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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)

Good Conservation Advice for the New Year!

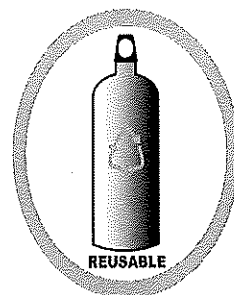
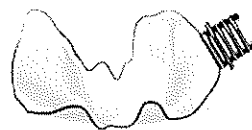
Every year, over 30 billion single-use plastic bottles are purchased, used and discarded in the United States. Correspondingly, about 100 million marine animals die each year because of plastic. Conventional plastics never truly decompose, they simply degrade into smaller and smaller pieces that animals end up digesting or becoming tangled in. Though buying a disposable plastic bottle may not seem like such a bad thing at the time, the amount builds up quickly and results in billions of plastic water bottles being thrown into landfills and dumped into the ocean. It might not be possible to stop billions of people from buying single-use plastic bottles, but there are many things an individual can do to try and cut down on waste in their daily life. Some compromises must be made to cut down on plastic waste, and that is a contributor to why many people decide it takes too much effort to take a step like this. Everything counts, though, towards making our planet a less trash-filled place.

- Switch out plastic sandwich bags for reusable cloth or silicone bags- These bags are very affordable, and, in the long run, will actually save you money.
- Use a reusable water bottle- Rather than buying a disposable one, purchase a reusable water bottle that will last you years rather than minutes. If you choose a metal water bottle, it will even keep your drink cold for hours at a time!
- Use reusable produce bags- They cost only a few dollars and come in many different designs and sizes to keep your produce stylish, and of course, to save plastic.
- Get a multi-use coffee cup and take it with you- Disposable coffee cups, especially ones made of styrofoam, are one of the worst things for the environment out there. When getting a coffee to-go, have the store employees make it in your travel mug rather than a single-use cup. The reusable travel mug will also keep your drink hotter or colder for longer. After you drink out of a coffee cup for a few minutes, that single-use cup will last more than 30 years.
- Give up plastic straws- There are many substitutions for plastic straws such as silicone, bamboo, paper or metal ones. Or you could just not use a straw at all!

These are just a few ways to reduce plastic waste in your daily life, but there are many more out there. Even actions as small as these can make a difference, especially if more and more people make these small changes. If you are having trouble getting motivated, just think of all the marine life you are saving every time you skip the straw! Plastic is an amazing material for many applications, especially in the medical field, but wasting it on single-use disposable items is an awful legacy.

Molly Rourke

Editor's Note: Molly is a freshman at E.O. Smith High School. The Town of Ashford supports conservation of our natural resources and encourages efforts to keep our town and the greater environment clean and healthy for us all. The Ashford Citizen is proud to print this article written by one of our youth..



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Ashford Transfer Station
will be closed on Wednesday,
January 1st, 2020.**

JANUARY HOLIDAY HOURS



**The Ashford Town Offices
will be closed to observe**

**New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1st**

&

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 20th.**

**The time is
always right
to do what
is right.**

- Martin Luther King Jr.

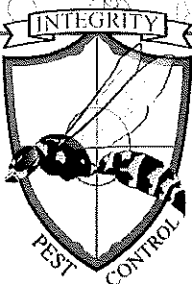


Ashford Food Program

The Ashford Food Program will resume a monthly distribution of food starting on Friday, December 6, 2019.

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5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278

- *The *Citizen* will be delivered by the 1st of each month (monthly).
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- *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 \$18 per year donation (as of 1/1/2020).
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- *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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Important Information From the Registrars of Voters

January 28, 2020 is the last day a voter of any one political party can transfer enrollment from one party to the other, for voting in their new party's presidential preference primary. A voter who is not affiliated with any party, but registered as an unaffiliated, has until April 27 at noon to affiliate with a party to vote in their "new" party's presidential preference primary. The presidential preference primary will be held on April 28, 2020.

LEGAL NOTICE

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS TERM ORDINANCE

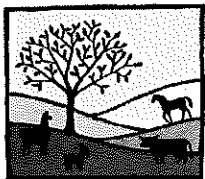
At a Special Town Meeting held on December 9, 2019 the following ordinance was passed. Per Connecticut General Statutes section 7-157(a), said ordinance to take effect on January 16, 2020, being the fifteenth day following January 1, 2020 publication in the *Ashford Citizen*, a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Ashford.

In accordance with CGS Sec. 9-189a, effective January 16, 2020, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Ashford shall, at the next succeeding regular election for such office and thereafter, be elected for a term of four years. Such four-year term shall begin on the first Wednesday following the first Monday of January succeeding an election of Registrars of Voters.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2019

Attest:

Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, CMC
Ashford Town Clerk



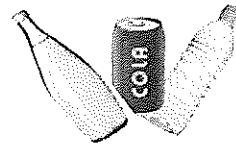
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This is being done as an experiment. If it works, great. If it doesn't, I will contact you. I don't have a full time job; I really need the money to pay my bills.

My name is Rick Marlin. I was an Ashford resident for 40 years. My phone number is 860-882-2286.

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NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are

Hereby notified that a caucus will be held on January 14, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. at the Ashford Town Office Building, lower level, Room 104, 5 Town Hall Rd, Ashford, CT 06278 to endorse candidates for the Democratic Town Committee for a two-year term beginning March 2020 and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus.

All registered Democrats in Ashford are welcome to attend the caucus and regular meetings which are normally scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the basement of the ATO, Room 104. Follow us on Facebook @Ashford Democrats.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut,
on the 10th day of December, 2019.
Janet Bellamy, Chairperson
Ashford Democratic Town Committee

NOTICE TO REPUBLICAN ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors in the Town of Ashford on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the lower level meeting room of the Town Office Building in Warrentonville, CT to endorse candidates for the Ashford Republican Town Committee.

For more information and to volunteer to serve on the ARTC, contact Chairman Gerald Nagy at 860-429-2973.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut
on December 13, 2019.
Gerald Nagy, Chairman
Ashford Republican Town Committee

LEGAL NOTICE

Ashford Tax Collector's Office
P.O. Box 173
Ashford, CT 06278
taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org
487-4411

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, 2018 become due and payable on January 1, 2020 and are payable without interest penalty through February 3, 2020. After Feb.3, 2020, 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 \$.95. Credit cards are 2.95%. Debit cards must be treated as Credit cards.

Payments that are postmarked on Feb.3rd 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**; Wed. Jan. 1ST for New Year's Day, and Mon. January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King Day

Linda G. Gagne CCMC
Ashford Tax Collector

2nd Notice, dated December 3, 2019

Ashford School News and Happenings

We spent the past month celebrating the holiday season, learning about other's traditions, playing in the snow, and many classes invited their families to join in the holiday fun!



Up-Coming School Events

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, Jan. 1st	No School – New Year's Day	
Friday, Jan. 3 rd	Cultural Arts Assembly Chinese Acrobat Li Lu	8:40 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 6 th	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17th	Horizon Wings Grades Prek – 3	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20th	No School	
Tuesday, Jan. 21 st	No School - PD Day	



Scout Troop 92

January, 2020 Newsletter

December was an “easy” month for us here in Troop 92. Because of the holiday, and school concerts in Ashford and Eastford, we only had two Scout meetings.

Food Drive: *Scouting for Food* yielded a substantial amount of nonperishable food for the food banks. Five full tables of foodstuffs were delivered to the Living Proof Church food center. Eastford also received quantities of food for their food bank.



L-R: Jack Cantrell and Cameron Nemeth.



Registered Nurse Ray Green instructed Scouts in basic first aid. This is a worthwhile skill that may help someone in the future. Mr. Green has agreed to ramp this up this spring and teach the First Aid Merit Badge, which is a requirement for the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Cub Scouts held their “Rain Gutter Regatta” competition. That was a lot of fun. It’s wind-powered sailboats racing down a water filled rain gutter.

Upcoming events:

Jan. 6th, Monday: PLC Leaders meeting at St. Philip’s Rec Hall.

Jan. 24th-26th: Klondike Derby. Winter outdoor camping with events and competition.

Feb. 7th, Friday: Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet. Annual awards and advancement for Cub Scouts.

Feb. 8th, Saturday: Tropical Vacation. This is a visit to the Mansfield Community Center to use their pool and game room. Cubs and Scouts can warm up!

We would like to welcome the new Camp Webster Scout Reservation Resident Ranger, Jay Lentz, who is replacing Skip Young who has retired. We welcome Mr. Lentz and thank Skip for all his years of service to the Camp.

Scout meetings are most Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at Knowlton Memorial Hall, next to Cumberland Farms store in Ashford. New members and visitors are welcome.

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master
Cory Blanchette, Scout Master

BLOOD DRIVES 2020

January

3	8:00-6:00	Windham Hospital	112 Mansfield Ave	Willimantic
3	1:30-6:30	Somers Congregational Church	299 Main St	Somers
8	10:00-3:00	Dunkin Donuts	3516 Main St	Coventry
8	12:30-5:30	Ellington Congregational Church	72 Main St	Ellington
10	7:30-1:00	Manchester Memorial Hosp	71 Haynes St	Manchester
12	8:00-1:00	Bolton High School	72 Brandy St	Bolton
14	9:30-2:30	Willington Hill Firehouse	24 Old Farms Rd	Willington
15	1:00-6:00	Putnam Elks Club	64 Edmond St	Putnam
16	11:00-4:00	Staffordville Fire Dept	226 Upper Rd	Stafford
17	11:15-4:15	Asnuntuck Community College	170 Elm St	Enfield
19	9:00-2:30	Cabela's	475 E Hartford Blvd-North	East Hartford
20	8:30-1:45	Willington Nameplate	11 Middle River Dr	Stafford
21	1:00-6:00	Elk's Club	198 Pleasant St	Willimantic
23	8:00-1:00	Windham Technical School	210 Birch St	Willimantic
27, 28, 29, 30, 31	11:00-4:45	UConn	2075 Hillside Rd	Storrs
28	9:00-2:00	Gerber Technology	24 Industrial Park Rd-West	Tolland
29	1:00-6:00	Rockville General Hosp	31 Union St	Rockville

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TRIVIA Q?

1. What infamous event occurred on December 7, 1941?
2. The French word "Noel" is often used around Christmas, but what was its original meaning in Latin?
3. In what decade did Coca-Cola start using Santa Claus in advertisements?
4. What northeastern US state holds the Guinness record for largest snowman?
5. What famous event happened on December 17, 1903?
6. In Japan, what is the most popular meal for Christmas?
7. The African-American cultural holiday Kwanzaa takes place from December 26 to January 1. The word Kwanzaa comes from what African language?
8. Who was Scrooge's dead business partner in A Christmas Carol?
9. The Jewish festival of Chanukah is also known by which name?
10. What piece of land did the United States acquire on December 20, 1803?

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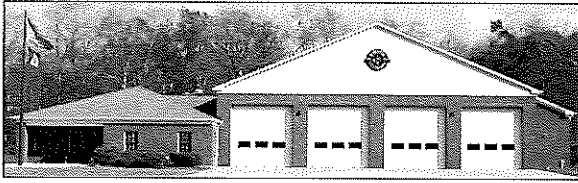
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Wacky winter drivers



DON'T BE THIS GUY!!

State law (CGA Statute 14-252a) requires accumulated snow, ice, or sleet to be removed from the hood, roof, and trunk so it doesn't fly off causing injuries or property damage. The penalty for your vehicle looking like this one is \$75 per offense. The penalties for causing injuries or damage range from \$200 to \$1000. Commercial vehicles will pay \$500 to \$1250 in fines. The state already steals enough of our money, do you really want to give them more? You should clean your vehicle windows as well, even though there is no state law for it.

Many people use gas powered snow blowers to clear snow. Even though modern machines have many safety features to help prevent injury, they are not fool proof.

- **NEVER** stick your hand in the chute to clear a clog. Always use the supplied tool. Even if the machine is off, there can be stored tension on the impeller that when released, will cause the impeller to move on its own. If your hand or fingers are in the way, they will be severely injured.
- **NEVER** try to clear an obstruction in the intake auger with the machine running. Shut it down and use caution when removing the object. You may have to replace broken shear pins.
- **NEVER** tie down controls that are meant to release when the operator lets go of the control.
- Don't fight the machine. Allow it to work through heavy snow. You may have to back out and take another bite. These machines weigh a couple hundred pounds, and trying to wrestle one into a direction it doesn't want to go could cause a fall or a strain injury.
- Don't blow snow into the road or onto public walkways.
- Heed all the warning labels, like the one that says not to use the machine on your roof. You know they only print that one because someone tried it and got hurt, suing the manufacturer.
- Keep the machine well maintained and in good operating condition. Preventative maintenance not only contributes to safe operation, but minimizes the chances of it not working when you really need it.
- Turn the engine off and use caution while re-fueling. Re-fuel in a well ventilated area.

The call count for November 2019 was 11 Fire/Rescue and 26 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 241.

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

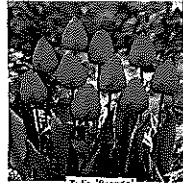
Is it SPRING Yet?

Volunteers and the Public Works Department of the Town of Ashford have installed a new planting on the median strip entrance to the Earle Smith Senior Center Complex.

Watch for new Spring colors and plants beginning in April, featuring 2000 bulbs, to be followed with a planting of red "Knock Out" roses.



Tulip "Tequila Sunrise"



Tulip "Parade"



Anemone



Chionodoxa



Dutch Siberian Iris



Assistance to Ashford Veterans

The American Legion offers financial assistance to veterans through the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund (SSMF). Veterans Representative Garry Brown will hold office hours at the Ashford Town Office Building on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room. No appointment is necessary, as walk-ins are welcome, but call 860-928-2309 if you wish to schedule a more convenient time. All information is free and completely confidential. If you have any questions regarding the SSMF, or your veterans benefits or disability, contact Garry at garry.brown71@aim.com.

VETERAN NOTES:

If you were in the Coast Guard and served on a Cutter that was built prior to 1991, AND, if you suffer from medical conditions attributable or could be attributable to asbestos or lead paint poisoning, you may have a potential disability claim with the VA. Call me if you need more info: 860-928-2309.

Building Permits

October 20, 2019 – December 20, 2019

Hours: Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30am – 4:00pm

Wed: 8:30am – 3:00pm & 7:00pm – 9:00pm

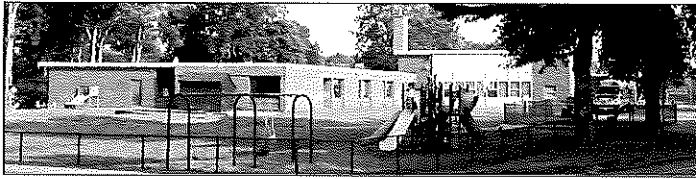
CLOSING New Year's Day Wed Jan 1st 2020

Martin Luther King Day Mon Jan 20th 2020

Building Official James Rupert

Assistant Randy Heckman

Hillside Rd	Edenburn-MacQueen/Dibella	propane
Armitage Rd	Altieri	foundation
Ashford Center Rd	Godere	solar
Ashford Center Rd	Godere	electrical
Westford Hill Rd	Naeser	new house
Chetelat Dr	Hotchkiss/Uszakiewicz	roofing
Lake View Dr	Donovan	mechanical
Pumpkin Hill Rd	Pollingue/Reid	foundation
North Rd	Durand/Mott	electrical
Kidder Brook Rd	Gerstenlauer	wood stove
Howard Rd	Shippee	electrical
Lakeside Dr	Covell	electrical
Bicknell Rd	Terlalis	renovation
Pumpkin Hill Rd	Brown	deck
Westford Rd	Krukoff/Krzesicki	propane
Bebbington Rd	Downing	propane
Moon Rd	Garcia	roofing
Nott Highway	Jennings	renovation
Broad Oak Dr	Bass	chimney liner
Zaicek Rd	Duffy	mechanical
Kent Court	Pfalzgraf	roofing
Kent Court	Roy	roofing
Pompey Rd	Sanborn	roofing
Pumpkin Hill Rd	Pollingue/Reid	electrical
Happy Hill Lane	Salvation Army Camp	plumbing
Westview Dr	Bunnell	generator
Zaicek Rd	Duffy	electrical
Mansfield Rd	Hanink	generator
Zaicek Rd	Duffy	propane
Krapf Rd	Dietz/Guerrero	electrical
Krapf Rd	Dietz/Guerrero	renovation
Slade Rd	Drasch	generator
Westford Rd	Sibiga	propane
Bebbington Rd	Downing	generator
Westford Hill Rd	Naeser	plumbing
Ashford Center Rd	Rukaibawi	roofing
Westford Rd	Lyman	new house
Bebbington Rd	Chernuk	generator
Old Town Rd	Harvey	propane
Cotswold Dr	Sibley-Jett	fuel tank
Waterfall Rd	Graves	garage renovation
Turnpike Rd	Martin	foundation
Pumpkin Hill Rd	Pollingue/Reid	electrical
Slade Rd	Drasch	propane
Armitage Court	Silverstein	mechanical
Bebbington Rd	Chernuk	propane
Amidon Rd	Czerkie	electrical
Westford Rd	Rupert	pellet Stove
Slade Rd	Drasch	electrical
Mansfield Rd	Hanink	propane



New Year, New Budget

By Dr. James Longo

As I write this article it is mid-December, and we are planning for the new year at Ashford School. Each year at this time we take a hard look at many of our policies, practices, and procedures to set our priorities. We do this because it is the beginning of the budget cycle, and we have to decide where the school's funds are going to be directed. This is a much more complex process than it would appear to be. Because staffing, supplies, equipment and technology decisions are based upon the budget, I thought it made sense to devote the January article to explaining how it works.

We begin the process by inviting the public into board of education meetings to voice their concerns and indicate priorities. At the same time, we survey the administration and faculty to tell us what they believe the school needs. The first actual budget draft is one that reflects no changes in staffing or spending beyond what is already committed to. That is, we take our current staff roster and adjust their salaries, wages and the cost of employee health benefits, and apply whatever changes were negotiated to their contracts for the coming year. These are the type of costs that we cannot change as most contracts are settled through mediation and follow state and regional standards. This results in a base line budget, meaning that it represents the least amount we could request without laying off employees or failing to purchase general instructional supplies. The next step is to assess the needs of our students and our facility. We look at each of the following categories:

- Certified Staff
- Non-Certified staff
- Special Education needs, such as student outplacements and specialized services
- Vehicles and insurances
- Special services such as counselors, psychologists, etc.
- Class Sizes
- Books and instructional supplies
- Equipment
- Technology supplies and equipment
- Building and grounds maintenance

We review each of those categories and develop a "dream" budget. This is one which would be available to us in a perfect world, and one where we could do what we thought was best for the students of Ashford without any concern for cost. Of course, we know that such a plan is not going to be implemented, but it gives us a place to start. From there, we produce four budget plans, each version with fewer of the desired "perfect" improvements. Each of the four possibilities moves us closer to our first draft, or "Status Quo" budget proposal. These various iterations of our budget each compromise our request and moves us toward one that is reasonable and provides for some of the improvements that we feel are important and needed.

At the end of this process we have a total have six budget proposals. One with no changes beyond what is contracted; one that adds everything we could ask for and is the perfect world budget; and four in between versions that incorporate fewer and fewer improvements. These six options are given to the Board of Education and they debate each line until they arrive upon a single proposal that they feel is the right balance between the needs of the students and the needs of the taxpayer.

The ultimate goal of this process is for everyone to consider the possibilities, decide which ones are most important and then create a budget proposal that reflects the values of Ashford and gives our students the best education the Town can fiscally provide. This process is amazing. The debate and the decision-making are considerable. Everyone has an opportunity for input and every decision is thoughtful and carefully deliberated. It takes months, but the end result is a fair budget proposal that everyone can live with, and the one that is sent by the Board of Education to the Board of Finance for consideration and approval.

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It is a lot of hard work. But it is a fair process. It ensures that every idea is considered and everyone has a chance to see that his or her values and opinions are integrated into the final proposal.

Perhaps we could approach it in a simpler way, but then we might miss something, or we might not have considered the many ways we could improve our school and the many ways we can provide the students of Ashford with the best educational opportunity possible.

In the end, we will have a proposal that we are proud of, one that considers every possibility, and one that represents the needs of students, yet fair to the taxpayers of Ashford. It is really an amazing process to be a part of and we encourage residents to participate.

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.



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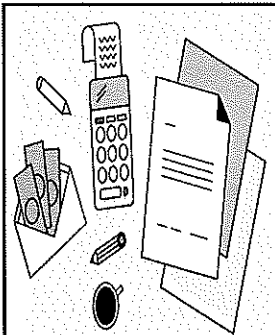
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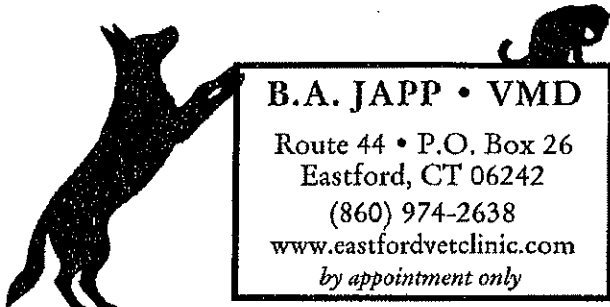
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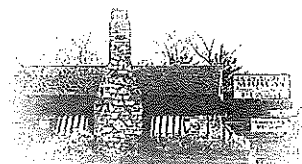
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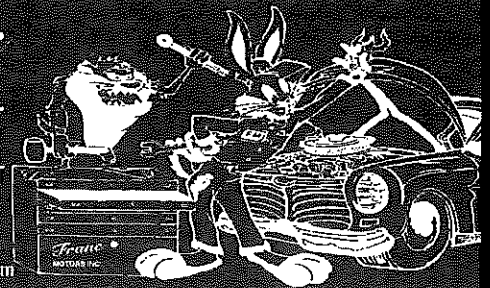


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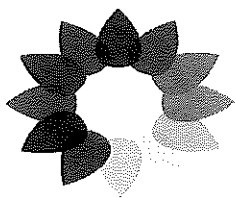
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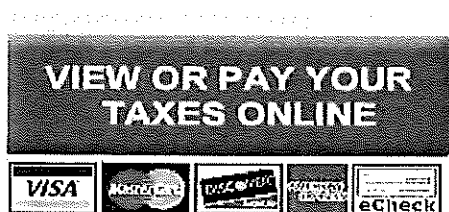
Go Green: Pay your bills online

2nd installments of real estate and personal property tax will be due Jan. 1, 2020, as well as Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax bills for vehicles registered between Oct. 2, 2018 and July 31st, 2019. The Tax Office will be closed on all Thursdays; Wed., Jan. 1st, 2020., and Monday, Jan. 20th. Please consider using the online system for payment.

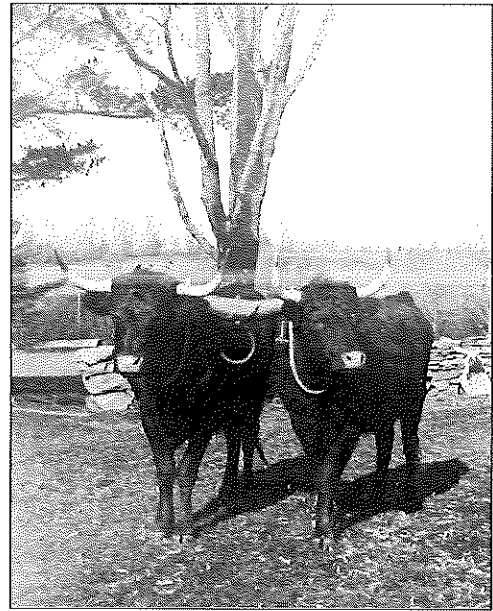
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Go to: www.ashfordtownhall.org to view and/or pay bills online. The button to enter the portal looks like this:



CALLING ALL FARMERS!



The Ashford Agriculture Commission is interested in helping promote your farm. Please join us at an upcoming meeting to share your thoughts on how best to assist you.

The Agriculture Commission meets the third Thursday of the month, in the lower level meeting room of the Town Office Building. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we'll be discussing ideas on farm marketing on these dates:

January 16	7:30 pm	February 20
7:30 pm	March 19	7:30 pm

Looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming Ag. Comm. meeting!

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ML King Day	Mon. Jan. 20	Columbus Day	Mon. Oct. 12
Presidents' Day	Mon. Feb. 17	Veterans Day	Wed. Nov. 11
Good Friday	Fri. April 10	Thanksgiving	Fri. Nov. 27
Memorial Day	Mon. May 25	Christmas	Fri. Dec. 25
Independence Day	Fri. July 3	New Years' Day 2021	Mon. Dec. 28
			Fri. 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
Housing Authority	Mon.- Fri. 8-1; Secretary Mon., Wed., Fri. 8-12; 49 Tremko Lane
Land Use Dept. & Selectmen's Office	Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:30 am-4:00 pm; Wed. 8:30am-3:00pm & 7-9 pm
Probate Court	Northeast Probate Court, 508 Pomfret St, Putnam, CT 06260 Mon., Tues., Wed. 8:30-4:30; Th. 8:30-6; Fri. 8:30-3pm
Recreation Dept.	Mon. Wed., Fri. 9am-12pm
Senior Center	Mon. - Fri. 9am-3pm, 25 Tremko Lane
Social/Y outh Services	Mon., & Tues., 9am -3pm or by appointment
Transfer Station	Wed. 2 - 8 pm, Saturday 8am - 4 pm, Sunday 10am - 4 pm; Upton Rd. Required stickers available at Selectmen's Office.

Chairpersons	
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Agricultural Commission:	Art Talmadge 429-3923
Conservation Commission:	Loretta Wrobel 429-2629
Economic Development:	Richard S. Williams 429-5156
Education, Board of:	John Lippert 429-9199
Finance, Board of:	Charles Funk 429-8510
Housing Authority:	Brian Folker 429-5727
Inland Wetlands:	Leonard Liguore 487-3629
Planning & Zoning:	Jeff Silver-Smith 487-6219
Recreation Commission:	
Zoning Board of Appeals:	Keith Lipker 429-3061

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Animal Control Officer, Christine Abikoff	487-4402
Assessor, Kara Fishman	fax 487-4430
Babcock Library, Carolann MacMaster	fax 487-4438
Building Dept, James Rupert, Official	fax 487-4430
Burn Permits Call Fire Dept.	429-9862
Finance Dept., Cheryl Baker	487-4405
Fire Marshal, Richard Whitehouse	429-6222
Health Dept. -EHHD, Lynette Swanson R.S.	(Mansfield) 429-3325
Housing Authority, Jessica Miller, Dir.	fax 487-4500
Housing Rehab, Peter Huckins	456-0782 or 487-4407
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Wetlands Officer, Joseph Theroux	376-6842
Planning & Zoning	fax 487-4430
Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael D'Amato	487-4415
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Probate Court, Leah Schad, Probate Judge	928-4844
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Dem. Lauren Olson 487-0305 Rep. Colleen DePercio	487-3603
Selectmen, Ralph H. Fletcher 1 st Select.	fax 487-4430
Senior Center, Kitt Eves, Dir.	487-5122
Sexton, James Reviczky	429-9576
Social/Y outh Services, Melissa McDonough 429-6419(school) or 487-4417	
Tax Collector, Linda G. Gagne	fax 487-4430
Town Clerk, Sherri L. Mutch	fax 487-4430
Transfer Station, Charles Busse	429-3409
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	Superintendent's Office 429-1927
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**MEETING SCHEDULES FOR TOWN AGENCIES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AS FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
ALL MEETINGS MONTHLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

AGENCY	MEETING DATE	MEETING PLACE / TIME
Aging, Commission on	1 st Monday monthly, except 2 nd Mon., Sept. 14 No meetings February, 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, Rm 112-7:30 PM
Assessment Appeals, Board of	March 11th, 18th and September 9th, 16th	Ashford Town Offices, 6pm
Conservation Commission	3 rd Monday monthly, except 3 rd Wed. Jan. 15 th & Feb. 19 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:00 PM
Eastern Highlands Health District	3 rd Thurs. Jan. 16th; Feb. 20th ; June 18 th ; Aug 20 th ; Oct. 15 th & 4th Thursday April 23 rd & 2 nd Thurs Dec. 10th	Coventry T Hall Annex 712 Main St-4:30pm
Economic Development Commission	4 th Wed. monthly, Except 3 rd Wed. Nov. 18 th & Dec. 16th	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. 9, 23; Feb. 13, 20, 27; Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; Apr. 7, 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 10, 24; Oct. 8, 22; Nov. 12; Dec. 10	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	Babcock Library Reading Room - 2:30 PM
NECCOG	4 th Friday monthly, except Fri., Nov. 20 th & Dec. 11th	125 Putnam Pike, Dayville – 8:30 AM
Parks & Recreation Commission	3 rd Monday monthly, except Jan. 6 th and Tues. Feb. 18th	Ashford Town Offices, APRC Rm– 7:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission	2 nd Monday monthly, except 2nd Tues. Oct. 13 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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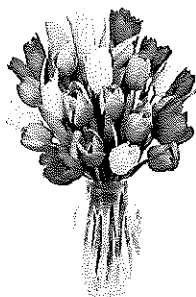
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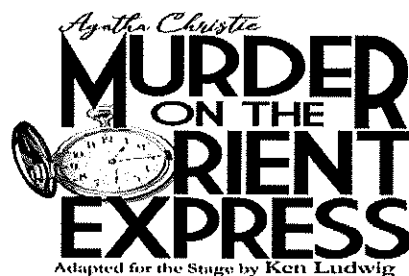
VITAL STATISTICS

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<i>Mary C. (Cadigan) Martin</i>	<i>November 26, 2019</i>
<i>Nancy L. Organ</i>	<i>November 29, 2019</i>
<i>Appleton A. "Hap" Barrows</i>	<i>November 30, 2019</i>

Marriages:

<i>Jeffrey William Such</i>	
<i>Angela Rosa Diaz</i>	<i>October 19, 2019</i>



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From your Municipal Agent for the Elderly, Kit Eves



This article is the second in a series of articles on Fall Prevention. The number one health risk for seniors in the United States is falling. Last month we learned how to prevent fall risks outside of the house. This month we will discuss fall hazards inside the house. Some of these suggestions will be "of course, I know that." However, some will have the light bulb go off quite literally and you will need to make some changes for your own safety.

Let's start with light bulbs. You should have a light and a switch at both the bottom and the top of each stairway in your house. You can easily buy light switches that glow. If the bulb has burned out, get someone to change it. If you live alone, call a friend or relative to help or at least stay on the phone line until you get down from the ladder. I never get on a ladder or a step stool unless my husband is at home.

Stairs are a source of falls for the elderly. Are the handrails loose or broken? Fix those loose handrails or put in new ones. You should also have handrails on both sides of the stairs, that go all the way to the top or bottom of the staircase.

Are there papers, shoes books, or other objects on the stairs? I'm guilty of this. I used to put stuff on the stairs to go up, but if my arms were already full, they stayed there and were a hazard. Instead, try placing a small table or low bookcase near your stairs to hold the stuff you want to move from one floor to another. Then things won't be in the way but can be seen to carry when you have arms free.

Fix any broken or uneven stairs. If you have rugs on your stairs, be sure that they are tacked down and no corners are turned up. Rugs with bad edges can trip you as you walk. Non-slip rubber treads are the best way to go, and are easy to install.

As your Municipal Agent, I would be happy to do a home safety audit of your home inside and out. Call for an appointment 860-487-5122. Mon – Fri 9-3.

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2002-01-37

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2002-01-37

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 - Oldest Grand List

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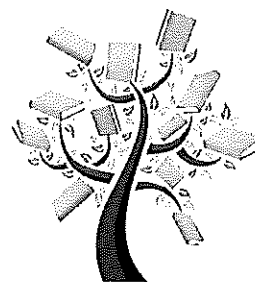
7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose how you would like to pay. Then press
 - Treat All Debit Cards As Credit Cards

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In September 2018 Donald graduated from JustLeadershipUSA at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of New York. Donald is the founder of Project Operation Change and is currently a consultant for the Behavioral Health Justice Initiative Navigator Trainings at UMASS Medical in Shrewsbury, MA.

Saturday, January 11th and January 25th at 11:00
Refreshments will be provided

Winter Reading Program

The program starts Monday, December 2nd and runs until February 29th. Come to the library and get your copy of our READO card, then fill it out and turn it in! All books must be checked out of the Babcock Library.

Puppet Play Time

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**FRIENDS OF
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**Tuesday,  
January 28th at  
2:30**

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Storytime
Ages 0-5
Tuesdays
at 10:30

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**Please be  
advised: When  
Ashford School is  
closed due to  
weather so is the  
Library! If the  
school has a  
delayed opening  
the library will be  
open on time.**

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UKULELE CLUB
Tuesdays and
Wednesdays at 12:30
Registration is
required!

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Deadbolt Mystery  
Society Boxes:  
Brand new  
additions to our  
library. Come take  
a kit home with you  
today.

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Family Movie Friday
January 3rd and 24th

BABCOCK LIBRARY

January 2020

Overdrive Training

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. Come to the library on January 31st at 4:00. If you require other dates, please let us know and we can accommodate you.

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. Tuesday is now full. If you wish to learn to play, Wednesday has openings!

Knitting Club

The knitting club meets every Wednesday at 1:00, everyone is always welcome whether you already know how to knit or you want to learn.

Museum Passes

State Parks and Museums-Sponsored by Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protections No Child Left Inside initiative

Florence Griswold Museum-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

New Britain Museum of American Art-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art-Sponsored by the Wadsworth Atheneum

Mystic Aquarium-Sponsored by the Mystic Aquarium

The Bushnell Park Carousel & Museum-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

We need craft materials!!

Glue	Glue sticks	Markers	Scissors
Pom-poms	Potting Soil	Craft sticks	
Glitter	Stickers	Feathers	
Construction paper	Googly Eyes		
Pipe Cleaners	Double-sided tape	Yarn	
Cotton balls	Play Doh	Craft Kits	
	Paper cups		

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.

LEGO Club

We'll supply the LEGOs, you bring your creativity! Build with other LEGO fans and then tear down your creations.

Saturday, January 18th at 11:00

Craft Projects and activities this Winter.

All activities are for ages 5 and up.

Friday, January 10th Finger Puppets

Family Board Games

Come to the library and play one of our board games with family and new friends. Saturday, January 4th 11:00 to 1:00

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!

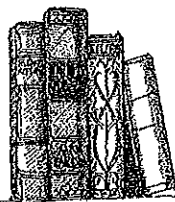
VHS to DVD Conversion

Bring in your home VHS tapes and we will transfer them to a DVD for you. Please note that we cannot convert VHS tapes containing copyrighted material. Converted DVDs are \$5.00 each and generally take a week to process.

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Become a Friend of the Library

Our Friends group is always looking for new members willing to assist the library with activities. Book Sale, Wine Tasting and other fun activities await you.

Book donations are always welcome in the bins downstairs from the library.

ASHFORD SCHOOL	
HIGH HONORS	
2019-2020 - Trimester 1	
Grade 8	Grade 7
Abbott-Phipps, Mya	Alfaro, Ana
Asselin, Aydon	Barclay, Ian
Conway, Lillian	Beers, Lily
Czmyr, Alyssa	Brown, Zachary
Damble, Kylie	Fontaine, Morgan
Duval, Julia	Haeryfar, Nadia
Dyer, Emerson	Lagace, Juliana
Frink, Skylar	Levenson, Joseph
Giglio, Leylah	Morytko, Benjamin
Grady, Maeve	Perosky, Quinn
Haeger, Julia	Rexach, Rayne
Hall, Jack	Roy, Joline
Johnston, Nathan	
Kouatly, Tyler	
LeBlanc, Madison	
Lee, Joseph	
Losee, Hannah	
Martin, Robert	
McDonough, Isabella	
Medeiros, Cadence	
Milliard, Emma	
Olender, Alexia	
Patel, Arya	
Percy, Felicia	
Pufahl, Owen	
Robbins, Brent	



Drew, Emma
Egan, Kailynn
Natal, Jomar
Torres, Adriana
Yost, Dylan

Abbott-Phipps, Mya	Alfaro, Ana
Conway, Lillian	Beers, Lily
Czmyr, Alyssa	Fontaine, Morgan
Damble, Kylie	Haeryfar, Nadia
Duval, Julia	Morytko, Benjamin
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Lee, Joseph	
Losee, Hannah	
McDonough, Isabella	
Medeiros, Cadence	
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Patel, Arya	
Robbins, Brent	



What can you do
today that you
were not capable
of 12 months ago?

TRANSFER REPORT

11-15-2019 – 12-15-2019

Linda H Mercure 221 Nott Highway Ashford CT 06278	Linda & Charles Burr 221 Nott Highway Ashford CT 06278	\$0.00	Nott Highway
Matthew & April Basch P O Box 100 Willington CT 06279	Matthew & Kathryn Carter 50 Axe Factory Rd Ashford CT 06278	\$435,000.	Axe Factory
Craig & Annette Provost 198 Wagher Rd Thompson CT 06277	Nathan & Sara Wilson 144 Hnath Rd Ashford CT 06278	\$227,000.	Hnath Rd
Judith Chameroy P O Box 4 Brooklyn CT 06234	Carrington Mtg Services 1600 South Douglass Rd Anaheim CA 92806	\$92,040.	Mansfield Rd
US Bank Trustee 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd Coppell TX 75019	US Bank National Assoc 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd Coppell TX 75019	\$0.00	Westford Dr
16 Chapman LLC 345 Buff Cap Rd Tolland CT 06084	Zachary Aukerman 28 Old Town Rd Ashford CT 06278	\$112,500.	Old Town Rd

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. The **bombing of Pearl Harbor** occurred on December 7, 1941.
2. "Noel" in Latin means **birth**.
3. Coca-Cola started using Santa Claus in advertisements in the **1920's**.
4. The town of Bethel, **Maine** built the largest snowwoman, named Olympia in 2008.
5. The Wright Brothers made their historic **flight** in Kitty Hawk, on December 17, 1903.
6. **KFC fried chicken** is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan.
7. Kwanzaa comes from a **Swahili** phase meaning first fruits.
8. **Jacob Marley** was Scrooge's dead business partner in A Christmas Carol.
9. The Jewish festival of Chanukah is also known as the **Festival of Lights**.
10. On December 20, 1803, the United States acquired **Louisiana** for \$40 million francs.

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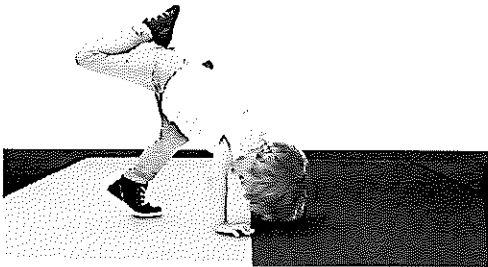
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Recreation Reminders!

TINY TUMBLERS

This preschool gym class for 3-5 year olds is a great outlet for some of your little ones pent up energy. Kids will learn basic tumbling moves, and have lots of fun trying a variety of movement skills stretching, balancing, rolling, jumping, moving to music and making new friends.



Class meets on Weds. from 4:00-4:45 in Knowlton Memorial Hall. Program runs 6 weeks from Jan. 29th -March 4th, Instructor : T.B.A. Fee:\$50 Call 860-487-4409 with questions.

Parks & Recreation
Creating Community through
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Ice Skating



Ashford Park & Rec.
Sponsors Skating!
Residents skate free of
charge at
UConn Ice Arena
SUN. JAN. 12th at

2:10 & 3:30 pm

and at the

Bolton Ice Palace

SUN. JAN. 26th at 3:20 pm

Open skate sessions last 1 hour!

Rentals available

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

We will offer 2 sessions of 6 practices for kids in grades 1 & 2 to learn basic basketball skills!

Session I Saturday mornings 8:30-9:30 am
Jan. 4th -Feb. 8th.

Session II will be after school in Feb.
Tues. & Thurs. 3:20-4:20.

(Dates TBD when the school team finish)
Fee: \$30 for 1 session or \$50 for both.



FOLK DANCING

*Veronica Craigs International Folk Dancing Group
meets Tues. nights in Knowlton Memorial Hall, 7-8 pm.*

*Try something different & enjoyable and stay active
through the winter months.*

Contact folkdancer@cox.net with any questions



2 Yoga Offerings in 2020!

A regular practice of Yoga will improve your well being, your flexibility, muscle tone, balance and peace of mind.

Our new Instructor, **Carol Taylor** will lead classes on Wednesday evenings in Knowlton Memorial Hall from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Begins Jan. 8th.

Karrie Kirchner returns after the new year to teach on Tuesday mornings from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in Knowlton Memorial Hall. Begins Jan. 7th.

Each class runs for 8 weeks. Fee: \$64.00, (or a \$10 drop in fee.)(Try it? 1st class no charge)

NAMASTE

YOGA



TAI CHI

With Joe Pandolfo



Joe is a certified, experienced instructor offering Monday evening classes for adults. Newcomers or experienced people are welcome. Learn the basic forms of this

traditional Chinese exercise art. Learn the movements in class, practice at home, for health, balance and rejuvenation!

It's guaranteed to warm your core!

Class meets at Knowlton Memorial Hall from 5:30-6:30 pm

Mondays, Jan. 6th thru Feb. 24th.

Fee: (7 week session) \$56,
or drop in for \$10 per class.

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 the Town of Ashford, Please call 860-487-4409 with questions.

Participants Name Address & (e-mail)	Program	Phone	Age	Fee

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)

Ashford Town Budget Calendar

Fiscal Year July, 2020 through June, 2021

Thursday, February 13: General Government Budget presented to BOF by BOS
Capital Improvement Plan presented to BOF by Capital Improvement Committee

Friday, February 14: Region 19 Budget distributed to member Towns

Thursday, February 20: Ashford School Budget presented to BOF and BOS by BOE

Thursday, March 12: BOF Reviews:
-Budget requests requiring additional clarifications
-Region 19 Budget proposed by School Superintendent
-BOS Recommendations

Thursday, March 19: Ashford Town Budget:
- BOF adopts proposed Budget
- BOF sets date and approves notice for Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 24 Region 19 - PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, March 30: Town Budget Books available to Public

Tuesday, March 31: Region 19 Budget - Adopted by Region 19 BOE

Tuesday, April 7: Ashford Town Budget - PUBLIC HEARING
BOF Special Meeting immediately following Public Hearing
Final Budget adjustments

Wednesday, April 8: BOS sets dates and approves notice for Town Meeting and Referendum

Monday, April 13: Town Budget books available to Public

Tuesday, April 21: Ashford Town Budget - ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 4: Region 19 Budget - Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 5: Ashford Town Budget - REFERENDUM
Region 19 Budget - REFERENDUM



TOWN OF ASHFORD

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Town Offices & Transfer Station Closed New Year's Day	2 Board of Education, Ashford School, 7pm Ashford Business Association (ABA), Midway, 6:30pm	3	4
5	6 Commission on Aging, Senior Center, 10am Board of Selectmen, ATO, 7pm Parks & Recreation Commission, APRC, 7pm	7 Board of Ed., Reg. #19, EOS Media Center, 7:30pm Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	8 Ashford Arts Council, Knowlton Memorial Hall, 7:15pm Zoning Board of Appeals, ATO 7pm Veteran's Assistance, ATO, 7pm	9 Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	10	11
12	13 Planning & Zoning Commission, ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	14 Housing Authority, Pompey Hollow 7:30pm ADTC ATO, Rm 104, 7:30pm	15 Conservation Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7pm	16 Board of Education, Ashford School, 7pm Agriculture Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7:30pm	17	18
19	20 Town Offices Closed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 Board of Selectmen, ATO, 7pm Our Town Our Future, ATO, Commissions Rm, 7:30pm	22 Economic Development Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7:30pm	23 Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	24 NECCOG Dayville 8:30am	25
26	27	28 Library Board of Trustees, Babcock Library, 2:30pm	29	30	31	

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Renewal by Andersen
Rettenmeier Woodcarving
Rivers Edge Sugar House
Rogerson Masonry, Inc.
Savings Institute Bank and Trust
Sean Patrick's Plants, LLC
Shooters Services
State Farm Insurance
(Anthony Raggi, Agent)
Stoney Maple Carpentry
Terry's Transmissions
The Last Green Valley
The Mobile Animal Clinic
Tolland County Foundation Restoration
Vacation Property Check, LLC
Westford Hill Distillers, LLC
Willington Pizza
Willow Valley Farm



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www.ashfordbusiness.org

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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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