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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)

ASHFORD CITIZEN 5 TOWN HALL ROAD ASHFORD CT 06278

TOWN OF ASHFORD
Office of the Selectmen

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Week
September 26, 2021 through October 3, 2021

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated September 26, 2021 through October 3, 2021 as National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Week to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives while playing an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our community; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Week, September 26, 2021 marks the beginning of Fire Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, October 3, 2021 has been designated as **Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters** to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, we encourage our citizens to join the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department at Station 20 at 11:30 a.m. to pay special tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF ASHFORD that we recognize the efforts put forth by our firefighters and emergency services personnel past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that in accordance with a directive issued by Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, Ashford's flags will be flown at half staff from sunrise to sunset on October 3, 2021 to recognize the service of our fallen heroes.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 20th day of September 2021

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
First Selectman

William A. Falletti
Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer	860-487-4402
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Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
Fire Marshal	860-429-6222
Housing Authority	860-429-8556
Parks & Recreation	860-487-4409
Public Works	860-429-6812
Registrar of Voters	860-487-4410
Selectmen's Office	860-487-4400
Sexton	860-487-4400
Social/ Youth Services	860-487-4417
Tax Collector	860-487-4411
Town Clerk	860-487-4401
Zoning Enforcement	860-487-4415

**Town of Ashford website:
www.ashfordtownhall.org**



**Ashford Town Offices
will be closed
on Monday,
October 11th, 2021
for Columbus Day.**

Ashford Town Offices Public Hours:

Assessor, Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector,

Town Clerk:

Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Wed. 10 am - 6 pm

Land Use Dept.:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:30 am - 3:00 pm or by appt.

Social Services: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 3 pm or by appt.

Transfer Station: Wed. 2-8 pm, Sat. 8 am-4 pm,
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

For other depts. not listed, please call for hours.

**The Ashford Town Office Building
is open to the public.**

Masks are required.



**The Town Drop Box is
always available.**

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 **\$18** per year donation (as of 1/1/2020).

*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.

Your Contacts:

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From the Town Clerk: PEDDLER'S PERMIT

If someone comes to your door selling something, insist on seeing their **Peddler's Permit!**

In the Town of Ashford, you must have a Peddler's Permit issued by the Town Clerk's office in order to go door-to-door to sell anything. The information on our official permit will include: the company's name and address; the individual's name, address, phone number, and an image of their photo ID. The vehicle that they are driving will also be described by make, model and plate #. The permit will have the image of the Town seal on it, and it will be signed by either the Town Clerk or her assistant. While we *can't* vouch for the product they are representing (!), we *are* keeping track of who is out there in your neighborhood, and if they have their Peddler's Permit, they will be aware of that.



CODE OF THE TOWN OF ASHFORD, CT

Chapter 228

Peddling and Soliciting

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Meeting of the Town of Ashford 6-17-1965. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 228-1 Permit required.

[Amended 6-7-2021]

No person shall vend, hawk or peddle or solicit the sale, either present or future, of any goods, wares or other merchandise upon any public highway within the Town of Ashford, or from place to place within the limits of the Town, without first having obtained a permit from the Town Clerk. This permit shall apply to each and every so engaged person whether self-employed or whether employed by a firm, partnership, corporation, or individual.

§ 228-2 Form of permit; fee.

[Amended 6-7-2021]

Permits shall be in the form of a certificate issued by the Town Clerk upon the payment of the required permit fee. The fee shall be \$2 for one day and \$10 for periods of up to one year. Permits shall be effective from 8:00 a.m. of the day or period for which the permit is issued. Residents of the Town of Ashford shall be exempt from paying a fee for such permit.

§ 228-3 Penalties for offenses.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$25, and every sale made in violation of the provisions herein shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 228-4 Exceptions.

[Amended 6-7-2021]

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or to require a permit for sales by farmers or gardeners of the produce from their farms or gardens, or for the sale and distribution of milk, teas, coffees, spices, bakery goods, fish, meats or other food products, nor shall the provisions hereof apply to youngsters under 16 years of age who are residents of the Town.

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Ashford Municipal Election

The legal electors of the Town of Ashford, State of Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified to meet at Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road, (Route 44), in said Town of Ashford on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes in the biennial election in said town to elect the following officers:

First Selectman (Vote for One)
Selectman (Vote for One)
Board of Finance Full Term (Vote for Up to Two)
Board of Finance To Fill Vacancy for Four Years (Vote for One)
Board of Finance Alternate Full Term (Vote for One)
Board of Finance Alternate To Fill Vacancy for Four Years (Vote for One)
Board of Education (Vote for Up to Two)
Board of Assessment Appeals (Vote for One)
Planning and Zoning Commission (Vote for Up to Three)
Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (Vote for Up to Three)
Zoning Board of Appeals (Vote for Up to Three)
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate (Vote for Up to Three)
Library Trustee (Vote for Up to Two)
Regional Board of Education (Vote for Up to Two)

The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Electronic voting machines will be used for the biennial election.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours beginning October 1, 2021.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 25th day of October, 2021.

Attest,
Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, CMC
Ashford Town Clerk

Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots for the November 2, 2021 Municipal Election

- Absentee Ballots will be available on **October 1, 2021**, but you may submit an application earlier. Recent legislation, PA-21-2, makes COVID-19 a valid excuse to vote by absentee ballot for this election.
- The Secretary of the State will NOT be mailing out applications.
- Absentee ballot applications for the November 2, 2021 Municipal Election may be found on the Town Clerk's page on the Town website: <https://ashfordtownhall.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/AB-COVID-for-July-November-2021.pdf>
- Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots may be deposited in the large, white State of Connecticut Official Ballot Drop Box on the front porch of the Town Office Building.
- For more information, please call # 860-487-4401.





TURN BALLOT OVER AND VOTE BOTH SIDES

Be sure to read instructions to vote.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021
6:00 AM—8:00 PM

KNOWLTON MEMORIAL HALL
25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT 06278

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PARTY	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A	9A	10A	11A	12A	13A
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Cathryn Silver-Smith	Roger Phillips	Judith Austin	Charles Earle Funk, IV		Christina Davis		Jane Urban	Kimberly Kouaty	Joseph F. Peters	Jeffrey Silver-Smith		
REPUBLICAN PARTY	William A. Falletti	Keith Lipker	Judith Austin	Paul Varga		John C. Kopec	Hugh M. Mackenzie	Jon Laughlin	Meghan Dudas	Gerard E. Duffresne, Sr.	Mark A. Schnubel		
WRITE-IN VOTES	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	11C	12C	13C

OFFICE	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
PARTY	14A	15A	16A	17A	18A	19A	20A	21A	22A	23A	24A	25A	26A
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Douglas C. Jenne	Luther Brauch		Jean N. McCarthy	Thomas Hastings		Deborah Maccarone	John Lippert		Anthony Sycz	Catherine Walsh Sampson		Timothy Rourke
REPUBLICAN PARTY	John B. Calarese			Keith Lipker	Bob Brisard							Morgan Donaldson	
WRITE-IN VOTES	14C	15C	16C	17C	18C	19C	20C	21C	22C	23C	24C	25C	26C

From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

I AM AT THE CENTER 9 -3 MON-FRI. 860-487-5122 OR seniorcenter@ashfordtownhall.org

Booster shots to prevent Covid 19 will be available soon for the general public. If you are immune compromised, you can get your boosters now. Flu shots will also be available soon. I encourage you all to get all the shots.

Here is a game you can play with friends and family. Each person picks a time on the calendar that the first snowfall will occur. The person who gets it correct or nearest to the actual date, gets to pick a dessert as a reward.

Medicare open enrollment starts in October on the 15th. I will be taking appointments to help anyone who wants to check on their Medicare and available supplemental insurance programs. These appointments are kept in confidence.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

There has been a lot of yarn donated to the Center over the last few weeks. I encourage all of you who knit or crochet to stop by the Center and take some home. Winter is coming and there is always a need for hats, mittens, and scarves. I can facilitate small size items to the town social worker and larger sizes to the No-Freeze Shelter in Willimantic. I make scarves for a local Head Start program every year. So, lets get busy and help those who are without.

Thursdays at 12:00 noon there is a fairly large group of folks who come into the Center to play dime Bingo. We spread out and follow CDC guidelines. I am looking for folks who would learn to call the numbers and help out. The games usually go from 12-3:00. I am hoping to get several people willing to volunteer so we could rotate the job.

It has been brought to my attention that our garden by the front door of the Center is in sorry need of attention. As I don't know a weed from a flower, I am hoping someone will step up and help me out with the weeding chore.

Kit Eves

LUNCH BUNCH TO



Wednesday, October 6th

BUS LEAVES SENIOR CENTER AT 11:00AM

Call 860-487-5122 to reserve a seat on the bus.

MASKS MUST BE WORN ON THE VAN



CASINO TRIP

Monday, October 11th

Leave at 9:30am from the Center
for MOHEGAN SUN

MASKS MUST BE WORN ON THE VAN

860-487-5122

A Message from the Selectman's Office

Fellow Ashford Citizens,

September was a very busy month! In addition to making repairs to Ashford's road infrastructure damaged by summer storms, we:

- Replaced sidewalks and lighting at Pompey Hollow Park, which is where our Earl W. Smith Building (Senior Center), Pompey Hollow Senior Housing and tennis/pickleball courts are located.
- Initiated healthy building/efficiency assessments for the Town Office Building, Knowlton Memorial Hall, Senior Center, Senior Housing and Ashford Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station 20. These assessments will be used to create prioritized plans for repair and regular upkeep of these town-owned buildings.
- Inspected the Town Office Building roof to identify the source of leak issues.

In addition, Marth Sibley-Jett and Eastern Highlands Health District conducted another in a series of COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Knowlton Memorial Hall which was well-attended.

During October, we will:

- Continue road repair efforts and prepare our roads and facilities for winter.
- Complete re-paving at Pompey Hollow Park.
- Prepare for the November launch of programs to expand Town communications with the community using:
 - ◇ The Everbridge Emergency Management System, which sends out notifications via text, phone and/or email when a critical event occurs in our area.
 - ◇ Phase 1 of our new TextMyGov application, which residents can sign up for to receive texts relating to Ashford storm up dates (blocked roads, power outages), announcements (road work, ...) and/or Town events.

We are still seeking input from the community about how to invest the approximately \$1.2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds Ashford will receive so that we maximize the positive benefit impact on our Town. (Note, it cannot be used to offset taxes!) Please send your suggestions to ARPAsurvey@ashfordtownhall.org or by mail to the Selectman's Office at 5 Town Hall Rd. You can also call the Selectman's office at 860.487.4400 to get clarifications about ARPA funding and/or to provide your suggestions verbally.

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith, First Selectman

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and on Facebook

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
*(Summer hours July 4th through September 5th:
Sunday Service at 9:30 and no Sunday School)*

Services have resumed in person.

Please join us.

Galatians 6:2
*"Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ."*

**Conservative Congregational
Christian Conference**

Important information from the Ashford Registrars of Voters

Lauren Olson / Democratic

Colleen DePercio / Republican

October 26, 2021: The Registrars of Voters in the Town of Ashford will be holding a registration session from 9am-8pm to register voters. Residents may register to vote online at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>. The cutoff to register online is on October 26, 2021, at 11:59pm.

This is the last day to register to vote for the November 2, 2021, Municipal Election. All hand-delivered, mail-in registration applications must be received by the registrars of voters, the DMV or any other voter registration agency. In addition, all mailed-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by this date for the applicant to be entitled to vote in the election.

November 1, 2021: The Registrars of Voters in the Town of Ashford will be holding a limited registration session from 9am-5pm to admit those seeking to vote in the November 2 election whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since the October 26 deadline.

November 2, 2021: The polls will be open from 6:00am- 8pm. Any elector in line by 8:00pm will be permitted to vote.

Note: All special voter registration sessions will be conducted at the Registrar of Voters office located in Room 306 of the Ashford Town Office Building, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT. Please bring proof of residency to the voter registration session.

PFALZGRAF PFARM 65 Ashford Center Road 860-429-0144

SALE: Items related to greenhouse or farm growing

Cinderblocks \$ 1.25
Pro-mix soil \$ 35.00/bale
Rain barrels \$ 50
Tumbling Composter
Greenhouses
Pots, seed trays, plastic covers
Trays
Perennial plants
Heating mats
Grow lights
Fertilizer
Animal Control Spray



Call for appointment to see items for sale.



**Feeding the
Community**

JOIN US FOR SHRED DAY

This is your chance to safely discard sensitive papers.

Free, No Limit !

Date: October 2, 2021 Time: 9:00am -12:00pm

**Location: Ashford Senior Center
25 Tremko Lane**

**Please donate nonperishable food items
for the Ashford Food Bank.**

For information call 860-487-5122.

Join us at our Monthly Meetings

Public Welcome

Our October 13th meeting location:
Ashford's Pompey Hollow Senior Center (Earl W Smith Senior Center),
25 Tremko Lane, which is across from
Knowlton Memorial Hall on rte. 44
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Our October 13th presenter
will be Pat Morris.

The presenter for our November
meeting will be watercolorist and
printmaker, Charles McCaughtry

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:



Pat Morris

"I began my art career in the 1970's, focusing mainly on pet portraiture. By 1980 I was also painting wildlife. I have continued through the years to enjoy the challenge of the depiction of animals, both

wild and domestic, in my artwork. Come and join me for an unusual demonstration; paintings on feathers! I use turkey feathers and acrylic paints and I paint wildlife, songbirds and raptors on them."



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Council Meetings
2nd Wednesday
of the Month
7:00 pm

ALL ARE
WELCOME
Masks Required

Poetry Workshops
October 9, 16, & 23rd
Contact Tony for details
ajpati@yahoo.com

Stained Glass Workshop
November 3rd 7-9pm
Contact Anna Harding at
c_anna1@yahoo.com for
more information

Holiday Artist Market
November 20-21, 2021
Knowlton Memorial Hall

Poetry Workshops

*Saturdays, October 9, 16, & 23,
10am - 12pm*

Ashford's Poet Laureate, Tony Paticchio, will lead a poetry workshop focusing on close readings of poems, including favorite poems of the workshop participants. We will be looking to identify those features that contribute to the making of a successful poem. We will pay close attention to discovering each poem's form and structure; how it employs sound, rhythm, words, phrasing, and sentences; how it builds and releases tension; how it uses lineation and stanzas; and how all these features work together to convey sense and meaning.

Location: Ashford Senior Center.

Workshop Size: Maximum of 8 participants

Contact Tony directly ajpati@yahoo.com

Stained Glass Workshop

November 3rd, 7-9pm

Make a stained glass ornament in time for the holidays! Choose from a few different designs (pre-cut) and learn to use the "Tiffany" method of copper foil and solder. You'll go home with a finished piece, ready to hang!

Class is free for members, \$5 for non-members

Materials fee: \$5.

Location: Ashford Senior Center.

Workshop Size: Maximum of 9 participants

AAC Holiday Artist Market

November 20th and 21st from 10-4

24 accomplished artists and craftspeople will grace Knowlton Memorial Hall with their beautifully made products just in time for the holidays.

visit us @ www.AshfordArts.org & on Facebook.com/AshfordArts
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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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October 1st – September 31st

For more information contact our
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AAC Membership Director
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Every October, a grateful Nation honors its fallen fire service heroes at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend is the official national tribute to those firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.

As in years past, Ashford Volunteer Fire Dept. has participated in “**Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters.**” AVFD will again be illuminating their fire stations with red lights from Sept. 26th – Oct. 3rd.

You can be a beacon of hope to Fire Hero Families and firefighters nationwide by joining us for **Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters.** Anytime during the week of Sept. 26th – Oct. 3rd, you can display red lights on your home to show your respect to the fallen and their families.



The sound of a bell holds special significance for firefighters. Historically, the toll of a bell summoned members to the station, signaled the beginning of a shift, notified departments of a call for help, and indicated a call was completed and the unit had returned to the station.

Departments sounded a series of bells when a firefighter died in the line of duty to alert all members that a comrade had made the ultimate sacrifice. This time-honored tradition continues today during the funerals or memorial services for firefighters.

Bells will ring from coast to coast as a grateful nation pauses on Sunday, October 3, 2021 to honor those firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2019, 2020, and previous years. Fire departments and their places of worship will join the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) for Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters, part of the **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.**

The Ashford Volunteer Fire Dept. cordially invites the Community to join us on October 3rd, 2021 for a Bell Ceremony in front of Station 20 (Westford Rd fire house) to pay tribute to the 215 men & women being honored this year and to remember our own, Chief Bruce Fletcher who passed on 11-18-2002.

Please join us for a prayer, a moment of silence and tolling of the Bell.
Refreshments will be available.

If you wish to join us, the event will begin at 11:30AM and Bell ringing will be at 12 Noon sharp.

Tracey Stancil
EMT/FF
AVFD Station 20



Scout Troop 92 October Newsletter

September start up went well. The Troop is planning a campout at Goodwin State Forest the weekend of October 2nd-3rd. The Troop now has 19 Scouts from Ashford, Eastford and Pomfret.

Scouts will hold a Court of Honor in late September to award merit badges earned at summer camp and to advance Scouts to the next rank that they have earned. We will also hold Troop elections at that time. We will expect to see a new Senior Patrol Leader. We thank Cody Blanchette for doing a good job at that position. Our Troop has changed a lot since he has been the SPL!



Part of Troop 92 at their start-up meeting.

Cub Scout Pack 92 had their first meeting with all the Dens on September 24th.

Scout Troop meetings are most Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at Knowlton Memorial Hall. Visitors and new members are welcome. Please wear a mask if we are meeting indoors.

Scout Troop 92 BSA
Ashford, Eastford and Pomfret

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master
Cory Blanchette, Scout Master
Chris Murphy, Assistant Scout Master
Kurt van Heiningen, Cubmaster



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October 2021 Conservation Commission News

Save the Dates

Trash Cleanup Weekend Mornings: November 6th & 7th and November 13th & 14th. We will have supplies--vests, bags and pick-up sticks available at the Town Office Building in the morning on the two weekends. You can clean up your own street or we can assign a street to you. Just let us know where you will be working so we can have someone pick up the bags. Get your neighbors to help out to keep our town free of litter, unsightly bottles, cans and detritus.

Farmers Market

The market will run through the end of October so make sure you grab the delicious foods before the end of October. You can visit our market every Sunday from 10AM-1PM at Pompey Hollow Park. We have seasonal produce, fruits, cheeses, meat, honey and baked goods (including gluten free) as well as jams and jellies. Support our local growers and visit the market weekly.

Sustainable CT

Our group continues to investigate homelessness and affordable housing in Ashford. We have had meetings with neighboring towns to gather information and learn from state agencies examining this issue. We planned to have an information table with Melissa McDonough, Ashford Social Services, at Family Day. Unfortunately, Family Day was cancelled due to high incidence of COVID in northeastern CT. We plan to look at other ways to spread the word so everyone knows how to access help for housing problems especially now that eviction bans have been lifted. Anyone interested in working with us, please contact Loretta at birdeye123@charter.net

Pollinators Pathways Update

We continue to share information to residents and each other about the numerous native plants that are helpful to our precious pollinators. We scheduled a follow up meeting on September 25th to view the fall meadow. We are eager to engage more residents in planting pollinator friendly native plants. Presently we have a committed group of residents who want to be part of helping our pollinators thrive. If you care to join us, contact the CC.

Happy Halloween. Loretta Wrobel, chair Ashford Conservation Commission



Fall in Ashford is time for spotting turkeys and smelling the abundant grapes.

Photo credit: Christine Acebo

Research Volunteers Needed



University of Connecticut and Mansfield Senior Center are conducting a research study to examine the health outcomes of practicing [Tai Chi online at home](#)

- ☯ **You may qualify for this study if you:**
 - Are 55 years or older
 - Have high blood pressure or are taking blood pressure medication
 - Are not exercising more than 2 times/week
 - Are not experienced with Tai Chi
 - Have access to the internet and electronic equipment to participate in online Tai Chi classes at home

- ☯ **Participation in the study involves:**
 - 7 research visits for measurements of heart and brain health that are performed both online and in-person. The in-person visits are on the UConn Storrs Campus.
 - 36 Tai Chi sessions **OR** perform regular daily activities at home for 12 weeks

- ☯ **Participants may receive up to \$150**

- ☯ **If you are interested, please contact:**
Christina Day, BS at (770)-862-2305 or christina.day@uconn.edu
Yin Wu, PhD at (860)-929-6382 or yin.2.wu@uconn.edu



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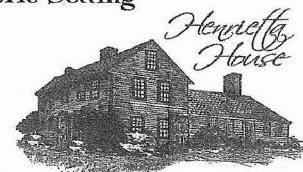
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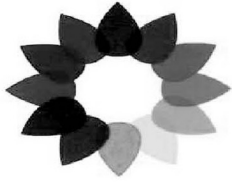
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8/15/2021 - 9/15/2021

INSTRUMENT NUMBER	BOOK	PAGE	RECORDED DATE	PRICE	GRANTOR/SELLER	GRANTEE/BUYER	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION				LOCAL CONV			DESCRIPTION
2021-28	203	652	08/16/2021	\$0	CONANT LORI B	CONANT DAVID H III	WARRANTY DEED 431 NORTH ROAD
LOT 3 ON MAP "SUBDIVISION OF LAND OWNED BY THOMAS BORNOR NORTH ROAD AND HORSE HILL ROAD"							
2021-31	203	666	08/18/2021	\$0	PERETTO CONSTRUCTION CO INC	PERETTO ROGER E	CORRECTED DEED 19 HNATH ROAD
2021-32	203	668	08/18/2021	\$41,500	PERETTO ROGER E	THERESA & COMPANY CONSULTING CONSTRUCTION & MANAGEMENT LLC	WARRANTY DEED 19 HNATH ROAD
LOT 6B RESUBDIVISION LOT 6 FAMMAR ESTATES							
2021-34	203	672	08/20/2021	\$25,000	BARCLAY JOHN S BARCLAY FRANCES D	BARCLAY JONCOLIN E DUNN JAMES	DEED ARMITAGE ROAD
2021-35	203	675	08/20/2021	\$3,900,000	PERRY WH LLC	BEN EQUITIES LLC	WARRANTY DEED 52 PERRY HILL ROAD
PERRY HILL ESTATES							
2021-39	203	710	08/20/2021	\$2,233,266	AH 1 LLC	SET EQUITIES LLC	WARRANTY DEED 57-69 VARGA ROAD
2021-43	203	745	08/20/2021	\$2,975,024	AH 3 LLC	PAI EQUITIES LLC	WARRANTY DEED 80 BICKNELL ROAD
APARTMENTS							
2021-47	203	783	08/20/2021	\$4,381,522	BIRCH WH LLC	COMET EQUITIES LLC	WARRANTY DEED 149 ASHFORD CENTER ROAD
BIRCH HILL APARTMENTS							
2021-53	203	820	08/23/2021	\$0	LONDON MICHAEL J LONDON SUZANNE M	LONDON MICHAEL J LONDON ASHLEY	DEED 40 WATERFALL ROAD
QUIT CLAIM							
2021-63	203	849	08/30/2021	\$0	CASSIDY AGNE	CASSIDY AGNE CASSIDY WILLIAM G	DEED QUIT CLAIM - 62 IRON MINE LANE
2021-67	203	872	09/01/2021	\$0	LAUGHLIN JONATHAN S	LAUGHLIN DENISE C	DEED 173 PUMPKIN HILL ROAD
PARCEL B ON MAP "LAND FORMERLY OF THE BARTOK ESTATE"							

VITAL STATISTICS



Marriages:

Michael Shea Spencer August 28, 2021
Michelle Nicole Gaffney

Jordan Clayton Lamarre August 8, 2021
Josie Denise Borysevicz

Michael Thomas Doughty July 29, 2021
Jennifer Marie Hayes



Assistance to Ashford Veterans IN-PERSON OFFICE HOURS ARE BACK

We will be re-starting the Veteran's Hour again at the Town Office Building after many months. If you are in need of advice for Veteran benefits, questions on assistance such as health care, burials, disability compensation, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, or pension, please visit on the first Wednesday of the month with the new hours of 5:00-6:00. Appointments are preferred, especially if Wednesdays are a conflict, but walk-ins are welcome. Call Garry at 860-928-2309 and leave a message. Please do not hesitate if you need help with your veteran issues: garry.brown71@aim.com and 860-928-2309. Always no cost ever for veterans and always confidential.

VETERAN NOTES

Did you serve on a flight line, slept next to the engine room on board, worked in the motor pool, was a grunt or served anywhere where there was loud noise and you have hearing problems now even years later? Or, maybe a buzzing or ringing in your ears? You may have a service related hearing disability. Contact me and maybe I can help: # 860-928-2309 or garry.brown71@aim.com

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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



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 #
2002-01-000037 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2003-01-000038 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2004-01-000040 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 **Pay Now**
 - Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes

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 **\$.95** fee for Checking Account (Reduced from **\$1.95**)

Assessment News

2021 Revaluation

Data mailers have been returned by approximately 55% of households. They are still being accepted by the revaluation firm, eQuality Valuation Services. If you prefer not to mail the completed data mailer you can leave it in the black drop box on the front of town hall or return it to the Assessor's Office during office hours.

If the owner requested a call back on the returned data mailer, that will also be done in October if the owner's phone number is provided.

Data collection inspectors wear identification badges and have a copy of a letter from the Assessor indicating they are working on the revaluation. All inspector vehicles have an identifying sign on them. Inspectors will knock on the front door to see if anyone is home prior to viewing the building exterior. A list of the inspector vehicle model, color and state of registration is available from the Assessor's Office and with the CT State Police, Troop C.

PA 490 Forest and Farm Use Classification - Reminders

Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the first time must file an application by December 29, 2021 with the Assessor. The filing date is extended this year due to revaluation. Persons seeking to classify land as Forest must also have a complete certified forester's report dated on or before October 1, 2021.

New owners of formerly classified land must file a new application.

Changes to the original filing (e.g., ownership, use or acreage) must be reported annually.

To receive a credit on a motor vehicle tax bill - You must provide the Assessor with two documents:

- 1) Proof of disposal, e.g., if sold, a 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.
- 2) Returned plate receipt from the CT DMV.

A returned plate receipt unaccompanied by any other disposal proof is insufficient to prove the transfer of ownership. Only vehicles on the 2019 and 2020 Grand Lists are eligible for credits.

Questions

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Ashford Agriculture Commission

Hello, fellow Ashford citizens! This month in our Ashford Agricultural Commission newsletter, we're going to discuss a difficult subject: dumping animals. Most farmers with livestock have experienced this at some point, waking up and discovering that someone, often overnight and without informing the farmer, has dumped an animal on the farm property. The most commonly dumped animals on farms are chickens, but ducks, geese, goats, cats, and dogs are dumped as well. We want to discuss why this is a problem and why citizens should never dump animals or pets onto farms and farm property.

What's the big deal? If a farm already has 100 chickens, what's one more?

Because most dumping takes place overnight, it's possible that the dumped animal will be hunted, injured, or worse overnight. Consider a chicken being dumped overnight on a farm: it's outside of the farm's coops/barns, is easy prey for a fox, and can sustain injuries even before the farmers realize it has been dumped.

Many farms use electric fencing to keep animals in certain areas, but the farm animals are trained to the electric fence and understand they need to avoid it. If an animal is dumped on a farm with electric fence, they won't recognize it as a threat and could get shocked repeatedly or worse, stuck in the fence.

In cases where the dumped animal survives its first night without injuries, it's likely that the farm animals will identify it as a threat and attack it. Again taking the example of the dumped chicken, the farm roosters, or other livestock guardian animals (e.g. dogs) would have tried to kill it the next day.

If the dumped animal manages to avoid predators and the wrath of existing farm animals, it's possible that it could introduce a disease or virus to the farm animals that they don't have immunity to. This could lead to farm animals becoming sick or even dying. Livestock farms have whole systems in place to keep their farm animals from being exposed to other animals in order to decrease the chance of spreading animal diseases, called 'biosecurity systems.' Dumping animals on farms, even when the animals appear healthy, is a huge problem for farm biosecurity because nothing is known about the disease load, vaccination status, etc. of the dumped animal.

Finally, we'd like to stress that dumping any animal is illegal. According to the law, it's considered abandoning the animal and therefore cruelty to the animal.

It may seem like your backyard chicken or pet that you can no longer care for will be happily assimilated into a farm and live out its days contentedly, but it's often not the case. Your animal will be in an unfamiliar situation with threats it doesn't understand. It's at high risk for injury, it's putting the farmers' animals and livelihood at risk, and it's possibly going to have to be put down.

So, what are some better options for people who own or have rescued animals that they can no longer care for? There are several social media groups, including Ashford Community Connections and CT Chicken Chatter, where you can connect with someone who wants your animal. Additionally, the CT Humane Society may be able to help or identify rescue organizations who work with the species of animal you need to re-home.

Art Talmadge, Chair
Ashford Agriculture Commission



Babcock News

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Wednesday - 9 - 6
Thursday - Closed
Friday - 9-5
Saturday - 9-1
Sunday - Closed

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Mon. Oct. 11th

**Carolann Mac Master,
MLIS**

Library Director
cmacmaster@babcocklibrary.org

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We have a notary here!!

If you need something Notarized please contact the library and we will schedule a time for you to meet with our Notary. A \$5.00 donation to the library is requested.



From the Director's Desk

We are open! Our library hours are listed on the left side; these hours are subject to change. Patrons who wish to use a computer should call the library and schedule a time period, if you just come in the computers may not be available for you to use. The children's computers are not available. The copier and fax machine are available with staff assistance. During this time, some of our collection may not be available for browsing or circulation.

- ◆ **Proper face covering is required to enter the building;** there will be no exceptions to this rule. Anyone 2 and over must wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose. If you are unable to wear a face covering please call the library and we will bring your items out to you.
- ◆ All library material **MUST** be returned to the outside book drop. Do not bring your returned items into the library.
- ◆ No food or drinks are allowed in the library.
- ◆ We have the right to restrict the number of patrons in the building at any given time.
- ◆ Most important: if you are sick, or believe you may have been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home.
- ◆ Book drop pick up is still available for anyone.
- ◆ Please keep in mind masks are required for all library programs. This includes all library programs during the Sunflower Festival.

Please remember not to approach library staff outside the building without a mask on.

Respectfully,
Carolann Mac Master, MLIS
Library Director

Friends of the Babcock Library will be holding their book sale October 15th and 16th from 9-7 and on the 17th from 9-2. Anyone wishing to assist please let us know!



CALENDAR

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*Our Knitters are back!  
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**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.

**Storytime**

Come join us for stories and a craft, for children ages 2-5 and their adult companions. This program lasts about 45 minutes and registration is required. Tuesdays at 10:30am!

**Ukulele**

This program will be offered the first Wednesday of every month. Please call the library to schedule your time.

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You are welcome to call the library and request these passes if they are open!

**Museum Passes**

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*Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art*-Free and open to the public until end of June

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

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**Story Theme Bags**

Please check the library website or Facebook page for a list of bags available.

**Sammy the Library Turtle**

Stop by and meet Sammy our turtle. Sammy is always happy to meet new friends and he enjoys answering questions. Come to the library and write your question down on our form, place it in the box and Sammy's scribe will write back!



**Scarecrow and Pumpkin Programs**

Scarecrow making program: you bring the clothes and decorations, we will supply the stuffing. Leave him here on the grounds for the contest. Pumpkin decorating: pumpkins will be provided; **must pre-register!!**

Both programs are Saturday, October 16th start at 10am.

**Pokemon Go Club**

We will meet in the library and spin and visit the Gym, trade with our Pokemon Friends. You must have your own cell phone, children under 10 must have an adult caregiver remain with them. Friday October 8th and October 22nd at 3:30pm

**Scarecrow Contest**

Wednesday, October 27th from 6 to 7 to enter. Bring your Scarecrow and we will set him up.

**Decorated Pumpkin Contest**

Bring your decorated pumpkin to the library on Wednesday, October 27th from 6pm to enter. Winners will be announced at 8pm.

**Trunk or Treat**

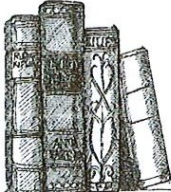
Wednesday, October 27th from 7 to 8pm. Visit the library lot and make your way to the different car trunks in the parking lot for treats. (please park in the parking lot near the town hall if you are not going to pass out treats) If you would like to hand out treats, and we so hope that you do, please come to the library parking lot at 6:30pm. Please dress as a book or movie character.

**Don't forget to vote for your favorite Pumpkin and Scarecrow!**

**Drop in and Pick up a Craft Project**

Come to the library any time on Mondays with your child and pick up a craft project to do at home. Child must be with you to pick up the craft.

**Join the Friends of Babcock Library!**  
**Membership drive is underway.**  
**Pick up a brochure at the circulation desk, or call the library to have one sent to your home.**  
**Help out at the Book Sale and Wine Tasting which support the library.**  
**Book donations are always welcome.**  
**Email [ewilmespandolfo@gmail.com](mailto:ewilmespandolfo@gmail.com) to arrange drop-offs at the book shed/leave donations in downstairs bin. Please do not leave them outside Knowlton Hall or in the library book drop.**



## ASCO NEWS

### Ashford Senior Center Organization

- We are an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization established January 20, 1974.
- We are all volunteers, 55 years + and we're looking for new members from Ashford and surrounding towns.
- We meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Ashford Senior Center, 25 Tremko Lane.
- Enjoy and help us plan activities and events.
- Please call the Senior Center for more information, 860-487-5122.

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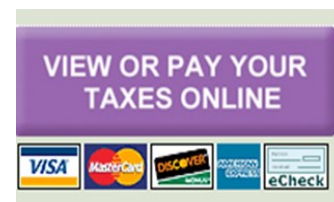


**Go Green: Pay  
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All Tax Bills are posted online. TOWN OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE STAFFED. There are times when staff must attend virtual meetings. Bills that are payable are listed on the website with a shopping cart next to it. An **e-check** costs \$.95, the credit card fee is 2.95%. If you use a debit card, you must treat it as a credit card, and the 2.95% fee applies. You can use the system 24/7. You do not need to register, but you need to give an email address in order to obtain a receipt. The July 2021 Tax Bills are now delinquent. The January Installment of the Real Estate and Personal Property Bills are available now. Please contact the office if you are trying to make a partial payment and are having difficulty.

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**In the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report on Climate Change, five possible models of our future were presented, none of which were particularly encouraging.**

In the best of these possible future worlds, we would have to deeply cut use of fossil fuels now, and even so the temperatures would rise at least 1.5° Centigrade (2.7° Fahrenheit) above global surface temperatures of 1850-1900. The impacts of glacial melt, sea level rise, increased extreme weather events and the other impacts we are now living with would continue for decades or centuries, but would begin to moderate around the turn of the century.

In the worst case, if we continue to increase our dependence on fossil fuels for a few more decades, we risk a temperature rise of 3.3°C to 5.7°C. In that case we would be facing catastrophic climate crisis and risking the extinction of our species, certainly of our way of life. We would also condemn thousands of other species to extinction, and perhaps our planet too!

In an intermediate scenario, a slow reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, we would likely raise the temperature by 2.1°C to 3.5°C. As the Report notes, this Earth has not had a sustained global surface temperature at or above 2.5°C higher than 1850–1900 for over 3 million years.

### **Which future do you choose?**

Right now, we are experiencing increased extreme weather events, wildfires, ice melt and heat waves. We are seeing temperature records broken every year. Coastal cities are flooding regularly. What more warning do we need to set off alarms?

The upcoming UN Climate Conference, COP 26, will test our commitment and political will to saving our planet, or at least to keeping the Earth livable for humanity.

What can you do? Get involved! You can start by telling our government officials that Connecticut must lead on climate!

If you have suggestions, questions, or if you would like to join us, please contact Susan Eastwood at [sceastwood@yahoo.com](mailto:sceastwood@yahoo.com).

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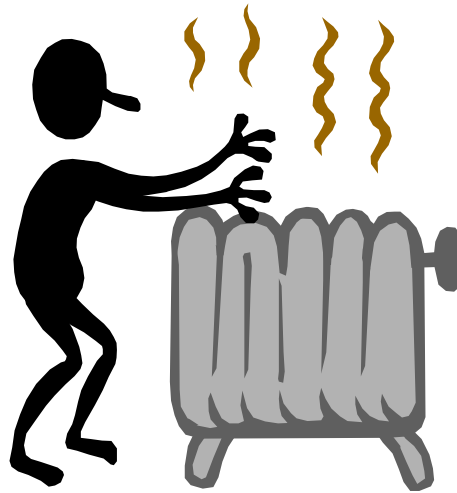
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# Home Heating Assistance



*Help may be available to assist in home heating bills this winter.  
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487-4417*

**Income guidelines:**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Family size of 1: \$39,027 | Family size of 4: \$75,052 |
| Family size of 2: \$51,035 | Family size of 5: \$87,060 |
| Family size of 3: \$63,044 | Family size of 6: \$99,069 |

**Asset limits:** No asset limits

**Required Documentation:**

Proof of previous 4 weeks income (including child support, unemployment, family support)

Bank statements for the last 30 days

Social Security #s for all household members

Most recent Eversource bill

Proof of rent or mortgage

Proof of SNAP benefit (food stamps)

\*The CT Energy Assistance Program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of CT's lower income households. Heating Assistance is available for all forms of heat including oil, electricity, propane, kerosene, wood, and gas.

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**DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY:** All persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified to declare all tangible personal property owned by them on October 1, 2021. Non-residents are required to declare property located in Ashford for three or more months between October 2, 2020 and October 1, 2021. Failure to file the declaration by mail postmarked no later than Monday, November 1, 2021 will result in a 25% PENALTY assessment.

The Assessor will mail declaration forms to all property owners previously on record. Failure to receive a form does not negate the requirement to declare.

**NOTE:** Real property and Connecticut registered motor vehicles do not need to be declared. Taxable personal property includes: unregistered motor vehicles (including trailers and campers), motor vehicles located in Connecticut but registered in another state, mobile manufactured homes and cell towers not assessed as real estate, manufacturing machinery and equipment, business furniture and fixtures, farm machinery, farming tools, mechanics tools, electronic data processing equipment, telecommunication equipment, cables, conduits, pipes, poles, business expensed supplies and other items such as billboards, video games, vending machines and leasehold improvements.

**VETERANS:** Veterans who served for more than ninety days during a time of war or for fewer than 90 days due to disability must have recorded their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk no later than Friday, October 1, 2021 in order to receive a minimum \$1,500 assessment exemption. Disabled Veterans need to have filed proof of their VA rating with the Assessor no later than Wednesday, September 29, 2021 to receive an increased exemption. Active Duty Members may be eligible for a veteran's exemption with proof of prior service.

**ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTION:** Increased exemptions are available for those who meet necessary income requirements and the above Veterans criteria. An application along with proof of income must be filed with the Assessor biennially. Filings for this year must have been made by Friday, October 1, 2021.

**ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS:** May obtain an exemption on one (1) passenger motor vehicle if proof of service is submitted.

**TOTALLY DISABLED:** Any person under the age of 65 who has been awarded total disability must apply by Monday, January 31, 2022 to receive a \$1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of permanent disability. An exemption is also available for certain motor vehicles specially adapted for persons with disabilities. The application must be filed on or before Monday, January 31, 2022.

**FARMER MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT:** Eligible farmers MUST file the notarized exemption application with their personal property declarations by mail postmarked no later than Monday, November 1, 2021. Declarations filed late are not eligible for the exemption.

**MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (MME):** Installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be exempted. The MME Exemption Application MUST be postmarked no later than Monday, November 1, 2021. Declarations filed late are not eligible for the exemption.

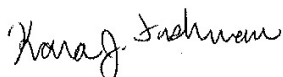
**NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS:** With a gross vehicle rating in excess of 26,000 lbs. should check with the Assessor's office for exemption eligibility. The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, November 1, 2021.

**LAND CLASSIFICATION:** Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the first time must file an application by Wednesday, December 29, 2021 with the Assessor. The deadline extends past the October 30<sup>th</sup> date typical in most years due to there being a revaluation for the 2021 Grand List. Persons seeking to classify as Forest must also have a complete certified forester's report dated on or before October 1, 2021. Changes to the original filing (e.g., ownership, use or acreage) must be reported annually. New owners of formerly classified land must file a new application.

**FARM BUILDINGS:** Buildings used exclusively for farming, excluding residences, may be exempted up to a total of \$100,000 assessment. Any property receiving a tax exemption as a dairy farm, orchard or vineyard is not eligible. Applications must be filed by Friday, October 29, 2021.

All forms are available on-line at <https://ashfordtownhall.org/document-category/assessors-office/> and from the Assessor's Office. The offices are staffed Mon., Tues. and Fri., 8:30 am - 3:00 pm and Wed., 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 at Ashford Town Hall, 5 Town Hall Rd., Ashford, CT 06278.



Kara J. Fishman, CCMA II, Tax Assessor

# Ashford Park & Rec. 860-487-4409



Ashford's Annual Great Pumpkin Halloween Party will be held outside this year on the beautiful grounds of Camp Connri!  
Join us for some Spooky Fun!

**SATURDAY OCT. 30th**

1-4 p.m. Drop in!

\$5 per child, max \$10 per family

Ages 4-12

CAMP CONNRI on Rte. #74

- Wear your Costume!
- Trick or Treat Trail
- Family Hay Ride,
- Creepy Crafts
- Ghoulish Games

**Please Maintain 6 feet of Social Distance or Wear a Mask!**

**Fall in New England is Glorious!  
Flaming Trees, and Crisp, Cool Air  
Call Us Outside.**

The Last Green Valley's Walktober events have become so popular they have expanded into September. Check out the website for a schedule of the weekly offerings of hikes, paddles, bike rides, farm visits, historic tales, nature preserves, star gazing, bird watching, conservation, state forests, reservoirs, haunted trails, and more. There's something for everyone, which ones will you explore this year?

<https://the lastgreenvalley.org/walktober>

## WALKTOBER



# BASKETBALL



We plan to return to the Lakes Region Recreation Basketball League for girls and boys in grades 3-4, 5-6, & 7-8. Teams will have 1-2 practices weekly and games on Saturdays. League may include teams from Bolton, Coventry, Hebron, Mansfield, and Willington. Season runs Nov. - Mar.

Coaches are needed at many levels please contact Sherry if you are interested and can assist at 860-487-4409. **Coaches meeting 10/26, 7:00 pm**

Registration runs October 18th - Nov. 5th. Watch for flyer to come from the school.  
 Grades 3&4 and 5&6 Fee: \$75  
 Grades 7&8 Fee: \$85

**(Pending Covid Updates and Ashford School Gymnasium Approvals)**

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



**TURKEY TROT**  
 Sat. Nov. 13th, 10:00 am  
 Ashford Memorial Park

**CAROL SING & TREE LIGHTING**  
 Sun. Dec. 5th 4:00pm



# YOGA



Join Karrie Kirchner in Knowlton Memorial Hall on Tuesday mornings from 8:15-9:15 for a great start to your day. Breathe, focus your energy, stretch and strengthen. 6 weeks for \$50 or drop in at \$10 per class. Fall Session runs 9/28 thru 11/2.

Class is offered on Wed. nights in Knowlton Memorial Hall from 5:30 -6:30 pm with Joe Pandolfo. Balance your body, mind, and spirit. Fall session runs from 9/29 -11/3. Fee is \$50 or drop in if space allows for \$10 per class. Questions call Joe at 860-420-5012.

# Tai Chi



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[www.ashfordbusiness.org](http://www.ashfordbusiness.org)

### **Our Mission**

**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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