and parents. I will fight to keep families here by working to make Connecticut affordable for all generations.

### LOCAL ADVOCACY

I promise that with every vote and every decision I make, I will keep the people of Ashford, Tolland, and Willington front and center. I will prioritize our towns over the political establishment. To make real change, we must start at the local level.

### HISTORY OF ACTION

Proven leadership is more important now than ever. As Chairwoman of the Tolland Town Council, I have enacted change at the local level and worked directly with the Governor and his team to navigate the COVID-19 crisis within our community. While others claim to listen to you, I guarantee I will respond to your concerns with precise action.



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# Town Manager's Office

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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 24, 2020** 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.

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## 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](http://www.tollandrec.com)

**Email:** [tollandrec@tolland.org](mailto:tollandrec@tolland.org)

### Recreation Staff

**Director:** Bruce Watt, [bwatt@tolland.org](mailto:bwatt@tolland.org)

**Administrative Assistant:** Kim Grimes, [kgrimes@tolland.org](mailto:kgrimes@tolland.org)

### Recreation Board

Jeff Maron, Chairman

Larry Gramling

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The Board meets every second Monday of the month. All meetings are open to the public.

## 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:

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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.

# FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

**BEGINS ON: MONDAY, Sept. 14, 2020**

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

# Recreation Department

## Registration Information

### MAIL-IN

Registrations are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. A registration form is available at [TollandRec.com](http://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](http://www.tollandrec.com)

**Town Website:** [www.tolland.org](http://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](http://www.tolland.org/recreation)

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## Tolland Youth Sports Leagues & Groups

- Tolland Boys Travel  
Basketball ..... [www.tollandbasketballclub.com](http://www.tollandbasketballclub.com)
- Tolland Girls Travel Basketball..... [jeffmartens72@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmartens72@gmail.com)
- Tolland Lacrosse..... [www.tollandlacrosse.org](http://www.tollandlacrosse.org)
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& Cheerleading..... [www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com](http://www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com)
- Tolland Garden Paths  
Youth Garden ..... [www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net](mailto:www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net)

## Rentals

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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  
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- Health District/Sanitarian..... (860) 871-3608
- Human Resources ..... (860) 871-3600
- Human Services ..... (860) 871-3648
- Library..... (860) 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  
(860) 871-3600
- 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

# PROGRAMS

Please go onto [www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com) periodically to check on additional programming. With the ever changing situation with COVID-19, additional programs and events may be added.

# Preschool Programs

## SOCCKER 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. SPACE IS LIMITED

**Day:** Wednesdays  
**Date:** September 23 –October 28, 2020  
**Time:** 10:00–10:30am  
**Ages:** 2  
**Fee:** \$90.00 (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department- Fields

**Day:** Saturdays  
**Date:** September 26 –October 31, 2020  
**Time:** 10:00–10:30am  
**Ages:** 2  
**Fee:** \$90.00 (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department - Fields



## SOCCKER 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. SPACE IS LIMITED

**Day:** Wednesdays  
**Date:** September 23 –October 28, 2020  
**Time:** 10:45–11:30am  
**Ages:** 3 & 4  
**Fee:** \$95.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department - Fields

**Day:** Saturdays  
**Date:** September 26 –October 31, 2020  
**Time:** 10:45–11:30am  
**Ages:** 3 & 4  
**Fee:** \$95.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department - Fields

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**Instructor:** Kate Tellers, former coach at UConn

**Day:** Mondays

**Date:** September 28-October 26, 2020

**Time:** 5:30-6:30pm

**Ages:** 8-14

**Fee:** \$65.00 Res./ \$75.00 Non-Res. 5 weeks

**Location:** Tennis Courts on Old Cathole Road

**Day:** Saturdays

**Date:** September 26-October 24, 2020

**Time:** 9:00-10:00am (ages 7-12)  
10:15am-11:15am (ages 9-16)

**Ages:** 7-16

**Fee:** \$65.00 Res./ \$75.00 Non-Res. 5 weeks

**Location:** Tennis Courts on Old Cathole Road



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**Instructor:** Liz Brown  
**Day:** **TUESDAYS**  
**Date:** September 22 – October 27, 2020  
**Time:** 4:30-5:45pm  
**Ages:** 45 and up  
**Fee:** \$24.00 Res./ \$29.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Crandall Park

**Day:** **THURSDAYS**  
**Date:** September 24 – October 29, 2020  
**Time:** 3:45-5:00pm  
**Ages:** 45 and up  
**Fee:** \$24.00Res./ \$29.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Crandall Park

**Day:** **THURSDAYS**  
**Date:** September 24 – October 29, 2020  
**Time:** 5:00-6:15pm  
**Ages:** 45 and up  
**Fee:** \$24.00./ \$29.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Crandall Park



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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, or at [www.tollandrec.com](http://www.tollandrec.com). Registration is REQUIRED

- Instructor:** Amy Evans, RYT-200  
**Day:** TUESDAYS – AM  
**Date:** September 22 – October 27, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00-10:00am  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Fee:** \$48.00 Res./\$58.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department Field
- Day:** THURSDAYS – PM  
**Date:** September 24 – October 29, 2020  
**Time:** 5:00-6:00pm  
**Ages:** 16 and up  
**Fee:** \$48.00 Res./\$58.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tolland Recreation Department Field

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# Tolland Assessor's Office

## Filing Deadline for Tolland Military Veterans

The Tolland Assessor's office will be preparing the 2020 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, 2020.

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 \$45,100 for married and \$37,000 for single may be eligible for additional benefits. Filing deadline is October 1, 2020.

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, 2021.

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, 2020.

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, 2020. 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.



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# Town Clerk's Office



Expanded absentee balloting has received final approval for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. Eligible voters, concerned about their health due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will have the option to vote by mail. Absentee Ballots will be available in person

or by mail beginning October 2, 2020. Applications received prior to October 2, 2020 will be held until ballots become available. For those voters who are unable to appear at their polling place during all hours of voting on Election Day or who are ill or who have a disability, an application for an absentee ballot can be downloaded from the Town of Tolland's website at [www.tolland.org/ Town Clerk/Voter Registration & Absentee Ballots](http://www.tolland.org/Town Clerk/Voter Registration & Absentee Ballots) or obtained in our office. If you are unable to print an application, you can also call our office at 860-871-3630 and we will mail one to you. Expanded applications, including

language concerning COVID-19, will be linked to our website as soon as the Secretary of the State makes them available. Please continue to check our website for updates in the coming weeks.

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.

*Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk*



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# Tolland Human Services

## 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
- Elise Johnson**, Administrative Assistant  
(860) 871-3648

## Assistance Programs:

### Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP/CHAP)

Applications for the 2020/2021 program will be taken starting in early September 2020 for deliveries/assistance beginning in mid-November 2020. 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.

*2020 Income Guidelines for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program have not been released – visit the Tolland Human Services Website for updated information.*

To request a list of required documentation or learn more about this program, please call (860) 871-3648. Information regarding eligibility and required documents will also be posted on the Tolland website, [www.tolland.org](http://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 when a household's application is submitted.* We are unable to process walk-in applications.

### 2020 HOLIDAY CARE AND SHARE – Due to COVID 19 this program may be modified for 2020

Please visit the Human Services Website for up to date information as it becomes available.

### Food Bank



The Food Bank gratefully appreciates donations from individuals, neighborhoods, youth groups, organizations and businesses. Non-perishable food can be dropped off at the Tolland Fire Training Station 191 Merrow Road between 8-12 Monday – Friday. 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 may call Human Services, (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:**

Number in Family	Household Income
1	\$54,950
2	\$62,800
3	\$70,650
4	\$78,500
5	\$84,800
6	\$91,100
7	\$97,350
8	\$103,630

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.

### 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).

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

**September 10 & 24; October 8 & 22; November 5 & 19;  
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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, shopping, social 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 served 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, for general information, or for precautions being implemented due to COVID-19.

## Renter's Rebate

Tolland Human Services is processing Renter's Rebate applications until October 1, 2020. This income-based program provides a one-time payment to renters based on the rent and utilities paid in 2019.

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 2019 must be provided.

Household Income Guidelines (2019)	
Single/widowed applicants	Under \$37,000
Married applicants	Under \$45,100

To schedule an appointment, please contact Jeanne Pitney (860) 871-3615.

## Youth Programming

In-person youth programs remain suspended until further notice due to COVID-19. Please visit the Youth Services pages on the Town website for up to date information as it becomes available.

For current information about any programs and services for Tolland youth and families, residents may contact Nancy Dunn, (860) 871-3612 or [nancydunn@tolland.org](mailto:nancydunn@tolland.org), or visit <https://www.tolland.org/youth-services>



## Senior Center

Senior Center remains closed until further notice due to the pandemic. Although we are unable to meet in person at the Senior Center, staff is becoming very creative with Zoom. They are also making and receiving daily phone calls from residents. Please call the Senior Center at (860) 870-3725 or (860) 870-3730, and see the Senior Center Newsletter on our website: <https://www.tolland.org/senior-services>

## 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 [info@ctfairhousing.org](mailto:info@ctfairhousing.org). The Connecticut Fair Housing Center also has information about foreclosure prevention.

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# Tolland Planning & Development

## Planning a Deck, Shed, Garage, Pool or other Small Structure? Check out our new zoning guides.

To help residents and contractors understand requirements for a number of accessory structures and additions, Assistant Planner Andrea Drabicki created user-friendly flyers that walk potential applicants through the zoning permit process. We encourage you to review the relevant flyer at the early stages of planning your project. And we are always happy to answer any questions and help you as you get ready to submit your application. To find the flyers, visit the "Planning & Development" page and click on "Frequently Asked Questions P&D" in the left sidebar (<https://www.tolland.org/planning-development>).

## Questions about wetlands? Visit our enhanced wetlands FAQ page.

Staff has been building a robust frequently-asked-questions page related to wetlands and watercourses. If you have, or think you have, wetlands or watercourses / waterbodies on your property, we encourage you to peruse this page and become familiar with the types of activities that might need permits or review. See: <https://www.tolland.org/inland-wetlands-watercourses-commission/frequently-asked-questions> (or go to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission page and select "Frequently Asked Questions" in the left sidebar).

## When is the last time you pumped your septic system?

If you don't know or it has been a few years, it might be time. You should pump every 2 to 3 years or as recommended by your pumping company. Your pumping company can help determine the best schedule based on how you use your tank. For more information, see the Town's website at: <http://www.tolland.org/health-districtsanitarian/pages/septic-system-care>, call us at 860-871-3601, or talk to your septic tank pumper.

## 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 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 note 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!

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.



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## Winter Parking Bans

Residents are reminded of the winter parking ban in effect from November 1st through April 15th. Overnight parking is not allowed on public streets or municipal parking lots between the hours of midnight and 6:00 AM. A parking ban may also be declared if a significant snow event is forecast or in progress. For information on whether a parking ban has been declared (beyond the midnight to 6 AM ban) tune to WFSB (CBS), WTNH (ABC) or WVIT (NBC).

## Mailboxes

Your mailbox should be in good repair, firmly attached to a solid post and properly placed so no part of it is over the pavement. Your mailbox will have to withstand countless tons of flying snow this winter and may require periodic maintenance. If a mailbox or post is pushed over or damaged as a result of snow or slush coming off a snowplow, it is considered a winter hazard and the Town will not repair or replace the mailbox or post. The height of the bottom of the mailbox to the street should be between 42- 48 inches and the mailbox door should be 6 to 8 inches back from the front face of the curb or road edge.

## Garbage & Recycling Tote Placement

Residents are reminded that garbage and recycling totes should be placed within 18 inches of the curb or roadside. Please know that they are to be placed on your property, not in the street. Doing so not only creates a public safety issue but also hinders snow removal operations. The Town is not responsible for damage done to totes by plows.

## Portable Basketball Hoops

Portable basketball hoops and similar items should NOT be in the Town Right-of-Way. The Town is not responsible for damage done by plows to such items left in the Town Right-of-Way.

## Catch Basins & Storm Inlets

Help minimize street flooding by shoveling snow and ice away from the front of the storm inlet nearest your house. This includes keeping catch basin grates free of leaves and other debris all year long.

## Sidewalk Clearing

Per Town Ordinance, it is the responsibility of owners and occupants of buildings and vacant lots to remove snow, sleet and ice from public sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours after a storm has concluded. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in a fine. Please remember that the final snowplow pass is not made until after the storm has concluded. Your cooperation in clearing sidewalks is an essential safety measure for pedestrians using the sidewalks.

## Fire Hydrants

Owners of property and occupants of buildings that have a fire hydrant are required by Town Ordinance to clear a four-foot area in all directions around the hydrant and a three-foot wide path from the street to the fire hydrant. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in a fine. The Fire Department counts on hydrants being clear of snow in the event of an emergency.

## Christmas Trees

Tolland does not offer curb side pick up of Christmas trees. However, Christmas trees may be dropped off at Crandall's II, near the Lodge driveway, from December 26th through January 26th.

## Registrar of Voters Office

### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

November 3rd

★ **VOTE** ★

The Presidential Election will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. We will be voting for President/Vice President, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Representative, and Registrars of Voters

As we do for all Elections, voting will take place at both polling places—the Tolland Recreation Center Gym at 104 Old Post Road (former Parker School) and the Tolland Senior Center (674 Tolland Stage Road). If you have moved within town, your Polling Place may have changed. Please notify the Registrars of Voters if you have moved so that your records can be updated.

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 or may use the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Please visit our WEBSITE [www.Tollandelections.org](http://www.Tollandelections.org) for answers to any questions you may have. Deadline for mail-in Voter Registration cards is October 27th. There is limited in person registration on Monday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., if you turned 18, moved into town or became a United States citizen AFTER October 27th.

EDR (Election Day Registration) allows unregistered people who qualify, to register and vote on Election Day. This process will take place in the Program Room in the Library under the direction of the registrars

Absentee ballots and applications are available in the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on November 3rd.

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





## Screening and Program – Alice's Ordinary People

On Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm there will be a screening and commentary on the documentary *Alice's Ordinary People* with filmmaker Craig Dudnick. Alice Tregay's story is about ordinary people achieving extraordinary change for human rights. She marched along the side of Dr. Martin Luther King and influenced Barack Obama and was influential in causing positive change in the racially charged neighborhoods of Chicago. Details on this virtual performance will be forthcoming.

## A Virtual Performance of Susan B. Anthony

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary this year of the passage of the 19th amendment that guarantees women's right to vote, The Friends of the Tolland Public Library are sponsoring a special online tribute to Susan B. Anthony, a founder of the suffrage movement.

On September 15, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, you will be able to go online and watch a 45 minute prerecorded portrayal of Susan B. Anthony by Sheryl Faye. Sheryl Faye is a fulltime actress who has a BFA in acting from Emerson College, and works on films, television, and theater throughout Boston and NYC. In the past, Sheryl portrayed Amelia Earhart at the Tolland Public Library, and her performance was applauded by the attendees.

Sheryl will begin her performance with Susan B. Anthony's adult years and then go back to her childhood so everyone can get a sense of who she was and why she became the woman she did. It was 1848 when Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton became the leaders of the suffrage movement and it took 72 more years of suffrage work for the 19th amendment to be ratified.

In order to view this show, you will need to preregister at the Tolland Public Library, 860/871-3620. The librarians will give you the link and password that will make it possible for you to see this wonderful performance.

## JobNow database available for Tolland Public Library cardholders

Are you looking for work? Need help polishing your resume or practicing for a job interview?

Thanks to a grant from the Tolland Public Library Foundation, the JobNow service has been renewed for another year for library patrons.

The Tolland Public Library is offering the free job service to patrons from home using their library cards. It is also available on the library's public computers.

JobNow provides online career assistance, including one-on-one mock interviews, lists of common interview questions and tips to answer the questions.

Users can also submit a resume or cover letter for a professional critique that is guaranteed within 24 hours.

There is no limit to how often library patrons can use JobNow.

To use the database from home, visit <http://www.tolland.org/library/> and click on the JobNow icon. Users must have a Tolland library card to login from there.

The Tolland Public Library Foundation was established in 1996 to make grants to the library for services and programs that augment what can be offered under the town budget.

## United Way Giving to Support the Tolland Public Library

Tolland residents can support the Tolland Public Library Foundation when enrolling in their annual United Way giving program through their employers.

Tax-deductible donations can be designated to the Tolland Public Library Foundation through the United Way by using the 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.

All year long, it supports author visits, small business events and other programs at the library, and in 2017, it made numerous grants to the library to create the new Maker Space, which features the library's first 3D printer and other technology.

Tax-deductible donations can also be sent to the Tolland Public Library Foundation, Inc., 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084.

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*Offering families  
an alternative  
to at home learning days during the  
Hybrid school year*

A supervised education  
opportunity where students  
can complete schoolwork.



Plus, a recreation  
component where the  
kids will participate in  
games and activities in  
the dome, outside,  
and in the swimming  
pool.

# Dome

Volleyball



# Aquatics

Swim  
Lessons



Soccer

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Aqua Classes

Birthday Parties

Basketball

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