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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

The Easter Bunny is Coming to Town

Date: Saturday, April 8th

Time: 10:00am

**Where: Ashford Senior Center
Earl W. Smith Building
25 Tremko Lane, Ashford**

**Come celebrate Ashford's 53rd Annual
Easter Bunny Celebration**

**All children who are residents of Ashford,
from Pre-K to 4th Grade**

**Come visit, take photos with
the Easter Bunny and
Receive an Easter Basket
(Egg Hunt—weather permitting)**



Donations Welcome

Monetary donations can be mailed to: Ashford Easter Bunny
Town of Ashford
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT 06278

Or left in the drop box on the front porch of our Town Hall



Sponsored by the Ashford Easter Bunny and Committee

Questions please contact - ashfordeasterbunny@gmail.com

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.

SPRING AHEAD!



**Daylight Savings Time
begins Sunday, March 12th.**

**Remember to set your
clocks AHEAD one hour!**

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.

Your Contacts:

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kzulick@ashfordtownhall.org



Ready for Kindergarten



Kindergarten Screening Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Ashford School
440 Westford Road
860-429-6419

The purpose of our Kindergarten Screening is to meet your child and gain a basic understanding of his/her readiness skills and personality. We make up classes by placing the same number of boys and girls per class and having a range of abilities in each class. Meeting your child helps us with class placement for the upcoming year.

Who does the screening?

The Kindergarten Teachers and the Speech/ Language Pathologist.

What does my child have to do?

Your child will be asked to do short, fun tasks, which are related to success in school, such as using playdough, naming colors, listening to a story, answering questions about the story, cutting, writing his/her name, naming letters/numbers and drawing a picture.

The screening is not used to verify if your child is ready for Kindergarten. **No child is refused from Kindergarten.** Kindergarten is available to all children who are age eligible.

Please call Suzanne Schillinger at 860-429-6419, ext. 317 to make an appointment. April 5th is the only day for screenings.

**Children enrolled in Ashford Preschool do not need to participate in the Kindergarten Screenings. They are automatically enrolled.*

Drawing and Copying

- Hand preference
- Approach to task
- Comfort level
- Fine motor/grip (how well the muscles coordinate paper and pencil activities)

Remembering

- Visual - Remembering what is seen
- Auditory - Remembering what is heard

Using Language

- To describe
- To reason
- How your child understands and uses words and sentences
- Articulation (how well your child produces the sounds of speech)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Ashford Board of Education

Bicknell Scholarship

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

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

The Board of Education will receive applications for the 2023 scholarships at the following address: Bicknell Scholarship Trust, c/o Ashford Board of Education, 440 Westford Rd., Ashford, CT 06278

Application packets must be postmarked by April 24, 2023. Awards will be announced in June.

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

Applications will be available at the Office of Superintendent of Schools at the above address and online at www.ashfordct.org beginning February 9, 2023. Applications may also be emailed by sending a request to Jen Truax, Office of the Superintendent at jtruax@ashfordct.org.

TAX COLLECTOR NEWS

**The Tax Collector's Office will be closed to the public on
March 8th & 10th 2023, as well as March 22nd and March 24th.**

The Tax Collector will be attending the Annual Tax Collector's Conference and Re-Certification workshops during the 22nd thru 24th dates. Emails will be checked on all the closed dates, and contact made when possible. Please make sure that your motor vehicle taxes are up to date before these time periods so as to avoid any unnecessary delays when trying to renew or register motor vehicles. If you leave voice mails, those calls will be forwarded to the email system. You are able to use the online payment system 24/7. When paying online with an e-check, the cost is \$.95. When using Credit or Debit cards, the cost is 2.95%. Please leave enough time for payments to be downloaded thru the online payment vendor, and clearances made to the DMV.

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Greetings to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Superintendent:

Thank you to all that were able to take some time out of your busy schedules to participate in our Town Meeting to discuss and vote on the school roof project. It was well attended and Mr. Jim Rupert did an excellent job explaining the need for the new roof. Working with our building committee in town has been a positive experience. It is hard for all of us to hear about another thing that will affect our home finances in a couple of years. It is my hope that the community can see that the boards truly care about all aspects of our town. It is nice to see that public discussions can occur and all sides are able to express themselves respectfully. This is what we teach in our classrooms here at Ashford School and it is always nice to see it play out in the real world.

Building Update: Our generator is still being worked on and we are waiting to hear from our insurance prior to moving forward with a purchase of a new one. We have received quotes and have shared those quotes with the necessary individuals in town. The District Office has complied with everything the insurance company has asked for in a timely manner.

The next step for the roof project is to get bids for an architect to design the roof. We will be looking for three bids, the bid process is very specific and we need to ensure we are following all the state guidelines. The building committee will also be working on gathering all the information and documentation needed to apply for the state grant, which is up to a 63% reimbursement rate.

We continue to be tested for lead in our water every month and continue to pass. There will be some work done over the winter break that meets the guidelines we have been asked to comply with.

In collaboration with the Town of Ashford, we have secured an underground heating oil storage tank 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.

Budget: The Board of Education, in collaboration with the school administration, has been systematically going through our budget for the upcoming school year. The BOE had the preliminary estimate to the town's Board of Finance by January 13, 2023. Our preliminary numbers are an increase of 4.44%. Insurance and other supply increases are about 2.44% of that increase. The remaining increase is to add 1.45 positions. The first addition is a reading interventionist for grades 5-8. This is directly in response to a call to improve our SBAC scores in both reading and math during last school year's budget process. Last school year we added a math interventionist to our grades 5-8 along with new programming school wide. The upcoming school year would focus on continuing to support math instruction and additionally enhance our reading programs and supports. The second .45 position is to add a school psychologist to our faculty. This resource would aid in our students' mental wellness and complete federally mandated testing during the special education process. A presentation to the Board of Education took place on February 2, 2023. Documents of that presentation are available to provide the evidence of what is planned and needed to continue improving our educational process, and create an environment where children love to learn and have controlled choices around their education. Please tune in to your Board of Education and Board of Finance meetings to see how we arrive at our final numbers. Your voices are heard and are encouraged. Our community needs to work together to ensure our future leaders are developed through a strong education.

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: March 1: Meet with Principal, Polly Borysevicz, and April 5th: Meet with Assistant Principal, David Eichorn

BOE Meeting: March 2, 2023 (at the Town Office Building to present the budget to the BOF) and March 16, 2023. Budget will continue to be the focus. We want to hear from you. Please come by and inquire or contact me at the school at 860-429-6419 ext. 365 or email me at cford@ashfordct.org.

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.

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/>

Join us at our Monthly Meetings Public Welcome

2nd Wednesday of each month

7:00pm - 9:00pm online.

Please contact Kathryn Eidson
keidson3632@gmail.com for link.

The public is always welcome to attend

Workshops:

- 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

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

Spring Online Sales - Support Your Local Artists!

We are so lucky to have talented
local artists. Our website
artists' gallery is filled with
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from. Browse through the gallery,
view the work and contact the
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"Casserole Tureen - 1 3/4qt" by Dan Rackliffe



"Something Fishy" by Joe Burger



"Red Flowers" by Jane Rackliff



"Osprey" by Pat Morris



"Owl" by Sharon Puntty

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Darcie Boiano
AAC Membership Director
196 Oakes Road
Ashford, CT 06278

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Ashford's Growing Businesses:
**Hy-Hope Soaps: Sustainable
Handcrafted Goat Milk Products**

Agriculture-based businesses are hometown favorites here. Third generation Ashford resident Mike Metsack and his partner Keith Dagnall started raising goats as pets in 2014 on their 14-acre farmstead. Eventually they decided it was time to look into a way to convert their herd's goat milk into a marketable product. After much trial and error Keith created the perfect recipe for their goats milk soap and in August 2016, Hy-Hope Soap was born!



Their mission is to produce the best local, natural and sustainable handcrafted product they can. Hy-Hope's product line has grown beyond soap to also include "Whole Milk Whole Body Lotions" and lip balms, with more products on the way. They also custom-produce soaps for local businesses including Henrietta House, Hope & Wellness and Westford Hill Distillers. Haven't experienced Hy-Hope's fine products? You can find them all through their website: hyhopesoap.com

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

Ashford Businesses: Members of the EDC are updating our active businesses list and want to connect with you! If you are a business owner, please reach out to us with your best contact information. Email member Mike Gantick: mgantick@sbcglobal.net.

We are collaborating with the Selectmen's office to coordinate an American Rescue Plan Act funding program for eligible Ashford businesses impacted by the COVID pandemic, so please be sure we know how to contact you.



Ashfordedc.org



**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

March 29, 2023 National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed.

**VITAL
STATISTICS**



Deaths:

Viktor A. Mironchenko	February 4, 2023
Thomas J. Brady, Jr.	January 31, 2023
Joan K. Debella	January 30, 2023
James L. Peppin	January 26, 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:

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.



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Leadership Meeting

Review and Commentary

A consensus among those attending the November 16, 2022 Leadership Meeting produced five critical issues to focus on moving forward. The first was, **“How to increase the tax base, and create additional revenue sources in order to mitigate or reduce the tax burden on residents”**.

The ensuing group discussion considered the three common revenue sources:

Seeking additional revenue via state and federal grants in addition to the State support already received. This is an important and ongoing activity, but is dependent upon availability of grants and successfully meeting their requirements.

Consider review of existing fees and adding fees on certain activities. Creating whole town events that would bring in revenue was also considered. Current fees do offset specific administrative costs but they represent a minor portion of the Town’s revenue. Further, fees are limited to the extent of the specific activity.

Consider ways to increase the tax base. As a rural community our tax revenue is primarily derived from the value of residential property. It is commonly understood that the value of all taxable property (The Tax Base) multiplied by the mil rate determines the amount of revenue available to pay for town services and education. If we assume these costs are unlikely to become cheaper, then taxes will increase. Increasing the proportion of commercial vs. residential property would favorably impact future tax increases.

The remaining issues from the Leadership Meeting will be addressed in coming issues of the *Ashford Citizen*.

We welcome input from all who are interested in contributing to Ashford’s future. Ideas can be sent to Mike Gantick, OTOF Committee at mgantick@sbcglobal.net.

TAG SALE

Saturday, March 11th, 9 to 3

Many items free (no early birds)

Ashford Senior Center

25 Tremko Lane

Snow date: March 18th



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Another icy day on the Mount Hope River!



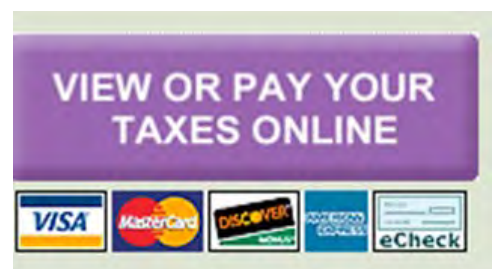
Go Green: Pay
your bills online

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, and the second installment of taxes is available to be paid at any time. The new Supplemental Motor Vehicle Bills are available as well as missing motor vehicle records that have been added.

All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays. The Tax Collector Office will be closed to the public on **March 8th, 10th, 22nd and 24th**. Please be sure that your motor vehicle taxes are up to date before those closures so that no problems will occur when trying to register a vehicle thru DMV.

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

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TOWN OF ASHFORD
Office of the Selectmen

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Ashford is seeking bids for mowing and trimming of Ashford Memorial Park.

The contract will run from April 15, 2023 through November 15, 2023.

Bids should be broken down as follows:

1. Cost of 24 mowings and trimmings of Ashford Memorial Park
2. Cost of 1 one (1) additional mowing of Ashford Memorial Park (if needed)

A site visit to view the property and ask questions may be scheduled with Superintendent of Public Works, Joe Kalinowski. He can be reached at 860-429-6812 or 860-428-6089. The Town reserves the right to inspect equipment that will be used in performance of the bid task.

Completed bids, including an insurance certificate, should be submitted to the Selectmen's Office, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278, no later than Friday, March 24, 2023 at noon.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

William Falletti
First Selectman

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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:

Smith J | Search

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



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

0 BILL(S) - \$0.00

4. Find which bill you want to pay

Ex.

2002-01-37	BILL #
■ 2002 is the Grand List	→ 2002-01-0000037
2002-01-37	00004200-LIEN
	(REAL ESTATE)
■ 01 is Real Estate	2003-01-0000038
○ 02 is Personal Property	00004200-LIEN
○ 03 is Motor Vehicle	(REAL ESTATE)
○ 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement	2004-01-0000040
2002-01-37	00004200-LIEN
■ 37 is the bill number	
■ You MUST pay the OLDEST bills FIRST	
○ Oldest Grand List	

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

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

7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose how you would like to pay. Then press
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8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.
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 Broker Associate
 w: Kingteam.homesellingteam.com
 e: Noah@homesellingteam.com
 c: (860) 933-3432



Contact Steve Galinat:
 Realtor
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 e: Steve@homesellingteam.com
 c: (860) 428-1211

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

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 – Alternate member, term to expire 4/1/2023 (party affiliation U, D, R)

If you have an interest in serving, please contact the Selectmen's office and/or the First Selectman for additional information at 860-487-4400. Thank you.

**Looking for residential accounts
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**We do not provide services to the
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Everyone who is interested in Ashford's history are more than welcome. It has been a while since we met due to COVID, but we are ready to move forward with new ideas and programs. Thank you!

Joan E. Bowley, President
The Ashford Historical Society, Inc.



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- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode

Safety Tips

- 🔥 Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
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- 🔥 Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- 🔥 Put batteries in the device the right way.
- 🔥 Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- 🔥 Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- 🔥 Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- 🔥 Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- 🔥 Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

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Proper Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a Household Hazardous Waste Center.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Watch this brief video to see real examples of lithium battery fires.



The call count for January was 8 Fire/Rescue and 27 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 373.

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.

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**From the Municipal Agent
for the Elderly
Kit Eves 860-487-5122**

Sometimes I get asked what I would like, in order to make my job easier. This is a “like,” versus a real need. These three things are on my wish list: An Electric Stapler, a Kitchen Aid Mixer, and a Locking Cabinet, wardrobe size with shelves

Volunteer Need: The Center is still looking for someone who would call Bingo once a month on a Thursday afternoon. We will teach you how to call the games. It really is a lot of fun.

This was quite an easy winter. I don't remember having one with so little snow. I write this column in the middle of February, so I am knocking on wood that we will continue to have such a mild winter. The rain may be dreary, but it keeps the fields wet enough for the growing season and the well waters full for those who need this.

The Center is sponsoring the annual St Patrick's Day sit-down dinner with entertainment, actually on the 17th. The menu is corned beef, cabbage, onion, carrots and cookies. The cost is only \$9.00. You must sign up and pay in advance by March 10th. The meal will be served at noon with singer Nicky D to entertain afterwards.

The March Birthday Party is scheduled for March 28th at 1:00. There will be cake, coffee and tea and a little something for each person celebrating to open. Sign-up so I will have enough for all.

Trips: The Center is running two lunch bunch trips in March. To the Golden Greek on March 1st and to Suto's on March 7th. You can go on both trips if you wish. There is an Aqua Turf Trip for St Patrick's Day that includes food and music on March 14th. This is almost full so don't hesitate to sign-up. You can also see Murder on the Orient Express at the Windham Theatre Guild for \$16.00 on March 26th.

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At the Burton Leavit Theatre in Willimantic

Sunday, March 26th

2:00 Matinee, \$16.00

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of year, but by morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murder – in case he or she decides to strike again.

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The office attempts to work diligently with all taxpayers to achieve successful solutions to open balances. PLEASE make every effort to bring your account current. Check the status of open bills online.

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Friday - 9-5

Saturday - 9-1

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March Special Events

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Wednesday, March 8 @ 5 pm
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**Please contact the library to
Register to Attend these events!**

Local History Presentation & Discussion

Learn about Lieutenant Colonel
Knowlton, Captain Nathan Hale,



John Trumbull's painting & more.
Researched & presented by
Drew A. G. Driscoll of Ashford
Tuesday, March 14 @ 1pm

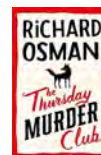
CALENDAR

Ukulele Lessons

First Wednesday of each month.

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Mystery Book Discussion Group



The Thursday Murder Club
Tuesday, March 7 @ 1 pm

Friends of Babcock Library Meeting

Tuesday, March 21 @ 2 pm

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 28 @ 10 am

Children's' Storytime & Craft

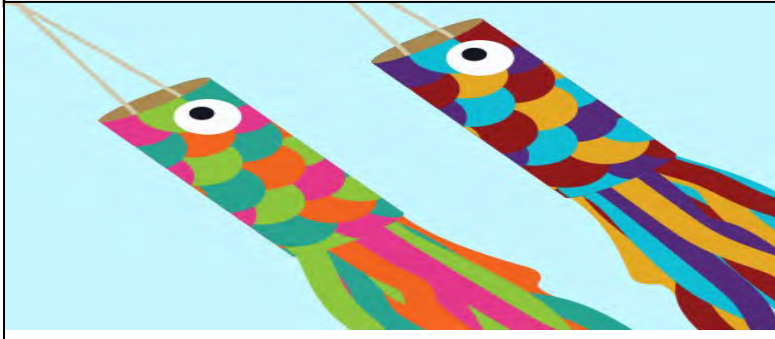
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Embroidery & Knitters Group

Wednesdays @ 1 pm

March Book of the Month

Heralding the arrival of spring is a selection of books about gardening & growing. Check these out when visiting the Seed Library! Books are available for all ages here at the library plus e-books downloadable from [Overdrive](#)!



In Like a Lion ...Out Like a Lamb

Kite Making for Kids!

Construct a colorful Koinobori!

March 11, 2023 @ 10 am

History Discussion about Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Knowlton

Tuesday, March 14 @ 1pm

“**Thomas Knowlton** is arguably Ashford’s most widely recognized war hero. His service during the Seven Years’ War & the American Revolution are memorialized in a statue on the grounds of the State Capitol & in the dedication of Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford” (Connecticut History.org).

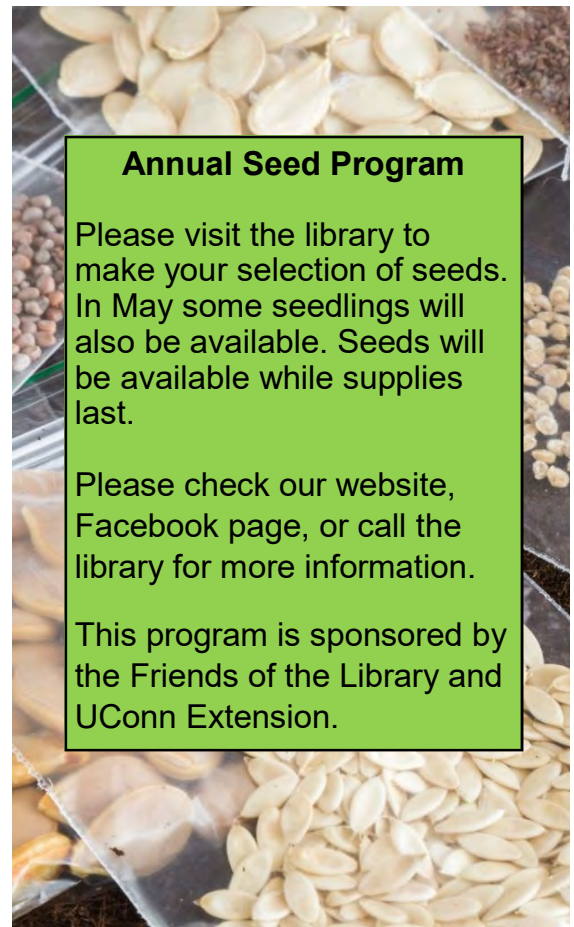
To learn more about Ashford’s war hero **Lieutenant Colonel Knowlton** please join us at Babcock Library for an informative presentation & discussion about Lieutenant Colonel Knowlton & Captain Nathan Hale researched & presented by Drew A. G. Driscoll, fellow resident of Ashford.

Annual Seed Program

Please visit the library to make your selection of seeds. In May some seedlings will also be available. Seeds will be available while supplies last.

Please check our website, Facebook page, or call the library for more information.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and UConn Extension.



Friends of Babcock Library

The Friends group is actively accepting new members!

Please contact Elaine for more info at:

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Museum Passes

The library has several passes available that may be used for free/discounted entry to selected museums & historical sites.

- ♦ *Bushnell Park Carousel & Museum* (seasonal)
- ♦ *Connecticut Old State House*
- ♦ *New Britain Museum of American Art*
- ♦ **(NEW!) Vintage Radio & Communications Museum of CT**
- ♦ *Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art*



Scout Troop 92 March Newsletter

Klondike Derby Report: Seven Scouts and three leaders attended this winter camping event. They used a homemade Dogsled to transport their gear to the various competitive challenges. The weather at the Klondike was mild, but windy. Unfortunately there was no snow on the ground this time. Menu was sausage and toast for breakfast. Tacos for lunch and pulled pork sandwiches with loaded baked potatoes and acorn squash for dinner, followed up by s'mores for dessert.

Upcoming events:

Cub Scouts will hold their annual Pinewood Derby competition on Saturday, March 11th. This is a popular event featuring gravity powered racecars.

Scouts Court of Honor in March: Date TBD.

Scouts service project involving conservation at Josias Byle's Sanctuary, part of Joshua's Trust in Ashford: March date TBD, weather permitting.

Trip to Mashantucket Pequot Museum at Foxwoods in April.

Mother's Day Flower Sale
Saturday: May 13th

Bicycle ride on the East Bay
Bike Path in R.I.: May 6th or 7th.

Scout meetings are most
Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM
at St. Philip's Rec Center.
New members are welcome
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Scout Troop 92 BSA
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Nord Yakovleff, Asst. Sct. Mstr.
Cory Blanchette, Scout Master
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Scouts at the campfire.



Proud Scouts with their dogsled.

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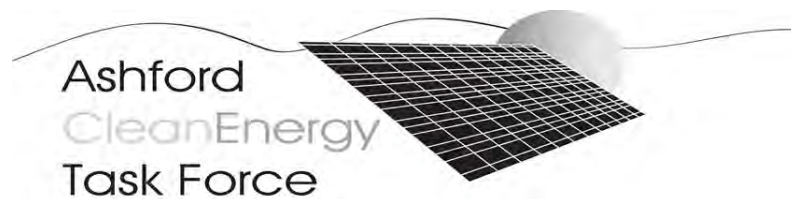
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Heat Pumps

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As I have described elsewhere in this "Citizen," I purchased ductless heat pumps (also called mini-splits) in 2014 and they provided all of my air conditioning and a lot of my heat in those early years and practically for free as a result of the solar panels I had installed at the same time. Despite the cost, it made sense. I installed an electric heat pump water heater a few years ago and, because of the incentives at that time, it was very inexpensive and saved me even more money on my electric bill (now only around \$9.62 a month, even in the winter).

Now, it makes even more sense to install both mini-splits and a heat pump water heater since there are far more incentives and tax rebates available. The federal government provides a tax credit of 30% up to \$2000 to cover the costs of purchase and installation. The EnergizeCT.com website shows that you can receive as much as \$15,000 in combined incentives for qualifying air source heat pumps. You get an instant discount at the point of purchase and a rebate once the installation is complete. If you install a heat pump water heater you can receive a \$750 rebate. Eligibility is available through December 2023, so do it fast. Affordable financing is available.

Please go to the energizect.com/rebates website for all the information on these incentives and others, such those for ground source heat pumps (geothermal) and energy saving installations, such as solar, insulation, windows. Businesses and farms may have even more opportunities for saving. If you have not had an energy audit or assessment, arrange to do this first as the assessors will be able to help you understand what you are eligible for and provide even more information about how much it will cost and what you will save.

Participate in a webinar on heat pumps on Thursday, March 2 at 7 pm. Zoom log in:
tinyurl.com/2jrzhww

Additional information will be provided at the Audubon Center at Pomfret on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm. Register for Zoom link: <https://www.connecticut.sierraclub.org/outings>

Submitted by Marian Matthews. 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

March 2023 Conservation Commission News

Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission is concerned about the amount of waste generated by our residents. We ask people to consider ways to reduce their trash footprint by committing to recycling and reusing whenever possible.

We are planning to have another roadside cleanup on Sunday April 23, the day after Earth Day. Look for more details in the April Citizen and invite your friends and neighbors to join you in cleaning up your street.

Waste reducing tip for February: Food scraps make up to 40% of the trash we take to the transfer station. Instead of throwing it away compose or ask your neighbors who raise chickens or pigs if they could use your discards.

Farmers Market

Soon it will be spring and our Ashford Farmers Market will return on Sundays. We plan to start as usual on Mother's Day May 14. May will be here soon!

Solar Statement

For this month Marian Matthews has submitted a statement about her energy efficiency experience with solar panels and heat pumps.

Energy Efficiency Experience

Ross Solar, now conEdison, installed solar panels on the roof of my barn in 2014 (they provide electricity to my barn and house) as a part of the Solarize Ashford program. I am leasing the panels for 20 years as I could not afford to buy them outright at that time. My house is 300 years old and I was converting it into a bed and breakfast. As such, I needed to install air conditioning in most of my rooms. The ductless heat pumps I had installed at the same time have provided most of the heat and all of the air conditioning since then. Once I also installed a heat pump water heater, my electric bill has not been higher than \$9.80 a month. I encourage everyone to do these kinds of energy saving upgrades to your house, business, and/or farm. The inexpensive rates for financing these upgrades and the rebates and tax energy credits available make this kind of investment doable. I think you will feel as proud as I do to be doing my bit for the planet.

Marian Matthews

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 Ashford Town Hall website under Conservation Commission Agenda or you can email Loretta lorettaw886@gmail.com and I will send you the link.

Recreation Reminders!

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Bus Trips are Back for 2023!

Saturday, April 29th

Daffodil Festival on Nantucket Island

Here's an opportunity to venture out and fully embrace Spring Time! Your Coach bus will leave from the Tolland Commuter Lot at 6:00 a.m. and drive 2 hours and 15 minutes to Hyannis on Cape Cod, MA where you will board a Hy-Line Cruise, for a 1-hour high speed ferry ride to picturesque Nantucket! Explore this charming island, enjoy the Daffodil festival and the antique car parade and the local eateries on your own.

For more info. go to:

<https://daffodilfestival.com> or www.nantucket-ma.gov

We plan to take the 5:30 ferry back to Hyannis and make a quick stop for fast food on the way home and arrive back in Tolland by 9:30 p.m. Fee: \$172 (includes coach bus and high speed ferry round trip) Avoid the busy summer tourist season! Consider travelling with your mom and celebrating Mother's Day early. Treat yourself to a delightful adventure!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 29th!

Saturday, June 10th—Yankee Stadium Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees

Join My Fun Bus Staff on a trip to see the Boston Red Sox vs the New York Yankees (first pitch 7:35 pm). Trip Includes: Charter Bus, Ticket to the baseball game (Sec 234), games and prizes on the bus, and a cookout before the game (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage and Pepper Grinders, Mac and Cheese, Sweet and Sour Meatballs, assorted Salads, Chips, Water and Soda). Your coach bus will depart from the Tolland Commuter Lot at Exit 68 off of I-84. Departure Time: 2:45 p.m.

Return Time: Approximately 1:00 a.m. Fee: \$210

(includes bus transportation, ticket to the game & cook out)

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
FRI. MAY 26th!**



YOGA



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!
With Adult Pick
Up Play!
Thursday Nights
7:00-8:30 pm



Ashford School
Fee: \$30
6 weeks, 3/9 to 4/20
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 18th.

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!

March 26, April 16th, & May 21

Come alone or with a friend, no experience required. Led by Barbara Renna.

No charge or registration form needed, just drop in. Watch for more info. about a very 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

After School Gymnastics

For kids in grades K-4. Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm,
In the gym at Ashford School
Class will run for 6 weeks March 14th thru April 25th
(No class 4/11 due to vacation)

Instructors: Bella Carabino, Nadia Haeryfar and
Sherry York Fee: \$60



Have lots of fun learning to stretch, tumble,
balance, and flip! Build your strength,
practice cartwheels, scales, hand stands and
learn new tricks! Use the equipment bars,
beam, vault, ropes, and mats!

Swim Lessons

Red Cross 'Learn to Swim'
Lessons will be taught at the
Evangelical Christian Center
Pool, on Wednesday Eves. The
6 week session will run from
March 29th to May 3rd.

Instruction goes from infants to
Level 5. Your child could become a proficient swimmer
and complete all the levels and learn all the strokes? It
takes a lot of practice! Swimming is a skill you can enjoy
for a life time! Fee: \$60,

Instructors: Sandy Reed & Ashley Ault



Preschool I & II, 4:30 pm
Preschool III & Level 1, 5:00 pm
Level 2, 5:30 pm
Level 3,4,5, 6:00 pm
Infant /Parent /Tot, (under 3 yrs.) 6:30

Class times and groupings subject to change
based on sign ups. Call 860-487-4409

CONGRATULATIONS! To all the players, parents and coaches on a great season of Recreation Basketball with the Lakes League! Our players grew in skill, teamwork, handling adversity, and enjoyment of the game! Youth Rec. B-Ball simply doesn't happen without our outstanding volunteer coaches who give so generously of their time and talent to train, teach, inspire and support. I am proud of the role models you are for sportsmanship, and for doing the right thing! Thank You, Thank You!! ~ Sherry York



Cocher Erin Lirot's Undefeated 7th & 8th grade team!



Cocher Jim Fusco's Tournament Champs 5th & 6th team!

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www.ashfordbusiness.org

Our Mission

To promote and provide support to all businesses within the Towns of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford

To act as a collective resource of business information and education

To create awareness of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford business within the community

To address common business issues within Town governments

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