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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)

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

New procedures and issuance of NEW Transfer Station stickers are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 4th. Stickers will be available at the Transfer Station as well as the Selectman's office.

- **Each vehicle entering the property will be required to stop at the guard station or as directed by a staff attendant.**
- **To be issued a new sticker, Residents will be asked to present proof of residency and identification of their vehicle(s). This will be verified by staff on the Town's Real Estate and/or Motor vehicle lists. This process will be required for each of your vehicles as they are presented at the Transfer Station.**
- **ALL contractors will be required to submit a copy of their building permit and written verification from the address/residence they are working at.**
- **All vehicles without a valid sticker or special permit will be requested to leave the premises.**

Please contact the Selectmen's office at (860) 487-4400 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Terry Wakeman, Transfer Station Committee, Chairman

Bill Falletti, First Selectman



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

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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.

CLOSINGS

**The Tax Collector's Office will be closed all
Tuesdays in October and November.**
**You may use the online payment system as well as the mail
and the drop box next to the front door.**
**Please make sure that your motor vehicle taxes are up to
date so as to avoid any hold up with DMV.**
Thank you !

**The Assessor's Office will be closed on
Tuesday, October 17th**
Sorry for any inconvenience !

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS: Cynthia Jane Mont August 24, 2023
Richard J. Tangari August 25, 2023
Alfred C. Eggen September 15, 2023

MARRIAGES: Ramona Cathleen Johnson August 19, 2023
Todd Christopher Baker
Irene Marie Ciscart September 1, 2023
Benjamin Hughes Rowley

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- * The *Ashford Citizen* is a local government sponsored newsletter made possible by town taxes and advertising, and the production efforts of the *Citizen* Editor.
- * The *Citizen* is a limited public forum and its limited purpose is to inform the public about news pertaining to local government activities and offer a vehicle for local area organizations and businesses to advertise events, products and services.
- * Residents and Ashford taxpayers will receive the *Citizen* at no charge (every Ashford mailbox and P.O. box). Non-profit groups and taxpayers 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 \$30. annual donation.
- * The *Citizen* will be delivered by the 1st of each month (every Ashford mailbox and P.O. box). Copies of the *Citizen* will also be made available in the Ashford Town Offices.
- * All submissions must be received by the **15th** of each month. Submissions received after the cutoff date for an issue will not be published. **No exceptions.**
- * All items for the *Citizen* must include the submitter's name, address, and telephone number for verification. Items written on behalf of an organization require the signature of an authorized representative.
- * The *Citizen* reserves the exclusive right to revise or reject all materials submitted for publication. As this publication is a limited purpose publication which is heavily subsidized by Ashford taxpayers in order to provide public information, the following will not be accepted: political ads/articles; opinion letters; religious, or other interest group ads/articles that go beyond an invitation to a program, event or time; explicit/exploitive, obscene or degrading text, pictures/illustrations; offensive, proselytizing or slanderous articles.
- * Readers should be aware that opinions or articles by individual writers or organizations are not necessarily those of the *Citizen*.
- * Paid submissions are limited to a half page maximum per business.
- * Paid submissions must be **pre-paid**; cash or check written to the **Town of Ashford**. The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments. Payments may be mailed or dropped in the Town drop box.
- * Articles and ad submissions should be made to ashfordcitizen@ashfordtownhall.org.
- * For more information about Ashford Citizen policies and procedures look in "The Ashford Citizen" section (under About) on the Town website, or pick up a copy at Ashford Town Offices.

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Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election

- Absentee Ballots will be available on **October 6, 2023**, but you may submit an application earlier.
- Absentee ballot applications may be found on the Town Clerk's page on the Town website or in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots may be deposited in the large, white State of Connecticut Official Ballot Drop Box on the front porch of the Town Office Building beginning October 6, 2023. (Applications ONLY may be left in the small, black Town Drop Box.)
- For more information, please call the Town Clerk's Office at # 860-487-4401.



Important information from the Ashford Registrars of Voters

With the upcoming elections **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**, we want to encourage all citizens and residents of Ashford to register to vote!

Voting will take place at Knowlton Memorial Hall at 25 Pompey Hollow Road Ashford, from **6:00AM until 8:00PM on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

** You may register at Town Hall during its regular operating hours Monday through Wednesday and Friday in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Reminder that the Town Hall is closed on Thursdays. The registrars of voters' office hours are on Wednesday from 9:30 AM until 11:30AM.

Important dates to keep in mind in order to vote for the Tuesday, November 7, 2023:

- ** **Wednesday, October 6:** Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall from the Town Clerk.
- ** **Tuesday, October 31:** We will hold a mandated seventh day before Election Day registration session before the November 7th election. We will be conducting office hours between **9:00AM and 8:00PM**. Applicants must appear in-person to register.
- ** **Tuesday, October 31:** The deadline for registering by mail and on-line. Applications must be hand delivered or post-marked by this date in order to be accepted for the November 7th election. Residents may also register to vote online at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>. The on-line voter registration deadline is 11:59p.m.
- ** **Monday, November 6 from 9:00AM until 5:00 PM:** We will hold a limited special registration session for those seeking to vote in the election whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 31st.
- ** **Tuesday, November 7:** Election Day Registration "EDR" will take place at Ashford Town Office Building (5 Town Hall Road, Room 304) until 8:00PM. This change to election law was enacted by the General Assembly in Connecticut Public Act 12-56 "An Act Concerning Voting Rights". This act allows eligible people to register to vote in person and cast a ballot on Election Day if he or she meets eligibility requirements for voting and is either (1) not already an elector or (2) is registered in one municipality but wants to change his or her registration because he or she currently lives in another municipality. A person is eligible to register and vote if he or she is a U.S. citizen, age 18 years or older, and a bona fide resident of the municipality which he or she applies for admission as an elector. Please plan to arrive early in the day as there may be long lines. *You will need to provide proof of identity and residency.*

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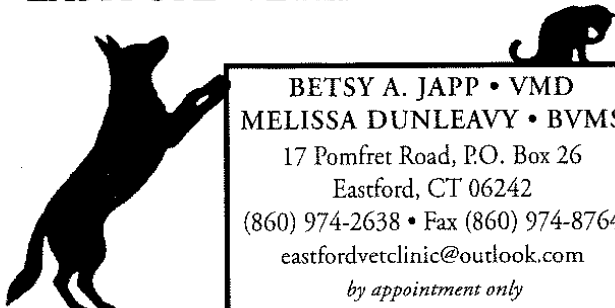
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CORRECTION

It was inaccurately reported in last month's Citizen in a "ASCO members" article that personal items, wheelchairs, walkers, canes and other items you'd like to donate were not to be left off at the senior center. The Town working through our Municipal Agent for the Elderly, has had a long-standing policy of working with several of our sister towns to encourage durable medical equipment such as those mentioned above to be donated to be recycled to persons in need of such items.



WE CONTINUE TO WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS

The only thing we ask is that you call the center (860-487-5122) prior to dropping them off.

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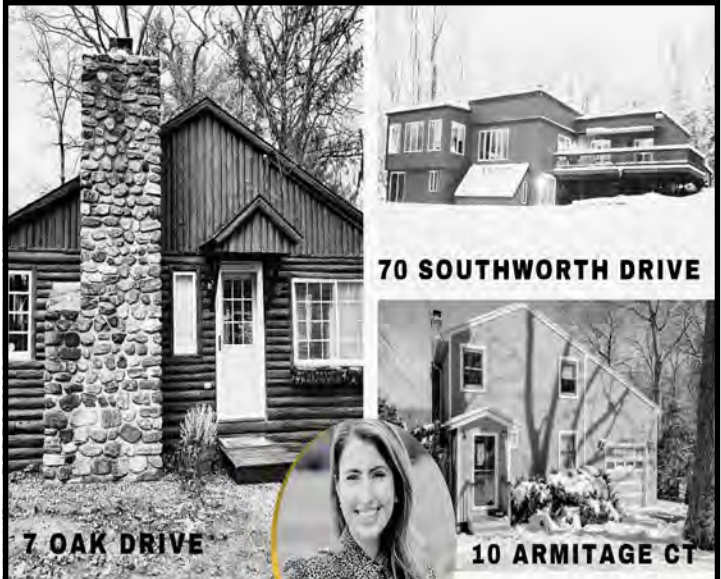
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ASHFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



On Sept. 7th, we had our first car cruise night at the fire station, and it was a HUGE success! There were over 75 cars on display, we also had a great DJ, and food truck. Trophies were handed out for the top 3 vehicles and a 50/50 raffle was held. The winner of the raffle took home \$287!!

Even though it was a warm evening, everyone had a great time and we've had a tremendous amount of positive feedback. Since this was such a big hit, we will be having one more Cruise Night, this time it will be on a Saturday so save the date –



- ★ **FREE** Admission
- ★ **NO FEE** to enter vehicles
- ★ **Any & All** types of vehicles are welcome to show

Sunday, October 15th

1:00PM – 4:00PM

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- ❖ Trophies for top 3 Best of Show

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** Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

The call count for August was 22 Fire/Rescue and 35 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 110.

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 Aid Fire Service at (860) 875-2543 24 hours a day, and they will contact an AVFD duty officer for you.

Tracey Stancil
VP/Firefighter/EMT
AVFD Station 20



The Good News about Heat Pumps

I installed ductless heat pumps, otherwise known as mini-splits, in my 300 year old house about 10 years ago. They have completely cooled and almost completely heated my house since. Once I installed a heat pump water heater about two or three years ago, the solar panels on the roof of my barn have provided for all my electric needs and my electric bill has been \$9.69 each month. I now only buy about 300 gallons of oil a year, whereas before I got the heat pumps, I was filling the 1000 gallon tank two or three times a year (with oil prices what they are, you can imagine the savings!).

You too, can save with heat pumps as well as be more kind to the environment. According to the website, energy.gov, an air-source heat pump can deliver up to three times more heat energy to a home than the electrical energy it consumes because it transfers the energy from the air rather than converting it from a fuel, such as oil or gas. Thus, it is both efficient and clean.

When I looked into getting new heating and air conditioning for my house, I wanted to make sure that the system did not disturb the antique quality of the house. Ductless heat pumps only require a three inch hole through the wall to connect the indoor heads to the outdoor condensers. Therefore, little construction was required in the house. I presently have two nice looking narrow condensers in my garden, each connected to three heads in the house. The heads, which sit on an outside wall, are unobtrusive and heat and cool each of the rooms in which they are located very quickly and quietly. I recently learned that even smaller heads can be used and can be located in the ceiling. Energy.gov describes how heat pumps work, even in our cooler climate (but which is getting warmer and warmer each year).

These ductless heat pumps are not cheap, but the EnergizeCT website says that both individual and multifamily residences can get up to \$15,000 in incentives for qualifying air source heat pumps. Commercial properties also qualify for these incentives. Additional federal tax credits are available, as well. It definitely makes sense to check into it; I know I've saved a lot of money and you can, too.

Finally, I'd like to put in a plug for choosing a heat pump water heater. My heating bills plummeted when I installed mine and with the incentives I received and which are still available in Connecticut to both residences and commercial properties, it seemed ridiculously inexpensive.

(submitted by Marian Matthews)

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The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work and welcomes your input. We would welcome your participation by joining us as a member. If you have concerns or comments, or to join us, please contact Susan Eastwood at 860-487-5903 or sceastwood@yahoo.com.

St. Philip Church
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Annual Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 25th 2023
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come Christmas Shop with 40 Crafters!

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Basket Raffles

There will be a Bake Sale sponsored by the
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Oct 4, 2023

Ages 4 -18yrs

4:30-7:30 pm



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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.
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VETERAN NOTES

If you had a denial decision from the VA since 2-19-19 and the decision letter failed to include "favorable findings", you may still have an open claim. Ref m21-1 V.iv.1.A.5.a

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Where: Ashford School

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The AAAC Corner

October 2023

ASHFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL
in collaboration with Windham Arts



Monthly Meetings

Public Welcome

Next Meeting is October 11th.

New Time and Format - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

demo is at 7:30 with Nancy Bunnell

at the Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford.

Recap: AAAC Members' Appreciation Party

On September 13th the AAAC had a big bash at Knowlton Hall to celebrate our members and to award the many volunteers. Our art, writing/poetry, performance and supporting members welcomed our guests from the Art and Garden Tour.

John Stanovich commented, "We had a great time last night. I enjoyed talking with so many old and new friends, sharing talented artists' works, and music."

Marilyn Makuch stated that she "loved the friendliness fostered by the new chairperson; artwork was beautiful, the Tiki Bar was a blast, the food was amazing and the band, Blu Ja'nk was superb."

Many thanks to our new Chairperson, Nancy Bunnell, for coordinating this get together.



Lower Right: Nancy Bunnell and Kathy LePak award Kathryn Eidson

Upcoming Events:

- **ONGOING ONLINE SALES** - contact the artists via our website, <https://ashfordarts.org>
- **HOLIDAY ARTISTS MARKET**, November 18th and 19th
- **VANILLA BEAN SHOW**, April 2024
- **FOLLOW US** - <https://www.facebook.com/ashfordarts>

Artist Spotlight: Nancy Cooke Bunnell

Nancy Cooke Bunnell is an award-winning pastel painter, who has exhibited throughout the state, including the Connecticut Pastel Society, the Monson Arts Council, Lyme Gallery and others. She is a certified art teacher through 3 CT Universities and has been teaching children and adults over 20 years. She is also the creator of the Art and Garden Tour and is the new chair of AAAC.

The Pastel Demo is a basic introduction to the pastel media and materials and techniques, color, shape, form, types of pastels and brushes. Let's get you interested in this new and vibrant media.



Pastels by Nancy Cooke Bunnell



Find the AAAC at the Ashford Farmer's Market!

October 15th

Home Decor by artist

Xiaohong Song

photo by Dot Drobney

Save the dates!
Our artists are busy making their work for our annual Holiday Artists Market which will be held November 18th & 19th this year.



Dan Merlo's wood turned art will be at this year's Holiday Artist Market

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

You do not have to be an artist or live in Ashford, to join our group!

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Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, October 2023

Greetings Ashford! As the leaves start to change & fall, it's once again time to think about cleaning up leaf litter and dead flower stalks in pollinator-friendly ways. Autumn leaf litter is not just a messy layer of debris. Many pollinators seek shelter under the leaves for insulation and protection from winter cold. Decaying leaves support tiny creatures, micro-organisms and fungi which are often a crucial food source for various pollinators in the early spring when other food options are limited. Some native bees and other pollinators have ground nests within the leaf litter, particularly around the base of trees, shrubs and perennials, and disturbing them disrupts their

How to Create Habitat for Stem-nesting Bees



WINTER

Leave dead flower stalks in-tact over the winter.

SPRING

Cut back dead flower stalks leaving stem stubble of varying height, 3 to 24 inches, to provide nest cavities.



Female bees find cut or naturally-occurring open stems, start a nest, then lay an egg on the pollen balls. Larvae eat the pollen.



SUMMER

New growth of the perennial hides the stem stubble.



Bee larvae develop in cut dead stems during the growing season.



FALL

WINTER



Bees hibernate in stems during the winter.



SPRING

Cut back dead flower stalks. Old stem stubble will naturally decompose.



Adult bees emerge and start nests in newly cut dead stems or in naturally-occurring open stems.



reproductive cycle. Leaf litter also insulates perennials, helps retain moisture in the soil, releases nutrients that promote healthy soil, and prevent soil erosion.

However, it's also important to maintain a balance because too much leaf litter, particularly of Oak leaves which do not break down easily, can create soggy conditions that smother plants & moss. Ideally the leaf litter should be a thin layer. When removing problematic leaf litter, consider raking or using gentle leaf blowing & pile the leaves elsewhere on your property, rather than using heavy equipment, shredders or burning which will kill the pollinators in the leaf litter. Small leaf piles or undisturbed leaf litter in particular areas on your property can provide pollinators with the nesting sites and shelters they need so you can clean up the rest.

Also consider leaving flower stalks with pithy stems standing, such as Purple Giant Hyssop, Swamp Milkweed, Joe Pyeweed, Purple coneflower, Wild Bergamot to name a few, so that migrating birds can eat the seed heads. You can also cut the stalks of these flowers to varying heights (8-24 inches) so they can be used by stem-nesting bees the following summer (See diagram).

Plant & Pollinator Spotlight

American Witch-Hazel is a small flowering native tree or shrub, growing 10-20 feet high, found throughout eastern North America. The leaves and bark provide witch hazel, used as a mild astringent to sooth cuts and burns. Its branches have also been used as dowsing sticks in detecting underground water sources. The word "witch" isn't a reference to Harry Potter characters but comes instead from the Old English term "wice" meaning "bendable."



Witch Hazel's crinkly yellow flowers are temperature sensitive & only unfurl on warmer days. It blooms in late fall, sometimes providing final food sources for pollinators as they head into winter. But it can also bloom later in winter when most pollinators have either migrated or hibernated & there is even snow on the ground. Scientists have only recently discovered that late blooming Witch Hazels are often being pollinated by **Owlet Moths**, also called Winter Moths, who can raise their body temperatures by shivering their wings & fly in search of food even in zero degree temperatures.

We have free **Milkweed & Maine Lupine** seed packets that need cold stratification to bloom next spring. Email us if you'd like some & instructions on cold stratification (AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com)

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NOTE

Please monitor the Town's
website (ashfordtownhall.org)
for postings of upcoming available
DPW/Transfer Station and
Town Office employment opportunities.

THANK YOU!

Bill Falletti, First Selectman

The Tax Collector's Office
will be closed
ALL Tuesdays in
October and November.

You may use the online payment
system as well as the mail and the
drop box next to the front door.
Please make sure that your motor
vehicle taxes are up to date so as to
avoid any hold up with DMV.

Thank you.

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

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.

2014-01-1631

- 2014 is the **Grand List**

2014-01-1631

- 01 is Real Estate
 - 02 Is Personal Property
 - 03 is Motor Vehicle
 - 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2014-01-1631

- 1631 is the bill number

- You **MUST** pay the **OLDEST** bills **FIRST**
 - Oldest **Grand List**

BILL #
2014-01-0001631 00170100-LIEN
(REAL ESTATE)
2015-01-0001631 00170100-LIEN
(REAL ESTATE)
2016-01-0001604 00170100-LIEN

5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart
Click



0 BILL(S) - \$0.00

and Check Out

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

Pay Now

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

Continue to Payment Information

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.

- There is a 2.99% fee for Credit and Debit Cards as of June 20, 2023. Minimum fee for Credit and Debit Cards will be \$3.95.
- There is a **\$.95** fee for Checking Account (**Reduced from \$1.95**)

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY: All persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified to declare all tangible personal property owned by them on October 1, 2023. Non-residents are required to declare property located in any town for any three months preceding October 1, 2023. Assessors mail declaration forms to all property owners previously on record. Failure to receive a form does not negate the requirement to declare. Forms are available online and in the Assessor's Office. Failure to declare by November 1, 2023 will result in a 25% PENALTY assessment.

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

VETERANS who served for ninety days or more during a time of war or have been disabled must record their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk no later than September 30, 2023 to receive a minimum of 1,000 assessment exemption. Disabled Veterans need to file proof of their VA rating with the Assessor to receive an increased exemption.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTION: Increased exemptions are available for those who meet necessary income requirements and the above Veterans criteria. An application along with proof of income must be filed with the Assessor biennially. Filings for this year must be received in the Assessor's Office no later than October 1, 2023.

ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS may obtain an exemption on one passenger motor vehicle by filing an application with the Assessor.

TOTALLY DISABLED: Any person under the age of 65, eligible to receive permanent total disability payments, must apply by January 31, 2024 to receive a 1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of award.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Eligible farmers must file the notarized exemption application no later than November 1, 2023.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be allowed exemption. Eligible manufacturers must complete and file the MME Exemption Application by November 1, 2023.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS with a gross vehicle rating in excess of 26,000 lbs. should check with the Assessor's office for tax exemption eligibility. Applications must be completed and filed with the Assessor by November 1, 2023.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the first time, or to amend an original filing (ownership, use or acreage) must file between September 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023 with the Assessor. Persons applying for Forest Land classification must also have a PA490 Certified State Forester's Report dated by October 1, 2023.

Questions? Contact the Assessor's office - email: assessor@ashfordtownhall.org phone: 860-487-4403

Special Presentation

Co-Sponsored by The Ashford Historical Society and The Babcock Library

On **November 15th at 7pm (doors open at 6:30)**, author and historian **Marty Podskoch**, will give a PowerPoint presentation at **Knowlton Hall** on the **90th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps and its work in CT.**



Photo caption: These 17 boys from Camp Fernow in Eastford are ready to cut trees in the Natchaug SF with a forester (front row, left) and the foreman seated in the truck. *CT CCC Museum*

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began on March 31, 1933 under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. CCC camps were set up in a few Connecticut towns, state parks, & forests. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, & dams, stocked fish, built & maintained fire tower observer's cabins & telephone lines, fought fires, & planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in WW II.

Enrollees signed up for 6 months and worked a 40-hour week for \$30/mo. The government sent \$25 to the enrollee's family and the enrollee received \$5. The young men received good food, uniforms, and medical care. At first they lived in tents; later they lived in wooden buildings. In nine years, 2.5 million young men participated in restoring public appreciation of the outdoors.

Marty Podskoch is a retired teacher and the author of 11 books: Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC; Fire Towers of the Catskills: Their History and Lore, Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, the Southern Districts; Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, the Northern Districts, Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches; 101 More Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches; The Adirondack 102 Club: Your Passport & Guide to the North Country. He also writes a weekly column called "Adirondack Stories," in five Adirondack newspapers. He has written three travel books: The Adirondack 102 Club, The Connecticut 169 Club and the Rhode Island 39 Club. Some books will be available to purchase at the event.

Next Ashford Historical Society Meeting Date:
Tuesday, October 24th 7pm Knowlton Hall



Greetings to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Superintendent

Update to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Superintendent:

The beginning of the school year has kicked off. We started with very hot and humid conditions, but families, staff and students have muddled through. Students are all getting into their new routines successfully. It is nice to hear all the hustle and bustle back in the building, it gets rather quiet here in the summer. One of my favorite things to do is look out my window and watch our youngest population play freely outside at recess from my office window as it overlooks the primary playground. It is a constant reminder of how important our work is... it is all about the kids and their well-being. %

Building Update:

We're looking forward to the delivery of our new generator in November. In October, an automatic switch will be installed to move the power from the street to the generator in the event that we lose power. We continue to work with the insurance company for the rental of our current generator. The roof project continues to move forward. Interviews for the architectural services will be scheduled during the week of October 2- October 9, 2023.

BOE Meetings:

October 5, 2023 and October 19, 2023 are the next regularly scheduled meetings. The second meeting of each month is when the curriculum committee meets. At a prior board meeting, it is decided which school committee will be invited to present a subject or curricular area report to the BOE. The meetings are held at Ashford School in Room 16 or online via Zoom. Please come by and inquire, contact me at the school at 860-429-6419 ext. 365, or email me at cford@ashfordct.org.

After School Care Program:

The BOE has worked in partnership with the Superintendent, Board of Selectmen, Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission, Social/Youth Services, various other Town Departments, personnel and numerous residents to research and develop the plans for an after-school care program for grades K-6. The enrollment in the program has been low.

It was communicated that the fee was challenging for many. Therefore, Mrs. Ford and the first selectman have discussed resources to supplement or offset this cost for this school year. Due to being able to purchase our new reading program with grants and within the budget last year, we were able to reallocate the funds we budgeted for through our ESSER III/ARP grant funding to the after-school program. The after-school care program meets the requirements for social emotional learning and homework support. This was discussed at length during the BOE meeting on September 7, 2023.



Ashford School's Calendar of Upcoming Events



Thursday, Oct. 5th	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 9th	No School	
Tuesday, Oct. 10th	No School for Students	
Tuesday, Oct. 17th	Student Picture Day	
Thursday, Oct. 19th	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25th	Early Dismissal	12:25 p.m.

For more information visit: school.ashfordct.org



JOSHUA'S TRUST



Discovery Challenge for Families and Individuals (All Joshua's Trust towns)

September 1 - December 1

Join us in a challenge this fall to explore some of Joshua's Trust trails and learn about their diversity of plants and animals! Awards for completed entries. For details go to <https://joshuastrust.org/event/discovery-challenge/>

Stargazing at Atwood Farm (Mansfield)

October 13, 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Atwood Farm 624 Wormwood Hill Road, Mansfield Center, CT

Join us for stargazing at Atwood Farm. A local night sky enthusiast will point out major stars, constellations, and planets. We suggest bringing binoculars, a portable chair and a red tinted flashlight if available.

For details go to <https://joshuastrust.org/event/walktober-2023-stargazing-at-atwood-farm-2/>

Cider Pressing at Atwood Farm (Mansfield)

October 21, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Atwood Farm 624 Wormwood Hill Road, Mansfield Center, CT

Join us for a traditional cider pressing at Atwood Farm. Take a tour of the farm's heirloom orchard and historic buildings, including the large barn, blacksmith's shop, weaver's cottage, and other outbuildings.

For details go to <https://joshuastrust.org/event/cider-pressing-at-atwood-farm/>

Gurleyville Grist Mill Tours

October 1st and 8th – 1:00 pm

134 Stone Hill Road, Mansfield, CT

Nestled in the historic Mansfield village of Gurleyville, on the banks of the Fenton River, the Gurleyville Grist Mill stands much as it was in 1830. Docents will be available to give tours of the mill and extant machinery.



State Police Report—Troop C

Total Calls for Service

96

Total Calls This Year

908

	August	YTD
Accidents	6	52
Criminal Investigations	5	51
Burglaries	0	1
Larcenies	0	3
Non Reportable Matters	73	643

Total Arrests 2 24

City	Month	YTD
Ashford	96	908
Coventry	20	210
ELLINGTON	716	6874
MANSFIELD	597	5645
Somers	1206	9554
Stafford	409	5598
Tolland	716	5939
Union	241	1274
VERNON	199	1863
WILLINGTON	253	2357
Total	4453	40222

Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Total Traffic Stops	11	136
Onsite DUI's	0	4
Arrests	0	3
Misdemeanor Summons	0	3
Infractions	2	64
Written Warnings	1	21
Verbal Warnings	8	45

October 2023 Conservation Commission News



Waste Reduction

With the climate changes we are experiencing, it is crucial that we focus on reducing our carbon footprint and reducing the amount of waste we generate. We all can help by shifting our daily patterns to be more aware of the long-term impact of the waste we generate.

Waste Tip for October: What are the seven R's of waste reduction: Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Regift, Recycle.

Farmers Market

The Ashford Farmers Market is thriving with a full harvest of produce. We had a very successful Community Resource Day on Sunday September 10 with several non-profits displaying information about how they serve our community. We appreciate those agencies and groups taking the time to inform us of the work that they do locally.

We are pleased to announce that we will have a winter market this year starting in December thru April. The market will be held the first and third Sundays at Knowlton Memorial Hall from 10AM-12:30PM. We are excited about extending our market and look forward to having a successful market. Many of our present vendors will be participating in the winter market.

Yale Forest Forum - Understanding Climate Smart Forestry in Practice

The Forestry School at Yale University School of the Environment is offering a fall speaker series on zoom Mondays September 11-November 27 12noon-12:50pm. The series is free and open to all. The series seeks to explore the following questions: How can forests be managed to be resistant to fires, storms, pests, and other acute risks that are exacerbated by climate change? How can climate-smart forestry (CSF) help keep communities safe and resilient and provide economic opportunities? How do policies and markets influence CSF and its outcomes? If you would like to join this series, yff.yale.edu>yale-forestforum. If you need help lorettaw886@gmail.com I will send you the link.

The Conservation Commission meets the 4th Monday of every month on zoom.

Loretta Wrobel, chair



Scout Troop 92 October Newsletter



Activities:

Sept is a start up month for the Scouts after summer layover and summer camp. Our first meeting was organizational. We will be meeting twice a month for two hours. This is new.

Owen Gratton had an Eagle Board of Review on Sept 15. Not much left for his advancement to Eagle rank!

Upcoming:

Our fall foliage bike ride will be Sept 30. We will meet at the Pomfret Town Hall at 9:00 AM and ride the Airline Trail.

Campout at Goodwin will be on Oct 7.

The Scouts elected new officers. Henry Burnham will be the new Senior Patrol Leader. Good luck, Henry!

Meetings in Oct will be on 10-10 and 10-24. Committee meeting will be on 10-2.

Troop 92 BSA
Ashford/Eastford/Pomfret

Nord Yakovleff Ast Sct Mstr
Jesse Burnham Scout Master
Chris Murphy Ast Sct Mstr
Kurt van Heinigen Cub Master
Rob Hany Committee Chairman



Scouts enjoy a campfire on a campout.

25 Pompey Hollow Road
Ashford, CT 06278

Phone (860)487-4420
FAX (860)487-4483
www.babcocklibrary.org



Friends of the Babcock Library

The Friends of Babcock Library want to thank the following individuals and businesses who generously supported the Friends' successful Winetasting fundraiser:

All the patrons of the Library and Friends who attended and donated to the event.

The following businesses which provided gift cards and Silent Auction items:

Price Chopper, Mansfield
BigY, Mansfield
Stop & Shop, Willimantic
Walmart, North Windham
Starbucks, Storrs
Trader Joe's, Manchester

Hope and Wellness, Ashford
Westford Hill Distillers
Hole in the Wall Gang Camp
Ashford Garden Center
Michael's Goat Soaps
Marian Matthews, Henrietta House
Cash's Country Store
CVR Designs
Rt. 44 Wine and Beer

All the donors to the Silent Auction - too numerous to list individually

The Old Time Fiddlers

Paul and Kathy Thaller, Ashford Spirit Shoppe

Eastern Connecticut State University, John Beck and the Foundation for the use of the Church Farm property

All the Friends who generously gave of their time and talents.

The Library Director and Staff of Babcock Library

All these individuals make the Winetasting fundraiser a huge success year after year.

Thank you for your support!



SCARLETOAK FARM CATERING

Fine Event/Casual/Gatherings/Parties
Scarletoak9966@yahoo.com/860-942-9751

{Farm to trailer to table}

Have you seen
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Located at the dairy bar parking lot !
Fresh Food/Daily Specials.....
YUM YUM YUM

HOURS

TUES 10-3
THURS 10-3
FRI 10-3
SAT 11-6



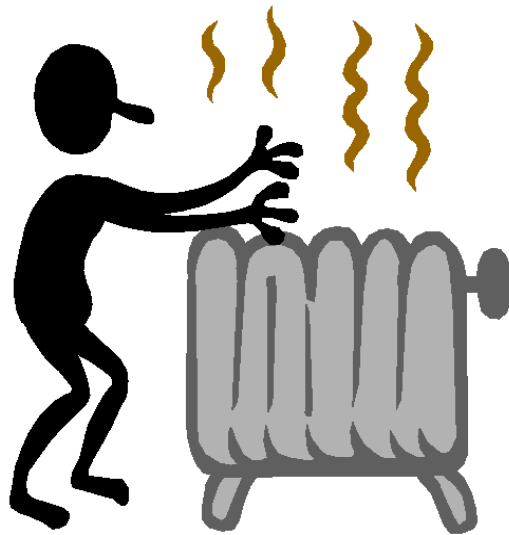
Chef: Tammy Goodwin
20 Snow Lane
Ashford Ct 06278

10-20-30-40-50 people events
Web: [scarletoakfarmcatering](http://scarletoakfarmcatering.com)

ASHFORD SOCIAL SERVICES/YOUTH SERVICES
Melissa McDonough

Home Heating Assistance

Please DO NOT apply online for this program!!



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

487-4417

Income guidelines:

Family size of 1: \$41,553

Family size of 4: \$79,910

Family size of 2: \$54,338

Family size of 5: \$92,695

Family size of 3: \$67,124

Family size of 6: \$105,481

Asset limits: *No asset limits*

Required Documentation:

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

Social Security #s for all household members

Most recent Eversource bill

Proof of SNAP benefit (food stamps)

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

FILL A TRUCK FOOD DRIVE

@ Ashford's Transfer Station

Wednesday October 18th
Saturday October 21st
Sunday October 22nd



**Please bring nonperishable food items to the
Ashford transfer station to donate
to our local food pantry.**

Holiday Wishes Gift Card Drive



Give the gift of choice and help empower your neighbors in need by donating a gift card for Ashford's "Holiday Wishes" gift card drive.

Ashford Social Services is hosting a gift card donation program for our local families in need. While we have collected physical gifts in previous years, gift card donations allow families to personally select specific items which would be best suited for their own children.

Purchasing gift cards from area merchants is a great way to support local businesses, and many other gift cards can be conveniently purchased online. To allow enough time for shopping please consider donating before 12/08/23.

Please bring your gift card to the drop box located outside the Town Office Building, mail it to Ashford Social Services, or drop off in person on Mondays & Tuesdays. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation checks can be made out to Town of Ashford and mailed to Ashford Social Services, 5 Town Hall Road.

Looking for Holiday Help?



Through the generosity of community organizations and residents Ashford Social Services provides Thanksgiving food baskets and holiday gift help for those in need. If you find yourself in need of these services please reach out to the Social Service office at (860)487-4417 or mmcdonough@ashfordct.org for an application.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9:30 Walking Tape 10:00 COA 1:00 Mah Jong	3 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Memorial Hall 6:00 Big Bingo	4 11:00 Lunch Bunch (1)	5 12:00 Dime Bingo	6 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Memorial Hall 1:00 Dominoes	7 8:00 Ashford Lake Association
8 	9 	10 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 10:00 Aqua Turf 6:00 Big Bingo	11 	12 10:00 Trader Joe's 12:00 Dime Bingo	13 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Memorial Hall 1:00 Dominoes	14
15 3:00 Recreation: English Country Dancing	16 9:30 Walking Tape 1:00 Mah Jong	17 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Memorial Hall 11:00 Crafts 6:00 Big Bingo	18 10:30 Seminar: Wills, POA, conservatorships 11:00 ASCO	19 12:00 Dime Bingo	20 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Center 1:00 Dominoes	21 10:00 Ashford Arts Council
22	23 9:30 Walking Tape 9:30 Casino 1:00 Mah Jong	24 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Memorial Hall 1:00 Birthday Party extra Bingo 6:00 Big Bingo	25	26 12:00 Dime Bingo	27 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Center 1:00 Dominoes	28
29	30 9:30 Walking Tape 11:00 Hairdresser 1:00 Mah Jong	31 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Memorial Hall 12:00 Halloween Costume Party 6:00 Big Bingo				

The Ashford Senior Center Presents
FREE CRAFT PROJECT
HALLOWEEN DECOUPAGE CANDLE JARS
Tuesday October 17th Tuesday
at 11:00
25 Tremko Lane 860-487-5122



From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Kit Eves 860-487-5122

I have been working with senior citizens in one capacity or another for the last 40 years. When I was younger my clients would say “don’t grow old”. I usually would say, “I don’t like the alternative.” I still don’t like the alternative, but I am feeling my age. As you know I had two operations last year. I am afraid that I am scheduled for another this October. I will be away for several weeks. I have arthritis in my hips and need replacements, bummer!

The good news is that the Center will still have its Holiday parties. Halloween Spaghetti dinner and entertainment, Thanksgiving with entertainment and December Holiday Party with entertainment. I must give credit to Esther Jagodzinski and the other wonderful volunteers who will organize and cook these meals for our enjoyment. Kudos to you Esther, these parties could not happen without you.

Wednesdays at the Center tend to be quiet days. I am looking for suggestions for programming that I can try to schedule on those days.

NEEDED: Mason jars. The jelly jar size. These are needed for an upcoming Craft project. I could also use battery-operated tea light candles.

AVAILABLE FREE: The Center has lots and lots of free greeting cards. Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank, write your own message. Please feel free to look through them for your needs.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY



Let us celebrate each of our seniors who were born in the month of October.

October 24th Tuesday at 1:00

Entertainment: Free Bingo – Prizes provided by Douglas Manor



CAKE, TEA, COFFEE AND SOMETHING FOR THE CELEBRANTS TO UNWRAP WILL BE PROVIDED FREE

YOU MUST SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE
FAMILY MEMBERS OF CELEBRANTS ARE WELCOME

PRESENTED BY THE ASHFORD SENIOR CENTER

25 TREMKO LANE

860-487-5122



Halloween Luncheon

Costumes optional but encouraged

October 31st, Tuesday

Reservations by October 25th

The marvelous Center volunteer staff will be cooking and serving a meal of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, and dessert.

The lunch starts at 12:00 noon the cost is \$10.00.



Entertainment provided by Jim Harkness
Ashford Senior Center 25 Tremko Lane, 860 487-5122



Babcock Library News

25 Pompey Hollow Road

Ashford, CT 06278

Your Center for Life-Long Learning



Phone: 860-487-4420 * [Website](http://babcocklibrary.org) babcocklibrary.org * email: director@babcocklibrary.org

October 2023

Hours

Monday - 9-5

Tuesday - 9-5

Wednesday - 9 – 8

Thursday – Closed

Friday - 9-5

Saturday 9 – 1

Sunday - Closed

Library Staff

Ann Chonte' Chris Diane

Emma John Stacey

Libby

Available 24 / 7!

Try Libby (formerly Overdrive) for Babcock Library card holders!

[Libby](#) offers e-books & audiobooks - accessible on mobile devices!

Check Facebook for Additions and Updates!



Those interested in participating with their own "trunk" please contact Babcock Library for more details

**Friends of Babcock
Library Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of each
month @ 2:30 pm

**Library Board of
Trustees Meeting**

4th Tuesday of each
month @ 10 am

**Embroidery &
Knitters Group**

Every Wednesday
@ 1 pm

**Children's
Storytime & Craft**

Every Wednesday
@ 10:30 am

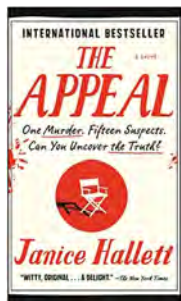
Ukulele Lessons

1st Wednesday of
each month.
Call to schedule

**Mystery Book
Discussion!**

**Tuesday, October
3rd, 2023 @ 1 pm**

**The Appeal * by
Janice Hallett**



SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

FRIENDS OF
BABCOCK
LIBRARY 2023
ANNUAL USED
BOOK SALE!

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BOOK SALE!

- ♦ **Friday: 9am to 5pm**
- ♦ **Saturday: 9am to 5pm**
- ♦ **Sunday: 9am to 2pm**

**KNOWLTON
MEMORIAL HALL**

Cooking Club!

Try new recipes and chat about your culinary adventures! Each month has a theme.

Bring a prepared dish and copies of the recipe to share. Food should arrive ready to eat. The library will provide the plates and forks. Sample and talk about each recipe and take home new ideas!

Monthly, on the 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

- **October 11: Pumpkin Recipes~**

Please register in advance @ 860-487-4420



Ashford Parks & Recreation FALL SPECIAL EVENTS & BUS TRIPS



EXV#WUISV# Enjoy an Autumn Day On Your Own in Historic **BOSTON!**
Sat. Oct. 14th 2023. Coach Bus leaves the Tolland Commuter Lot at 7 a.m. and returns by 8:00 p.m. You decide, Quincy Market., Faneuil Hall, a Duck Tour, the Aquarium or the Science Museum. The day is yours to orchestrate. Go on line for details on what to do. <https://heyeastcoastusa.com/boston-in-fall/> Fee \$60. (bus only) Register by 9/29. %

LOOKING AHEAD, Day on Your Own in NYC! Sat. Dec. 2nd 2023

THE GREAT PUMPKIN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY OCT. 28TH

1-4 PM AT CAMP CONNRI

Join us for the fun! Games tricks and treats! Watch for details



Last Mile Racing Timing Co. Presents

The Quiet Corner Challenge!

Sunday October 29th 3, two mile races in Ashford, Hampton, & Chaplin!



Runners may do 1, 2 or all 3 legs. Total distance 10K . It starts at 8:00 am at Ashford Memorial Park! For details & to register info@thelastmileracing.com click on Quiet Corner Challenge!



Turkey Trot

Sunday Nov. 12th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Ashford Memorial Park

You can walk, jog, sprint, or trot around the stone dust trail, each laps earns a ticket in the drawing for a turkey!

Carol Sing

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3rd
4:30 p.m.
KNOWLTON
TOWN HALL

Tree Lighting!
Sing , Eat
Delicious Soup
& See Santa!
Enjoy Live
Music by the
Babcock Band!

Jingle
Bells,

Oh,
Come
All Ye
Faithful!



Join us for this nostalgic, hometown holiday tradition, sure to light your holiday spirit and warm your heart!



Certified YOGA Instructor

Karrie Kirchner

leads class on Tuesday mornings in Knowlton Memorial Town Hall. Come move, stretch, and get centered! Class runs 8:15-9:15 a.m. Drop ins welcome for \$10 a class or 6 week session is \$50. 'Namaste'



Fall in New England is Glorious! Flaming Trees, and Crisp Cool Air, Call Us Outside!
Check out his years ¥ " RP t ^ - 7k Schedule <https://the lastgreenvalley.org/walktober>

P * I * C * K * L * E * B * A * L * L

Fall is a wonderful time for Pickleball!

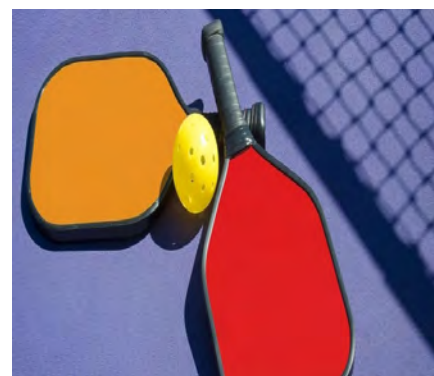
In October join us M. W. F. mornings at 9:00 a.m. and

T & TH Eves at 5:00 pm for games at Pompey Hollow Park !

Watch for details on our 2nd annual

Pickleball Pot Luck Palooza Sunday Oct. 15th 1:00—5:30 p.m.

Check playtime scheduler to select a time to play. Bring a pot to share, contents must begin with the letter 'P'.



YOUTH BASKETBALL

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

Registration runs from Oct. 20th to Nov. 8th.

Coaches are needed at many levels, please contact Sherry if you are interested or can assist at 860-487-4409. **Coaches meeting Monday 10/23, 6:00 at Ashford School lower lobby. Practices begin Nov. 1st.**

*High School Recreation Basketball Program (Gr. 9-12) organizes in December.

*Instructional Program (Gr. 1-2) begins in January.

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