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"The purpose of the Ashford Citizen is to keep Ashford citizens informed on what is going on in town." (August, 1952)

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

Michael J. Zambo
First Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES
5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT 06278

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut are hereby notified and warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Ashford Town Offices in the Lower Level Meeting Room, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278 on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda for the Special Town Meeting is as follows:

1. To choose a moderator for said meeting; and
2. To elect an Alternate Member to the Ashford Board of Finance to fill a vacancy until the next municipal election, in accordance with Section VII of "An Ordinance Concerning the Election of Alternate Members to the Ashford Board of Finance," adopted December 16, 1975.
3. Adjournment

Ashford Board of Selectmen

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Ashford Town Offices
will be closed
Monday, February 18th
for Presidents' Day.**

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ASHFORD AUDIT REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Report of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut for the year ending June 30, 2018, which was audited by Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP, 180 Glastonbury Blvd., Suite 400, Glastonbury, CT, is on file and open for inspection in the office of the Ashford Town Clerk during regular office hours.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 14th day of December, 2018.

Sherri L. Mutch, CCTC, CMC

Attention Ashford Residents!

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Consider using the site at: www.ashfordtownhall.org to see if it suits your needs. Many times, the cost of the check fee is more than justified versus being late in February and paying the **initial** 3% interest fee.

Instructions on using the website bill pay is included in this issue of *The Citizen*.

The Ashford Citizen

5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278

- *The *Citizen* will be delivered by the 1st of each month (monthly).
- *The *Citizen* is made possible by town taxes & advertising, and the production efforts of the Town Clerk's Office.
- *Residents and Ashford tax-payers will receive the *Citizen* at no charge (every mailbox and p.o. box). Non-profit groups and **tax-payers** who live out of town should contact the *Citizen* to be put on the "no charge" mailing list. All other parties may receive the *Citizen* for a \$12 per year donation.
- *All items for the *Ashford Citizen* must include submitter's name, address, and telephone number for verification. Items written on behalf of an organization require the signature of an authorized spokesperson. No letters or advertising will be accepted concerning political issues or candidates. All items submitted are subject to editing, and the *Citizen* reserves the right to reject any submissions. Readers should be aware that opinions or articles by individual writers or organizations are not necessarily those of the *Citizen*. The *Citizen* will not print items it regards as offensive or slanderous.
- *All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.
- *Ads must be **pre-paid**; cash, or check written to **Town of Ashford**.
- *The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments, and article and advertisement submissions. Call for details.

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TOWN OF ASHFORD
Office of the Selectmen

Michael J. Zambo
First Selectman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019, 6:30 P.M.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Ashford will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Ashford Town Hall to discuss the Town's 2016 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss the project of the Ashford Food Program. The public hearing will give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Ashford, First Selectman's Office, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278, or you may telephone 860-487-4400. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, and Wednesday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Town of Ashford promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, or gender identity or expression. All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Michael J. Zambo, First Selectman/ADA Coordinator at 860-487-4400 at least five days prior to the hearing. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action.

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BLOOD DRIVES February 2019

February

- 4 & 5 11:15-5:00 ECSU – Student Center 83 Windham St Willimantic
5 1:00-6:30 Tolland Congregational Church
45 Tolland Green Tolland
5 12:00-5:00 Manchester Community College
Great Path Manchester
5 9:30-3:30 Goodwin College- Riverside
One Riverside Drive East Hartford
11 11:00-4:00 Quinebaug Valley Community College
742 Upper Maple St Danielson
16 8:00-1:00 Church of Jesus Christ 2 Maple St Ellington
18,19,20,21,22
11:00-4:45 UConn 2075 Hillside Road Storrs
18 12:00-5:00 TSI Harley Davidson 398 Somers Rd Ellington
19 1:00-6:00 Elk's Club 198 Pleasant St Willimantic
24 9:00-2:30 Cabela's 475 East Htfd Blvd-North, East Hartford
25 1:00-6:00 Rockville Baptist Church
825 Hartford Turnpike Vernon
27 1:00-6:00 Ellington Congregational Church
72 Main St Ellington

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TOWN OF ASHFORD Office of the Selectmen

Michael J. Zambo
First Selectman

Every year the Connecticut State Police report on the number of services they have provided to each town over the preceding year.

During the 2018 calendar year, Troop C has responded to a total of 2,366 calls for service in the Town of Ashford. The most notable of the calls are:

Accidents: 49
Criminal Investigations: 76
Burglaries: 4
Larcenies: 7
Non reportable matters: 2,230

Motor vehicle enforcements included:
DUI's: 3
Traffic Citations: 387
Written Warnings: 138

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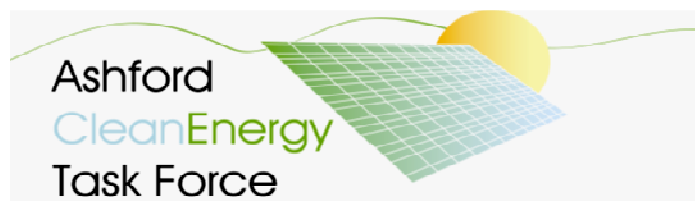




The *Ashford Citizen* reminds you to
PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE!

These are our streets. These are our families.
Please slow down so that we all can make it home safely.

ICE AND SNOW - TAKE IT SLOW!



February 2019

February brings the rain, Thaws the frozen lake again. – *Sara Coleridge*

Everyday choices literally make a huge difference in our impact on the environment ... and the future.

The World Wildlife Fund notes that recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, and 4,100 KWH of electricity. The average child's school lunch generates 67 pounds of waste over a year. 26 recycled PET plastic bottles equals a polyester suit, and 5 recycled PET bottles would make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket. Generating enough electricity to cook for an hour in a standard electric oven creates 2.7 pounds of CO₂. A toaster oven creates 1.3 pounds over 50 minutes; a microwave creates 0.5 pounds over 15 minutes. The average dishwasher in US homes uses 8.7 gallons of water/load. Washing dishes by hand for 10 minutes with water running can use 20 gallons. Using cold water to wash clothes can save up to 80% of the energy required.

According to ecomall (www.ecomall.com) refrigerators account for about 20% of household electricity use. Setting your refrigerator as close to 37 degrees and your freezer as close to 3 degrees as possible, and checking the gaskets will make it more efficient. Switching from hot to warm water for laundry for two loads per week can save nearly 500 pounds of CO₂ per year if you have an electric water heater, or 150 pounds for a gas heater. Turn down your water heater thermostat (setting to 120 is usually fine). Each 10 degree of reduction saves 600 pounds of CO₂ per year for an electric water heater, or 440 pounds for a gas heater. If every household turns its water heater thermostat down 20 degrees, more than 45 million tons of annual CO₂ emissions would be prevented – the same amount emitted by the entire nations of Kuwait or Libya. Set the thermostat to 68 degrees in winter daytime and 55 degrees at night. Lowering the thermostat just two degrees during winter saves 6 percent of heating-related CO₂ emissions (a reduction of 420 pounds of CO₂ per year for a typical home). Replace air filters so appliances don't have to work harder, and save 5 percent of energy used (or 175 pounds of CO₂ per year).

Wrap the water heater in an insulating blanket to save 1100 lbs of CO₂ per year (electric) or 220 lbs (gas). Install low-flow shower heads (\$10-\$20 each) to save 300 lbs of CO₂ per year (electric) or 220 lbs (gas).

Plan your car trips. Every gallon of gasoline you save avoids 22 pounds of CO₂ emissions.

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work, and welcome your input. And we would welcome your participation by joining us as a member. If you have concerns or comments, or to join us, please contact Cindy Moeckel at 860-487-3827 or clmoeckel@gmail.com.



Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

At the January monthly meeting of AVFD, a discussion was held as to the issue we constantly face in locating addresses. Many residences in town are poorly marked, or have no house number at all. Add to that the dark of night, and/or foul weather, and delays in delivery of emergency services will occur. In case you were not aware, it is a town ordinance to have your property clearly and properly marked. Below is the text of the Ashford town ordinance document.

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING HOUSE NUMBERING

SECTION I. Each and every property owner in the Town of Ashford shall, upon notification of the assignment of a street number to the property, be required to affix numerals or words of a size not less than three (3) inches in height to the house, on the mail box or on a post or other like structure so that the house is identifiable from the street.

SECTION II. All property owners shall be notified in writing of the number of numbers assigned to their property. It shall be the duty of the owner to affix said number within thirty (30) days of receipt of said notice.

SECTION III. Failure to post any number under the terms of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five dollars \$5.00. Each separate day such violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted at a Town Meeting July 22, 1986. This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper serving the town. ATTEST: Barbara B. Metsack, Town Clerk

Since the problem of house numbering affects the AVFD in delivering emergency services, we are looking into a solution ourselves. Watch for upcoming announcements in this monthly article.

No doubt about it, the cold weather is now upon us. Heating systems across the northeast have been running for a couple of months, along with fireplaces, wood stoves, outdoor boilers, pellet stoves, coal stoves, kerosene, and portable electric heaters. Using these alternative or supplemental heating sources safely is easy if you follow a few simple points:

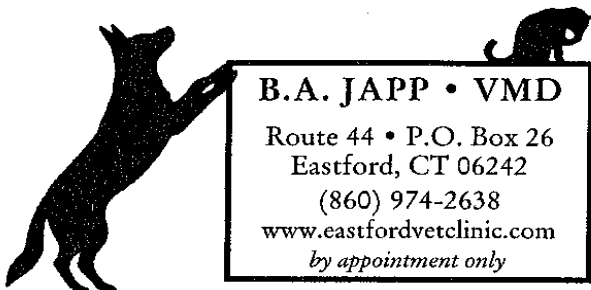
- Do not install a heating source without permits or inspections from the building department
- Have your chimney or stovepipe cleaned and inspected annually
- Keep your heating appliance clean and in good working order
- Use proper fuels; Well-seasoned hardwood. Quality pellets. Hard anthracite coal. Fresh kerosene, etc. Never burn trash in a woodstove or fireplace.
- Maintain proper clearances around the heating source. For permanent installations, keep combustibles out of clearance areas
- Clearance is especially important with portable electric heaters. 36" away from combustibles is a minimum. Do not use older portable heaters without "tip-over" protection
- Ensure there is plenty of ventilation for kerosene heaters to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

The call count for December 2018 was 15 Fire/Rescue and 22 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 274.

If you have any non-emergency questions or concerns, you may contact Station 20 at (860) 429-9862 6 AM to midnight every day, or the Tolland County Fire Mutual Aid Fire Service at (860) 875-2543 24 hours a day, and they will contact an AVFD duty officer for you.

Dave LaPorte, Captain, AVFD Station 20

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Ashford Board of Education

Bicknell Scholarship

The Ashford Board of Education, as trustee of the Bicknell Scholarship Trust, is pleased to announce that applications are available for the Maurice B. & Mildred C. Bicknell Scholarship. This year, there will be up to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships awarded.

The scholarships are awarded in memory of the Bicknells, who established the trust fund to assist residents who are high school seniors who plan to enroll, or students already enrolled, in a full time undergraduate program at an accredited school, college, or university. The awards, as stipulated by the Bicknell Trust, will be based on both need and merit.

The Board of Education has contracted with Scholarship America to process all applications and to identify awardees. Applications for the 2019 scholarships must be sent to Scholarship America and must be postmarked by April 1, 2019. Awards will be made in June.

You may obtain additional information regarding the scholarship by contacting the Office of the Superintendent, Ashford Public Schools, 440 Westford Road, Ashford, CT 06278 or calling 860-429-1927.

Applications are available in the Superintendent of Schools office, online at www.ashfordct.org; and in the Town Clerk's office in the Town Office Building.

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Notice is given to Ashford taxpayers that the second installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2017 become due and payable on January 1, 2019 and are payable without interest penalty through February 1, 2019. After Feb.1, 2019, interest will accrue at 1 ½% per month from the due date of Jan. 1, or a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Hence, during Feb., the interest is calculated at 3%, or the minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest penalty (CGS 12-130). To avoid long lines, please mail payments, or consider paying online. If mailing, and a receipt is required, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany your payment.

Payments may be:
Mailed to:
Ashford Tax Collector
P.O. Box 173
Ashford, CT 06278

Paid online: www.ashfordtownhall.org
E-check cost is \$1.95. Credit cards are 2.95%. Debit cards must be treated as Credit cards.

Payments that are postmarked on Feb.1 are considered on time.

If paying in person, **PLEASE** have bills and check ready for payment. Checks should be made out to:
Ashford Tax Collector.
We do not keep a copy of the bill in the office.

Office Hours are as follows:
Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: 8:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Wed. Eve.: 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Closed **all Thursdays.**

Linda G. Gagne CCMC
Ashford Tax Collector

3rd Notice, dated January 23, 2019

FROM THE ASHFORD TAX COLLECTOR

How to PAY Your Taxes Online

1. Go to <http://www.ashfordtownhall.org/> and click this button on the right side of the page,



2. In the search bar enter your last name, space, and first initial.

Ex. Name: John Smith

Enter the search criteria below:

Smith J|

Search

3. If there is a shopping cart under the pay section then there is an outstanding balance.



Click that button to add as many bills to your cart as you want

0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 ▼

4. Find which bill you want to pay

Ex.

2002-01-37

- 2002 is the Grand List

2002-01-37

- 01 is Real Estate
 - 02 Is Personal Property
 - 03 is Motor Vehicle
 - 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2002-01-37

- 37 is the bill number

- You MUST pay the OLDEST bills FIRST
 - Oldest Grand List

BILL #
2002-01-0000037 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2003-01-0000038 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2004-01-0000040 00004200-LIEN

5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart
Click 0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 ▼ and Check Out

6. Read the Terms and Conditions before you press

- Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes

Pay Now

7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose how you would like to pay. Then press

- Treat All Debit Cards As Credit Cards

Continue to Payment Information >

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.

- There is a 2.95% fee for Credit and Debit Cards
- There is a \$1.95 fee for Checking Account

Looking Up Payments for IRS Reporting Purposes

Go to the Town's Website at: www.ashfordtownhall.org

On the right hand side of the page, go to the purple button View & Pay tax bills & click on the icon.



When the box comes up to search by name,

SEARCH BY
Name ☒
See Example

Enter the search criteria below:
Search

Enter Last Name then space then 1st Initial (example SMITH J) or Business Name (No comma, & or -)
☐ All ☐ Due Now ☐ Balance Due ☒ IRS Payment Records for Year 2016

Type in last name, a space, and then the first letter of the first name. Also, check off the bubble that says IRS Payment Records for the year 2018, and hit search. When the page comes up, there will be a box on the right side of the page in the second blue bar that says IRS. "Check it, and a View IRS button will appear.

BILL #	NAME/ADDRESS	PROPERTY/VEHICLE	PAID	OUTSTANDING	OPTIONS	PAY IRS
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Click on it, *your information should be there.*

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Boy Scout Troop 92 February, 2019 Newsletter

December/January activities:

The end of December we all enjoyed our Holiday party. Hope you had a good one too.

The Cub Scouts held their very exciting "Raingutter Regatta" event January 11th. It is a lung-powered sailboat race. (See pictures on next page.)

The Cub Scouts stayed overnight at Mystic Aquarium. They had a wonderful time!



The whole crew of campers!



Cubscouts work in teams to dissect squid.



Henry Burnham follows "Touch Tank" rules: only touch the back; only 2 fingers!

The Scouts had their Klondike Derby (winter camping) at Camp Webster in January. The theme for the Klondike this year was "Searching for Sasquatch on the Trail."

Upcoming Events:

February: Lego factory tour, Cubs and Scouts, date TBD.

February 1st: Pack meeting. Annual Blue and Gold.

February 9th: Cubs & Scouts Tropical Vacation at Mansfield Rec Center. Swimming pool and gym workout followed by games in the teen room.

February 25th: Committee meeting, 7:00 PM at St Philip's Rec Center.

March 2nd: Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Gravity powered race cars. Don't miss it!

March TBD: Scouts will visit the Mashantucket Indian Museum in Ledyard.

Scout meetings are most Thursday evenings at Knowlton Memorial Hall, 7:00 pm, next to Cumberland Farms store. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master; Cory Blanchette, Scout Master

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Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta Fun!



ASHFORD FARMERS!

The Ashford Agriculture Commission is interested in compiling a list of all farmers in town. The list will be used to evaluate resources in town, promote local businesses, and contact you for events and outreach.

If you are a farmer in town, please fill out the following and return to Ashford Agriculture Commission Chairman Art Talmadge (Cranberry Hill Farm, 158 Nagy Road, Ashford, CT), or drop off the completed survey at the Town Clerk's office.

1. What type of farmer do you consider yourself to be:
 - ☐ Small hobby farm (primarily for personal use)
 - ☐ Small production farm (primarily commercial sales, on a small scale)
 - ☐ Large production farm (primarily commercial sales, on a large scale)
2. What do you produce (*check all that apply*):
 - ☐ Vegetables
 - ☐ Livestock
 - ☐ Poultry
 - ☐ Beef
 - ☐ Pork
 - ☐ Sheep
 - ☐ Equine
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☐ Fiber
 - ☐ Hay
 - ☐ Honey
 - ☐ Maple Syrup
 - ☐ Other _____
3. Would you like to be contacted for any of the following (*check all that apply*):
 - ☐ Events (get togethers, educational seminars, etc.)
 - ☐ Ag Commission meeting agendas/reminders
 - ☐ Emergency outreach
 - ☐ To gather info to promote your business
4. What would you like to see your Ag Commission doing for you?

5. Contact info (*optional*):
 - a. Name _____
 - b. Farm Name _____
 - c. Address _____
 - d. Phone _____
 - e. Email _____

The Ashford Agriculture Commission meets the third Thursday of every month in the Town Office Building. Please feel free to join us any time!



Movies are at the Center!

This month's movie is
"Wonder" on Wednesday,
February 6th at 1pm.

Popcorn served!



Hartford Flower Show

Thursday, February 21st
(Snow date February 22nd)

Bus leaves the Senior Center at 9:15am.
\$16 for senior 62 and over, \$18 otherwise.
There is a grilled food concession, but you can also
pack a lunch. Time to leave the Convention Center
will be determined by the participants.

Exercise & Wellness Classes at the Senior Center:

Zumba Gold: Tuesdays, 9:30am
Low Impact: Thursdays, 10:30am
Tai Chi: Fridays, 9:30am
Walking Tape: Mondays, 9:30am; Fridays, 8:45am



TRAVELING LUNCH BUNCH

This month we venture to the **Willimantic Brewery**
on February 13th. Come join us! You can sign up at
the Senior Center.

Come Learn to Stencil



The Ashford Senior Center will
again be hosting a new craft class
for all those who are interested.
Come and join us on February
26th, 2019 from 1-3pm. We will be learning to
stencil on muslin fabric, with the finished items
being completed for display in wooden hoops
decorated with gathered lace and ribbon. Class cost
will be \$10 per person, due at registration.
Registration will end on February 19th.

Grandparents & School Vacation!

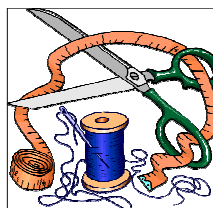
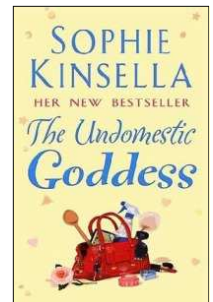


Are you a grandparent that will be responsible for
kid sitting during school vacations? The Senior
Center would like to invite your grandchildren to
participate in our regular programs on the days that
we are open. February 15th we have Walking Tape
(free), Tai Chi (\$2 each), and lunch and Mexican
Train Dominoes. On February 19th there is Zumba
(\$2 each) and lunch.

The senior lunch is available for your grandchildren
at \$8 per kid, but we will also offer hot dogs or they
can bring a lunch. Have your grandchildren bring
games and toys to share. And of course, we have
Bingo. Please sign up so we know how many to
expect. No drop-offs please; you are responsible for
the children.

BOOK CLUB

February 6th, 11:00am
This month's selection is
The Undomestic Goddess
by Sophie Kinsella



SEWING GROUP

The Senior Center is starting a
sewing group on Tuesday
afternoons. The plan is to make
things to sell at the fair and for
people in need. You don't need to know how to
sew to join. We will need help with cutting cloth,
ironing, and sorting supplies. This month we will
meet on February 5th, 12th, and 19th at 1:00pm.

TRIVIA

Q?

1. Which one of the five senses is a dolphin believed not to possess?
2. What year did McDonalds start serving breakfast?
3. What image is on the back of the United States one hundred-dollar bill (\$100.)?
4. Who played George Bailey in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life"?
5. What holiday was established in California in 1966 by scholar/activist Dr. Maulana Karenga?
6. The largest snowflake ever seen is believed to have been 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick. Where and when was it observed?
7. What is the longest movie ever made?
8. How many times per year does the sun set and rise in the Arctic?
9. What holiday became popular after it was featured on an episode of Seinfeld?
10. What is the colloquial term for a rotating tray often placed on a table to aid in the distribution of food?



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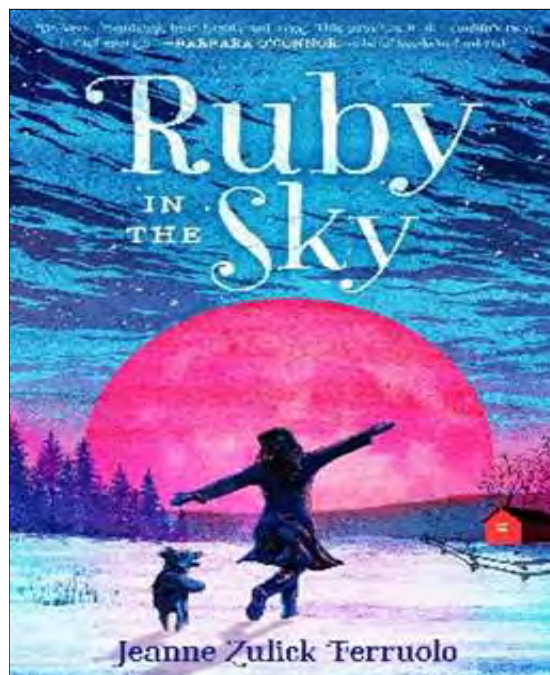
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As Mom's trial draws near and Abigail faces eviction, Ruby is forced to make a choice: break her silence or risk losing everyone she loves. Ruby's story is about the walls we hide behind and the magic that can happen when we are brave enough to break free.

It will be published by Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan February 5, 2019.



Brief Bio: Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, was born and raised in Ashford, CT and now resides in Ellington, CT, with her husband and children. RUBY IN THE SKY is her first novel, and it won the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Work-in-Progress Award, The Pen New England Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award, and the New Voices in Children's Literature: Tassy Walden Award. It is being published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. For more information, visit her at jzulferr.com.



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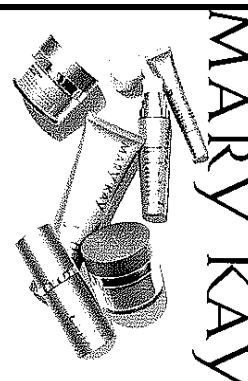
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Presidents' Day	Mon. Feb. 18	Veterans Day	Mon. Nov. 11
Good Friday	Fri. April 19	Thanksgiving	Fri. Nov. 29
Memorial Day	Mon. May 27	Christmas	Wed. Dec. 25
Independence Day	Fri. July 5	New Years' Day 2020	Fri. Dec. 27
			Wed. Jan. 1

Assessor, Town Clerk, & Tax Collector Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri. 8:30 am-3 pm; Wed. eve 7-9 pm

Babcock Library Mon, Tues, Fri. 10 am-6 pm, Wed. 10am-8pm, Sat 9am-2pm

Health Department Eastern Highlands Health Dist. Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm

Housing Authority Mon.- Fri. 8-1; Secretary Mon., Wed, Fri. 8-12; 49 Tremko Lane

Land Use Dept. & Selectmen's Office Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:30am-4:00pm; Wed. 8:30am-3:00pm & 7-9 pm

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Senior Center Mon. Wed., Fri. 9am-12pm

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ALL MEETINGS MONTHLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

AGENCY	MEETING DATE	MEETING PLACE / TIME
Aging, Commission on	1 st Monday monthly, except 2 nd Mon., Sept. 9 No meetings July & August	Earl W. Smith Senior Center - 10:00 AM
Agriculture Commission	3 rd Thursday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112- 7:30 PM
Ashford Our Town Our Future	3 rd Tuesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Commissions Rm 7:30 PM
Assessment Appeals, Board of	March 19 th and September 17 th	Ashford Town Offices, 6pm
Conservation Commission	4 th Monday monthly, except 3 rd Mon. May 20 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:30 PM
Eastern Highlands Health District	3 rd Thurs. Jan. 17 th ; Feb. 21 st ; June 20 th ; Aug 15 th ; Oct. 17 th & 2 nd Thursday April 11 th & Dec. 12 th	Coventry T Hall Annex 1712 Main St-4:30pm
Economic Development Commission	4 th Wed. monthly, Except 3 rd Wed. Nov. 20 th & Dec. 18 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:30 PM
Education, Board of	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays monthly	Ashford School – 7:00 PM
Education District #19, Board of	1 st Tuesday monthly	EOS High School Media Center - 7:30 PM
Finance, Board of	Thursdays: Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 7, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 11, 25; May 2, 9, 23; June 13, 27; July 11, 25; Aug. 8, 22; Sept. 12, 26; Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 14; Dec. 12	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 – 7:00 PM
Housing Authority	2 nd Tuesday monthly	Pompey Hollow Housing - 7:30 PM
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission	1 st Tuesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 - 7:00 PM
Library Board of Trustees	4 th Tuesday monthly, except 3 rd Tues., Dec. 17 th	Babcock Library Reading Room - 2:30 PM
NECCOG	4 th Friday monthly, except Fri., Dec 13 th	125 Putnam Pike, Dayville – 8:30 AM
Parks & Recreation Commission	3 rd Monday monthly, except Mon., Jan 7 th	Ashford Town Offices, APRC Rm– 7:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission	2 nd Monday monthly, except 2 nd Tues. Oct. 15 th & Nov. 12 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 - 7:00 PM
Selectmen, Board of	1 st & 3 rd Monday, Tues. following Mon. holiday	Ashford Town Offices, 7:00 PM
Zoning Board of Appeals	2 nd Wednesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices – 7:00 PM

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What is your Opinion?

By James P. Longo, Ed.D.

The Ashford Board of Education (BOE) is currently at the initial stages of developing a budget proposal to forward to the Ashford Board of Finance. I, as superintendent, provide the Board of Education several different budget scenarios to get the process initiated. The BOE then adds or subtracts from my initial proposals to create the Board of Education's budget proposal. This is a complex process that is difficult to complete without public input.

The different scenarios that I provide begin with one that is based upon the ideal solution to all of our school issues. Some consider this the "perfect world" budget proposal. This budget proposal for the next fiscal and academic year (2019-2020) includes addition of a math interventionist in the middle school to tutor students who need extra help in math. It also includes the addition of a health teacher to provide health and physical education to students from grades three through eight to help them cope with the everchanging, difficult world they will enter during their teen years: the pitfalls of prescription drugs, the internet, and many of the other 21st century challenges that lie before them. Both of these additional positions are justifiable, and could add to the quality of the education that the children of Ashford receive. But they are expensive in the eyes of some taxpayers. This budget proposal also includes supplies, computers and all of the other tools all of our teachers need. All together, this budget proposal results in a significant increase over our current budget.

Knowing that a "perfect world" proposal will be difficult to pass, I offer several variations of that proposal, each eliminating one or more of the more costly aspects of the perfect proposal. Perhaps we just hire a health teacher, and fill the math interventionist position by moving a faculty member out of a classroom, and increase class size in that grade. Or maybe we do not hire any new teachers and hope for the best by asking our current faculty to handle it all. Perhaps we limit the money that we request for supplies and technology. These are all complex issues that will ultimately impact both the students and the taxpayers of Ashford.

We have an exceptional school. We have won awards statewide and nationally. Should we continue on the path to excellence, should we move more slowly, or should we stand still, and hope what we have been doing is good enough? This is where we need your ideas. We need to know how you feel. What you would support. We have had several years of very low or zero budget increases. We have cut everything as much as we can. How much rebuilding or reaching for the best possible experience for our students will the majority of taxpayers support? The time is now to hear from you. My email is jplongo@ashfordct.org. Please send me your opinion, ask me questions, and let me know what you think! I promise I will pass it all on to the BOE as we go through the process. Even better, attend a BOE meeting. They are held at the school the first and third Thursday evening of each month and begin at 7 pm. There is an opportunity for the public to speak. You can speak and leave, or you can stay for the debate, and speak again near the end of the meeting.

No matter how you do it, your voice is important, and must be heard. By the end of January decisions are made and a proposal has been crafted. By the end of February, the proposal is forwarded to the Board of Finance. Please feel free to email me your opinion, come to a meeting, or make an appointment to meet with me. Just be heard. The BOE proposal is based on a compromise that tries to balance what we need with what we believe the taxpayers support. Is this going to be a year that we take a step forward, stay the same, or start to decline? The budget is the foundation that everything is built upon. As the title of this article asks: ***"What is your Opinion?"***



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As we continue to grow we are planning to offer more events for our community and artists, confident that our vision and goals will continue to support our membership and the community. On Sunday, February 10th, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, we will be holding a town hall style event to show our appreciation to both our present and future members. While also enjoying the spoken poetry by Ashford's own, the brilliant Robert Phaenious.

If you are a current AAC member, would like to become an AAC member, or would simply like to show your support of the AAC we welcome you to attend. All are welcome.

In addition to Robert's performance, the evening will consist of complimentary snacks and refreshments as various presenters offer a review of the AAC in 2018, insight into this year's upcoming events, as well as proposals for new ideas that bring the arts, artists, and the community together. The evening will conclude with a question and answer forum as well as, a meet and greet with current membership.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, February 10th, 2019
6pm – 8pm

AAC 1st Annual Members Appreciation Meeting

Old members, new members, future members, this town hall style gathering is for you. Enjoy complimentary snacks and refreshments as we bring to you the last year in review and a preview of the upcoming year. Give us your feedback, tell us what you want, how can we bring more arts to the community this upcoming year?

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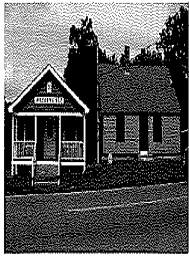
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Thanks to Joan E. Bowley, Pres. of the AHS, for information on the house.

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WINTER-FEST invites everyone of all ages to Hampton, February 6th, 9th & 10th -- fend off winter blues and boredom in this new extravaganza of puppetry, storytelling, music, and winter spectacle! All events are free.

February 6th KICKOFF

6:30 PM, Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main Street Come to a hands-on presentation, "Puppets and Masks for Ritual and Ceremony across the World." Derron Wood, Artistic Director of Flock Theatre, New London will bring examples of masks and puppets for attendees to examine and play with. Refreshments will be served. The event is appropriate for adults and older children.

February 9th

4:00 PM, Hampton Community Center, 168 Main Street PUPPET SLAM-- a puppetry revue from soup to nuts masterminded by Flock Theatre of New London, CT. The evening will feature a number of master puppeteers, and performances by Hampton Elementary and Parish Hill Middle-High students. These students have studied shadow puppetry with Flock Theatre Master Teaching Artists.

February 10th

2:30 PM, Hampton Community Center, 168 Main Street DIXIELAND BAND CONCERT US Coast Guard Band The best antidote to cold temperatures just might be hot licks from this famous ensemble. The U. S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band has performed classic jazz, blues, and "rags" with a New Orleans flavor since 1970. In its nearly fifty-year history, the six-member ensemble has performed across the United States in famed venues like Preservation Hall, the Kennedy Center, and internationally in the former Soviet Union, England, Japan, and Taiwan.

4:00 PM, Community Center grounds (between Town Hall and the Community Center) ICE SKATING AND FROZEN BONFIRE Weather permitting, there will be ice skating on a portable rink on the ball field, warmed by cider and other treats. A dramatic "frozen bonfire" will be ignited to fend off the chill and the dark of midwinter. All sorts of cavorting puppets will circulate the grounds.

All are welcome! All events are free! Any schedule changes due to weather will be posted on the Town website, www.hamptonct.org.

Ashford School News and Happenings

Cardboard Engineering Night was held Thursday, January 10th. At this event, students build their own cardboard creations and learn about engineering. The students had lots of fun creating with cardboard, scissors and tape! This event was a great kickoff to the Invention Convention Session!



Ashford Readiness Council presented Owls on the Prowl from the Horizon Wings Friday, January 11th. Families saw four different species of live captive owls while learning fun facts about the lives of owls.

The Ashford Wolfbots competed in a VEX IQ tournament at Bolton High School on Saturday, January 5th. The students competed in a field of 18 robots from 5 different schools. Team 10931C of the Middle School of Planville and team 10999B of Ashford, (Oliver von Hollander and Todd Buch) worked together to score 20 points in the finals match. This resulted in a first-place finish and the Teamwork Champion Award. Additionally, Amber Recchia and Nora Brown of Ashford 10999A, won the Design Award. The Design Award is given to the team that has a strong Engineering notebook, which details the robot design process, and has the most effective and efficient robot at the competition.

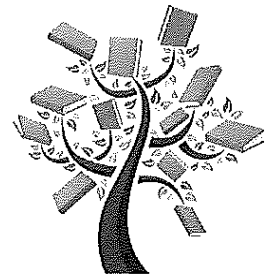


Up-Coming School Events

Date	Event	Time
Friday, Feb. 1st	Cultural; Arts Assembly <i>Nekita Waller-State</i>	9:00am
Friday, Feb. 1st	Kindergarten Steam Event	2:00 – 3:00pm
Friday, Feb. 4 th	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, Feb 15 th	No School for students – PD Day	
Monday, Feb 18 th	No School	
Tuesday, Feb 19 th	No School	

Babcock News

Babcock Library
25 Pompey Hollow Road
Ashford, CT 06278
Your Center for Life-Long Learning



February 2019

www.babcocklibrary.org
t. 860.487.4420
f. 860.487.4438

Hours:

Monday - 10-6
Tuesday - 10-6
Wednesday - 10-8
Thursday - Closed
Friday - 10-6
Saturday - 9-2
Sunday - Closed

Closed
Monday, February 18th

When Ashford School is closed due to road conditions the library will also be closed.

Carolann Mac Master, MLIS
Library Director
cmacmaster@babcocklibrary.org

Staff

Terese Mayer, AS
Marcella Vertefeuille, AA
Susan Way, BGS
Jessica Douglas, MA
Rick Peck
Bonnie Chemerka
Tennille Waldo, BA

Overdrive:

The Library now has a subscription to Overdrive for Babcock Library card holders! Overdrive offers e-books and audiobooks that you can access on your mobile devices. Bring your phone, iPad, tablet, Kindle, or NOOK to the library and we will teach you how to get started!

Winter Reading Program

Winter Reading READO is open to ages 0-13. Register at the library starting December 29th to pick up your READO card at the library. When you get a "READO" (one row complete) bring your card to the library to get a small prize. When you get a "Blackout READO" (complete the entire card) bring your card to the library to get entered in the grand prize drawing.

No more than 8 blocks per week, all books read must be checked out from the Babcock Library.

Participants will have the opportunity to turn in two "Blackout READO" cards total—one in January and one in February for the grand prize drawing. Winner will be announced March 1st.

Library Cookbooks are still available for \$10.

Needlepoint Workshop

Come learn the basic stitches of needlepoint or come as an expert and enjoy the company of others. Please bring your own materials, if you want to learn and are not sure what you need, speak with Carolann and she will guide you.

Friday, February 8th at 11:00

Board Games Saturday, February 2nd and 16th at 11:00.
All ages welcome.

Lego Club Saturday, February 23rd at 11:00 Ages 6 and up, parents must stay with their child.

CALENDAR

Babcock Book Club:

**Wednesday,
February 13th at
3:30**

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**Teen Advisory Board: Friday,  
February 8th at  
4:00**

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**FRIENDS OF
BABCOCK
LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, February
19th at 3:00**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday,
February 26th
at 2:30**

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**Storytime  
Ages 0-5  
Tuesdays  
at 10:30**

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STITCH AND CHAT

Come bring your knitting or other yarn work and visit with friends.
Wednesdays
at 1:00

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**UKULELE CLUB**

Tuesdays at 12:30  
Registration is required.



## BABCOCK LIBRARY

February 2019

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Are you 12-16? Then the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is for you! We are looking for teens to assist us with the reading activities that we do throughout the year. You will assist with collection development, programming for all ages and set up book displays. Of course we have snacks!

### Drop-In Crafts

Stop by the library anytime during the week and make the craft project for the week. This is a self directed activity, usually for ages 4 to 8, although younger children may enjoy it with help from an adult. Crafts are available throughout the week until they are gone!

### Creative Writing Club

Workshops on building and improving writing skills through games, revision of drafts and idea sharing. For ages 12 and up (adults are welcome) Mondays at 4:30.

### Learn to play the Ukulele

Sue Way will instruct students on how to play and tune a ukulele. Participants must have a valid library card in good standing for this program. Program is designed for participants 9 years old and up. (Yes, adults are welcome!) Registration is required. Tuesdays at 12:30

*We are looking for a few Baritone Ukuleles, music stands and gig bags, for our Ukulele program.*

VHS to DVD Conversion bring in your home VHS tapes and we will transfer them to a DVD for you. \$5.00 each, NO copyrighted VHS will be transferred.



### Storytime

*Come join us for games, stories, and a craft, for ages 3 to 5 and their adult companions. This program lasts about 45 minutes and registration is not required at this time. Tuesdays at 10:30 in the children's room.*

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The Babcock Library is proud to announce that we are part of the Connecticut Authors Trail 2019! More information will be available in the upcoming months. Our Author will be Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo and her book **Ruby in the Sky** Wednesday, July 31st at 6:30.

**Adult Book Discussion :** Wednesday, February 13th at 3:30  
"Midnight Crossroad" by Charlaine Harris "An online psychic settles in Midnight, Texas, an unusual small town where all the residents have shadowy pasts and a lingering mystery brings unwanted attention. A little magic, a little mystery and a lot of imagination make for a story that is both fun and edgy, and some unresolved details will keep readers coming back for more. " - Kirkus Review

**Teen Reads:** Saturday, February 9th at 10:00

"The History of Jane Doe" by Michael Belanger

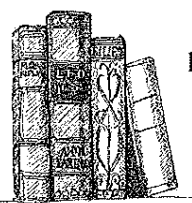
A poignant, deeply funny coming-of-age story about first love, first loss, and the power of history to give life meaning. "Mixing humor with heartache, this is an unmissable coming-of-age story from an exciting new voice in YA." -BookBub

Teens and adults are welcome.

Join the Babcock Library Friends Group, whether you want to get involved or just be a silent supporter we are always looking for new Friends!

Stop by the library and check out our discount passes to different places throughout the state!

### Library Cookbook



Want to support a really great cause? The library staff has created a cookbook and it is now available for purchase. We have a limited number available so stop in soon and pick one up!

Cookbooks are \$10.00

## **Assessment News**

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS** – Property owners and lessees have the right under Connecticut General Statutes §12-111 and 12-504d to appeal the assessment of motor vehicles, personal property and real estate. CGS Section 12-112 requires written appeals to be received by the Board of Assessment Appeals by Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Appellants will be notified in March 2019 of the date, time and place when the BAA will hear their appeal.

The appeal form must contain all of the following information:

1. the property owner's name,
2. name and position of the signer,
3. description of the property which is the subject of the appeal,
4. name and mailing address of the party to be sent all correspondence by the BAA,
5. reason for the appeal,
6. appellant's estimate of value and
7. dated signature of the property owner or duly authorized agent of the property owner.

If any of these items are not provided, the Board can decide not to hear an appeal.

Appeal forms are available in the Assessor's Office in the Ashford Town Office Building. They are also on the Board of Assessment Appeals page of the Town of Ashford's website, [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org).

**ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM** - Connecticut law provides for tax relief for certain homeowners. Credits (reductions in taxes) are determined as a percentage of taxes and range from \$150 - \$1,250. To be eligible for the abatement on the 2018 Grand List:

- 1) You, or your spouse, must have been at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2018; or you must be permanently and totally disabled (per Social Security or VA).
- 2) You must reside as the owner, or have life use, of the property as of October 1, 2018, and you must have lived in Connecticut for one year.
- 3) Your 2018 income cannot exceed \$43,900 if you are married or \$36,000 if you are unmarried. Qualifying income is defined as taxable income for IRS purposes AND non-taxable income, with limited exemptions.
- 4) You must provide the assessor with a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return if you file one. Proof of all 2018 income must be provided.

Applications are filed with the Assessor biennially from February 1st - May 15th. Persons already enrolled in the program will be mailed an application package in the mail by February 1, 2019. New applicants can download an application from the Assessor's page of the town's website at [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org) after February 1, 2019. You can also request an application package by leaving a message with the Assessor at 860-487-4403 or emailing her at [assessor@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:assessor@ashfordtownhall.org).

Applications can be mailed in until April 15, 2019. From April 16, 2019 - May 15, 2019, you or your agent must apply in person at the Assessor's office. Please call 860-487-4403 to make an appointment.

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**REMINDER - TO RECEIVE A CREDIT ON A MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILL** - You must provide the assessor with two documents:

Proof of disposal, e.g., if sold, a the bill of sale; if totaled, a letter from the insurance company; if repossessed, a letter stating such; if junked, a receipt from the junk yard; if traded in, the bill of sale for the new car showing the car being valued in trade.

Returned plate receipt from the CT DMV.

Only vehicles on the 2017 and 2018 Grand Lists are eligible for credit. If you provide the documents before Friday, June 14, 2019, the credit will be reflected on the tax bill mailed to you for July 2019 payment.



## The Eastern Connecticut Sportsman's Club Delivers Christmas Food Baskets

The Eastern Connecticut Sportman's Club, located in Ashford, CT has once again delivered Christmas food baskets to families in the towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington. This has been 30 plus years tradition. Social Services in each town select the families in need, this year 16 families were delivered two boxes of food which contained: 14-15lb turkey, canned ham, orange juice, can of whole cranberries, 1 can of jellied cranberries, can of fruit cocktail, jar of apple sauce, 2 bags of stuffing mix, 3lb bag of apples, 5lb bag of potatoes, butternut squash, box of quick oats, box of mac & cheese, box of brown rice, box of pasta, English muffins, hot cocoa mix, jar of syrup, box of pancake mix, 2 cans of green beans and peas, can of corn and baked beans, jar of spaghetti sauce, jar of peanut butter, turkey gravy mix, jar of strawberry jam, soup mix, tuna fish, can of tomatoes, bacon and eggs.

The food is paid for from donations by club members. Shopping is done by club members just prior to Christmas at the local Big Y's. Big Y makes a substantial donation to help offset the cost of food. After the shopping is done club members box up the food for the individual families. The day after club members deliver the food to the selected families. Both the club members and the recipient families enjoy the Christmas experience.

For the club,  
Jerry Lojzim

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Ashford Inland Wetlands Agent on December 18th, 2018, issued an Agent approval concerning the application of Mr. Richard Dezso for the construction of a 12' X 16' shed on the property at 130 Supina Rd. with conditions.

Dated at Ashford CT this 18th day of December, 2018.

Joseph R. Theroux,  
Wetlands Agent,  
Town of Ashford

## ANSWERS TO TRIVIA **A!**

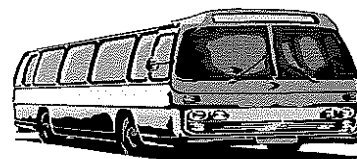
1. Dolphins are believed not to possess the sense of **smell**.
2. McDonalds started serving breakfast in **1972**, with the introduction of the Egg McMuffin.
3. **Independence Hall** is on the back of the United States one hundred-dollar bill (\$100).
4. George Bailey was played by **Jimmy Stewart** in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life".
5. The holiday established by Dr. Maulana Karenga is **Kwanzaa**.
6. The largest snowflake ever observed was reported in **Montana** in **1887**.
7. **The Cure for Insomnia** (1987) is the longest movie ever made, the total running time was 85 hours (5,200 minutes).
8. The sun only sets and rises **once** in the Arctic.
9. In the 1997 *Seinfeld* episode, **Festivus** became a popular holiday celebration.
10. The **Lazy Susan** is the term for a rotating tray that aids in the distribution of food.



# Recreation Reminders!

Programs are sponsored by Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission 860-487-4409

## ***SPRING 2019 COACH BUS TRIPS***



***Fri. April 12th, 2019 Mangia, Mangia***

***Boston's Little Italy, Sam Adams, Italian Food Tour***

*Spend the day in Italy without your passport. This walking tour is like a cooking class on foot. Enjoy the colorful sights, tantalizing aromas and authentic tastes of bread, pasteries, cured meat, cheeses, balsamic vinegar and the freshest seasonal produce. After the tour there will be some free time to shop for some of these authentic Italian ingredients and have lunch on your own. In the afternoon, we will head to Sam Adams Brewery to learn about the beer making process and enjoy a sample. This tour involves a lot of walking and standing; wear comfortable shoes and bring appropriate outerwear. Fee: \$139 per person, Coach bus departs 7:30 a.m. from the Tolland Commuter Lot and returns there approximately 6:45 p.m.*



### **Looking Ahead!**

**June—Baseball TBD, July 4th—James Taylor at Tanglewood,  
September — Vine to Wine VT, October—Roger Williams Spooky Zoo,  
December —NYC Shopping Trip**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registration Information:** You may register for all activities at the Recreation office in Town Hall or by mail to: 5 Town Hall Rd. Registration and payment are required prior to the start of a program. Permission slips and waivers must be signed before participating in programs. Out of town residents are welcome if space is available and are charged an extra \$5 fee. Refunds are not given once a program begins except for medical reasons. Credits or refunds are given for cancelled programs. Checks may be made out to A.P.R.C. Please call 860-487-4409 with questions.

| Participants Name<br>Address & (e-mail) | Program | Phone | Age | Fee |
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Please list any allergies or medical conditions  
(Write "None" if appropriate)

The signer or parent /guardian agree to waive, release and hold harmless the A.P.R.C. any persons connected with A.P.R.C. and or any volunteers from any claims of bodily or property damage resulting from the use of facilities or activity during an A.P.R.C. sponsored program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian Signature)



# Swimming Lessons



Monday nights at the Evangelical Christian Center Pool.  
Spring Swim Lessons will run 8 weeks from March 25th-May 13th  
Sandy Reed and Ashley Ault will instruct.  
Parent Tot /Preschool 6-6:30, Preschool/ Level I 6:30-7:00  
Level II & III 7:00-7:30 Level IV & V 7:30-8:00  
Fee: \$60, Call 860-487-4409 with questions.

## Swim Club

*How Cool to go from  
School to the Pool!*

4th, 5th and 6th graders are welcome to join.  
Transportation provided from school to the pool.  
Swim Lesson 4:00-4:30,  
Water Games and Contests 4:30-5:00.  
Parents pick up at the pool 5:00-5:15. Fee: \$ 75  
( Kids needed 12 (min), 18 (max)  
8 weeks, Mondays, March 25th -May 13th 2019



# GYMNASTICS



A 6-wk program for K-4th graders.

Meets in the gym after school on

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$50, Instructor : Caylin Fitzgerald

Program runs March 12th—April 16th 2019.

Participants will stretch, strengthen, use the equipment and practice their favorite tricks!

**TINY TUMBLERS** our Preschool Gymnastics class runs Tuesdays from 4:00-4:45 in

Knowlton Memorial Hall, from January 29th-March 5th. Fee: \$50

# ICE SKATING

\* Saturday Feb. 2nd, 4:15-5:15 at UConn

\*Sunday Feb. 17th, 3:30-4:30 at Bolton Ice Palace

Did You Know? APRC sponsors these skates FREE for Ashford residents !

We also have 4 Adult and 4 Childrens' pair of SNOWSHOES for residents to borrow!

# YOGA

## HATHA YOGA with Sue Orcutt

Class meets Wednesday Evenings 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
at Knowlton Memorial Hall

Current Winter Session runs thru March 6th  
(Drop-in \$10 a class)

Namaste

# TAI CHI

Joe Pandolfo is a certified, experienced Tai Chi instructor offering Monday evening classes for adults at the Senior Center from 5:30-6:30 p.m.. Current session runs thru Feb. 25th. (Drop-in \$10 a class)  
Learn the basic forms of this traditional Chinese exercise art for health, balance and rejuvenation.

Join Veronica Craig and friends on Tuesday evenings at Knowlton Memorial Hall from 7-8 p.m.  
for some International Folk Dancing. Check it out, give it a try.  
No partner needed. Contact folkdancer@cox.net for more info.

*Folk Dancing*

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES:

Bachelor's Degree:  
Coastal Carolina University, Conway, South Carolina  
**Darien Rexach**

Dean's List fall 2018:  
Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts  
**Katherine Willard**



**Teagan Fransen** graduated from the Marines Jan. 4th, 2019. She is the second Ashford graduate to become a Marine this year: Jonathan Caldwell also became a Marine earlier in 2018.

**Sutton Fransen**, a freshman at E.O. Smith, played bassoon this year in the Willimantic Orchestra and the University of Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. Here is a link to the story written about the UConn concert:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/today.uconn.edu/2018/12/uconn-symphony-premieres-african-american-composers-work/amp/>

### TRANSFER REPORT

12-15-2018 – 1-15-2019

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| <b>Briana Blomstrom &amp;<br/>Keenan Piche<br/>549 Marshall St<br/>Paxton MA 01612</b>  | <b>Nicholas J Merisotis<br/>4 Ashford Dr<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>                 | <b>\$150,000.</b> | <b>Ashford Dr</b>        |
| <b>Edward W &amp; Debra A<br/>Gambacorta<br/>290 Ference Rd<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>    | <b>Lori Scatena<br/>290 Ference Rd<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>                       | <b>\$210,000.</b> | <b>Ference Rd</b>        |
| <b>Ardent Ventures LLC<br/>43 Brandywine Village<br/>Suffield CT 06078</b>              | <b>Robert &amp; Lauren Layton<br/>147 Lake View Dr<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>       | <b>\$5,000.</b>   | <b>Lake View Dr</b>      |
| <b>Triple L Associates<br/>41 Hermit Lane<br/>Westport CT 06880</b>                     | <b>KA &amp; G Development LLC<br/>15 Woodland Lane<br/>Baltic CT 06330</b>        | <b>\$140,000.</b> | <b>Bicknell Rd</b>       |
| <b>Secretary of Veterans<br/>Affairs<br/>810 Vermont Ave NW<br/>Washington DC 20420</b> | <b>Robin Byrne<br/>852 Westford Rd<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>                       | <b>\$108,000.</b> | <b>Westford Rd</b>       |
| <b>Mark Krnjaich<br/>6684 Wayne Drive<br/>Derby NY 14047</b>                            | <b>Bruce P Lavallee<br/>33 Ference Rd<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>                    | <b>\$230,000.</b> | <b>Ference Rd</b>        |
| <b>Michael S Goodell<br/>67 Ten Rod Road<br/>Rochester NH 03867</b>                     | <b>Patricia L Goodell<br/>282 Ashford Center Rd<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>          | <b>\$0.00</b>     | <b>Ashford Center Rd</b> |
| <b>RCN Ashford LLC<br/>75 Gerber Rd East<br/>S Windsor CT 06074</b>                     | <b>Jeremy &amp; Amber Edberg<br/>74 Lake Woods Lane<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>      | <b>\$330,000.</b> | <b>Lake Woods Lane</b>   |
| <b>Richard E Whitehouse<br/>450 Ashford Ctr Road<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b>               | <b>Forty4 Beer Wine<br/>&amp; Spirits LLC<br/>5 North Rd<br/>Ashford CT 06278</b> | <b>\$250,000.</b> | <b>North Rd</b>          |

### The Ashford Historical Society, Inc.

*Newspaper Unknown. Nov. 3, 1962.* Mrs. Abbie Balch 103, Ashford's oldest resident and first woman voter, died at the Sacher Convallescent home in Norwich. She would have been 104 on November 29. A teacher for many years in one-room schoolhouses in Warrentonville and Atwoodville. She was a former member of the Ashford Board of Education serving as its secretary for 40 years. A special citation from the State Board of Education was awarded to her for her "long and faithful service" to education. At one time she was asst. postmaster at Warrentonville where her son, Robert, who died in 1947, was postmaster. Mrs. Balch, who declared she was "finished with voting" at the age of 100, voted regularly in elections until 1956. She was born Nov. 29, 1858 in Ashford.

We are still looking for any pictures, family stories, any newspaper/magazine articles and genealogy pertaining to Ashford's history. If you would like to loan them to us for scanning we will make sure all items will be returned to their proper owner. Make your family part of Ashford's history.

*The Ashford Historical Society Inc. meets monthly.*

*Next meeting – March 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Nominations will be held at this meeting for the election of officers to be voted on at the April 30 meeting*

*Town Office Building, 5 Town Hall Rd.,  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lower Level*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

#### —New Members Welcome—

☐ Yes, I would like to become a member of The Ashford Historical Society. Annual dues are \$15.00 per single person or \$25.00 per family. Please send your check made out to **The Ashford Historical Society, Inc.** for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Joan E. Bowley, President, 630 Westford Road, Ashford, CT 06278. (860) 429-4568.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



# TOWN OF ASHFORD

## BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



### February 2019

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                          | Wed                                                            | Thu                                                                                                                                              | Fri                                                           | Sat                    |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                              |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                             | 2<br><br>Groundhog Day |
| 3   | 4<br><br>Commission on Aging, Senior Center, 10am<br><br>Board of Selectmen, ATO 7pm                                | 5<br><br>Board of Ed., Reg. #19, EOS Media Center, 7:30pm<br><br>Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, ATO, Rm 304, 7pm | 6                                                              | 7<br><br>Board of Education, Ashford School 7pm<br><br>Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104 7pm<br><br>Ashford Business Association (ABA), Midway 6:30pm | 8                                                             | 9                      |
| 10  | 11<br><br>Planning & Zoning Commission, ATO, Rm 104 7pm<br><br>Ashford Arts Council, Knowlton Memorial Hall, 7:15pm | 12<br><br>Housing Authority, Pompey Hollow 7:30pm<br><br>Lincoln's Birthday                                                  | 13<br><br>Zoning Board of Appeals, ATO 7pm                     | 14<br><br>Valentine's Day<br>                                | 15                                                            | 16                     |
| 17  | 18<br><br>Presidents Day<br><br>Town Offices Closed<br><br>Parks & Recreation Commission, APRC, 7pm                 | 19<br><br>Board of Selectmen, ATO 7pm<br><br>Our Town Our Future, ATO, Commissions Rm 7:30pm<br><br>ADTC ATO, Rm 104 7:30pm  | 20                                                             | 21<br><br>Board of Education, Ashford School 7pm<br><br>Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104 7pm<br><br>Agriculture Commission, ATO, Rm 112 7:30pm       | 22<br><br>NECCOG Dayville 8:30am<br><br>Washington's Birthday | 23                     |
| 24  | 25<br><br>Conservation Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7pm                                                                 | 26<br><br>Library Board of Trustees, Babcock Library, 2:30pm                                                                 | 27<br><br>Economic Development Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7:30pm | 28<br><br>Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104 7pm                                                                                                       |                                                               |                        |

**The Ashford Citizen**  
**5 Town Hall Road**  
**Ashford, CT 06278**

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American Scale Company, Inc.  
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Ashford Dairy Bar & Grill  
Ashford Garden Center  
Ashford Spirit Shoppe  
Bakerwoods Farm  
Basch Stone Masonry, LLC  
Basto Flooring, LLC  
Christopher Home Improvement  
Cool-Grind Technologies, LLC  
Count It All Joy Studio  
Country Coop  
County Line Septic, LLC  
Designs For Independence  
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Mansfield Supply  
Mansfield Tree Service  
McClintock Roofing, LLC  
Midway Restaurant  
Mike Kovarovics  
Mindful Media, LLC  
NAPA Autoparts of Tolland  
Neighborspaper, LLC



Noah King- Home Selling Team  
Northeast Builders Roofing  
North Veterinary Clinic  
Pet-Law Farm  
Pfalzgraf Pfarm  
Renewal By Anderson  
Rettenmeier Woodcarving  
Rivers Edge Sugar House  
Rogerson Masonry, Inc.  
Savings Institute Bank & Trust  
Scentsy Consultant-Dessi Liebman  
Sean Patrick's Plants  
Shooters Services  
State Farm Insurance  
(Anthony Raggi, Agent)  
Stoney Maple Carpentry  
Terry's Transmissions  
The Last Green Valley  
The Mobile Animal Clinic  
Tina Fradette -Mary Kay  
Tolland County Foundation Replacement  
Unlimited, LLC  
Vacation Property Check, LLC  
Veterans Base Camp  
Village Springs Distributors  
Westford Hill Distillers, LLC  
Willington Pizza  
Willow Valley Farm  
Yeagle Technology, Inc.

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**To promote and provide support to all businesses within the Towns of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford**  
**To act as a collective resource of business information and education**  
**To create awareness of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford business within the community**  
**To address common business issues within Town governments**

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