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Town Manager's Office

Tolland Needs Your Help To Increase Recycling!

Below are the items that the Town of Tolland is presently recycling:

- Cardboard and Brown Paper bags
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Glass and Metal Food Containers
- Mixed Paper (Including Junk Mail, Magazines, Multi Ply Carbon Paper)
- Newspaper
- Soft & Hard Covered Books
- Phone Books
- Copy, Color and Computer Paper
- Plastic Containers #1 through #7
- Cans (Aluminum and Tin)



More information can be found at www.tolland.org/solid-waste-recycling

FREE Residential Electronics Recycling Collection


The Town of Tolland in cooperation with Take 2, Inc. will be

hosting a **FREE** Residential Electronics Recycling Collection event at **Tolland High School** located at **1 Eagle Hill**. Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted electronics to the drive up/drive through electronics collection event on **Saturday, April 29, 2023** between **8 AM and 12 noon**.

Due to current COVID-19 concerns, Take 2, Inc. has implemented the following changes in their event procedures for the safety staff, residents and customers. All Take 2, Inc. personnel will wear masks & gloves at all times. Staff is currently unable to retrieve items from the main cabins of vehicles. They ask instead that residents place items for recycling in vehicle trunks or pickup truck beds. It is important that items are in easily accessible areas, separate from the cabin of the vehicle to ensure social distancing while removing. Items will be removed and placed on the ground in staging areas by Take 2, Inc. staff. Items will be packaged & loaded by Take 2, Inc. onto trucks.

Accepted materials include, but are not limited to: Computers, Laptops, Printers, Fax Machines, Monitors, TVs, Cell Phones, Tablets, Video Games, game consoles, VCR/DVD Machines, Remotes, Keyboards, Small Appliances, Light Bulbs and Batteries. Unaccepted materials include: smoke detectors, propane tanks, ballasts, paint, household hazardous waste and appliances containing freon, i.e. air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers.

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Recreation Department

Tolland Recreation Department

104 Old Post Road

Office: 860-871-3610

Fax: 860-870-1367

Mailing Address

21 Tolland Green

Tolland, CT 06084

Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 8:00am–4:30pm

Thursday: 8:00am–7:30pm

Friday: CLOSED

Registration Website:

Website: www.tollandct.myrec.com

Email: tollandrec@tollandct.gov

Recreation Staff

Director: Bruce Watt, bwatt@tollandct.gov

Administrative Assistant: Kim Grimes, kgrimes@tollandct.gov

Recreation Board

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The Board meets every second Monday of the month. All meetings are open to the public.

Activity and Program Pictures

Throughout the year Andre Garant has taken pictures of our activities and programs.

If you would like to see them please go to:

www.flickr.com/photos/63906149@N02/

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General Information

Insurance

All persons participating in Recreation programs should carry their own personal health insurance. The Town of Tolland is not responsible for personal injuries. Participants in all Department sponsored programs do so at their own risk.

ADA

The Town of Tolland does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. We are committed to assuring equal access to programs, activities, and services to all individuals. If you or a family member needs special assistance, please let us know when you register.

SPRING and SUMMER REGISTRATION

BEGINS ON:

Monday, April 3, 2023

Please visit our registration site at
www.tollandct.myrec.com

Participation

Only those enrolled in the program may attend. Sorry, children will not be allowed in the class room or gym during adult programs and siblings must remain seated and not disturb youth classes.

Age Requirement

To participate, children must meet minimum age before the class starts.

Inclement Weather

Program cancellations due to inclement weather are announced via email blasts through the Recreation Department's registration system and are broadcast on Channel 3's Early Warning Announcements.

Scholarship Programs

It is our policy that residents of the Town of Tolland who cannot afford to participate in programs or activities can make confidential inquiries for assistance to the Recreation Director.

"Oops!"

Despite our best efforts, errors sometimes make it into this Newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may cause." We reserve the right to: Make changes in price, content, description, etc. at any time without notice.

Registration Information

MAIL-IN

Registrations are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. A registration form is available at **www.tollandct.myrec.com**

Mail your completed form with payment to:

Tolland Recreation Department
21 Tolland Green
Tolland, CT 06084

Consider yourself registered if you do not hear from us.

ON-LINE

Recreation Department Registration Website:

www.tollandct.myrec.com

Town Website: www.tollandct.gov

Participants registering online will be confirmed online. Not all classes can be registered for online; however you may view all classes.

INFORMATION

Be sure to complete all information when registering.

REGISTER EARLY!

If a program does not meet its minimum enrollment number prior to the start of class it will be cancelled.

CLASSES

We reserve the right to limit class size and to cancel classes failing to meet minimum requirements.

PAYMENT

Registration is not considered valid until the program fee is paid. We accept cash, checks, Discover Card, Visa or MasterCard.

REFUNDS

Refunds are given only prior to the start of classes or if we cancel the program. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee. Programs less than \$15.00 receive an account credit.

TRIP CANCELLATION

You will be refunded only if the spot can be filled. Requests for refunds must be in writing and are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.

Program Locations

Crandall Park 64 Cider Mill Rd, Tolland
Cross Farms Recreation Complex 167 Rhodes Road, Tolland
Tolland Recreation Center 104 Old Post Rd, Tolland
Tolland Tennis Courts Old Cathole Rd, Tolland
Skungamung River Golf Course, 114 Folly Ln, Coventry
(end of Goose La)
Youth Garden, (by Lions Field) Cider Mill Rd, Tolland
Birch Grove Primary School. 247 Rhodes Rd, Tolland
Tolland Intermediate School (TIS) 96 Old Post Rd, Tolland
Tolland Middle School (TMS) 1 Falcon Way, Tolland
Tolland High School (THS) 1 Eagle Hill Rd, Tolland



Park Facilities

All parks are open sunrise to sunset. Dogs are required to be on a leash.

*Dogs are **NOT** allowed on athletic fields!!*

CRANDALL PARK

64 Cider Mill Road- 350+ acre Town Park containing 3 tennis courts/ 3 pickle ball courts, a basketball court, softball & baseball fields, a swimming pond, bathrooms, 2.5 miles of marked hiking trails and a picnic area.

PAVILION

Is an open air shelter with picnic table seating for groups of up to 75. Facilities include a large charcoal grill, horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court. Use of a softball field is possible depending on availability. Rental of the Pavilion does not include beach access. Rental by reservation only through the Recreation Office. Call the Recreation office at 860-871-3610 for fee schedule and available dates.

"THE LODGE"

124 Cider Mill Road- The Lodge is a year round rental facility available to groups of 100 or less for special events such as weddings, showers, picnics, parties or meetings. Rental rates vary for residents, non-residents, and businesses. Building contains Central Air-conditioning, fireplace, tables & chairs, a warming oven, microwave, and double door fridge.

For available dates, fees & more information call the Recreation office at 860-871-3610.

RIVER PARK

South River Road – 2 Little League size baseball fields, river access.

HERON COVE PARK

125 South River Road-Small soccer field, multipurpose field, basketball court & canoe launch.

TENNIS COURTS

Old Cathole Road - Six all weather tennis courts across from Tolland Middle School.

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167 Rhodes Road - 3 baseball and 3 soccer fields, hiking trails, exercise stations, 18 hole disc golf course, concession stand and Adam's Adventure an all-inclusive play structure.

ALL WEATHER TURF FIELD

1 Eagle Hill Road - A beautiful lighted synthetic turf field at Tolland High School. The field with permanent lines for football, soccer and lacrosse is available to rent for a variety of practices, games and other events. To find out more, call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 or go to the web site www.tollandct.gov/recreation

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Recreation Department

Tolland Town Directory

DEPARTMENT	PHONE
Animal Control	(860) 871-3676
Assessor's Office	(860) 871-3650
Building Department	(860) 871-3601
Elections Administration	(860) 871-3634
Emergency Management	(860) 871-3677
Finance Department	(860) 871-3653
Department/Ambulance- (Non-Emergency)	(860) 871-3677
Fire Chief.....	(860) 871-3674
Fire Marshal	(860) 871-3675
Health District/Sanitarian	(860) 871-3601
Human Resources	(860) 871-3600
Human Services	(860) 871-3648
Library	(860) 871-3620
Planning & Zoning.....	(860) 871-3601
Police – Lori Sherwood, Secretary.....	(860) 926-4695
Kevin Eklund,,Admin. Resident Trooper	(860) 875-8911
Probate Court	(860) 871-3640
Public Works	(860) 871-3696
Recreation Department	(860) 871-3610
Senior Services	(860) 870-3730
Tax Department	(860) 871-3657 (860) 871-3654
Tolland Tykes Preschool	(860) 871-3610
Town Clerk	(860) 871-3630
Town Manager's Office	(860) 871-3600
Trash & Recycling	(860) 926-4695 (860) 871-3600
Youth Services	(860) 871-3612

Tolland Youth Sports Leagues & Groups

Tolland Boys Travel Basketball	www.tollandbasketballclub.com
Tolland Girls Travel Basketball	www.tollandtravelbasketball.com
Tolland Lacrosse.....	www.tollandlacrosse.org
Tolland Little League.....	www.tollandlittleleague.org
Tolland Soccer Club	www.tollandsoccerclub.org
Tolland Youth Football & Cheerleading	www.tollandeaglesyouthfootball.com
Tolland Garden Paths- Youth Garden.....	www.tgpyouthgarden@comcast.net

Rentals

TOLLAND RECREATION CENTER- Room Rental 104 Old Post Road, Tolland, CT 06084

Rent a room for parties, events or weekend meetings. Want to have a party for your son or daughter but don't have the space in your house? The Tolland Recreation Center has rooms available to rent for parties, small gatherings, weekend meetings or similar events. Want a special birthday party? Why not rent our gym? Call the Recreation Office at 860-871-3610 to get rates and check on availability.

THE LODGE at CRANDALL PARK II 124 Cider Mill Road, Tolland, CT 06084

A year-round rental facility overlooking Powell Pond; Available to residents, non-residents, businesses, etc. in groups of 100 or less for special events such as weddings, showers, picnics, parties, or meetings. The building contains tables & chairs, a warming oven, microwave, and double door fridge. Built in 1991, it is located in the middle of a 300+ acre town park. Nestled on a wooded hilltop overlooking a quiet pond, its singular design blends with the rustic surroundings to create a warm and serene atmosphere. A covered deck on two sides adds to the down home feeling, while inside a large fieldstone fireplace, a cathedral ceiling, and cedar siding completes the picture. The Lodge is heated for year round use, and is available weekdays, weeknights, or weekends. Call the Recreation Department office at (860) 871-3610 for more information, rental fees and available dates.

Amenities:

- Central Air-conditioning
- Kitchen with warming oven, microwave, double door refrigerator (no freezer)
- Two sided field stone fireplace
- Cedar planking on interior walls
- Tables & chairs to accommodate groups of up to 100
- Clean bathrooms
- Sound system with Bluetooth connection
- Horseshoe pits
- Easy access to hiking trails and fishing pond

We Are Hiring!!

The Tolland Recreation Department is looking for friendly, energetic individuals to join our team. Job positions are part time and offer flexible hours and competitive wages. For more information, call the Tolland Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 or go online at www.tollandct.gov, under Help Center.

Current Vacant positions:

1. Lodge Supervisors
2. Summer Camp Counselors
3. Summer Camp Assistant Director
4. Summer Camp Director
5. Waterfront Lifeguards



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Crandall's Summer Camp Information



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At Crandall's Summer Camp, we strive to engage your child in a variety of activities that include outdoor games, sports, nature, arts & crafts, creative games, water activities, and special events.

Children should bring a lunch, water bottle (please do not send glass), snacks, bathing suit and a towel each day.

Please remember sunscreen and teach your child how to put it on properly.

Rainy days will be at the Tolland Recreation Center.

Register for camp online, by mail, or bring to the Recreation Office.

Camp Runs Monday – Friday and is for children in grades K-8.

Participants are grouped by grade entering Fall 2023.

Deadline for registration is the Wednesday prior to the week you wish your child to attend by 12:00(noon).

Maximum Enrollment: 60 participants per week

Crandall's Summer Camp Schedule

Day: Monday – Friday Full day (8:00am-4:00pm)

Ages: Grades K – 8th

Date: Week 1: June 26 – June 30

Week 2: July 3 – July 7 (No July 4)

Week 3: July 10 - July 14

Week 4: July 17– July 21

Week 5: July 24 – July 28

Week 6: July 31 – August 4

Week 7: August 7– August 11

Location: Crandall Park (Rain location-Tolland Recreation Department)

Deadline for registration is the Wednesday prior to the week you wish your child to attend by 12:00 (NOON).

Regular Day Camp Hours

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm (if you need extended hours you must also register for extended hours for each week)

Fee: \$100.00 Res. (discounted fee)/\$210.00 Non-Res Regular Day (5 Days)

Week of July 4th Only

Fee: \$80.00 Res. (discounted fee) /
\$170.00 Non-Res Regular Day (4 Days)

Extended Day Camp Hours-
(Must be registered for Regular day camp hours)

Time 4:00-5:30pm

Fee: Additional \$15.00 Res. (discounted fee) /
\$40.00 Non-Res.

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Preschool Programs & Clinics

TOLLAND TYKES Preschool

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Our 3 year old class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:30am, September thru May (32 weeks). The tuition for this program is \$1,150.00 payable in *two (2) installments (August & January). Children must be 3 years old on or before December 31st.

Our 4 year old class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00pm, September through May (32 weeks). The tuition for this program is \$1,700.00, payable in *two (2) installments (August & January). Children must be 4 years old on or before December 31st.

We will be holding an open enrollment on a first come first serve basis. To register, fill out our department's registration form and mail to the Tolland Recreation Department, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084, along with your \$100.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your child's place. The deposit will be applied toward your tuition fee.

Registration forms can be found on our department's website at www.tollandct.gov or www.tollandct.myrec.com.

For more information or if you have any questions please check out our website at www.tollandct.myrec.com or feel free to contact the Recreation Office at (860) 871-3610.

SOCCER SHOTS Classic Program

Maximum Enrollment: 24



Soccer Shots Classic is designed for 3 and 4 year old children as an introduction to Soccer. Soccer Shots Classic

utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. All returning participants show your Soccer Shots spirit and wear your jersey the first day! All first time participants will receive a new jersey.

Day: Saturdays
Date: April 8 – June 3, 2023 (No May 27)
Time: 10:15-11:00am
Ages: 3 & 4
Fee: \$67.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$145.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

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SOCCER SHOTS Mini Program



Soccer Shots Mini designed for 2 year olds. It is a high energy program introducing young children to fundamental soccer principles such as using your feet dribbling and basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. Each child will receive a Soccer Shots jersey. No equipment is

necessary. All returning participants show your Soccer Shots spirit and wear your jersey the first day! All first time participants will receive a new jersey.

Day: Saturdays
Date: April 8 – June 3, 2023 (No May 27)
Time: 9:30am-10:00am
Ages: 2
Fee: \$63.50 Res. (discounted fee) / \$137.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

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Preschool Programs & Clinics

SKYHAWKS Tiny– Hawk (basketball & soccer)


 In Tiny-Hawk camps, the essentials of sports are introduced in a fun and safe environment with lots of encouragement. Campers must be toilet trained in order to participate. Children will learn balance, body movement, hand/eye coordination, and skill development through a series of sport-specific games tailored to their attention spans. Our staff is trained to handle the specific needs of these young athletes.

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff
Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 17 – July 21, 2023
Time: 12:15-1:00pm
Ages: 3 & 4
Fee: \$89.00 Res. / \$99.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



SKYHAWKS Mini – Hawk (baseball, basketball & soccer)

Maximum Enrollment: 20

 This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff
Day: Monday - Friday
Date: **Session 1:** July 17 – July 21, 2023
Session 2: August 14 – August 18, 2023
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Ages: 4-6
Fee: \$155.00 Res /\$165.00 Non-Res. per session
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

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Building Up S.T.E.A.M. Using LEGO®

Maximum Enrollment: 15

Children are working independently and cooperatively as they begin to explore simple machines using LEGO® early childhood materials. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp. Projects may include spin tops, motorcycles, and hockey players.

Instructor: E.Y.E.S., LLC. Staff

Day: Monday – Friday

Date: **Session 1:** July 10-July 14, 2023

Session 2: August 21- August 25, 2023

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Ages: 5-6

Fee: \$85.00 Res. (discounted fee) /
\$180.00 Non-Res.

Location: Tolland Recreation Center



S.T.E.A.M. Works Using LEGO®

Maximum Enrollment: 15

Children are working with standard LEGO® materials to problem-solve pre-engineering challenges involving structure, levers, gears, pulleys, and other elements of simple machines. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp. Projects may include drawbridges, flywheel cars, and amusement park rides.

Instructor: E.Y.E.S., LLC. Staff

Day: Monday-Friday

Date: **Session 1:** July 10-July 14, 2023

Session 2: August 21- August 25, 2023

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Ages: 7-10 years old

Fee: \$85.00 Res. (discounted fee) /
\$180.00 Non-Res.

Location: Tolland Recreation Center



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Youth Programs & Clinics

FOOD EXPLORERS

Chopped: Around the World Cooking Camp

Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers to explore your creativity with our “Chopped: Around the World” cooking camp. Each day, two teams will be tasked with creating a recipe together, selecting from a pantry of ingredients by working as a group. Kids will be making dishes such as: Gnocchi, Lo Mein, Trifle Cups, Breakfast Tacos and Cannoli Cones. All recipes are nut free.

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 31-August 4, 2023
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Ages: Grades 2-5
Fee: \$85.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$180.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



FOOD EXPLORERS

Tapas and Tacos Cooking Camp

Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers for a delicious week of Tapas and Tacos! Each day kids will create a tasty tapas recipe for a snack, followed by a new taco recipe each day for lunch. Kids will be making recipes such as: Zucchini Fritters, Bruschetta, Banana Split Bites, Greek Tacos and Mushroom Tacos. All recipes are nut free

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 31 - August 4, 2023
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Ages: Grades 2-5
Fee: \$85.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$180.00 Non-Res
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



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ART-VENTURES for Kids

Theme Jungle Journey ART-Ventures in the Rainforest

Maximum Enrollment: 21



(Not to be confused with our Rainforest after school program. Totally different projects.) Art explorers take their inner artists for a walk in the rainforest and discover a variety of endangered creatures who live there. Lizards and poison dart frogs, bugs and butterflies, tigers and monkeys and more. Learn about the layers of the rainforest while experimenting with a variety of art

forms. Experience fabric design while tie dyeing bandannas and making rainbow T-shirts. Sculpt animals out of clay, make 3-D paper reptiles, and create rainforest flowers. Decorate beach balls, draw tigers with oil pastels, and paint ceramic flower pots that look like boots. Discover stained glass and scratch art too.

Instructor: Art Ventures for Kids Staff
Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 17– July 21, 2023
Time: 9:00am–12:00pm
Ages: 5-12
Fee: \$97.00 (discounted fee) Res. \$204.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



ART-VENTURES for Kids

Splish Splash Art Blast

Maximum Enrollment: 21

This inspiring week of art-ventures sparks creativity, engagement, exploration and individual expression. Learn about the fascinating underwater world of seahorses, sea turtles and other wonderful creatures while exploring original art forms and techniques. Design beach hats, sunglasses, and T-shirts. Create ocean slime and discover the art of mosaics while creating sea shell boxes. Sculpt shimmery coral and goofy clay octopuses. Paint ceramic fish banks, and design ocean creature stuffed animals. Experience painting, printmaking, stained glass, ceramics, collage, mosaics, fabric art and working with clay.

Instructor: Art Ventures for Kids Staff
Day: Monday-Friday
Date: August 14-August 18, 2023
Time: 9:00am–12:00pm
Ages: 5-12
Fee: \$97.00 (discounted fee) Res. / \$204.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



Youth Sports Programs & Clinics



WIFFLE Ball

Maximum Enrollment: 90

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That's right ...everyone's favorite backyard game!! The sight of the white plastic ball knuckling through the air. The sound of the yellow plastic bat as it makes contact with the ball. The celebration of a game winning hit! Games, Games, Games! Prizes and a winner take all tournament.

Instructor: Scott Curtis
Day: Monday-Friday
Date: **Session 1:** July 10–July 14, 2023
Session 2: August 14 - August 18, 2023
Time: 9:00am–11:00am
Ages: Grades 5th–12th
Fee: \$35.00 (discounted fee) Res. / \$80.00 Non-Res.
Location: Cross Farms Recreation Area – Field A

FUTSAL & SOCCER Hybrid Camp

Maximum Enrollment: 80

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CABFutsal in conjunction with Tolland Recreation Department is running a Futsal & Soccer Hybrid Camp this summer at Tolland High School. Participants will get the benefits of both soccer (on the turf) and Futsal in an air conditioned gym. Every session is broken down into 3 parts; Technical Training, Tactical Training and Game/Skill Application. Players will engage in a game or modified game in order to apply both technical and tactical skills. By the end of camp your child will be more confident, have some new moves, playing and thinking faster.

Participants will be coached by the top certified coaches in the area. Participants will get a CABFutsal.com shirt. This is an event you cannot miss. Register before 4/24 to get your free CABFutsal shirt customized with your child's last name.

Day: Monday–Friday
Date: July 17 – July 21, 2023
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Ages: 8-12
Fee: \$130.00Res. (discounted fee) / \$270.00Non-Res.
Location: Tolland High School



TENNIS Clinic (Coed) Beginner

Maximum Enrollment: 16

Learn and improve on basic techniques thru the use of specially designed drills. Learn how to play points and matches to win.

Instructor: Kate Tellers, Former Coach at UConn
Day: Monday–Thursday
Date: **Session 1:** July 31 – August 3, 2023
Session 2: August 7 – August 10, 2023
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
Ages: 8-14
Fee: \$40.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$90.00 Non-Res.
Location: THS Tennis Courts (Old Cathole Road)

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TENNIS Clinic (Coed) Advanced

Maximum Enrollment: 16

Learn and improve on basic techniques thru the use of specially designed drills. Learn how to play points and matches to win. Participants must be able to play points out

Instructor: Kate Tellers, Former Coach at UConn
Day: Monday–Thursday
Date: **Session 1:** July 31 – August 3, 2023
Session 2: August 7 – August 10, 2023
Time: 8:30am -10:00am
Ages: 8-17
Fee: \$40.00 Res. (discounted fee) / \$90.00 Non-Res.
Location: THS Tennis Courts (Old Cathole Road)

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Youth Sports Programs & Clinics

SKYHAWKS Mini – Hawk

(baseball, basketball & soccer)


Maximum Enrollment: 20

 This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff
Day: Monday - Friday
Date: **Session 1:** July 17 – July 21, 2023
Session 2: August 14 – August 18, 2023
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Ages: 4 - 6
Fee: \$155.00 Res / \$165.00 Non-Res. per session
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

SKYHAWKS-Beginning GOLF

Maximum Enrollment: 16

 Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. Using the SNAG® (Starting New at Golf) system, we have simplified instruction so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment provided.

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff
Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 31–August 4, 2023
Time: 9:00am–12:00pm
Ages: 5-8
Fee: \$155.00 Res./ \$165.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

GOLF Lessons-Youth

Maximum Enrollment: 6

Beginner golf lessons covering grip, stance, alignment and proper swing. All equipment is provided or you can bring your own.

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional
Day: **MONDAYS**
Date: July 3 – July 24, 2023
Time: 5:00pm–6:00pm
Ages: 8–15
Fee: \$80.00 Res./ \$90.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
Location: Skungamaug River Golf Club (end of Goose La.)
Day: **WEDNESDAYS**
Date: July 5– July 26, 2023
Time: 6:00pm–7:00pm
Ages: 8–15
Fee: \$80.00 Res./ \$90.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
Location: Skungamaug River Golf Club (end of Goose La.)

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Youth Sports Programs & Clinics



Wins 4 Life BASKETBALL Clinic

Maximum Enrollment: 48

This is an exceptional learning opportunity. This unique basketball school features outstanding instruction, advanced skill development, fun basketball challenges, and educational activities. Full-court competition, station drills, team building games, contests and mini-lectures are creatively combined to teach a range of basketball skills and important life lessons. Our experienced educators provide each student with valuable learning experiences to ensure individual improvement in basketball ability and knowledge. Students gain confidence and make new friends. Excellent staff to student ratio!

WINS For Life is affiliated with the Basketball Hall of Fame.

BOYS CLINIC

Day: Monday-Thursday
Date: July 31-Aug 3, 2023
Time: 8:45am – 11:45am
Ages: Grades: 4-8
Fee: \$100.00
 (discounted fee) Res /
 \$200.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland High School



GIRLS CLINIC

Day: Monday-Thursday
Date: July 31-Aug 3, 2023
Time: 12:30pm–3:30pm
Ages: Grades: 4-9
Fee: \$100.00
 (discounted fee) Res /
 \$200.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland High School



Chris Corkum's Baseball Summer Clinic "A week of baseball fun!"

Maximum Enrollment: 50

Players will receive individual and small group instruction in fielding, throwing, hitting, pitching and game strategy. Each day will be filled with skill-related games to bring out the best in all the campers while keeping things fun and exciting. Each day culminates with an age appropriate scrimmage game.

Instructor: Chris Corkum Baseball Staff
Day: Monday-Thursday
Date: July 24 – July 27, 2023
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Ages: 7-12
Fee: \$80.00 Res. (discounted fee) /
 \$170.00 Non-Res.
Location: Cross Farms Recreation Area – Field B



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Adult Sports

SOFTBALL League Slow Pitch

Weeknights at Crandall Park starting in May. A good competitive league for adults 18 and over. The league consists of established teams. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team or registering a team.

Day: Tuesdays - Thursdays
Date: Starts in May, 2023
Time: 6:30pm OR 8:00pm
Ages: 18 and up
Fee: Fee by Team; TBD
Location: Crandall Park



SOFTBALL League Slow Pitch (Over 35)

Plays Friday nights at Crandall Park. Fun, friendly competition and good exercise. The league consists of established teams. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team or registering a team.

Day: Fridays
Date: Starts in May, 2023
Time: 6:45pm, 8:15pm
Ages: 35 and up
Fee: Fee by Team; TBD
Location: Crandall Park

PICKLE BALL- Open Court – Pick-up

Maximum Enrollment: 10

Coed pick-up games for fitness and fun - Are you looking to meet new people, workout, or just have fun?

Then Pickle ball is for you! Pickle ball is a racquet sport which combines badminton; tennis and ping pong all in one. Pickup games only; No instruction provided.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

BEGINNER LEVEL

Day: THURSDAYS
Date: April 6 – May 25, 2023
Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm
Ages: 35 and up
Fee: \$20.00 (discounted fee) /\$50.00 (8 weeks)

BEGINNER LEVEL

Day: THURSDAYS
Date: April 6 – May 25, 2023
Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm
Ages: 35 and up
Fee: \$20.00 (discounted fee) /\$50.00 (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Department
Participants: Minimum: 4, Maximum: 10

EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

Day: THURSDAYS
Date: April 6 – May 25, 2023
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm
Ages: 35 and up
Fee: \$20.00 (discounted fee)/\$50.00 (8 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Department
Participants: Minimum: 4, Maximum: 10



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VOLLEYBALL (Coed)

If you are looking for a fun way to improve your health, volleyball could be the sport for you. Join us for coed pickup games, No experience necessary. Our experience instructor will help you learn the game. If you have experience he will help you improve. A good opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

Sign up with the recreation department at the reduced rate or pay the drop in rate for \$5.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sue Vang
Day: Mondays
Date: April 17 – June 5, 2023 (No class May 29)
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: \$28.00 (7 weeks) Res./ \$38.00 Non-Res. or \$5.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Intermediate School

VOLLEYBALL (Power)

If you have some experience as volleyball player this program is for you. Coed pick- up games for fitness and fun. Improve your game and meet new people while getting a good cardiovascular workout. Build muscle and burn fat.

Sign up with the recreation department at the reduced rate or pay the drop in rate for \$5.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sue Vang
Day: Tuesdays
Date: April 18 – June 6, 2023
Time: 7:15pm-9:15pm
Ages: 18 and up
Fee: \$32.00 Res./\$42.00 Non-Res. (8 weeks) or \$5.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Intermediate School



BASKETBALL- Pick up



The benefits of basketball include great aerobic exercise, it provides a wonderful cardiovascular workout, improves heart health, stamina and lung capacity. The quick movements exercise your joints and muscles and improve strength and flexibility. In other words it provides a complete workout and allows you to meet new people while having fun! Pickup games using multiple courts.

Register with the Recreation Department for a reduced rate or pay the drop in for \$5.00 an evening.

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Day: MONDAYS
Date: April 17 – May 22, 2023
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Ages: 19 and up
Fee: \$24.00 (6 weeks) or \$5.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Middle School

Day: WEDNESDAYS
Date: April 19 – May 31, 2023
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Ages: 19 and up
Fee: \$28.00 (7 weeks) or \$5.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Middle School

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Adult Sports

GOLF Lessons (Beginner) - Coed

Maximum Enrollment: 7



If you want to learn to play golf or improve your game this course is for you. Learn proper grip, alignment, swing technique, basic etiquette and rules.

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional

Day: **MONDAYS**

Date: May 1 – May 22, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Ages: 16 & up

Fee: \$80.00 Res. / \$90.00 Non-Res.,
(4 weeks)

Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course
(end of Goose La)

Day: **WEDNESDAYS**

Date: **Session 1:** May 3– May 24, 2023

Session 2: Sept. 6 – Sept. 27, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Ages: 16 & up

Fee: \$80.00 Res. / \$90.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)

Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course
(end of Goose La)

GOLF Lessons (Beginner) – Ladies

Maximum Enrollment: 7

If you want to learn to play golf or improve your game this course is for you. Learn proper grip, alignment, swing technique, basic etiquette and rules.

Instructor: Rick Nelson, PGA Professional

Day: **MONDAYS**

Date: **Session 1:** June 5 – June 26, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Date: **Session 2:** August 7 – August 28, 2023

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Ages: 16 & up

Fee: \$80.00 Res. / \$90.00 Non-Res.,
(4 weeks)

Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course
(end of Goose La)

Day: **WEDNESDAYS**

Date: August 9 – August 30, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Ages: 16 & up

Fee: \$80.00 Res / \$90.00 Non-Res.,
(4 weeks)

Location: Skungamaug River Golf
Course (end of Goose La)



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KNITTING Class

Maximum Enrollment: 15

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Instructor: Lori D'Andrea

Day: Tuesdays

Date: April 18 – June 6, 2023

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: \$28.00 (discounted fee) /
\$66.00 Non-Res, (8weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center- Program Room 1



ED 2 GO–Education to Go- Online Courses



Here at the Tolland Recreation Department we offer a wide range of ed2go courses that you can take from the comfort of your own home. All of our courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Our online courses are affordable, fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you. Classes as low as

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SHAKE IT UP Fitness

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Shake up your routine, shake up your mindset, shake up your goals, shake it up fitness. Show up to a Shake It Up Fitness class exactly how you are; then let loose, be free, shake it up and leave it all on the dance floor. This high energy dance fitness class incorporates cardio, endurance, balance, flexibility and strength with fun upbeat music you'll want to sing along to! In this class you are not just getting a great workout, you are welcomed into a fun community and atmosphere that will challenge you to push your limits, while celebrating how far you've come.

Walk in rate: \$10.00 per class.

Instructor: Marisa Paradis

Day: THURSDAYS

Date: **Session 1:** April 6-June 1, 2023

Session 2: June 8 – August 24, 2023
(No Class 6/22, 7/13, 8/17)

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: \$36.00 Res./ \$82.00 Non-Res. (9 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Department



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Adult Education

YOGA AM & PM

Maximum Enrollment: 18



These classes are moderate, mixed level Kripalu Yoga classes. In the Kripalu approach, we use the tools of yoga - breathing exercises, yoga postures, and meditation - to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, balance, and resilience in the body and mind. I also incorporate some of the principles of Ayurveda, "the science of life", in these classes to give you more tools to create balance, harmony, and vibrant health in your life. Everything can be adapted to suit individual levels. No previous experience with yoga is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket or towel to cover up for the final relaxation.

Walk in rate: \$10.00 per class.

Instructor: Amy Evans, RYT-500, AYT



MORNING YOGA

Day: TUESDAYS- AM

Date: **Session 1:** May 16– June 13, 2023

Session 2: June 20- July 25, 2023
(No Class 7/4)

Session 3: August 1 – August 29, 2023

Time: 9:00am-10:00 am

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: \$17.50 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res., (5 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

AFTERNOON YOGA

Day: WEDNESDAYS- Afternoon

Date: **Session 1:** May 17– June 14, 2023

Session 2: June 21-July 26, 2023
(No Class 7/5)

Session 3: August 2 – August 30, 2023

Time: 4:45pm – 5:45pm

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: \$17.50 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res., (5 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

EVENING YOGA

Day: WEDNESDAYS- PM

Date: **Session 1:** May 17– June 14, 2023

Session 2: June 21-July 26, 2023 (No Class 7/5)

Session 3: August 2 – August 30, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:00 pm

Ages: 16 and up

Fee: \$17.50 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res.,(5 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Trips

Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees @ Yankee Stadium

Saturday, June 10, 2023



Join My Fun Bus Staff on a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the Boston Red Sox vs the New York Yankees (first pitch 7:35pm). Trip Includes: Charter Bus, Ticket to the 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).

Limited Tickets: 6

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023

Reg. Deadline: Friday, May 26, 2023

Departs From: The bus will depart from the Tolland Commuter Lot at Exit 68 off of I-84.

Departure Time: 2:45 p.m.

Return Time: 1:00 a.m. Approx.

Fee: \$210.00 (fee includes bus transportation, ticket to the game, and cookout)



Recreation Happenings

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Celebrate TOLLAND

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Join us for a full day of fun with good food, entertainment, kid games, information booths by local groups, contests and much more!!

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We are in need of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly.

If you are interested give the Recreation Office a call at 860-871-3610.

Day: SATURDAY

Date: September 9, 2023

Time: Noon-4:00pm

Ages: All

Fee: FREE

Location: Tolland Middle School

June is Dog Licensing Month!



CT law requires that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed during the month of June. The cost is \$8.00 for altered dogs and \$19.00 for unaltered dogs. A one dollar late fee per dog will be charged each month for those who are late.

All dogs must have proof of a current rabies vaccination on file. Postcard reminders

will be mailed the last week of May. **Please check the rabies expiration date printed on the postcard. Any dog whose expiration date is 6/30/2023 or before will have to provide a new rabies certificate in order to license in June.** When licensing by mail, make checks payable to "Town of Tolland" and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your tags and paperwork. Mail it to: Kathleen Pagan, Town Clerk, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084.

You can also renew your current dog license(s) online using your credit/debit card. There is a \$1.75 convenience fee added to allow for this online service. A valid rabies certificate must already be on file. You will need to enter your dog's current tag number, which is printed on your reminder postcard. Your dog's new tags will be mailed to you.

If you no longer own your licensed dog, please notify us at 860-871-3630 or email us at kpagan@tolland.org so that we can remove the record.

Remember: Per CT State Statute, the fine for having an unlicensed dog is \$75.00.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking all residents to continue to license their dogs by mail, by utilizing the drop box located in parking lot A on Old Post Road, or by renewing your eligible licenses online.

Tolland Resident Troopers Office

Fellow Tolland residents, the long awaited Atlas One platform has been launched and is now live in our Town! The emergency notification system is a user friendly platform which will allow Tolland residents to share crime tips in a two-way communication setting with the Tolland Resident Troopers Office. Users will receive real time updates of incidents occurring within our Town such as motor vehicle accidents, road closures, crime bulletins, public events, and critical incidents. Information broadcasted on Atlas One by the Tolland Resident Troopers will be received by users in real time, and will be updated as incidents are investigated and as information is developed. The Atlas One platform is not a replacement for the 9-1-1 system. Anyone observing active criminal activity or requiring immediate police response should call 9-1-1. Anyone with questions regarding the utilization of Atlas One can contact the Tolland Resident Troopers Office. Download Atlas One today. It's FREE!

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Tolland Human Services

Human Services Assistance Programs:

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

On behalf of eligible households, the winter heating assistance program pays for such heating sources as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal and wood/pellets. Homeowners and renters may apply. Eligibility for energy assistance is based on income and size of household.

Number in Family	Household Income Guidelines 2022/2023
1	\$39,761
2	\$51,996
3	\$64,230
4	\$76,465
5	\$88,699
6	\$100,933
7	\$103,227

To learn more about this program, please call (860) 871-3648. Residents may also contact the ACCESS Agency in Willimantic, (860) 450-7423.

Operation Fuel: Residents that have exhausted their energy benefits (as above) or were over-income for the CEAP can apply for assistance from Operation Fuel.

Visit: www.operationfuel.org

Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program provides zero percent interest loans to eligible residents for home repair projects that include, but are not limited to: septic systems, well repair, roofing and siding, structural deficiencies, replacement windows, insulation, ADA improvements, plumbing, electrical and heating systems.

To be eligible, yearly gross income must not exceed amounts listed below:

Number in Family	Household Income
1	\$62,600
2	\$71,500
3	\$80,500
4	\$89,400
5	\$96,600
6	\$103,750
7	\$110,900
8	\$118,050

For an application or for more information, residents who are interested and feel they may be income eligible may contact (860) 871-3648. All information provided to the Tolland Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program will be kept confidential.

Renter's Rebate

Tolland Human Services will be accepting Renter's Rebate applications from April 1, 2023 to September 28, 2023. This income-based program provides a one-time payment to renters based on the rent and utilities paid in 2022. Recipient or spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of the renter's death had qualified and was entitled to tax relief provided such spouse was domiciled with such renter at the time of the renter's death, or 18 years of age or older and eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits and must meet a one year state residency requirement.

Proof of income (SSA 1099) and rental expenses for 2022 must be provided.

Household Income Guidelines (2022)	
Single/widowed applicants	Under \$40,300
Married applicants	Under \$49,100

To schedule an appointment, please contact Jeanne Pitney at 860-871-3615

Food Pantry

Tolland residents needing to use the Food Pantry may contact the following staff members: Seniors contact Rebecca Ellert, (860) 870-3726; all other households may call Human Services, (860) 871-3648.

FoodShare Mobile Food Pantry



The FoodShare Mobile Food Pantry is available in Tolland on alternate Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green. Pre-registration and identification are not required.

For more information about

FoodShare, residents may contact FOODSHARE at (860) 286-9999 or the UCC office at (860) 875-4160, or visit the FOODSHARE website, www.foodshare.org.

Residents participating in the program must bring their own bags.

Information and Ongoing Human Services Programs/Services

The following information and ongoing programs/services are also available through the Human Services Department:

- Youth Services is offering free Deterra Drug Deactivation pouches, which facilitate safe disposal of drugs at home. Businesses, civic organizations, doctors' offices and individuals are welcome to request samples. This resource was made possible through the CT State Opioid Response (SOR). Contact Human Services at (860) 871-3648 to request pouches.
- Crisis counseling and Case management- *ongoing*

Elderly Outreach/Case Management Services

Would you or a loved one benefit from Elderly Outreach/Case Management Services?

Navigating the world of programs and services can be confusing as there are so many options out there. Case Management services include:

- An Assessment of the elder's current health, financial and living situation
- Identification of community resources and funding options for home care services such as Transportation, Home Delivered Meals, Insurance, Adult Day Care, Emergency Response Systems etc.
- Developing a Plan of Care based on the client's needs/situation
- Monitoring of the elders situation

Both Rebecca Ellert and Jeanne Pitney are Certified Choices Counselors and are available to help you understand your options regarding Medicare including Medigap and Medicare Advantage Plans. Contact Jeanne at Tolland Human Services (860) 871-3615 or Rebecca at the Senior Center (860) 870-3726 to arrange a consultation.

Youth Programming

Please visit the Youth Services pages on the Town website for up to date information as it becomes available. For current information about any services for Tolland youth and families, residents may contact (860) 871-3648 or visit <https://www.tolland.org/youth-services>

HVCC Dial-A-Ride Program

Dial-A-Ride is a transportation program (wheel-chair accessible) for residents who are at least 60 years of age or are disabled adults. This program will provide transportation to medical appointments, shopping, social and recreational activities. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. You will need to reserve your ride both to the appointment and from the appointment. There is an annual \$20.00 registration fee and a \$2.00 donation for each trip. Round trips are \$4.00. Call (860) 870-7940 to make a reservation.

Fair Housing Notice

Beverly Bellody, Director of Tolland Human Services, serves as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Tolland. The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or the presence of children, or disability.

Under the Connecticut Fair Housing Act, it is against the law to deny anyone housing based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, familial status or the presence of children, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, age (except minors), lawful source of income, veteran status or gender identity or expression. If you feel your rights have been denied in the equal access to the rental, sale or financing of residential property, please contact Beverly Bellody at (860) 871-3611, Mon.-Wed. 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Thurs. 8:00 am-7:30 pm, closed on Friday.

Tolland Senior Center

Center Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM

Friday: CLOSED

Programs we offer:

Bean Bag Toss, Billiards, Book Club, Cardio Drumming, Cards, Chair Volleyball, Chorus, Dominoes, Jammers, Line Dancing, Mahjong, Pickleball, Ping Pong, Quilting, Cooking Program, and Tech Class!!

We also offer the following Health & Wellness programs:

Chair Yoga, Exercise, Drumming Circle, and Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinic!!

We serve LUNCH every Wednesday!!!

Stop in or visit our webpage (www.tollandct.gov/home/senior-center) to see what we have to offer

Want a newsletter emailed to you?

Email kkowalyszyn@tollandct.gov and let us know.

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Registrar of Voters

BUDGET REFERENDUM 2023 MAY 2nd

There will be a Budget Referendum, May 2nd for the 2023-2024 budget years.

Voting will take place at the Tolland Library Program Room.

Please visit our WEBSITE
www.Tollandelections.org
for answers to any questions
you may have.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Only registered Tolland voters may vote in this Referendum.

If you have any further questions please call
the Registrars of Voters at 871-3634.



Building Department

860-871-3601

Did you know that many permits can be applied and paid for online? From the homepage of TollandCT.gov, click on the Building Department Online Permitting button. While you're on the Building Dept. page, please browse through our many informative handouts. There is quite a bit of information regarding swimming pools, decks, additions and the permit application process in general. Remember to schedule a final inspection appointment to properly close out your permit. Open Building Permits will impede the sale of your home and may give cause to an insurance company to deny a claim for fire or personal injury.

Now that warmer weather is finally here, many of you may be thinking of installing a swimming pool. A building permit is required for all in-ground pools and any above-ground pools that are more than 24 inches deep. Building codes have changed a bit and we are here to offer guidance for a code-compliant installation. Items commonly missed by installers are proper bonding of the water and perimeter area; not having a floating pool alarm; not having a proper fence or gate and running the pump off of an extension cord instead of permanent wiring.

Another thing that we see many people doing is running a window

air conditioner off an undersized extension cord. A proper air conditioner cord is usually of 14 gauge wire, has a three-prong plug and is no longer than six feet long. A utility-grade cord may not only damage the air conditioner, but will likely begin to melt and may cause a fire well before the circuit breaker trips. Do yourself a favor and visit a knowledgeable, well-stocked hardware store for assistance in selecting a proper cord.

The Building Official, James Paquin is typically available in the office to answer questions from 8:00-10:00 AM and Noon-2:00 PM, plus 6:00-7:30 PM on Thursdays.

Planning Department

<https://www.tollandct.gov/planning-zoning>

The Planning & Community Development Department is charged with reviewing building and development projects to ensure compliance with State and Town codes and regulations. The Department also performs long range development and conservation planning projects, studies and gathers community

data, advises the public on planning and zoning matters, encourages sound economic development and assists other town agencies as needed. Please visit our website for frequently asked questions, forms and fees, zoning regulations and much more!

COMMISSIONS	MEETINGS HELD
Agriculture Commission	1st Monday of each month
Conservation Commission	2nd Thursday of each month
Design Advisory Board Meeting	1st Thursday of each month
Inland Wetlands Commission	3rd Thursday of each month
Planning and Zoning Commission	2nd & 4th Monday of each month
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Thursday of each month

Staff provides technical guidance and support to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands Commission, Conservation Commission, Agriculture Commission, Design Advisory Board, Water Pollution Control Authority and the Water Commission.

For Meeting information, Agendas, Packets, Minutes and Recordings - please visit <https://www.tollandct.gov/boards> and locate the Board or Commission you are interested in.

Adult Events

Author Event

Julie Rimrill, the author of *Finding Mary A Journey of Reclamation* will be speaking on Saturday, April 1 at 2 pm in the library's program room. Julie's 13-year-old sister died when Julie was a child and her quest to find her sister's grave leads her on a spiritual journey of reclamation. Please register for this event at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Fisher Cats



Join Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the DEEP, on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm in the library's program room as she talks about fishers. Physical appearance, habitat, food, mating, and human interactions will be covered. Please register for this event at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Going Native

Kathy Grinold will be speaking on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm in the library's program room on native plants of the area. She will have information regarding eradicating invasive species and encouraging indigenous plants. Please register for this event at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Digital Photography

Marie Smith, who recently had an exhibit of her photos, at the Tolland Public Library, will speak on tips, tricks and techniques of digital photography on a date to be announced in the library's program room. Please register for this event at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Road Scholar – Educational Travel and Learning Adventures

Perne Maynard will be speaking on the Road Scholar's most popular vacations. Perne has taken fifteen Road Scholar's trips and speaks about his experiences. This will take place on **Thursday, May 4** at 6:30 in the library's program room. Please register for this event at tollandct.gov/library

and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Medicare 101

Turning 65 and unsure about the Medicare process? Is your employer coverage compatible with Medicare? Retiring soon? Confused about Medicare? Join us and learn how to navigate the Medicare maze and the differences among original Medicare, supplement plans and Medicare Advantage with Heidi Laureano, a local licensed insurance advisor. This is strictly an educational seminar and no individual health plans will be discussed. Please register for this event which is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9** at 6:30 pm in the library's program room at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Welcoming Pollinators

On **Wednesday, May 10** at 6:30 pm John Root, a naturalist, musician and educator, will describe the essential roles pollinators play in our ecosystem and offers guidance in providing them with suitable habitats throughout their life cycles. This program is funded by the Friends of the Tolland Public Library. Please register for this program at tollandct.gov and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Beekeeping

On **Tuesday, May 23** at 6:30 pm Joe Jankowski will provide information on beekeeping with a slideshow and some "show and tell" items. He will also include some information on native pollinators and pollinator habitat in Connecticut. Please register for this program at tollandct.gov and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.



Author Kristan Higgins

Kristan Higgins is a Connecticut native and a New York Times, Publishers Weekly and USA TODAY bestselling author of twenty-three novels which have sold millions of copies. She will be talking about her latest book at the Tolland Public Library sometime in June. This program will be funded by the Tolland Public Library Foundation.

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maze and the differences among original Medicare, supplement plans and Medicare Advantage with Heidi Laureano, a local licensed insurance advisor. This is strictly an educational seminar and no individual health plans will be discussed. Please register for this event which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm in the library's program room at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Suncatcher Craft

Join us in making an easy beaded suncatcher! This program is appropriate for adults and teens and is funded by the Friends of the Tolland Public Library. The date will be **Saturday, June 10** at 10:30 am in the library's program room. Please register for this event at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Ongoing Programs/Groups

Friends Meeting

The Friends of the Tolland Public Library meets on the first Monday of the month at 11 am in the library's program room. The group is always looking for new members so just stop in. The group does not meet in July or August.

Virtual Meditation

The meditation group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This group is run by Kathy Grinold and is appropriate for beginners and more experienced practitioners.

Tech Help

Do you have questions about your laptop, smartphone, or tablet? The Tolland Public Library is now offering one-on-one tech help appointments. Call 860- 871-3620 to book your personalized session today! Tech appointments will be available on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am.

We can help you create an email or social media account, set up new devices, download library articles, e-books and magazines and learn to use Microsoft Word.

Movies



The Tolland Public Library will show movies on either the first or second Saturday of the month at 2 pm in the library's program room.

Book Discussion

The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in the program room. We provide the books and the questions. The group does not meet in July or August.

Featherweight Friends Club

The Featherweight Friends Club meets one Saturday a month at 10 am in the library's program room. Come learn about the featherweight machine and this type of sewing!

Writers Workshop

The Writers Workshop meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Audiovisual Room. Participants of this group share their work and receive support from other members.

Knitters

Nookless Knitters meet every Friday at 10 am in the Program Room.

Nookless Knitters II meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Audiovisual Room.

Tech Class

Classes on a variety of tech topics are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm in the library's program room. Past classes have covered iPhones, e-books, Pixlr, and Canva.

Children's and Young Adult Events



Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am

Kids and caregivers are invited to join us on Tuesdays for stories, songs, crafts and fun! Free! Call (860) 871-3620 for more information. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

April 4, 11, 18 & 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

June 6, 13, 20 & 27

July 11, 18 & 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Baby Bookworms

Wednesday, 10:30-11 am

Join us on Wednesdays for board book read-alongs, rhymes and playtime. Infants & toddlers are welcome. Free! Call (860) 871-3620 for more information. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

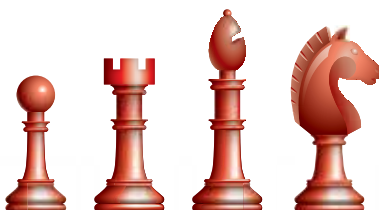
April 5, 12, 19, & 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28

July 12, 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



Chess Club

Wednesdays, 6-7:45 pm

Weekly chess group for kids, pre-teens and teens. Hosted by Mr. Edward Faber. Players should know basic chess moves before join the group. Free! Call (860) 871-3620 for more information. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

April 5, 12, 19 & 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28

LEGO Club

Second and fourth Thursday of the month, 4-4:45 pm

LEGO lovers meet with other kids and pre-teens to show off your skills and relax. Free! Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

April 13, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22

Tech Time

Meets one Saturday a month, 12-1 pm

Enjoy the wonderful technology (Zozobots, iPads, video games and more) available at the library. Kids, pre-teens



and Teens. Free! Call (860) 871-3620 for more information. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

April 22

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 26



Anime/Manga Club

Meets one Wednesday a month, 4 - 4:45 pm

Practice manga-style art, fold origami, watch, read, and discuss your favorite anime and manga. Pre-teens and teens. Free! Call (860) 871-3620 for more information. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

Dungeons and Dragons

Thursdays, 6-7 pm

Jerry Rapone, local Dungeon Master of "The Winding Way Forward Tabletop Adventures" will be supervising on Thursdays 6-7 pm Dungeons and Dragons. Experienced players and DMs are welcome to join and run their own games. Players should have a basic understanding of how to play before joining. Call (860) 871-3620 for more information. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Summer Reading Kick-off Event

Learn to Play Ukulele

Saturday, June 24 1 pm

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided. Bring your own if you have one and join the fun. This is a family program. Please register at tollandct.gov/library and look for the Online Library Events Calendar.



Tolland Fire Marshal

Children and Fire

Children "playing" with or starting fires is dangerous and costly. Each year these fires cause hundreds of injuries, millions of dollars in damage, and are most likely to kill young children under the age of 5.

Some children play with fire out of curiosity, boredom, or peer pressure, not realizing its danger. But other children misuse fire because they are struggling with problems or emotions. Without proper intervention and instruction, children who misuse fire will very likely do it again. However, if punishment is the only intervention strategy used, it could actually contribute to the problem. What can you do?

Follow these tips to keep your family safe:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Closely supervise children, making sure that they are kept away from other fire sources, including lit candles, cigarettes, bonfires, and stoves.
- It is natural for young children to be curious and ask questions about fire, play with fire trucks, or pretend to cook. Use these opportunities to teach them about fire safety.
- Explain that fire moves very fast and can hurt as soon as it touches them. Tell them that this is why matches and lighters are tools for adults only.
- Teach young children to never touch matches or lighters. They must go tell a grown-up when matches or lighters are found.
- Establish clear rules and consequences about unsupervised and unauthorized uses of fire.
- Be a good example! Always use fire sources — matches, lighters, candles, fireplaces, and campfires — in a safe manner. Never treat them as toys, or children may imitate you.
- Talk with children about what their friends or other children are doing with fire. What are they seeing online in video games, on TV, in movies, and on social media? Teach them specific ways to resist the peer pressure to misuse fire.
- Give praise for showing respect and age-appropriate responsible behavior toward fire.

Important!

Understand that children and fire are a **deadly combination**. If you suspect a child is unusually interested in fire or is setting fires, take immediate action. Follow these safety tips. Contact your local fire department, school, burn center, or counseling agency to get help from specially trained experts. All children are at risk for using fire unsafely. Many fires happen simply because matches and lighters are left within a child's reach.

Source: Used with permission of the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Grilling Safety Tips

- ❖ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ❖ Approximately 1 of every 5 grill fires, involved grills which had not been cleaned. To prevent fires and injuries, keep grills clean! Roughly, half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

PROPANE GRILLS:

- The grill should be placed at least 10 feet away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
 - Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS:

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use.

- Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord rated for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

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Car Fire Safety

Cars can catch fire for many reasons. Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common cause. Most car fluids are flammable. Heat and electrical sparks plus leaking fluid are all it takes to start a car fire. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, respond immediately.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CAR IS ON FIRE:

- Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so, be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine.
- GET everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything.
- MOVE everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- CALL 9-1-1.

KNOW THE DANGER SIGNS:

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once
- Oil or fluid leaks
- Oil cap not on securely
- Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature.

A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash, however most crashes do NOT result in fire. In the event of a crash, call 9-1-1. If there is no sign of fire, wait for emergency assistance to help any

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injured individuals out of the car.

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Tolland Fire Department

Is Your Street Number Visible from the Road?

Residents and Business Owners are asked to please check their street address numbers. Can they be seen from the road? Are they faded, too small, overgrown or missing? If so, please update your numbers so that they are visible from both directions. The Fire Department offers blue reflective street address signs for \$16. Signs measure 6" wide x 18" long. Three inch reflective numbers are placed on both sides and the blue coating is also reflective. These signs will make your address easier to find and they also make great gifts! For an order form please visit **www.tollandfire.org**, click the first red button in the second row marked "Reflective Street Address Sign" for a downloadable order form.

Help Us Help You!

Tolland Fire Department is currently seeking additional Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to join our volunteer ranks. If you currently hold an EMT license or would like to train to become an EMT please consider volunteering for your community.

- Did you know that the Tolland Fire Department is a combination department?
- A combination department means that both career and volunteer members work together to provide emergency services to the residents, businesses and visitors of Tolland. Our small career staff is on duty Monday through Friday covering the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Our volunteer staff covers nights, weekends and major holidays. This type of coverage is a resourceful and cost-effective way to provide top-level services to the Town.
- Did you know the Department operates two ambulances and responds to emergency calls 24/7/365? Did you know we have a flexible duty schedule in which volunteer EMTs can sign-up for night or weekend shifts? This schedule allows EMTs to fit volunteering into their personal schedules.
- Volunteer EMTs often reflect on their service to their neighbors and community as a personally fulfilling and extremely rewarding experience.
- With the increased emergency call volume we are starting to burn-out our core membership. If we could recruit a few more people to assist us we can lighten the load of our members, possibly holding onto to these well-trained EMTs and extend their years of service to the community.
- Additions to the Town's population both residential and commercial over the past years have affected our membership as well. Members have moved away from volunteering for a variety of reasons such as work and family obligations. Bottom line is we need additional volunteer EMTs to keep delivering our high-level of service.

We would like to thank all of our past and present members, both career and volunteer, because together they have created a foundation that we continue to build on. We miss those who have moved on and look forward to meeting new people who will help shape our future.

If you reside in Tolland and are interested in becoming a volunteer EMT please visit the Department's website www.tollandfire.org. Click the red "Become a Member" tab button on the left side of the page for

more information or stop by the Training Center, located at 191 Merrow Road, during the day or on Monday nights when training is in session.

Thank you in advance for Helping Us Help You!

STATE LAW: Move Over or Slow Down for Stopped Emergency Vehicles

Flashing red, blue and yellow lights are a familiar sight on highways and Emergency Responders (Police, Fire and Tow Truck Operators) are asking motorists to "Move Over" and "Slow Down" to provide enough room for them to safely do their jobs. When lights are flashing, Emergency Responders are working in extremely hazardous and sometimes stressful conditions using very limited space. Close calls are beginning to become the norm as motorists speed by emergency scenes. A split second could mean the difference in everyone going home safely or a responder being injured or killed.

Drivers are reminded that they must move over one lane and slow down if they see emergency vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the shoulder of a highway with their lights flashing. If all lanes are full and drivers can't move over, they are required to slow down as they pass the scene. Connecticut passed its Move Over law (C.G.S. §14-238b) in 2009, fines for breaking the law start at \$181.

Driveway Accessibility

As you know Tolland Fire Department's number one priority is the safety of our residents and our ability to respond to emergency calls for service. While that statement is true, we are also concerned for the safety of our staff and Fire Department equipment.

Lately, we are noticing a disturbing trend where driveways to properties have become narrow, littered with overhanging trees, limbs, branches and the like. Clearance problems may not be so evident to you, however they are of great concern to the Department. Since our apparatus is larger than most personal vehicles, extra clearance is needed to accommodate the larger size of a fire truck or ambulance to prevent scratches or damage to the apparatus. Additionally low hanging vegetation could impact your service wires, possibly causing damage to your connection. Low hanging wires may also impede emergency access.

We would appeal to our residents to please evaluate driveway access to their property and complete the necessary maintenance, so that it can easily accommodate larger vehicles. Also, please re-evaluate access often throughout the year, especially after strong storms. Your cooperation will help ensure we can get to you in your time of need safely and quickly, without damaging our equipment or your trees, bushes, etc. Being vigilant will benefit everyone.

Emergency Medical Information Pouches

Are you familiar with Tolland Fire Department's Personal Emergency Medical Information form?



Our brightly-colored Personal Emergency Medical form provides an opportunity for you to list your name, address, medications, medical conditions, allergies and insurance information in one convenient place. Completed forms are meant to be kept in your home in a conspicuous place, such as on a front table or refrigerator. First Responders are trained to look for these brightly-colored informational forms when responding to your home in an emergency.

Magnetic pouches containing these free brightly-colored forms are

available for pick-up during regular business hours at the Senior Center and Fire Department Training Center. Please remember to update your form should any information or conditions change. Additional copies of the form are available by calling 860-871-3677.

This program has proven to be a very helpful tool for First Responders and best of all its free!

Special Needs Registration

Would you or a loved one in Tolland require special assistance to evacuate your home during a town-wide emergency? If so, you may want to consider being placed on Tolland Emergency Management's Special Needs list.

Residents who may be oxygen dependent, may need assistance with a wheelchair or walker, have vision or hearing impairment or another special circumstance and would require assistance evacuating their home during an emergency should consider registering. Registration requires completing our downloadable "Special Needs Registration" form which is available on our website. Visit www.tollandfire.org, highlight Health & Safety, and select Medical Information. Printed copies of the form are available during regular business hours at the Senior Center and Fire Department Training Center.

Emergency Management

When the Power Goes Out, Call It In!

Have you ever wondered whether or not you should call in a power outage? Have you thought that your neighbor must have called it in? If you're out of power, you should report the outage directly to Eversource, do NOT assume someone else has already reported the outage.

There are several ways to report to Eversource that you are without power:

1. Call 800-286-2000
2. Visit Eversource's website <https://www.eversource.com/cg/customer/reportoutage>
3. Download the Eversource App from Google Play or the App Store

When storms strike and damage equipment, outages can happen. Eversource knows it isn't easy to be without power and requests customers report their outage by phone, text, using their app or website. Eversource relies on information received from customers, so don't be shy about reporting your outage!

Animal Control

Background

Bats are among the world's most fascinating, beneficial and likable animals, yet people often fear and misunderstand them. They are the only mammals capable of true flight. There are over 1,300 different species of bats in the world – nine different species of bats can be found in Connecticut, and all but one of them (the big brown bat) are on Connecticut's List of Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species.

Natural History of Bats

Bats are furred, warm-blooded mammals with body lengths of 3 to 6 inches on average and wingspans ranging from 8 to 16 inches. The bones in a bat's wing are similar to those in human arms and hands. The fingers are extended and connected by leathery, elastic skin that grows from the sides of a bat's body. The thumbs are free from the wing membrane and have claws for grasping.



Bats have good eyesight and rely on vision for long-distance orientation. For short-distance navigation and catching food at night, they use echolocation. This sonar system helps bats, like dolphins, locate targets and background objects from the echoes of ultrasonic pulses. The tempo of these pulses are slow when a bat is foraging and quicken as the bat pursues and captures an insect. Detection, pursuit, and capture of an insect take about one second.

Connecticut's bats are primarily insect eaters. An exception is the hoary bat, which also eats other bats, namely the tri-colored bat. Bats are mostly nocturnal and almost always feed "on the wing." They use their wings, the skin around their tails, and their mouths to catch insects in flight. Bats are the only major predators of night-flying insects, making them beneficial in several ways. They consume many agricultural pests, such as cutworm and corn borer moths, potato beetles, and grasshoppers. Mosquitoes and similar human pests are eliminated much more efficiently by bats than by birds or expensive bug zappers.

Interesting Facts

- In general, bats are not dangerous. Like any other mammal, they can carry rabies, although less than one percent of all bats are infected with the virus. More people die annually from dog attacks, bee stings, lightning, and household accidents than from bat-transmitted rabies.
- Bats are not flying mice. They are the only mammal capable of true flight and are more closely related to primates (and people) than to rodents.
- Bats do not get caught in people's hair. They are adept fliers and rely on sensitive sonar (echolocation) to navigate night skies. Bats that swoop near people are after insects like mosquitoes and moths.
- Bats are not blind. They have good eyesight, but rely on echolocation to master night flight.
- Bats are not filthy or covered with parasites. Clean wings are essential for executing intricate flight patterns, so bats spend great amounts of time grooming themselves.
- Worldwide there are over 1,300 kinds of bats; Connecticut has only nine native species.
- Only 3 species of bats feed on animal blood. These vampire bats prefer to drink cattle or bird blood and are only found in Latin America.
- The smallest bat is the size of a small mouse; the largest, a fruit eater, has a 6-foot wingspan.
- A single little brown bat can eat 1,200 mosquitoes and night-flying insects in an hour.
- Bats have varied diets: 70 percent eat insects; many tropical species eat fruit or drink flower nectar; and some bats even catch frogs and fish.

Humans should seek medical advice if they have physical contact with a bat or have slept in the same room in which bats are found, and should contact Animal Control at 860-871-3676 to report the interaction.

For additional information on bats visit the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's webpage <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Fact-Sheets/Bats>

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