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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

Fire at the Midway

By Tracey Stancil
Firefighter/EMT; AVFD Station 20

On Aug. 20th at 11:46PM, we were called to a report of a structure fire at Midway restaurant that 911 was receiving multiple calls for. With our midnight crew just arriving for duty, the first engine tank responded within minutes of the call. When the first truck arrived, heavy fire was showing through the roof of the bar/lounge area and 2 lines were immediately laid and an exterior attack began with the assistance of an off-duty Worcester firefighter, who just happen to be returning to his campsite at Brialee, and who made one of the first 911 calls. As more units and mutual aid arrived, plans were set to begin an interior attack of the bar. With the fire concentrated in the roof rafters, the roof had become unstable and the call was made to evacuate the interior crews, and a defensive exterior attack resumed. The bulk of the fire was knocked down within 20 minutes, containing much of the fire to the bar area, but not before the rest of the building sustained significant smoke & water damage.



With the combined efforts of AVFD members and our mutual aid partners – Mansfield, Eastford, Willington #1 & Willington Hill, UConn Tower and Chaplin, we were able to control the fire quickly and prevent the building from being a complete loss and most importantly, no one was hurt! Fire Marshall, Charlie Sweetland, along with the CT State Fire Marshall, determined the fire started when a cigarette was discarded in a plastic receptacle close to the building.



Unfortunately, this is not the first fire Midway has experienced. Back in February of 1980, much of the then, 2-1/2 story building was destroyed by heavy fire. That fire was officially listed as ‘undetermined.’

Management has stated they plan to rebuild and we look forward to seeing our local landmark come back to life once again.

Photos by Tracey Stancil

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer	860-234-4093
Assessor	860-487-4403
Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
Fire Marshal	860-208-0113
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 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.



**ASHFORD
TOWN OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
ON COLUMBUS DAY,
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th.**

The Tax Collector's Office will be CLOSED on all **Tuesdays** during the month of October.

Please remember that you can use the Online option at www.ashfordtownhall.org for Viewing & Paying Taxes, and also use the black drop box next to the front door.

Face Mask Requirements in Town Buildings

The Town Office building is open to the public. Effective March 8, 2022, wearing a face mask is optional in all Town buildings. As a courtesy to others we ask that unvaccinated individuals and those with a known exposure please wear a mask. As always, if you are feeling ill please do not enter town buildings.

The drop box at the front doors is always available and checked three times daily during office hours.

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.

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Our Town Our Future - Ashford, CT

Save the Date - November 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.

LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE meeting to be held to review accomplishments since our 2019 meeting and solicit the Community's input on Ashford's future direction.

Watch for more information in the November *Ashford Citizen!*

VITAL STATISTICS



Deaths:

John Marshall Green	January 31, 2022
Sandra Ann Cote	August 26, 2022
Maria Paprockyj	August 29, 2022
Alice L. King	September 1, 2022
Christine E. Saletnik	September 15, 2022

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Thank you.

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Where: Ashford School

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Ashford's Growing Businesses:

**Surge Unlimited: Telling
Stories through Video**

Surge Unlimited was founded by Billy Freeman, an Ashford resident, in 2016. A self-taught cinematographer, he creates stories with photos and videos for his client's digital platforms.

As a freelance director of photography and camera operator, Billy has captured video for many big names such as the 2022 Winter Olympics, USA Today, NBC Sports, Investigation Discovery, Bloomberg, Discovery, Food Network, and the Cooking Channel.

Billy shares that his goal has always been to provide exemplary service. His drive to deliver high-quality products was strongly shaped by his early experiences in Connecticut. You can find out more on Billy's Facebook page facebook.com/surge.unlimited, and on the website at surgeunlimited.com

**Read more about this and other businesses in
our community at ashfordedc.org**

Sincere Appreciation for Member Gary Lawrence
The AEDC will miss long-time member Gary Lawrence who passed last month. Gary brought deep expertise in agriculture and real estate, and devoted many hours with the commission proactively pursuing potential businesses. He invested his time in the Business Fairs and serving the Ashford Business Association. Gary's wry humor and pragmatic approach made him a true asset to our commission and our community. Thank you, Gary.

Residents: Are you interested in growing business in our Town? We have resumed in-person meetings each fourth Wed. at 7:30 PM—find meeting details on the Town's website or email member Mike Gantick: mgantick@sbcglobal.net



Ashfordedc.org

VENDORS WANTED

St. Philip the Apostle Parish—St. Philip Church
64 Pompey Hollow Road
Ashford, CT 06278

is hosting their annual Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2022 from 9 A.M. -3 P.M.

- * The first two 6 ft. tables are \$25.00 each and tables 3 ft. and 4 ft. are \$20.00 each.
- * Each vendor must apply and pay for their own table.
- * To reserve a space, you need to complete an application, mail your check, and your application must be approved.
- * Checks can be made out to "St. Philip the Apostle Church," Attn: "Craft Fair."
- * An approved application fee is non-refundable.
- * You may set up your display area on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6 to 8 or Saturday beginning at 7:30 A.M.

If interested, please call 860-429-2860 or stphilipstjude@gmail.com.

Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots for the November 8, 2022 Municipal Election

- Absentee Ballots will be available on **October 7, 2022**, but you may submit an application earlier.
- Absentee ballot applications may be found on the Town Clerk's page on the Town website: <https://ashfordtownhall.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ED-3-Rev-2022-Final.pdf>
- The Secretary of the State will NOT be mailing out applications.
- 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 Ashford Town Office Building.
- For more information, please call the Town Clerk's Office at # 860-487-4401.



Friday, September 16, 2022

Important Information from the Ashford Registrars of Voters
Lauren Olson / Democratic Colleen DePercio / Republican

The Federal/ State Election will be held on November 8, 2022 from 6:00am-8:00pm.

October 4, 2022: The Registrars of Voters will hold office hours from 10am-12pm to complete the preliminary Voter List.

October 26, 2022: The Registrars of Voters will be open from 10am-12pm for the purpose of making revisions and corrections to the voter list.

November 1, 2022: The final day to register to vote in the November 8, 2022 Federal/ State Election. The Registrars of Voters will hold a registration session from 9am-8pm. Any mail-in applications must be received by the Registrars of Voters, or postmarked by this date. This is also the deadline to register to vote using the Online Voter Registration System. The online voter registration system closes at 11:59pm.

To register to vote online: <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

November 7, 2022: The Ashford Registrars of Voters will be holding a limited registration session from 9am-5pm to admit those seeking to vote in the November 8, 2022 Election, whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since the November 1, 2022 deadline.

November 8, 2022: The polls will be open from 6:00am- 8pm at **Knowlton Memorial Town Hall**. Any elector in line by 8:00pm will be permitted to vote. If you miss the deadline to register to vote, you may register and vote at the Town office building, lower level conference room on Election Day from 6am-8pm. You must provide documents to prove your *identification* and *residency* in the Town of Ashford.

To check your voter registration, please visit: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>

Assessment News

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 October 31, 2022 with the Assessor. The completed declaration can be mailed, faxed, left in the drop box to the left of the front door of the town office building or brought to the office.

If the application is approved, you will be mailed a Certificate of Classification filed in the Ashford Land Records. The Certificate will be recorded at the end of November but may not be mailed out until January. If your application is denied you will be notified by phone, initially, with a copy of the denied application mailed to you.

Persons seeking to classify land as Forest must also have a complete certified forester's report dated on or before October 1, 2022.

New owners of formerly classified land must file a new application. If you purchased the property after October 1, 2022, the classification remains in effect for the July 2023 and January 2024 tax bills. Your application will not be due until October 31, 2023.

Changes to the original filing (e.g., ownership, use or acreage) must be updated annually on the farm, forest or open space application. Select the Update Application check box at the top of the form.

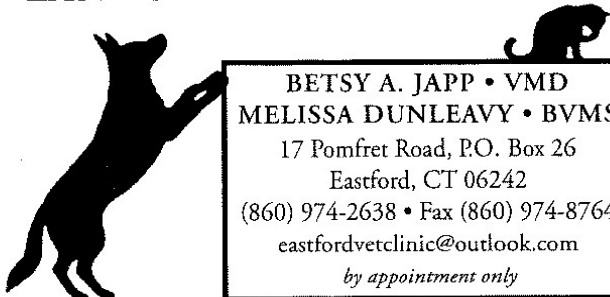
All of the forms and links to related information are available on the Assessor Documents page: <https://ashfordtownhall.org/document-category/assessors-office/>. Scroll down until you see the PA 490 heading.

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. A returned plate receipt unaccompanied by any other disposal proof is insufficient to prove the transfer of ownership. Only vehicles on the 2020 and 2021 Grand Lists are eligible for credits.

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Wine Tasting at the Church Farm

The Friends of the Babcock Library held a fundraising wine tasting event at the Church Farm in Ashford on a lovely, late summer day in September. Music was provided by the Quiet Corner Fiddlers, led by band leader Bernie Schreiber.

The event was organized by members of the Friends of the Babcock Library and library staff, and featured six local vendors, a silent auction, and a delicious assortment of hors d'oeuvres. The event was well attended.



Quiet Corner Fiddlers



Paul Thaller from Ashford Spirit Shop (front); guests peruse the silent auction table (back).



Sue Harkness & Pat Wilson Pheanious enjoy the event under the tent.

*Article and Photos by Nord Yakovleff,
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Greetings to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Interim Superintendent:

I would like to first thank Sean Patrick Plants for donating the beautiful flowers in front of the Ashford School sign and the two large containers by the front entrance. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) arranged this project and received assistance from The Smith Family and Wade Family. We thank you for all your efforts! It was wonderful to see many of you at Family Day on September 18th. It was a beautiful day and I loved seeing the amazing display of community involvement.

The Administrative Team would like to invite anyone from the community to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:45-8:10am for Coffee and Conversation. The schedule is as follows:

October 5th: Come meet the new Administrative Team, Cynthia Ford, Polly Borysevicz, David Eichorn

November 2nd: Meet with Interim Superintendent, Cynthia Ford

December 7th: Meet with Principal, Polly Borysevicz

January 4th: Meet with Assistant Principal, David Eichorn

We opened our school year with a perfect combination of Professional Development and time for collaboration and planning. Some areas we focused on were:

- New math program training - Illustrative Math (IM)
- Data Collection Training
- Project Based Learning
- Language Arts 4-8 Piloting Discussion
- District Mandatory Trainings

Upcoming School Activities:

October 20, 2022: Pre-K Parent Night 6-7:30pm

October 25, 2022: Internet Safety Concepts Webinar 6:30pm-8:00

Navigating your child's online presence safely. We plan on offering a screening at the school if you have connection issues at home. Please sign up with Principal Polly Borysevicz, pborysevicz@ashfordct.org.

Upcoming Community Activities:

October 6, 2022: Flu/COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Knowlton Memorial Hall 5:00pm-7:30pm

October 7, 2022: First Friday Playgroup held at Ashford School hosted by Youth Services, Melissa

McDonough 9-10am. Contact Melissa at: Mmcdonough@ashfordct.org with any questions.

Save the Date:

The community is welcome to come see our children perform at our Winter Concert on December 8, 2022. More information will be coming.

Whether you have children in the school or not I would love to hear from you. My email is cford@ashfordct.org. My door is always open and ideas are welcome.

COVID-19 Update:

Community Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID cases in a specific geographical area. CDC recommends taking precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID based on Community Levels in your area. In Tolland and Windham County, residents are advised to:

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms.
- Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Wear a mask on public transportation.

The CDC recently updated their COVID-19 Community Level guidance by county. You can see those updates by following this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html> For those seeking a COVID-19 booster shot or a primary vaccination, here is the link to find vaccine providers in the area: www.vaccines.gov

Our School Continuity of Services Plan is on our website at: <https://school.ashfordct.org/ashford-school-covid-19-information/>



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

Ex. Name: John Smith

Enter the search criteria below:

Search input field containing 'Smith J' and a 'Search' button.

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



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4. Find which bill you want to pay

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 - 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement
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5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart
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6. Read the Terms and Conditions before you press **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**

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.
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 - There is a **\$.95** fee for Checking Account (**Reduced from \$1.95**)



Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

On Oct. 2nd – 9th, AVFD will continue its annual tradition to ‘Light The Night for Fallen Firefighters’. Both of our fire stations will be lit with red lights to pay tribute to firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year, and to always remember our own, Chief Bruce Fletcher. In coordination with the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, this year we will be honoring 148 men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and to show their families that we will NEVER FORGET.



As part of our new tradition, we will also be participating in our 2nd annual ‘Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters’, Sunday, Oct. 9th @ from 11:30AM – 12:00PM. **We invite the community to join us for this brief, but very special ceremony being held in front of Station 20 (Westford Rd).**



The call count for August was 16 Fire/Rescue and 41 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 57.

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

Tracey Stencil
Firefighter/EMT
AVFD Station 20



Joshua's Trust

Cider Pressing - Saturday, October 15th from 2 - 4 pm at the historic Atwood Farm, 624 Wormwood Hill Road in Mansfield.

Lesley Sweeney and crew are back for the 5th time to make cider the old-fashioned way!

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**Date: October 1, 2022 Time: 9:00am -11:30am
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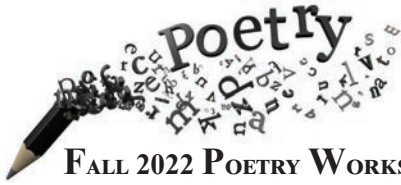
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October 12th
7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Knowlton
Memorial Hall in Ashford. Lance Arnold
will be our meeting presenter



FALL 2022 POETRY WORKSHOP

Tony Paticchio, Ashford's Poet Laureate, will be hosting a Fall 2022 Poetry Reading and Writing Workshop for up to ten participants via Zoom on the following six Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:40 PM: October 5, 19, November 2, 16, 30, and December 14.

Participants: This workshop is open to writing participants who are willing to share and workshop their own poems, as well as to those who are interested in reading and discussing poetry. Please indicate your preference when you contact me at 04AJPATI@GMAIL.COM.

Details can be found on our website:
www.AshfordArts.org.



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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Lance Arnold

Lance will be our meeting presenter on October 12th at Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford beginning at 7:00pm. A former science teacher and self-taught artist, Lance Arnold has always possessed an intense love of the ocean, and he often harvests treasures from the sea and beaches for his one-of-a-kind glass compositions and sculptures. Lance's show and tell will be a presentation of his early stained glass through the popular fairy houses. He will have pass-around objects and show tools and techniques used in glass panels and sculptures, acrylic ink paintings, found objects materials, and fairy houses. Visit Lance Arnold in his Lance Glass studio/gallery in Ashford, CT. Contact Lance at 1-860-487-0848 or via larnold0848@charter.net.

The public is always welcome to attend presentation & are free to leave before meeting

Ashford Area Arts Council Workshop Tea & Calligraphy: The Italic Hand

Saturday, October 22nd, 2:00-4:00pm
Ashford Senior Center,
Pompey Hollow Rd

Come join Kathy Lepak for a two hour excursion into the art of the calligrapher. Included in the student package is her booklet, "Notes on Calligraphy", basic materials used and a listing of online or local sources for materials. **A \$5.00 fee for nibs and pen holders will be requested, and an additional \$5 fee for non-members.** Please indicate when you register if you are right or left handed, as it makes a difference in the pen nibs that she will supply to each student. **Sign-up for this workshop by October thirteenth** so that nibs and holders may be ordered.



Register by 10/13 at kathylepak@charter.net
Website: www.kathleenlepak.com
Instagram: instagram.com/kathleenlepak



WORKSHOP: Mini Mosaic Ornaments an exploration of colors and textures. Materials include glass, stone, shell, pebbles, plastics and other miscellanea. 1 or 2 hanging ornaments can be made in 2 hours. Hands on, this class will begin with a guided explanation and demo. All materials included with tools on loan for the day. Class is limited to 9 students.

Basic instruction included, play is encouraged! To Register: deb.pietredure@gmail.com, Instagram: @deb.pietredure, Facebook: deb.aldo, www.pietreduredesign.com

November 12, 2022 2 pm to 4 pm at the Ashford Senior Center
\$25 registration fee - Cash or Check: Windham Arts, Memo Line:
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ASHFORD WOMEN'S GROUP EVENT

Nearly 5,000 women are newly diagnosed with breast cancer every week in the U.S. As part of our Women Empowering Women efforts, the Ashford Women's Group will present breast cancer information and facilitate conversations aimed at:

Raising Awareness About Breast Cancer

Sunday, October 9, 2022

12:00-2:00 PM

Ashford Senior Center

25 Tremko Lane, Ashford, CT 06278

Guest Speakers:

Carrie Hastings, RN

Testimonies from Cancer Survivors

As always, all Ashford Women's Group events are free. Light refreshments will be served.

Also, we will be accepting donations of the following for 2 local area shelters: **Clean Used/New Clothing, Toiletries, Toddler/Baby Supplies, Housewares, Blankets/Sleeping Bags, Suitcases/Dufflebags, Toys**



For more information about this event and our group: Facebook: Ashford Womens Group

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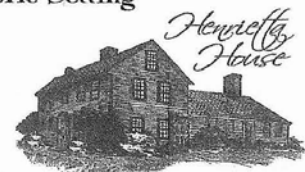
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**From the Municipal Agent
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The Senior Center and the Commission on Aging will be sponsoring a **Costumed Halloween Spaghetti Luncheon** on October 31st. Chris Rae has agreed to cook the meal and volunteers will serve. The meal will include spaghetti and meatballs with red sauce, salad, Italian bread and dessert. We are currently looking for entertainment. Costumes are optional but greatly encouraged. The lunch starts at 12:00 noon and the cost is \$11.00. Reservations and payment must be made by October 20th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Money counter. In the past, we have had an individual whose job it was to collect and distribute all the money for the Dime Bingo. This person was someone who wasn't playing the games but did this volunteer job so the players could concentrate on having fun. The job is for Thursdays from 12 – 3 but if several folks come forward, we can rotate throughout a month.

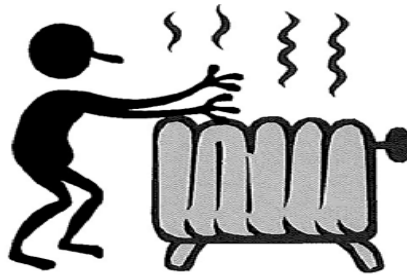
Medicare open enrollment begins in October. I will be happy to make appointments after October 17th and thru December 15th to help any senior review their health insurance coverage. This is a standing offer throughout the year for new retirees or others contemplating retirement.

The winter months are fast approaching. Please consider making hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves for those in need. I am involved with a fundraiser for the No Freeze shelter in early November. If you knit or crochet your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate whether your donations are to go on the ASCO craft table or to the shelter when you drop things off. There is some yarn available at the Center but if you have extra, please consider donating the yarn for others to use.

Just a reminder that when the Ashford school is closed or delayed, due to snow, the Senior Center follows their lead. The Center posts these closing and delays on WFSB tv and WILI radio.

Home Heating Assistance

Please DO NOT apply online for this program!!



*Help may be available to assist in home heating bills this winter.
Call Ashford Social Services for more information or to apply.
487-4417*

Income guidelines:

Family size of 1: \$39,761

Family size of 4: \$76,465

Family size of 2: \$51,996

Family size of 5: \$88,699

Family size of 3: \$64,230

Family size of 6: \$100,933

Asset limits: *No asset limits*

Required Documentation:

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

Social Security #s for all household members

Most recent Eversource bill

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.

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 ALL ARE WELCOME	3 9:30 Walking Tape 10:00 COA 12:30 Hairdresser 1:00 Mah Jong	4 9:30 Tai Chi	5 11:00 Lunch Bunch Food distribution day	6 12:00 Dime Bingo	7 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Dominos	8
9 3:00 Recreation sponsoring English Country Dancing	10 Columbus or Indigenous Person's Day Holiday 9:30 Casino Trip	11 9:30 Tai Chi 11:00 Aqua Turf trip	12 Food distribution day 	13 12:00 Dime Bingo	14 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Dominos	15 Medicare Open Enrolment Starts
16	17 9:30 Walking Tape 1:00 Mah Jong	18 9:30 Tai Chi 10:30 Turkey Craft	19 Food distribution day	20 12:00 Dime Bingo	21 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Dominos	22 1-4 Arts Council Sponsored Program
23	24 9:30 Walking Tape 1:00 Mah Jong	25 9:30 Tai Chi	26 Food distribution day	27 12:00 Dime Bingo	28 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Dominos	29
30	31 9:30 Walking Tape 12:00 Halloween Party			OCTOBER 1ST SHRED DAY 9:00-11:30am		

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Conservation Commission News

Farmers Market

Our highly successful Ashford Market is showcasing all the varieties of winter vegetables now through October. Jackie Kulig has a variety of produce such as beets, onions, garlic, cabbage, etc. See her picture next to this article. The farmers market also sells meat, cheese, baked goods, honey, syrups, fruit, jams and jellies. The market is open 10AM-1PM every Sunday at Pompey Hollow Park on RT 44 across the street from the town office building. This is our 16th year of operation.



Jackie Kulig, Willow Valley Farm, Willington. Photo by Christine Acebo.

Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission had a table at Family Day on September 18th which was a beautiful warm summer day. We listened to the Babcock Cornet Band and Flamingo entertain us while the children enjoyed playing games and learning magic tricks. Our reducing waste table's purpose is to educate town residents about recycling, reducing waste and use of plastic. Trash harms our environment, and additionally, the town pays for the removal of our trash from the transfer station. Look for us at local events and chat with us about ways to reduce waste.

Waste reducing tip for October: Try to choose cans not plastic bottles when buying drinks.

Sustainable CT News

We submitted our Sustainable CT recertification for Bronze Status in late August. We won't receive notice of whether our application was successful until November.

Hopefully the town will reap the benefits of all our work and all residents will join us in keeping our town vibrant, green and sustainable.

Trash Cleanup Day

The CC plans to have a trash cleanup day on Saturday October 22 with a rain date of Sunday October 23. We will meet at Knowlton Memorial Hall at 8:45AM to assign roads to clean and distribute bags. Any questions you can contact Pamm at 80barnowl@gmail.com.

Cadlerock Property

At the public hearing on September 8 the Commission presented our recommendations for the 350 acres jointly owned by Ashford (about 310 acres) and Willington (about 41 acres.) Both towns are working together to write a remediation grant for this large piece of open space. The land has an abundance of water, wetlands, swamp, pond and small streams plus has numerous steep slopes. We recommend using the land for passive recreation and education for our residents such as hiking, walking, birdwatching, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding etc. The existing unimproved roads can be converted into a trail system conducive to these passive recreational uses. The Nipmuck Trail runs through the property and that trail system could be enhanced and preserved. The existing unimproved roads could be converted into trails without doing any permanent changes to the natural resources. Long term we see a nature/educational center that supports demonstration projects such as native flora, pollinator's gardens, community agriculture, and education regarding invasive species. This requires long term efforts to allow the town and its residents to develop a plan that benefits residents and enhances our town. Ashford could be a destination site that benefits local businesses and brings in tourism.

Happy October. Happy Fall!
Loretta Wrobel, chair



Turkey Craft

**Tuesday,
October 18th
10:30am**

Free Craft

Volunteers needed!!!!

These finished products will be table decorations for our Thanksgiving Celebration. Come help us make the party festive by painting the table decorations. There are enough so that everyone who helps can take one home.

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Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, October 2022

As the nights are getting cooler & our gardens are transitioning to early fall, the beautiful **Goldenrods** (*Solidago*) and **Wood Asters** bloom. These late flowering native plants are essential nectar sources for pollinators scrambling to collect pollen before the first frost. If you aren't sure what Goldenrod looks like, just look for the bright splashes of yellow along our roadsides or meadows at this time of year. Similarly, the white flowers of various native asters can be seen blooming in both sun and shade in fields and woodland.



Both plants play important roles supporting pollinators. 20 species of Goldenrods are native to New England and considered a “keystone plant” for native wildlife, serving as a host plant for dozens of butterfly, moth and bee species. Monarch butterflies rely on goldenrod nectar

to fuel their long fall migration south. And many native bee species overwinter in their stems, while songbirds feed on the seed stalks left standing for the winter. Contrary to popular myth, Goldenrod does NOT cause seasonal allergies because its pollen is not dispensed via wind; instead its pollen adheres to the bodies of pollinators who transfer it as they move from flower to flower. It's wind-pollinated plants like ragweed and some native grasses that are responsible for hay fever at this time of year.

Similarly, there are several varieties of native asters, whose color range from white to purple; they can be short and compact or quite tall. The flower heads provide late-season nectar for bees and butterflies, and the plants themselves also host the caterpillars of the Pearl Crescent and Checkerspot butterflies. Their fall seeds provide food for migratory and winter-resident birds. In addition, both Goldenrod and native



Asters are extremely adaptable and grow in a wide range of soil and sun conditions. They also spread easily.

If you are lucky enough to already have these beautiful native plants in your yard, check out the pollinator activity on them on a sunny day. I've seen bumble bees

collecting pollen from my tall Goldenrod on warm days in late October, when nothing else was blooming. I also have a lot of white wood aster in my garden and am happy to share some with you -- just email me at the PP email to arrange (AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com). Also email us with questions, for site/plant advice, a list of native plant nurseries or other handouts, to visit a native plant garden or to get a free PP medallion courtesy of Ashford Conservation Commission. Be sure to also like our Facebook page:

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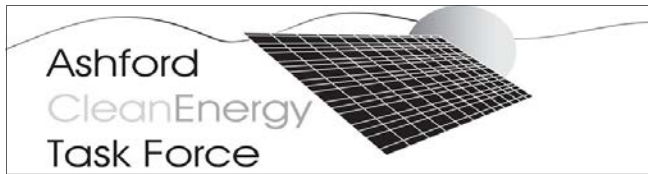
According to the Xerces Society, one of the most valuable things you can do to support pollinators at this time of year is to provide them with winter cover in the form of leaves and standing dead plant material. Resist the urge to clean up fallen leaves; lawns actually benefit from a thin layer of leaves. If you must clean them up, opt for raking or leaf vacuuming to capture whole leaves, rather than shredding them with a mower. Make a leaf pile in a corner of your yard where pollinators and chrysalis can shelter over winter.



Also consider leaving the stalks of flowers with pithy stems standing (Purple Giant Hyssop, Swamp Milkweed, Joe Pyeweed, Purple coneflower, Wild Bergamot to name a few). Their stems are habitats for many nesting bees. Leaving the stalks standing through spring also helps migrating birds looking for seed heads.



Ashford Pollinator Pathway at Ashford Family Day, 9/18



October 2022

“That’s NOT Cooking With Gas”

Many of us cook with propane, but now there is a better way: Use an Induction Cooktop. Induction Cooktops replace a range’s stovetop burner, and use electricity to directly inject heat into the pan, bypassing a burner. They are more efficient because they do not waste heat by heating the burner or the surrounding air, keeping the kitchen cooler. Since there is no combustion, the air in the kitchen is much cleaner. If you power the cooktop with renewable electricity, you will not produce any greenhouse gasses which contribute to climate change. The temperature control is much more responsive than with propane or a standard electric burner, since you don’t have to overcome the momentum of heating or cooling the burner. The cooking surface is a flat ceramic plate, and is easy to clean. It does not heat up, so is much safer, and prevents the pan losing heat down through it.

But what about cost? The table below summarizes the cost of operation. The KWh column is the kilowatt hours you would need to put one KWh of heat into the pan, based on the average efficiencies given. The electric costs are based on \$.125/KWh, and the propane cost is computed from 27 KWh/gallon and \$3.70/gallon. So, induction cooking only costs half as much as propane.

	Efficiency %	KWh	Cost
Induction ¹	76.25	1.31	\$.164
Electric Coil	63.70	1.57	\$.196
Propane ²	40.00	2.50	\$.34

We recently purchased an induction stovetop online for around \$60.00, and placed it on an insulated board above one of the propane stove’s burners. Now we usually use it instead of propane, and enjoy its speed, control, cleanliness, coolness, and economy.

Of course, there are some disadvantages. Induction cooktops only work with pans that are magnetic, and do not work well with pans with a curved bottom. They generally have a cooling fan which can be quite noisy for some. And they require nearly 15 amps on full power.

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work, and welcomes your input. If you have questions, concerns or comments, or to join us, please contact John Sievel at johnsievel@gmail.com.

¹ <https://www.aceee.org/files/proceedings/2014/data/papers/9-702.pdf>

² <http://www.alliantgas.com/why-propane/cooking-with-propane>

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October 25th 10am

Friends of Babcock Library: TBA

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- *Bushnell Park Carousel & Museum*
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This program will be offered the first Wednesday of every month. Please call the library to schedule your time.

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—Chonte'

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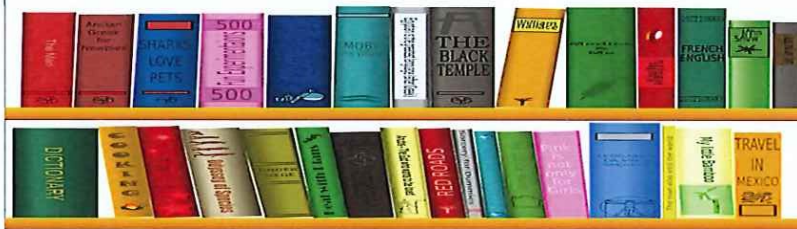
This year's book sale will be held on:

Friday October 21st 9am-7pm

Saturday October 22nd 9am-7pm

Sunday October 23rd 9am-2pm

If you are interested in volunteering please e-mail Carole at [Carole Mccarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:Carole_Mccarthy@hotmail.com)



OCTOBER EVENTS



October 8th 9am-1pm PAWS Cat Shelter adoption event

Meet some furry friends and get some adoption information. To help support this local shelter, the Babcock Library will be collecting donations of cat food all month long.

October 15th 10am-12pm Pumpkin Decorating

Decorate a pumpkin to be entered in our yearly contest. Pre-registration for this event is required as the pumpkins will be provided for you.

Please call or e-mail the library if you wish to participate.

October 28th 7pm-8pm Trunk or Treat

Come trick or treating with your friends and neighbors! If you would like to set up a trunk, please e-mail Chonte' at babcocklib@gmail.com.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY: All persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified to declare all tangible personal property owned by them on October 1, 2022. Non-residents are required to declare property located in Ashford for any three months preceding October 1, 2022. Failure to declare by November 1, 2022 as required by law 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, motor vehicles located in Connecticut but registered in another state, horses and ponies, mobile manufactured homes 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 property such as billboards, video games, vending machines, leasehold improvements, etc.

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 Wednesday, September 28, 2022 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 28, 2022 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 October 1, 2022.

ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS: May obtain an exemption on one (1) passenger motor vehicle if proof of active duty service on 10/1/2022 is submitted.

TOTALLY DISABLED: Any person under the age of 65 that has been awarded total disability must apply by January 31, 2023 to receive a \$1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of award.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Eligible farmers must file the **notarized** exemption application on or before November 1, 2022. Exemption applications that are not notarized will be rejected.

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 November 1, 2022.

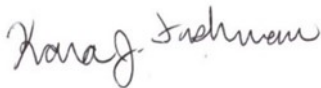
MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be allowed exemption. Eligible manufacturers must complete and file the MME Exemption Application by November 1, 2022.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS with a gross vehicle rating in excess of 26,000 lbs. may be eligible for tax exemption eligibility. Applications must be completed and filed with the assessor by November 1, 2022.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space, for the first time, must file by October 31, 2022 with the Assessor. Persons seeking to classify as Forest must also have a complete certified foresters report done by October 1st. Only changes to the original filing (ownership, use or acreage) need to be reported annually.

All forms are available on-line at <https://ashfordtownhall.org/document-category/assessors-office/> and in the document case on the wall outside the Assessor's Office.

Signed this 16th day of September 2022 at Ashford Town Hall, 5 Town Hall Rd., Ashford, CT 06278.



Kara J. Fishman, CCMA II, Tax Assessor



Scout Troop 92 October Newsletter

In September, the Troop Held a Court of Honor to award merit badges earned at summer camp. The topics included instruction in welding, swimming, canoeing, first aid and others.

Webelos Cub Scouts held a three-mile hike on the Nipmuck Trail, past Pixie Falls. On the hike they identified flora and fauna that they spotted, including an interesting Bolete mushroom.

The Cubs first pack meeting will be on Friday, October 7th, 7pm at Knowlton Memorial Hall. New members between 1st and 5th grade are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming events:

Scout meetings will now be on most Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at the old Post Office building in Warrentville. The first Monday of the month meeting will be for leaders. Renovations will be taking place at Knowlton Memorial Hall, so we can't meet there for now. Prospective members are welcome to attend Scout meetings.

October Campout: TBD.

Bike Ride: Saturday October 22nd on the Airline Trail, starting in Pomfret.

Scarecrow Contest: Scarecrow assembly will be a joint effort of Scouts and Webelos. This will take place at the old Post Office building on Tuesday evening October 25th. The Babcock Library will judge the entries on Saturday, November 5th.

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



The Webelos pause for a quick photo-op on their three-mile hike!

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**For more information
or to
register as a Vendor
contact Kay Warren @
kwarren1943@yahoo.com**



**Assistance to
Ashford Veterans**

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 pm. 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 to contact me 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

Gulf War veterans who were denied before for disabilities for sinusitis, rhinitis, or bronchitis may be able to appeal their decision under the new PACT Act. Contact Garry at 860-928-2309 for info.

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For things to do while in Salem: <https://www.salem.org/>

Transportation within the city: <https://www.salem.org/blog/getting-around-salem-ma/>



Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022

Time: 7:00 am Tolland Commuter Parking Lot (Exit 68 off of I-84) **Arrive** in Salem approx. 9:00 am, at the Salem Train & Bus Station: 252 Bridge St, Salem, MA 01970. **Departs** 6:00 pm from Salem Train & Bus Station, return to Tolland Commuter Lot approx. 8:00 -8:30 pm.

Fee: \$60 per person **Register by:** Sept. 30th

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY



Enjoy a day in the Big Apple with friends and family! Get a jump start on your holiday shopping, visit museums, see a Broadway show or just enjoy the sights of the city. What's your pleasure? Bus will drop off & pick up near Rockefeller Center.

Date: Saturday, December 3rd 2022, **Time:** 7am, Returns 10:30 pm

Departs From: Tolland Commuter Lot, I-84 Exit 68 (Near Dunkin')

Fee: \$87 Per Person (includes bus transportation only) **Register by:** Friday 11/18.

Call Ashford Park & Rec. 860-487-4409 with questions or go to the town website for a registration form.



Go Green: Pay your bills online

All Tax Bills that are payable are posted online and are available for payment if there is 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 2022 Tax Bills were available for payment on July 1st.

All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

Please check for the correct amount that is past due if you choose to mail in a check.

The Tax Collector's Office will be closed on all Tuesdays in October.

Please check for the correct amount that is past due if you choose to mail in a check.

Go to: www.ashfordtownhall.org. To enter, the portal looks like this:



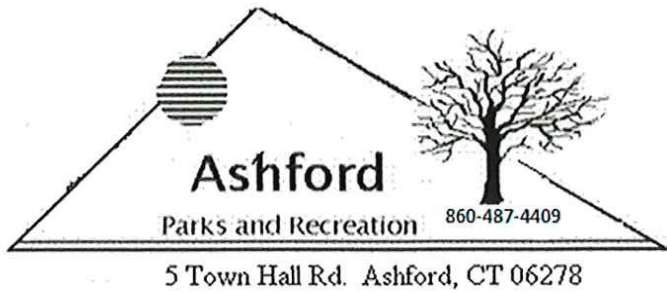
UCONN LEAGUE WELCOMES DIVERSE NEW MEMBERS

The UCONN League announced that they are welcoming new members to their organization, which was founded in 1969. The League is fully run by volunteers and provides a range of Interest Groups, where individuals can meet like-minded people and engage in outdoor activities, such as walking and kayaking, play Mah Jongg or golf, or discuss current books and act out selected plays. For more information about the 12 Interest Groups, go to their website at www.uconnleague.org.

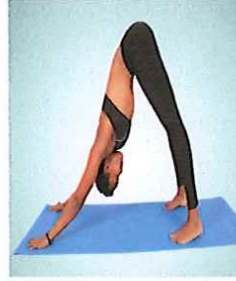
In addition to fostering new friendships, the League engages in philanthropic activities, including the funding of two scholarships for UCONN students. Last year a total of \$5,150 was allocated to a variety of local non-profit organizations.

The League hosts two luncheons annually with notable local speakers. The next luncheon is scheduled for October 17, 2022 and features Chef Chris Prospero, owner of Metro Bis restaurant in Simsbury. Mr. Prospero is also a Hartford Courant recipe columnist and a weekly chef on NBC 30. Members and their guests are welcome to attend the luncheon.

For more information on how to join the UCONN League visit their website or contact the Membership Chair, Sandy Ferguson at aferguson11@charter.net

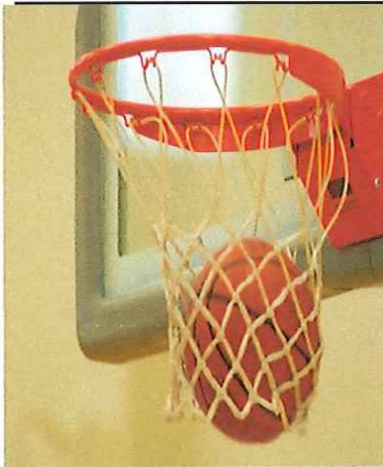


Certified **YOGA** Trainer **Karrie Kirchner** Leads class on Tuesday mornings in Knowlton Town Hall. Come move, stretch, and get centered! Class runs 8:15-9:15 am. Drop ins welcome for \$10 a class or 6 week session is \$50. **Namaste'**



Child Care Staff Wanted for Ashford After School Program!

3:00-6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Program meets on scheduled 1/2 days and teacher professional days, program closed on school vacations and days of inclement weather. Adults and high school students, needed. Qualified candidates should email syork@ashfordtownhall.org. The Ashford Parks and Recreation Dept. will send you an application, and the job description. We look forward to offering this service to Ashford families.



YOUTH BASKETBALL Registration opens October 27th

Rec. Basketball teams forming now for boys and girls in grades 3-8. League play games start after Thanksgiving and run through Feb. with Willington, Mansfield, Marlborough, Bolton, and Coventry. Registration forms available at Ashford School, at the Rec. Dept, and online. Practices will start the second week of November and runs thru February. 1-2 practices weekly with games primarily on Saturdays. Volunteer Coaches needed call Sherry if interested, 860-487-4409. Coaches Meeting scheduled Nov. 3rd , 7 pm

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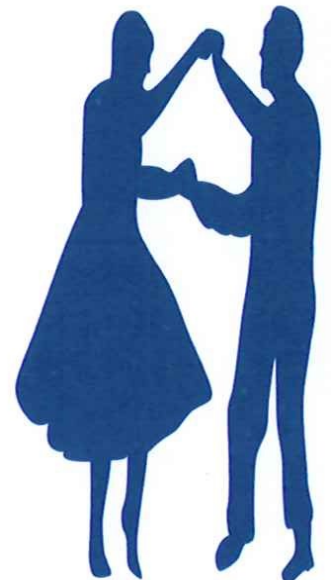
At the Ashford Senior Center

October 9th , November 13th, December 11th &

January 8th. No Fee!

Contact organizer Barbara Renna at

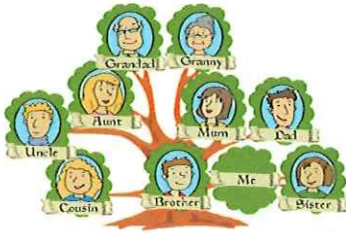
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Ashford Parks and Recreation FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

FAMILY DAY!



What a GREAT DAY it was, on SEPT. 18th at POMPEY HOLLOW PARK!

Many Thanks to the **Band Flamingo, Steve Galinat and the Babcock Band** for their really enjoyable music!

Thank you to those who ran the food booths. The Democrats kept us hydrated, Living Proof Church gave away snow cones, Ashford Park and Recreation sold hamburgers and hotdogs. The Republicans gave away corn on the cob, Westford Congregational Church distributed popcorn.

Collaborative efforts between the PTO, Youth Services, Senior Housing and the Senior Center allowed us to bring in "Circus Moves" They are interactive Circus performers who encouraged the kids to try all kinds of circus skills! The bounce house was provided by Living Proof Church. We are grateful to all the groups that chose to have a booth and all the families that came to partake!
Community Spirit is Alive and Well in Ashford!

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SATURDAY OCT. 29TH

1-4 PM AT CAMP CONNRI

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