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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



SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Be sure to see the Legal Notice on Page 3 for information about the Public Hearing immediately followed by a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, February 11th, 2023.

VOTING IN PERSON ONLY!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer	860-234-4093
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Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
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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.

HOLIDAY HOURS



**Ashford Town Offices
will be closed on
Monday, February 20th
for Presidents' Day.**

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 Town Drop Box on
the front porch 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.

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**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Office of the Selectmen**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
ASHFORD SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the town meetings of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Public Hearing/Special Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Ashford School, 440 Westford Road in Ashford, Connecticut and remotely via ZOOM (see link below) on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the purposes listed below. **Voting will be in person only.**

1. To conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed \$5,000,000 appropriation and borrowing authorization for the planning, design, and construction of a new roof at the Ashford School.
2. To elect a moderator for said Special Town Meeting;
3. To consider and act on the following resolution:

(a) to appropriate the amount of \$5,000,000, and to authorize the issue bonds and notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to finance the appropriation for the costs of the planning, design, and construction of a new roof at the Ashford School (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, demolition and removal of materials, installation, permitting and environmental costs, equipment, materials, architectural, engineering and other consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project and its financing, including the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Project; to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and grants; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes, and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. The Town anticipates applying for and receiving a grant from the State Department of Education to defray a portion of the eligible costs of the Project;

(b) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years, and to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes;

(c) to authorize the First Selectman, the Board of Education, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to apply for and accept federal and state grants to help finance the appropriation for the Project. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project costs or principal and interest on bonds, notes or temporary notes; and

(d) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to construct and complete the Project, to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and to obtain grants to finance the appropriation for the Project.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut, this 1st day of February, 2023.

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

Roger T. Phillips
Selectman

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
Selectman

LINK TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89535189808?pwd=Q2d2cHdyUmRmTVRGcjVzaGVhRXBtQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 3518 9808

Passcode: 06278

Dial by your location (309 205 3325 US, or 646 931 3860 US)

Assessment News

ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM - Connecticut law provides for tax relief for certain homeowners. Credits (reductions in taxes) are determined as a percentage of taxes and range from \$150 - \$1,250. To be eligible for the abatement on the 2022 Grand List:

- 1) You, or your spouse, must have been at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2022; or you must be permanently and totally disabled (per Social Security or VA).
- 2) You must reside as the owner, or have life use, of the property as of October 1, 2022, and you must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year.
- 3) Your 2022 income cannot exceed \$49,100 if you are married or \$40,300 if you are unmarried. Qualifying income is defined as taxable income for IRS purposes AND non-taxable income, with limited exceptions.
- 4) You must provide the assessor with a copy of your SSA 1099 and your 2022 federal income tax return if you file one. If you do not file a tax return, proof of all 2022 income must be provided.

Applications are filed with the Assessor biennially from February 1st - May 15th. **Persons already enrolled in the program were mailed an application at the end of January 2023.** New applicants can download an application from the Assessor's page of the town's website at www.ashfordtownhall.org. You can also request an application package by emailing assessor@ashfordtownhall.org or calling 860-487-4403.

LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS TOWN OF ASHFORD

Property owners and lessees have the right under Connecticut General Statutes §12-111 and 12-504d to appeal the assessment of motor vehicles, personal property and real estate on the 2022 Grant List. CGS Section §12-117 requires written appeals to be received by the Board of Assessment Appeals **no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 17, 2023.** Appellants will be notified of the date, time and place in early March 2023 when the BAA will hear their appeal. The appellant or its agent must appear personally for the BAA to hear their appeal.

The appeal form must contain all of the following information:

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

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

Appeal forms are available on the Board of Assessment Appeals page of the Town of Ashford's website, <https://ashfordtownhall.org/document-category/board-of-assessment-appeals/>. They can be scanned in and emailed to assessor@ashfordtownhall.org, mailed to the Board of Assessment Appeals, 5 Town Hall Rd., Ashford, CT 06278, placed in the drop box on the front of Town Hall or brought to the Assessor's Office.

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Greetings to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Superintendent



On December 15, 2022 it was a great honor to be appointed as Superintendent of Ashford Public School. I love this community and believe that this is a very special place. It is my hope to work together as a community to make necessary improvements while being fiscally responsible. A big part of that will be to continue open lines of communication.

What we spend on our students in this community is important and the community needs to be informed of those needs. It has been a busy couple of months! Students have come back from vacation ready to learn. We have started our second round of district assessments with iReady to see growth since the beginning of the year and to adjust teaching according to the scores. Students get very excited about their growth. Our new math program is continuing to be implemented with the guidance of a consultant to assist teachers along the way with questions as they come up throughout the year. After-school activities are in full swing. Some choices are: Math club, Winter Spirit, Strategy Games, Rubics Cube, Marifonnely(Play group), SciFi Movies, Pokemon and Homework club. Basketball is also going strong, with the season moving right along. We have a Winter Recess coming in February 17th-22nd.

Building Update: We have had some bumps in the road this winter. Our generator broke down along with some issues with our boiler in December. We currently have a rental generator on site until we can get a quote and move to purchase a new one. The first step we have taken is to report this generator failure to our insurance since this happened during a power failure on December 23, 2022. The boiler has been repaired and has been working well.

Back in 2020 when our school was shut down due to COVID-19, along with many schools in the state, our water failed a lead test. We have been testing our water every month since and have passed the test each month. We had a deadline of January 17, 2023 to put in some proactive strategies to ensure our water is properly mixing. We have met that time line and will post the results of the next water test as soon as we have them. In collaboration with the Town of Ashford, we are working to purchase an underground storage tank for our heating oil to replace our aged-out tank. This will be installed this summer 2023. There will be no disruption to our students, as that is always our main goal as a community.

A Public Hearing/Special Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday February 11, 2023 at 10am in the school cafeteria** to talk about and take a vote on replacing the roof. There are important spaces, such as our school library, where the roof has zero insulation and when it rains it is difficult to focus due to the loud sound of rain hitting the roof. Replacing the roof will fix this issue; along with leaks that occur throughout the year, damaging equipment and space below, and reducing fossil fuel consumption. Replacing this roof will also allow the school to pursue solar panels to contribute to energy savings.

Budget: The Board of Education in collaboration with the school administration has been systematically going through our budget for the upcoming school year. We were asked to have a preliminary estimate to the towns Board of Finance by January 13, 2023. This will give the BOF time to see what the tax implications are for the town residents and to problem solve and work collaboratively with the departments to put the best budget forward for our town as a whole. Our preliminary numbers are an increase of 4.44%. A presentation to the Board of Education will take place on February 2, 2023 of exactly what is planned and needed to continue improving our educational process through our state test scores, and to create an environment where children love to learn and have controlled choices around their education. Now is the time to tune in to your Board of Education meetings and Board of Finance meetings to see the amount of work that happens prior to the budget going to the town referendum. Your voices are heard and are encouraged.

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Coffee and Conversation: 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: February 1, 2023: Meet with Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services, Cynthia Ford; March 1: Meet with Principal, Polly Borysevicz; and April 5th: Meet with Assistant Principal, David Eichorn.

BOE Meeting: February 2, 2023 and February 16, 2023. Budget will be the focus.

Upcoming Community Activities: Friday Playgroups held at Ashford School hosted by Youth Services, Melissa McDonough 9-10am. Contact Melissa at: mmcdonough@ashfordct.org with any questions. Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10am Public Hearing/Special Town Meeting to discuss and vote on the replacement of our school roof.

COVID-19 Information: Ashford School has launched a page on the website for Ashford School that has the running tally of current to date cases of COVID-19.

The page is: <https://school.ashfordct.org/covid-19-cases-2022-23/>



**ASHFORD SCHOOL
HIGH HONORS
2022-2023 Trimester One**

Grade 8

Buch, Benjamin
Byers, Joseph
Cantrell, Jack
Caye, Nicholas
Champagne, Louise
Dingler, Addison
Kopec, Alexander
Krapf, Jadyn
Matos, Jonathan
McDonough, Sophia
Moller, Raina
Ritch, Aiden

Grade 7

Alfaro, Santiago
Draczynski, Taylor
Driscoll, Ivy
Gordon, Abigail
Tatro, Adam
Urban, Elizabeth

**ASHFORD SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL
2022-2023 Trimester One**

Grade 8

Martin, Dante
Nemeth, Cameron
Stygar, Ava
Viel, Isabella

Grade 7

Bowersett, June
FERENCE, Sadie
Forrest, Lance
Marocchini, Dominic
O'Donovan, Nathan

**Exceptional Effort
2022-2023 Trimester 1**

(received four exceptional effort marks (1) in at least four classes)

8th Grade

Buch, Benjamin
Byers, Joseph
Caisse, Ayva
Cantrell, Jack
Caye, Nicholas
Champagne, Louise
Dingler, Addison
Kopec, Alexander
Krapf, Jadyn
Matos, Jonathan
McDonough, Sophia
Moller, Raina
Nemeth, Cameron
Ritch, Aiden
Ruprecht, Ava
Stygar, Ava

7th Grade

Draczynski, Taylor
Driscoll, Ivy
Gordon, Abigail
Lussier, Emma
Marinelli, Loretta
O'Donovan, Nathan
Piecuch, Aiden
Rossi, Makayla
Tatro, Adam
Urban, Elizabeth



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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

If you think you may submit a disability claim, but you're not quite ready, submit an intent to file VA form 21-0996 to lock in your effective date for more back-pay while you work on your submittal.

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund is available to any honorably discharged CT Veteran who served a minimum of 90 days during a recognized wartime period. It provides financial assistance for veterans who need some help maybe for the monthly rent or home mortgage, light bill, fuel oil assistance, food, or medical bills. It is needs based, but the income requirements are higher than you may think. Call Garry for more info at 860-928-2309. Leave a message and I'll get back to you. This is a benefit that you have earned; why not take advantage of it.

It is time to kick up your heels for a night of dancing.

**The Lake Chaffee Playground Committee is hosting a
Traditional New England Barn Dance**

Saturday, February 25, 2023
From 7-10 pm at Knowlton Memorial Hall
25 Pompey Hallow Road, Ashford

- No experience necessary, you will learn as you go
 - No partner necessary
 - Dress for comfort, dance attire not required
- We will do some square dancing, line dancing, circle dances and more
 - Lead by local callers Lynn and Rich Sbardella

Donations will go toward the Lake Chaffee Playground



RSVP requested but not required.
thegreengranny61@gmail.com
570-903-5872
Mary Griffin

Lake Chaffee Playground Fundraiser Chair

Bring a non perishable food item for the Ashford Food Bank
for an additional entry into the drawing.

There will be a door prize drawing

VITAL STATISTICS



Deaths:

Catherine A. Pensavalle December 26, 2022
George W. Lefevre January 7, 2023

Marriages:

Michael S. Burdick Hannah R. Kruger	October 22, 2022
Dean F. Muenzner Alea B. Thomas	November 27, 2022
Ethan P. Toney Tehya A. Raymond	December 5, 2022
Mitchell E. Williamson Roopa R. Kulkarni	January 9, 2023

Looking Up Payments for IRS Reporting Purposes

Go to the Town's Website at:

www.ashfordtownhall.org

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



When the box comes up to search by name,

SEARCH BY
Name
[See Example](#)

Enter the search criteria below:
 Search

Enter Last Name then space then 1st Initial (example SMITH J) or Business Name (No comma)

All Due Now Balance Due IRS Payment Records for Year 2021

Type in last name, a space, and then the first letter of the first name. Also, check off the bubble that says IRS Payment Records for the year 2022, and hit search. When the page comes up, there will be a box on the right side of the page in the second blue bar that says IRS. "Check it, and a View IRS button will appear.

BILL #	NAME/ADDRESS	PROPERTY/VEHICLE	PAID	OUTSTANDING	OPTIONS	PAY IRS
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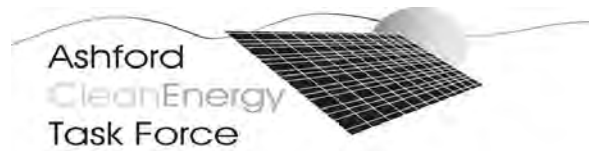


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HOW THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT CAN HELP YOU SAVE MONEY ON ENERGY COSTS.

IN PERSON AT THE AUDUBON CENTER AT POMFRET (WITH ZOOM LINK OPTION):

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7 P.M.

After an overview of the energy efficiency programs, Steve Lewis, an avid proponent of green energy solutions and a member of the South Windsor Energy Committee, will provide an overview on how the Inflation Reduction Act can save you money on energy costs.

Register for Zoom link: <https://www.connecticut.sierraclub.org/outings>

WEBINAR ONLY: CAN HEAT PUMPS WORK IN YOUR HOME?

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 AT 7 P.M.

A heat pump is an energy efficient and economical way to heat and cool your home for year round comfort. They are a great alternative or supplement to a typical oil fired furnace and air conditioning unit. Learn the basics. Consider their potential in your own home. For more: kate@donnellycolt.com [Zoom log in](#) tinyurl.com/2jrzhww

HOW THE IRA CAN HELP YOU INSTALL HEAT PUMPS, SOLAR, BACKUP BATTERIES AND MORE.

IN PERSON AT THE AUDUBON CENTER AT POMFRET (WITH ZOOM LINK OPTION):

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 AT 7 P.M.

After an overview on heat pumps, Steve Lewis will explain how the Inflation Reduction Act can make electrifying your home more affordable.

Register for Zoom links: <https://www.connecticut.sierraclub.org/outings>

More info and live links at: <https://www.ctaudubon.org/pomfret-programs-events>

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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 Susan Eastwood at sceastwood@yahoo.com



MANSFIELD-ASHFORD LITTLE LEAGUE

Baseball and Softball seasons are right around the corner! **Little League Registration** is currently open for the upcoming 2023 Spring Season. Mansfield-Ashford Little League offers programs for children ages 4-16.

Registration will close on February 14th for upper level divisions, ages 7-12. Please visit www.mansfieldctll.org/ for more information and to register. For registration specific questions contact jdrasdis@yahoo.com, all other inquiries can email jack_champagne@hotmail.com.

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Legal Notice

**Ashford Tax Collector's Office
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taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org
487-4411**

Notice is given to Ashford taxpayers that the second installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2021 becomes due and payable on January 1, 2023 and is payable without interest penalty through February 1, 2023. After Feb.1, 2023, interest will accrue at 1 ½% per month from the due date of Jan. 1, or a minimum interest charge of \$2.00.

Hence, during Feb., the interest is calculated at 3%, or the minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest penalty (CGS 12-130).

Payments may be:

- 1. Paid online @www.ashfordtownhall.org**
E-check cost is \$.95. Credit cards are 2.95%
Debit cards must be treated as credit cards.
- 2. Put in the black drop box, checks only.**
- 3. Mailed to: Ashford Tax Collector
P.O. Box 173
Ashford, CT. 06278**

PLEASE have checks made out to the Ashford Tax Collector. Enclose one copy of the bill when paying thru the mail. If a receipt is requested, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with payment.

For the purpose of collecting said tax, I shall be at the Ashford Town Offices as follows:

Mon., Tues., 8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.; Wed., 10 to 5:30.

Closed to the public on Fridays.

CLOSED EVERY THURSDAY.

Tax questions: Call 860-487-4411, or email

taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org

Assessment questions, call 860-487-4403, or email

assessor@ashfordtownhall.org

View bills online at: www.ashfordtownhall.org

Dated at Ashford, this 18th day of Jan. 2023.

Linda G. Gagne CCMC
Ashford Tax Collector

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Wednesday Prayer - 7:00PM
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How to PAY Your Taxes Online

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



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

Ex. Name: John Smith

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

6. Read the Terms and Conditions before you press **Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes**

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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Fire Extinguisher Safety

Putting out a fire quickly before it escalates is important both for personal safety and preventing property damage. The best way to respond quickly and control fires is to have a fire extinguisher within reach of the source. Time is of the essence in a fire emergency, and you don't want to be running around the house in a panic looking for a fire extinguisher. With proper fire extinguisher placement, you will be prepared to act quickly in the case of a fire in your home.

The Kitchen: 65% of all fires start in the kitchen, which makes this the most important room to have a fire extinguisher in your home. A Class K extinguisher is necessary in your kitchen because it's designed to specifically put out fire fueled by vegetable and animal oils and fats.

The Garage / Utility Room / Workshop: If you have a garage or a workshop, then you probably use these spaces to store some flammable materials. Paints, oil, gasoline, solvents, and other chemicals are all extremely combustible. When working with tools in a workshop, you might generate sparks that could lead to a serious fire. Keeping a fire extinguisher in this area is a must.

The Laundry Room: Your dryer is another likely place for a fire to start. The lint that collects in your dryer is highly flammable and might catch fire when the dryer is in operation due to high temperatures. Clean the lint trap after every load to reduce this possibility. The dryer exhaust tube may also fill with lint, be sure to clean this out every six months. These practices will help prevent fires, but just in case, you will want a fire extinguisher in or near your laundry room.

The Patio and Grill: Patios are ideal for enjoying the great outdoors. If you have a grill or a fire pit, then you will want to place a fire extinguisher nearby. Gas grills can be especially dangerous because the propane fuel is explosive. If you grill over charcoal, the grease from cooking and the hot coals may cause a serious fire. Decks and patios are great spots for a fun gathering, but you need to keep safety in mind as well.

Each Floor of your Home: Every floor of your home needs at least one fire extinguisher. Mount it on the wall in a central location about 4 to 5 feet above the ground. Don't hide the fire extinguisher behind drapes or curtains and don't store fire extinguishers in closets. They need to be in plain view, or you will not be able to find them when you need them.

A standard Class A-B-C extinguisher is suitable for most every home, along with a Class K for your kitchen. Use your extinguisher only to keep a small self-contained fire from growing, only when the room is not filled with smoke, or to create a safe pathway out of the home. Be sure to read the instructions and become familiar with your fire extinguisher's parts and operation before a fire breaks out.

The call count for December was 16 Fire/Rescue and 33 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 318.

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 Stancil
Firefighter/EMT
AVFD Station 20



**MEETING SCHEDULES FOR TOWN AGENCIES FOR THE YEAR 2023 AS FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
ALL MEETINGS MONTHLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

AGENCY	MEETING DATE	MEETING PLACE / TIME
Aging, Commission on	1 st Monday monthly, except 2 nd Monday Sept. 11th No meetings February, July, August	Earl W. Smith Senior Center - 10:00 AM
Agriculture Commission	3 rd Thursday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112- 7:30 PM
Ashford Our Town Our Future	1 st Monday monthly, except 2 nd Monday Jan 9th, Sept. 11th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112-7:00 PM
Assessment Appeals, Board of	March 14th, and September 12 th	Ashford Town Offices, 6pm
Conservation Commission	4th Monday monthly, except December 18th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:00 PM
Eastern Highlands Health District	3 rd Thurs. Jan. 19th; Feb. 16th; Apr 20th; June 15 th ; Aug 17 th ; Oct.19th & 2 nd Thurs Dec. 14th	Coventry T Hall Annex 712 Main St-4:30pm
Economic Development Commission	4 th Wed. monthly, Except 3 rd Wed. Nov. 15 th and Dec. 20th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:30 PM
Education, Board of	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays monthly, except 3 rd Thurs. July & Aug.	Ashford School – 7:00 PM
Education District #19, Board of	1 st Tuesday monthly, Except Thur. July 6th	EOS High School Media Center - 7:30 PM
Finance, Board of	Thursdays: Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 9, 16, 23; Mar.2,9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 20, 27; May 11, 25; June 8, 22; July 13, 27; Aug.10,24. Sept. 7, 21; Oct.12, 26; Nov. 2, 16; Dec. 7	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 – 7:00 PM
Housing Authority	2 nd Tuesday monthly	Pompey Hollow Housing - 7:00 PM
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission	1 st Tuesday monthly, except Wed., July 5th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 - 7:00 PM
Library Board of Trustees	4 th Tuesday monthly, except Tues., Dec. 19th	Babcock Library Reading Room - 10:00 AM
NECCOG	4 th Friday monthly	Canterbury Town Hall– 9:30 AM
Parks & Recreation Commission	2nd Monday monthly, except Tues. Oct. 10 th ; no meeting Dec.	Ashford Town Offices, APRC Rm– 7:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission	2 nd Monday monthly, except 2nd Tues. Oct. 10 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 - 7:00 PM
Selectmen, Board of	1 st & 3 rd Monday, Tues. following Mon. holiday 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday, Wed. following Tues. holiday	Ashford Town Offices, 7:00 PM Ashford Town Offices 9:00 AM
Zoning Board of Appeals	2 nd Wednesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices – 7:00 PM

TIMES & PLACES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE VERIFY BEFORE MEETING (860-487-4401)

REVISED 1/20/23

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
POWER OUTAGE ASSISTANCE
REGISTRY**

Date of Application: _____

The Town of Ashford is developing a registry for residents who will need assistance should they lose power for an extended period of time. This is an opportunity for you to provide information that may help emergency responders meet your needs during an emergency situation, storm, or potential rolling blackouts.

THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CALLING 9-1-1 IN AN EMERGENCY

To be included in this registry, please fill out this form, sign it, and send it to the Ashford Selectmen's Office, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278. If you are unable to fill out this form on your own, please have a family member or caregiver assist you with completion of the form. Please call (860)487-4400 with any questions or concerns.

General Information:

NAME: _____ Birth Date: _____

of Adults in your home _____ # of Children in your home _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ Town: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Email: _____

If we cannot reach you is there someone else we may call? ___ Yes ___ No

Name _____ Contact phone number _____

Lack of Heating Source

_____ if the power goes out I do not have a generator

_____ if the power goes out I do not have an alternate heating source such as a woodstove/pellet stove/fireplace, etc. to heat my home

Life Support Systems

Do you use any of the following life support systems:

_____ Oxygen _____ Respirator/Ventilator _____ Pap/Nebulizer

_____ Dialysis _____ Insulin dependent

Do you have a generator or energy source to run your medical device should you lose power? **YES/NO**

Is there any other medical information that we should be aware of? _____

Mobility

Are you confined to bed? ___ Yes ___ No Can you walk without assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

Which of the following do you use (Check all that apply):

_____ Wheelchair/Mobility Vehicle _____ Prosthesis _____ Walker/Cane

_____ Crutches _____ Assistive Animal _____ Other

Transportation Assistance:

In the event that Ashford sets up a community shelter or warming station, will you need assistance with transportation to the shelter? ___ Yes ___ No

TURN OVER TO SIGN!

By signing this form and submitting it to the Town of Ashford I agree to permit my information to be shared with local and state emergency responders in the effort to better assist me during an emergency. The Town cannot guarantee assistance to me in all cases. I also understand that this is a voluntary program.

I am aware that participating in this registry will not take the place of calling 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Signature of person filling out form: _____

Printed Name: _____

If you would be interested in assisting us during an emergency situation and would be willing to attend Citizen Emergency Response Team training please contact the Selectmen's Office at (860)487-4400.

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LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-153d (b), a signed copy of the Agreement between Regional School District #19 Board of Education and Local 1303-234 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Custodians and Maintenance Technicians for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 has been filed with this office.

The Agreement is available for public inspection during regular business hours of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ashford, CT this 9th day of January, 2023.

Attest,

Sherri L. Mutch, MMC, MCTC
Ashford Town Clerk



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All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

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Leadership Meeting Moves Ashford Forward

A town wide Leadership Meeting was held on November 16. Our First Selectman William Falletti welcomed the over 25 participants. He expressed appreciation for all the residents volunteering in any capacity on a board, commission, civic organization or other group in town, as well as town staff, who are all dedicated to continuing to make Ashford a great place to live, work and enjoy.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Follow-up to the November 2019 Leadership Meeting,
2. Highlight Accomplishments of the 2015 Plan of Conservation of Development (POCD)
3. Begin to seek input from citizens on the mandated 2025 update to the POCD, and
4. Identify and create future goals and objectives

Jeff Silver-Smith, Chairman of Planning and Zoning served as the main moderator for the meeting, with the members of Our Town Our Future (OTOF) Committee providing meeting coordination support.

Jeff Silver-Smith gave a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting and highlighted some of the accomplishments of the 2015 POCD since the last Leadership meeting in November of 2019.

Participants introduced themselves and were asked to share their thoughts on what is most critical for Ashford, as a community, to focus on going forward. The following items represent the most common responses:

1. How to increase the tax base and find other sources of revenue to reduce or mitigate the tax burden on residents,
2. Developing a Strategic Plan-to help determine the future of the town,
3. Addressing the need for additional Senior, as well as, Affordable Housing in Ashford,
4. Protecting the Town's environment, its history, and our rural character, and
5. How to best recognize younger residents and promote their engagement in the functions of our community.

Using the above as discussion points, the attendees were asked to breakout into five groups to discuss how each subject might be developed further. This resulted in some excellent ideas, all of which have been documented and can be found on the Town's website under the Our Town Our Future Committee tab under Agendas and Minutes (<https://ashfordtownhall.org/agendas-and-minutes/our-town-our-future-committee/>)

Next step? - We are looking for more input from participants and all who are interested in contributing to Ashford's future. Ideas can be sent to Mike Gantick, OTOF Committee at mgantick@sbcglobal.net.

Look for notices for the next Leadership meeting this spring.



The Ashford Senior Center
presents

PAINT & DECORATE a Walker Bag

for yourself or the residents
of a local nursing home.

FREE CRAFT PROJECT

Tuesday February 28th at 11:00

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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.

The Town of Ashford is a wonderful community. I would like to thank the multitude of people who expressed their sympathy at the passing of my mother Sylvia Smith. Your thoughtfulness helped me greatly.

SCAM ALERT:

Seniors have begun reporting messages appearing to be from DSS regarding their EBT card and Renewal. **These messages are scams**, individuals should not call back the number listed on the text message. DSS has not yet started texting client regarding renewals.

When calling the number, it will ask for the caller to enter their card number and PIN in an attempt to steal their benefits.

Messages from DSS will only be sent from the BC (Benefits Center) Number, which is 1-855-626-6632 and will only direct individuals to www.mydss.ct.gov, and will contain their first name and the last 4 digits of the client ID.

MOVIE:

Several of you have expressed an interest in going to see the new movie **80 for Brady** when it comes to the Mansfield Movie Plex. (Great star power Sally Fields, Jnae Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Rita Moreno) We don't have a date set as this article goes to print but this sounds like a really terrific group activity. We can use the van to pick up folks who don't drive and others can carpool. The cost of the movie and snacks are on you. If you are interested, call me so I can fill you in on the details when we have them.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PARTY

February 14th at 1:00

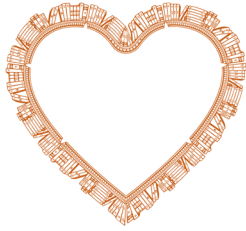
Let's celebrate each of our seniors who were born in the month of February.

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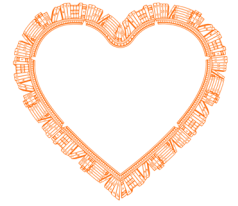
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February 2023

Hours

Monday - 9-5

Tuesday - 9-5

Wednesday - 9 - 6

Thursday - Closed

Friday - 9-5

Saturday - 9-1

Sunday - Closed

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February Special Events



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 4
10 am to 1 pm

Storytime !* *Crafts !

Scavenger Hunt!

Adult Valentine Mug Craft

Wednesday, February 15 @ 5 pm



Please call the library to pre-register

CALENDAR

Family Game Nights

Wednesday February 1
Wednesday February 22
@ 3 pm to 6 pm

Take Your Child to the Library Day

February 4 @ 10 am to 1 pm

Adult Valentine Mug Craft

Wednesday, February 15 @ 5 pm

Friends of Babcock Library

Tuesday, February 21 @ 2 pm

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 28 @ 10 am

Story Time & Craft

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Embroidery & Knitters Groups

Wednesdays @ 1 pm to 3 pm

February Author of the Month

In recognition of Black History Month a selection of books written by & about black authors are chosen. The library has books for all ages to choose from, right here at the library as well as e-books downloadable from [Overdrive](#)!

Embroidery Group

Moved to Wednesdays 1 to 3!

The program is for all levels of expertise. If you are a beginner just bring yourself & a willingness to learn. Supplies are available.

Family Game Nights

Wednesday Feb. 1 & 22



The Game Nights continue!

Visit for another fun time with card & board games, new & classic, 3 pm to 6 pm.

Storytime & Craft

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Come join us for stories & a craft, for children ages 2 - 5 & their adult caretakers. The program lasts about 45 minutes. Registration is requested.

Ukulele Lessons

First Wednesday of Each Month

This program is offered the first Wednesday of each month. **The Library has ukuleles available!**
Contact the Library for more details and to register!

**Friends of the Babcock
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Puzzle Sale

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Connecticut Old State House
New Britain Museum of American Art
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

ASHFORD BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Board of Selectmen is currently seeking Ashford residents who are interested in filling Board and Commission vacancies. The following appointed positions are currently vacant:

Eastern Highlands Health District – Alternate Representative

Eastern Region Mental Health Board

Assistant Sexton

Agriculture Commission – Regular member - term to expire 3/15/2025 – (party affiliation U, D, R)

Commission on Aging - term to expire 6/30/2023 – (party affiliation U or R)

Conservation Commission - Alternate member – term to expire 11/21/2023 - (party affiliation U or R)

Economic Development Commission – Regular member – term to expire 2/2/2025 – (party affiliation U, R)

Economic Development Commission – Regular member – term to expire 2/2/2025 - (party affiliation U, D)

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission – Regular member – term to expire 6/01/2025 – (party affiliation U, D, R)

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission – Alternate member – term to expire 6/1/2023 (party affiliation U, R, D)

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission – Alternate member – term to expire 6/1/2023 (party affiliation U, R, D)

Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission – Regular member – term to expire 4/1/2026 (party affiliation U, D, R)

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Scout Troop 92 February Newsletter

Activities: Scouts are reviewing preparations for the Klondike Derby. The Derby will be at Camp JN Webster in Ashford Feb 3-5.

Adequate clothing and low temperature gear are required for outdoor winter camping. Outdoor winter cooking is done mostly using cast iron Dutch Ovens and portable smokers. Scouts need hearty meals to fuel winter activities.

Cub Scouts held their "Rain Gutter Regatta." This features lung powered sailboat racing.

Troop Scouts are all qualifying for the Personal Fitness merit badge. We hope to use the facility at the Mansfield Community Center. They have an indoor track that is needed for one of the qualifications. Also required are pushups and sit ups.

Mansfield Community Center will be the site of our "Tropical Vacation" where the Troop will use their heated pool, gym floor and game room.

Coming Up: Earth Day Clean up. This is hosted by the Eastford Congregational Church April 23. Scouts will provide manpower for this worthwhile event.

Reservations for summer camp at JN Webster have been confirmed and will be week 4 in July.

Our next fund raiser will be the annual Mother's Day Flower Sale in May.

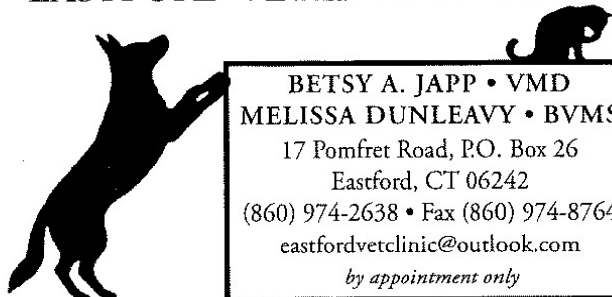
In May we hope to resume Troop bicycle rides. We are looking at taking on the East Bay Bike Path in Rhode Island. This ride features scenic ocean views and is not too difficult. It's mostly flat.

Troop meetings are most Tuesday evenings at St. Philip's Rec. Center at 7:00 PM. New members are welcome.

Troop 92 Ashford/Eastford/Pomfret

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master
Cory Blanchette, Scout Master
Chris Murphy, Assistant Scout Master
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Please contact Deb Gag
debragag@gmail.com for link.

The public is always welcome to attend

Workshops:

- Poetry workshop with Ashford’s Poet Laureate, Tony Paticchio. Workshop dates: 1/25/23, 2/8 & 2/22, 3/8 & 3/22, and 4/5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Contact Tony to register o4ajpati@gmail.com

- Dan Merlo’s Pen Turning Workshop, February 4th. Dan is a member of The CT Woodturners’ Association and will bring a couple friends and lathes to help at the workshop. Flexible timing between 10:00am – 2:00pm
Knowlton Hall/Babcock Library.
This free workshop is open to the public.

- Nancy Bunnell’s Pastel Painting Workshop, April 22th, 10:00am – 2:00pm, Ashford Senior Center
*More info on how to register to follow.

Upcoming 2023 Events:

- Spring Online Sales (Valentine’s)
- Vanilla Bean Artist’s Show (Month of June)
- A Summer’s Palette Art Show at Westford Hills Distillers, June 24th, 10:00am – 4:00pm
 - Holiday Artists Market, November 18th and 19th

Spring Online Sales - Perfect for Valentine’s Day!



“Island on Matagamon” by Steve Gerling



“Into the Lake” by Steve Gerling

This Valentine’s Day, why not give a piece of art to someone special? Our artists’ gallery pages are filled with gorgeous art for you to choose from. Browse through the gallery, view the work and contact the artist directly to purchase. Their contact info is available for you <https://ashfordarts.org/gallery/>



“Dragonfly Box” by Anna Harding

The Ashford Area Arts Council is seeking a few passionate people

to help guide and shape our direction.

Do you or anyone you know love art,

helping the community and promoting artistic endeavors?

We are looking for artists, non-artists and lovers of art to get involved.

Is this you or someone you know?

Please contact

Deb Gag debragag@gmail.com and Kathryn Eidson keidson3632@gmail.com

We’ll fill you in with all the awesome details on

how **you** can be involved with our community.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Deb and Kathryn/Ashford Area Arts Council Co-Chairs

Visit us @ www.AshfordArts.org & on Facebook.com/AshfordArts • The Ashford Arts Council is in partnership with Windham Arts

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

You do not have to be an artist or live in Ashford. Join our fun dynamic group!

Membership: \$30 Donation
October 1st – September 31st

For more information contact our Membership Director, Darcie Boiano at Boiano.Darcie@gmail.com or (860) 798-1738

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February 2023 Conservation Commission News

Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission urges our Ashford residents to make the extra effort to reduce the amount of trash generated by being conscious of how much waste you are creating. If all of us commit to recycling and reusing whenever possible, we can reduce the amount of trash that our town has to pay for removing the trash from our transfer station.

We are planning to have another roadside cleanup in either late March or early April. Please look for the date in the March *Citizen* and on the town website.

Waste reducing tip for February:

Make homemade lemonade instead of buying juice in plastic bottles.

Farmers Market

Now that it is February we only have to wait till May to again be able to shop at the our Ashford Farmers Market on Sundays. It will be here soon!

Solar Statement

Below is a statement from Jane and Ron Cercena about their solar experience.

Ross Solar, now a conEdision Solutions Company, installed our solar electric system in 2011. We have a metal raised seam roof and the panels are attached with mounting brackets, no roof penetration required. After a clean energy rebate and tax credits, the system cost us \$14,470 out of pocket. There have been many months in the summer where we generate more electricity than we use and only pay the monthly distribution fee. The payback on our investment took about 5 years and now we really enjoy the benefit of lower cost electricity and feel good about reducing our carbon footprint in a small way. So glad that we did it!

Jane and Ron Cercena

Conservation Commission meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7PM. At this time our meetings are held on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. You can find the link on the Town of Ashford website under Conservation Commission Agenda or you can email Loretta lorettaw886@gmail.com and I will send you the link.

Loretta Wrobel,
chair

How about now?

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Recreation Reminders!

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Free Ice Skating

UConn ICE ARENA
Public Skate schedule not available at time of print. Early Feb. Date & Time TBA for Ashford Residents.

Call 860-487-4409 for details!
Skate Rentals Available for \$8
Annual Used Skate Swap planned!

YOGA



Be Fit &
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in 2023

Come experience YOGA CLASS with Karrie Kirchner!

Reawaken your body, mind, and spirit!

Class meets Tuesday Mornings
8:15-9:15 a.m.

6 Week Winter Session runs
Feb. 7th—March 14th
Spring Session

March 21st—April 25th
\$50 for each session or
(drop in \$10 a class)

BasketBall



Get into March Madness!

Adult Pick Up Play !

Thursday Nights 7:00-8:30
at Ashford School
6 weeks for \$30 pp
March 2nd thru April 6th!
Contact Kieran at
530-448-4113 with questions.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL AT ASHFORD SCHOOL!

Brush up on the basics, Keep active in the winter and get ready for the spring outdoor season! **\$30 for 6 weeks of pick up play.** Nets, balls and paddles provided!
All levels welcome!

Tuesday Evenings 6:00-8:00 p.m.
March 7th through April 11th.

We will set up 2 courts in the gymnasium
(minimum 4 players, maximum 12 players)



ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

**Sundays, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the
Senior Center!**

February 12, March 26, April 16th, & May 21

Come alone or with a friend, no experience required.
Led by Barbara Renna, It's Fun, It's Easy, It's Elegant!
No charge or registration form needed, just drop in.
Watch for more info. about a special event in June!

For a **Registration Form** go to the Town's website
www.ashfordtownhall.org/Recreation
or request one by emailing syork@ashfordtownhall.org

Valentines Day Hearts & Crafts

Get Creative!

Make Something
Sweet for Someone you Love!



Join us for a 'Hearty' After School Snack and some Valentines Day Crafts!

- For 3rd and 4th Graders
- Friday Feb. 10th
- in the Cafeteria 3:15- 4:30

Fee: \$5 Call to 860-487-4409 to reserve your spot, Send a note to the teacher on the day, and bring \$5 to the program.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL PROGRAM



for Grades 1 & 2
After School in the Gym 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Session II
Tues. & Thurs.
Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28
(March 1st make up date if needed)

Fee: \$40 for session

Coming in March

*Dates and times to be announced,
Watch for details! Call 860-487-4409*

Swim Lessons

Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons will be taught at the Evangelical Christian Center Pool, Infants thru Level 5

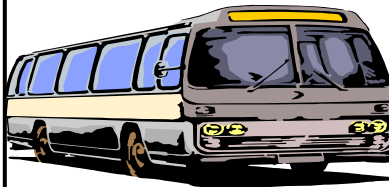


Swim Club

*How Cool to go from School to the Pool!
Kids in grades 4-6 will enjoy 1/2 hr. swim lesson and 1/2 of fun and games in the pool.*

After School Gymnastics

*For kids in grades K-4. 3:30-4:30 pm, 6 weeks
Instructors: Bella Carabino, Nadia Haeryfar and Sherry York*



**Bus Trips are Back
for 2023!**

TINY TUMBLERS



This Ashford Park and Rec. sponsored program is for children ages 3-5. It's a great outlet for some of your little ones pent up energy. Participants will learn basic tumbling moves that strengthen their bodies. They have lots of fun trying a variety of movement skills, stretching, balancing, rolling, jumping, moving to music and making new friends!

**Class Meets Wednesdays
from 4:00-4:45 p.m.
in Knowlton Memorial Hall.
Class runs 6 weeks
Feb. 22nd—Mar. 29th Fee: \$50
Lead Instructor: Sierra York**

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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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