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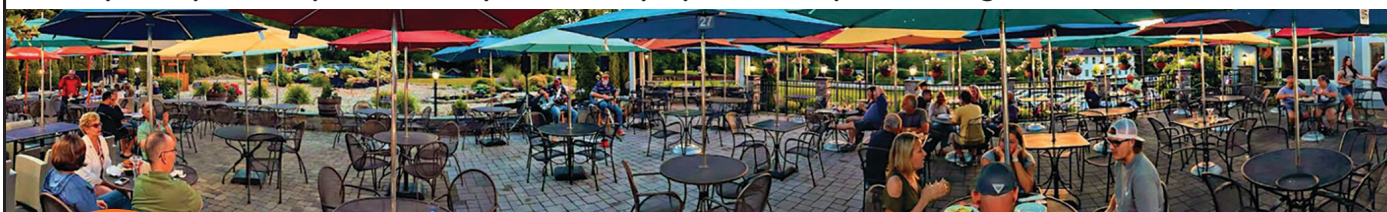
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Town Manager's Office - Recycling

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 26, 2025** between **8 AM and 12 noon**.

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.

Town Wide Shredding Event

The Town of Tolland will host a **free** paper-shredding event on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The event will take place from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Tolland High School in the rear parking lot. (This event is in conjunction with our Electronics Recycling Event which will be held in the front parking lot.) This event allows residents to bring paper documents for a free and safe paper shredding with proof of residency. Accepted documents will be personal, residential documents only. Commercial or business documents will not be accepted.

- Limit of (3) bags or boxes.
- No junk mail, magazines, books, cards, envelopes, metal ring binders, school papers. Sensitive documents only.
- Non-sensitive documents may be routinely recycled.
- Documents which require shredding should be in secure bags or boxes which can support the weight of the material, be easily accessed within your vehicle for unloading by staff.
- Resident verification (driver's license) required.
- Container(s) or receptacle(s) used to deliver documents to be shredded will not be returned.

Questions can be directed to the Town Manager's Office at (860) 871-3680 or afurey@tollandct.gov

Tolland Recreation Department

Contact Information

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:

www.tollandct.myrec.com

Email: tollandrec@tollandct.gov

Recreation Staff

Director: Bruce Watt, bwatt@tollandct.gov

Recreation Coordinator:

Leah Margelony, lmargelony@tollandct.gov

Administrative Assistant: Kim Grimes, kgrimes@tollandct.gov

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

SPRING and SUMMER
REGISTRATION

**BEGINS ON: Monday,
MARCH 31, 2025; 8:00am**

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

Tolland Recreation Department

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/

Andre Garant-Photography on Demand

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.

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 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.

REFUND POLICY

1. If a program is cancelled by the Tolland Recreation Department, a full refund will be issued.
2. All refunds are subject to a \$25.00 processing fee provided a written cancellation request is submitted to the department a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the activity. No refunds will be issued within 14 days of the start of the activity.
3. Bus trips and special events and tickets are only refundable if your seat/space can be filled by someone on a waitlist.

All written request must be submitted to tollandrec@tollandct.gov All refunds will be issued as a credit on the household's account unless a check is requested.

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,
end of Goose La) 114 Folly Ln, Coventry
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.

Tolland Recreation Department

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.

CROSS FARMS RECREATION COMPLEX

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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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.....tollandyouthgarden2011@gmail.com

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
Fire 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
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

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 hill-top 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.

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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. Summer Camp Staff
2. Waterfront Lifeguards

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CRANDALL'S SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION -WAITLIST ONLY

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 2025.

Maximum Enrollment: 90 participants per week

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

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

Grades: K – 8th

Date: Week 1: June 23 – June 27

Week 2: June 30 – July 3 (No July 4)

Week 3: July 7 - July 11

Week 4: July 14– July 18

Week 5: July 21 – July 25

Week 6: July 28 – August 1

Week 7: August 4– August 8

Post Camp: August 11-August 15

Location: Crandall Park (Rain location-Tolland Recreation Department- 104 Old Post Rd)

REGULAR DAY CAMP HOURS

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Fee: \$240.00 Res./ \$250.00 Non-Res Regular Day (5 Days)

(If you need extended hours you must also register for extended hours for each week)

EXTENDED DAY CAMP HOURS

(Must be registered for Regular day camp hours)

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Fee: \$40.00 Res. / \$50.00 Non-Res.

POST CAMP HOURS

Time: 8:00am - 4:30pm (no extended care available)

Fee: \$220.00 Res./ \$230.00 Non-Res Regular Day (5 Days)

Location: Tolland Recreation Department – 104 Old Post Road

Preschool Programs

TOLLAND TYKES PRESCHOOL

For 3 & 4 Year Olds • Classes begin September 2025

The Tolland Tykes Program is sponsored by the Town of Tolland and is under the direct guidance of the Tolland Recreation Department. Our main objective is to provide a safe, positive, nurturing environment where children can grow and thrive in a group setting while at the same time continue their individual development. Tolland Tykes is a play-based, hands-on, developmentally appropriate preschool program. We use the State of Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards to guide our curriculum and programming. The children are exposed to all of the major developmental areas including language and literacy, motor development, creative art, math, science, music, and play. At Tolland Tykes, the individuality of every child is valued and respected.

3 year old class-Currently on a Waitlist

Day: Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Date: September thru May (32 weeks)

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am

Ages: 3 (Children must be 3 years old on or before December 31st)

Fee: \$1350.00 payable in *two (2) installments (August & January).

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Participants: Minimum: 6 Maximum: 12

4 year old class

Day: Meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays

Date: September thru May (32 weeks)

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Ages: 4 (Children must be 4 years old on or before December 31st)

Fee: \$1900.00 payable in *two (2) installments (August & January).

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Participants: Minimum: 6 Maximum: 15

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 <https://tollandct.myrec.com> or feel free to contact the Recreation Office at (860) 871-3610.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS & CLINICS

ZUMBINI

Min Enrollment: 6

Max Enrollment: 12

Music and Movement with Nicole! Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills and emotional development for children ages 0-4, all while creating the ultimate bonding experience for you and your child. This is a parent/guardian style class and requires a guardian to be in attendance for duration of class.

Day: MONDAYS
Date: May 12 – June 16, 2025 (No Class May 26)
Time: 9:30 – 10:30am
Ages: 0 - 4
Fee: \$50.00 Res / \$60.00 Non-Res (5 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center – Program Room 4

Day: THURSDAYS
Date: May 8 – June 12, 2025
Time: 10am – 11am
Ages: 0 - 4
Fee: \$60.00 Res / \$70.00 Non-Res (5 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center – Program Room 4

Tuesday Morning PRE-DANCE

Minimum: 6 Maximum: 15 Enrollment



This one hour pre-dance for children ages 2-4 years old will be broken down into ballet, jazz, tap and basic tumbling. This is a perfect introduction to dance for young dancers. During class children will explore music, rhythm, movement as well as basic footwork and basic tumbling skills. We will often use props such as ribbons, magic wands and more to add not only fun to class but props are a great way to use more motor skills.

****Dancers should have their hair pulled back, wear comfortable dance clothing such as a leotard and have the appropriate shoes.****

Day: TUESDAYS
Date: May 6 – June 10, 2025
Time: 10:30am – 11:30am
Ages: 2-4
Fee: \$60.00 Res; \$70.00 Non-Res (6 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center – Meeting Room 4

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS & CLINICS

TINY TYKES

Parent & Child Program

Maximum Enrollment: 12

This program is designed for all ages and provides little ones the opportunity for socialization and interaction through fine and gross motor play. Classes will be held in the gym where participants will have the freedom to explore climb-on's, ride-on's and tinkering with puzzles. This class is ideal for those looking to introduce their toddler to the preschool setting and those that may not be comfortable being away from their caregiver to help acclimate into the next stage of our Preschool Program. Classes are open to moms, dads, grandparents, nanny's – all caregivers are welcome. One registration per child, caregiver must accompany child for duration of program.

Giggle & Go!

Day: MONDAYS

Date: May 12 - June 16, 2025 (No Class May 26)

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$50.00 Res / \$60.00 Non-Res (5 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center - Gym

Little Leapers

Day: TUESDAYS

Date: May 6 – June 10, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$60.00 Res / \$70.00 Non-Res (6 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center - Gym

Curious Kiddos

Day: THURSDAYS

Date: May 8 – June 12, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$60.00 Res / \$70.00 Non-Res (6 weeks)

Location: Tolland Recreation Center - Gym

SOCCER SHOTS Mini Program

Maximum Enrollment: 24

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. No equipment is necessary.

Day: Saturdays

Date: Session 1: April 5 – June 7, 2025
(No April 19 and May 24)

Time: 9:30am–10:00am

Fee: \$94.50 Res./ \$104.50 Non Res. (8 weeks)

Date: Session 2: July 12 – August 16, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 9:30am

Fee: \$90.00 Res/ \$100.00 Non Res (6 weeks)

Ages: 2

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

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!

Day: Saturdays

Date: Session 1: April 5 – June 7, 2025 (No April 19 and May 24)

Time: 10:15am–11:00am

Fee: \$101.00 Res/ \$111.00 Non Res(8 weeks)

Date: Session 2: July 12 – August 16, 2025

Time: 9:45am – 10:30am

Fee: \$96.00 Res/ \$106.00 Non Res.(6 weeks)

Ages: 3 & 4

Location: Tolland Recreation Department

SKYHAWKS Multi-SportTots (basketball & Soccer)

Maximum Enrollment: 20

Begin an athletic journey with Multi-SportTots! This program offers a variety of sports through fun, age-appropriate activities, enhancing balance, coordination, and fitness. This engaging introduction to multiple sports is packed with learning and teamwork! Parent participation is required with children 3.5 years and younger.

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff

Day: Monday - Friday

Date: Session 1: July 14 – July 18, 2025

Session 2: August 11 – August 15, 2025

Time: 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Ages: 3 & 4

Fee: \$114.00 Res. / \$124.00 Non-Res. per session

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

SKYHAWKS MINI – HAWK (baseball, basketball & soccer)

Maximum Enrollment: 20

Embark on an adventure with Skyhawks Mini-Hawk where younger children can explore a variety of sports. Mini-Hawk programs offer a fun, structured learning environment while enhancing balance and coordination. Campers improve athletically while learning sportsmanship and teamwork. Perfect for a playful introduction to athletics!

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff

Day: Monday - Friday

Date: Session 1: July 14 – July 18, 2025

Session 2: August 11 – August 15, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Ages: 4 -6

Fee: \$190.00 Res. / \$200.00 Non-Res. per session

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLINICS

BABYSITTER SAFETY

Maximum Enrollment: 15

This course is for youth's age 11 to 17 years of age with the most common age of 12 - 14. This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Other topics include hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, and personal safety and interview skills. Basic first aid and obstructed airway management for a conscious choking adult/child and infant will be covered. First Aid including adult and child CPR (requires passing written and skills testing to receive 2 year certification) Booklet, handouts and Babysitter Safety Certificate of completion included. Bring a snack.

Instructor: LifeSafe Services Staff
Day: Saturday
Date: July 26, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm
Ages: 11-17
Fee: \$110.00 Res/ \$120.00 Non Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

INTRO TO DANCE

Minimum: 6 Maximum: 15 Enrollment

Intro to Dance classes for children ages 5-8 years will teach children the beginning fundamentals of ballet/lyrical, tap, jazz and basic tumbling. Students will develop coordination, strength, flexibility, and dance techniques. This class is an excellent way for children to be introduced to a variety of dance styles. **Dancers should have their hair pulled back, wear comfortable dance clothing such as a leotard and have the appropriate shoes.**

Day: FRIDAYS
Date: May 9 – June 13, 2025
Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Ages: 5-8
Fee: \$60.00 Res; \$70.00 Non-Res (6 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center Program Room 4

BUILDING UP S.T.E.A.M. USING LEGO®

Maximum Enrollment: 16

(ages 5-6) Children are working independently and cooperatively as they begin to explore simple machines using LEGO® DUPLO® early childhood materials. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp. Projects may include drummers, scissor-lifts, and wedge launchers.

Instructor: E.Y.E.S., LLC. Staff
Day: Monday – Friday
Date: **Session 1:** July 7-July 11, 2025
Session 2: August 18- August 22, 2025
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Ages: 5-6
Fee: \$175.00 Res/ \$185.00 Non Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

S.T.E.A.M. WORKS USING LEGO®

Maximum Enrollment: 16

(ages 7-9) 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 7-July 11, 2025
Session 2: August 18- August 22, 2025
Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Ages: 7-9
Fee: \$175.00 Res/ \$185.00 Non Res
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



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YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLINICS

FOOD EXPLORERS

Summer in Italy:

Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers for a week immersed in Italian recipes! Each day you'll be making two brand new recipes inspired by Italian cuisine, such as: Vegetable Ragu with Fresh Fettuccine, Pizza Cups, Sweet "Fried" Dough and Tiramisu Pies. All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 28 - August 1, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Grades: 3-6
Fee: \$200.00 Res/ \$210.00 Non Res
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Farmers Market Fresh: Seasonal Cooking!:

Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers for a cooking camp featuring in-season produce! Each day you'll be making two recipes using produce you can find locally, such as: Sweet & Savory Crostini, Greek Flatbreads, Pasta with Fresh Tomato Sauce and Fruit Pizzas. All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

Substitutions are not possible

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 28 - August 1, 2025
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Grades: 4-7
Fee: \$200.00 Res/ \$210.00 Non Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Farmers Market Fresh: Seasonal Cooking!:

Maximum Enrollment: 12

Join Food Explorers for a cooking camp featuring in-season produce! Each day you'll be making two recipes using produce you can find locally, such as: Sweet & Savory Crostini, Greek Flatbreads, Pasta with Fresh Tomato Sauce and Fruit Pizzas. All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

Substitutions are not possible

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: August 4-August 8, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Grades: 2-4
Fee: \$200.00 Res/ \$210.00 NonRes
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Cooking Around the World:

**Maximum
Enrollment: 12**

Join Food Explorers for a culinary tour around the world! Each day you'll be cooking two brand new recipes from different countries, such as: Spaghetti & Vegetarian Meatballs, Fried Dough, Stir Fry (using homemade noodles!) and Apple Crumbles. All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: August 4-August 8, 2025
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Grades: 5-8
Fee: \$200.00 Res/ \$210.00 Non Res
Location: Tolland Recreation Center



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YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLINICS

ART-ventures for Kids

Fairies and Dragons

Maximum Enrollment: 21

Enter the fantasy world of imagination where fairies fly and unicorns roam. Art-venturers unleash their inner elves as they conjure up fire-breathing dragons, transform colorful clay into silly goblin masks, and create winged fairies or armored knight dolls. Sculpt bedazzling unicorns with rainbow manes, design witch or wizard figurines, and build wooden fairy houses with real shells, stones, moss and more. Paint ceramic unicorn banks and create your own dragon or mermaid t-shirts! With the aid of some very magical potions and spells (i.e., materials and techniques), campers experience painting, drawing, stained glass, ceramic, fabric, and clay art. Enjoy an enchanted week of two- and three-dimensional works of art! Fairies and Dragons storytelling is included, as well as surprises and humor. Fun, fantasy- filled ART-ventures!

Instructor: Art Ventures for Kids Staff

Day: Monday-Friday

Date: July 14– July 18, 2025

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Grades: K-5

Fee: \$225.00 Res./ \$235.00 Non-Res.

Location: Tolland Recreation Center



ART-ventures

Oopsy Goopsy

Messy Art Fun

Maximum Enrollment: 21

Messy art is so much fun! And the works of art that come from making a mess are quite amazing! Think splatter, balloon, and blow painting. Make slime and flubber and silly putty. Create with shaving cream and glue. Oh, what a mess we make! Design ceramic doggy banks and create Shrinky dink sculptures. Learn how to make your own clay, and then sculpt super cool masks. Decorate wacky, wild cars for an art car parade. Discover marbleizing and glitter painting, design batik T-shirts, and experience collage and fabric arts. Creative spirits are set free! (Artists must dress for a mess!)

Instructor: Art Ventures for Kids Staff

Day: Monday-Friday

Date: August 11-August 15, 2025

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Grades: K-5

Fee: \$225.00 Res./ \$235.00 Non-Res.

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

The “Crew After School” Program

Maximum Enrollment: 20

The ‘CREW After School’ offers an opportunity exclusively for Tolland Intermediate School students to

Celebrate Recreation, Education and Well-being. ‘The CREW’ meets after school for the 2025/2026 school year. Students are met by Crew Leaders at the dismissal bell on Regular School days as well as Scheduled Early Release days (TBD based on BOE Calendar for 2025/2026 School Year).

From there the CREW make the quick walk up to the Recreation Center - 104 Old Post Road (next door to TIS). Afternoons with ‘the CREW’ begin with quiet time which may look like a good book, a game of cards, making a friendship bracelet or getting a head start on homework - all before jumping into recreational activities.

Consider ‘the CREW After School’ - the cousin of Crandall’s Summer Camp!

We can’t wait to meet you and have you join ‘the CREW’!

Day: Monday-Friday 2025/2026 School Year

Date: First Day of School to Last Day of School

Time: Regular Days 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Scheduled Early Dismissal 12:40 – 6:00pm

Grades: 3rd, 4th & 5th – Must be attending Tolland Intermediate School

Fee: \$2,600.00 School Year/ \$260.00/month

Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Youth Sports Programs & Clinics

BASKETBALL CLINIC

Maximum Enrollment:

Ellington Varsity Girls Basketball and Tolland Resident, Marc Tancredi, will offer a youth basketball clinic for grades K-4th (Coed) & 5th-8th (Girls). These youth basketball clinics will focus on fundamentals and foundational skills. The clinic will provide a safe environment that builds players confidence and instills the love of the game.

COED Grade K-4 Clinic

Day: Tuesdays

Date: May 6-May 27 2025

Time: 6:00pm-6:45pm

Grades: K-4

Fee: \$100.00 Res. / \$110.00 Non-Res.

Location: Tolland Middle School

Girls Grade 5-8 Clinic

Day: Tuesdays

Date: May 6-May 27 2025

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Grades: 5-8

Fee: \$100.00 Res. / \$110.00 Non-Res.

Location: Tolland Middle School

Youth Sports Programs & Clinics

Wiffle Ball

Maximum Enrollment: 90

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 14-July 18, 2025
Session 2: August 11 - August 15, 2025
Time: 9:00am-11:00am
Grades: 5th-12th
Fee: \$80.00 Res. / \$90.00 Non-Res.
Location: Cross Farms Recreation Area - Field A

Futsal & Soccer Hybrid Camp

Maximum Enrollment: 72

CAB Futsal and Soccer 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, play and think faster.

In order to get the most out of the program we highly recommend registering players who have previously played on a travel or premier level team. Participants will be coached by the top certified coaches in the area. Players will get a customized CAB-Futsal.com shirt. This is an event you cannot miss. Register early because it will sell out!

Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 21 - July 25, 2025
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Ages: 8-14
Fee: \$300.00 Res./ \$310.00 Non-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: August 11-August 14, 2025
Session 2: August 18 - August 21, 2025
Time: 8:30am -10:00am
Ages: 8-14
Fee: \$100.00 Res. / \$110.00 Non-Res.
Location: THS Tennis Courts (Old Cathole Road)

Tennis Clinic (Coed) Intermediate (must be able to play for points)

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: August 11-August 14, 2025
Session 2: August 18 - August 21, 2025
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
Ages: 8-17
Fee: \$100.00 Res. / \$110.00 Non-Res.
Location: THS Tennis Courts (Old Cathole Road)



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Youth Sports Programs & Clinics

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: TUESDAYS
Date: July 8 – July 22, 2025 (July 22 - double class)
(No class July 29)
Time: 5:00pm–6:00pm
Ages: 8–15
Fee: \$84.00 Res. / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
Location: Skungamaug River Golf Club (end of Goose La.)
Day: THURSDAYS
Date: July 10– July 24, 2025 (July 24 - double class)
(No class July 31)
Time: 6:00pm–7:00pm
Ages: 8–15
Fee: \$84.00 Res. / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
Location: Skungamaug River Golf Club (end of Goose La.)

Wins 4 Life Basketball Clinic

Maximum Enrollment: 54

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 14-July 17, 2025
Time: 8:45am –11:45am
Grades: 4-8
Fee: \$220.00 Res. / \$220.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland High School

Girls Clinic

Day: Monday-Thursday
Date: July 14-July 17, 2025
Time: 12:30pm–3:30pm
Grades: 4-9
Fee: \$220.00 Res / \$220.00 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 21 – July 24, 2025
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Ages: 7-12
Fee: \$175.00 Res/ \$185.00 Non-Res.
Location: Cross Farms Recreation Area – Field B

Skyhawks Mini – Hawk (Baseball, Basketball & Soccer)

Maximum Enrollment: 20

Embark on an adventure with Skyhawks Mini-Hawk where younger children can explore a variety of sports. Mini-Hawk programs offer a fun, structured learning environment while enhancing balance and coordination. Campers improve athletically while learning sportsmanship and teamwork. Perfect for a playful introduction to athletics!

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff
Day: Monday - Friday
Date: Session 1: July 14 – July 18, 2025
Session 2: August 11 – August 15, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Ages: 4 -6
Fee: \$190.00 Res. /\$200.00 Non-Res. per session
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

Skyhawks-Beginning Golf

Maximum Enrollment: 16

Swing into Skyhawks Beginning Golf, powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. This beginning program focuses on fun and repetition with a games-based approach that can be played on any surface. Specialized equipment is used to ensure early success for young players. Key skills like putting and chipping are taught through engaging activities. Ideal for beginners and those improving, join Skyhawks for rewarding progress with every shot!

Instructor: Skyhawk's Staff
Day: Monday-Friday
Date: July 28–August 1, 2025
Time: 9:00am–12:00pm
Ages: 5-8
Fee: \$190.00 Res / \$200.00 Non-Res.
Location: Tolland Recreation Center

YOGA AM & PM

Maximum Enrollment: 18

These classes are 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 cultivate balance, harmony, and vibrant health in your life. Everything can be adapted to suit individual levels. No previous experience with yoga is required. Please bring a yoga mat. Other props are provided.

Walk-in rate \$10.00 per class. Instructor – Amy Evans, KYT-500, AYT.

Morning Yoga

Day: TUESDAYS - AM
Date: April 15– May 13, 2025
Fee: \$35.00 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res., (5 weeks)
Date: **Session 1:** June 10- July 15, 2025
Session 2: July 22 – August 26, 2025
Fee: \$42.00 Res./ \$52.00 Non-Res., (6 weeks)
Time: 9:00am-10:00am
Ages: 6 and up
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Day: WEDNESDAYS - AM
Date: April 16 – May 14, 2025
Fee: \$35.00 Res. / \$45.00 Non-Res.,(5 weeks)
Date: **Session 1:** June 11 – July 16, 2025
Session 2: July 23 – August 27, 2025
Fee: \$42.00 Res. / \$52.00 Non-Res.,(6 weeks)
Time: 9:00am-10:00am
Ages: 16 and up
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Afternoon Yoga

Day: WEDNESDAYS- Afternoon
Date: April 16– May 14, 2025
Fee: \$35.00 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res. (5 weeks)
Date: **Session 1:** June 11 - July 16, 2025
Session 2: July 23 – August 27, 2025
Fee: \$42.00 Res. / \$52.00 Non-Res., (6 weeks)
Time: 4:45pm – 5:45pm
Ages: 16 and up
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

Evening Yoga

Day: WEDNESDAYS- PM
Date: April 16– May 14, 2025
Fee: \$35.00 Res./ \$45.00 Non-Res. (5 weeks)
Date: **Session 1:** June 11- July 16, 2025
Session 2: July 23 – August 27, 2025
Fee: \$42.00 Res. / \$52.00 Non-Res.,(6 weeks)
Time: 6:00pm-7:00 pm
Ages: 16 and up
Location: Tolland Recreation Department

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Adult Sports

SOFTBALL LEAGUE Slow Pitch (Over 35)

Plays Friday nights at Crandall Park. Fun, friendly competition and good exercise. The league will play 8 games plus playoffs. Call the Recreation Department at 860-871-3610 to see about getting on a team.

This league consist of residency requirements.

Day: Fridays
Date: Starts in May, 2025
Time: Evening games; various times
Ages: 35 and up
Fee: Fee by Team; \$650.00
Location: Crandall Park

Pickle Ball – Classes for Intermediate Players

These classes are a great way for experienced players to expand their skill set in the sport of Pickleball. Players receive instruction plus playing time. Players will learn all the basics to be able to play. We will teach techniques such as the third shot drop, retrieving lobs, dinking, and more. These classes are for Individuals ages 35 and older. Indoor Court shoes are required. Pickleball paddles are not provided to use during the classes.

Instruction: Richard Lavigne
Day: Wednesdays
Date: April 9 – April 30, 2025
Time: 12:15 – 1:15pm
Ages: 35 and older
Fee: \$40.00 Res/ \$50.00 Non-Res (4 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Center
Participants: Minimum: 4 Maximum: 8

Adult Sports

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. Time slot limited to 10 participants**

Day: TUESDAYS
Date: May 6 – June 10, 2025
Time Slot 1: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Time Slot 2: 7:00pm-8:30pm
Ages: 18 and up
Fee: \$30.00 Res. /\$40.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Department
Participants: **Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10**

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. Time slot limited to 10 participants**

Day: THURSDAYS
Date: May 8 – June 12, 2025
Time Slot 1: 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Time Slot 2: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Time Slot 3: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Ages: 18 and up
Fee: \$30.00 Res./\$40.00 Non-Res. (6 weeks)
Location: Tolland Recreation Department
Participants: **Minimum: 4 Maximum: 10**

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 \$7.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sue Vang
Day: Mondays
Date: April 21 – June 9, 2025 (No program May 19 & May 26)
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Ages: 16 and up
Fee: \$36.00 Res / \$46.00 Non Res (6 weeks) or \$7.00 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 \$7.00 an evening.

Instructor: Sue Vang
Day: Tuesdays
Date: April 22 – June 10, 2025 (No May 6)
Time: 7:15pm-9:15pm
Ages: 18 and up
Fee: \$42.00 Res. /\$52.00 Non-Res. (7 weeks) or \$7.00 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 \$7.00 an evening.

TOLLAND RESIDENTS ONLY.

Day: MONDAYS
Date: April 21 – May 19, 2025
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Ages: 19 and up
Fee: \$30.00 (5 weeks) or \$7.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Middle School

Day: WEDNESDAYS
Date: April 23 – May 28, 2025
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Ages: 19 and up
Fee: \$36.00 (6 weeks) or \$7.00 per walk-in
Location: Tolland Middle School

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: TUESDAYS
Date: **Session 1:** June 3 – June 24, 2025
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Session 2: August 5 – August 26, 2025

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Ages: 16 & up
Fee: \$84.00 Res. / \$94.00 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: THURSDAYS
Date: Session 1: June 5 – June 26, 2025
 Session 2: August 7 – August 28, 2025
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Ages: 16 & up
Fee: \$84.00 Res. / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

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: TUESDAYS
Date: May 6 – May 27, 2025
Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm
Day: THURSDAYS
Date: May 8– May 29, 2025
Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm
Ages: 16 & up
Fee: \$84.00 Res. / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
Location: Skungamaug River Golf Course (end of Goose La)

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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: THURSDAYS
Date: September 4 – September 25, 2025
Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm
Ages: 16 & up
Fee: \$84.00 Res. / \$94.00 Non-Res., (4 weeks)
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TRIPS/RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Daffodil Festival on Nantucket Island

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Join My Fun Bus Staff on a trip to venture out and fully embrace Spring Time! Your Coach bus will leave from the Tolland Commuter Lot at 6:00 a.m. and drive 2 hours and 15 minutes to Hyannis on Cape Cod, where you will board a Hy-Line Cruise, for a 1-hour high-speed ferry ride to picturesque Nantucket! Explore this charming island; enjoy the Daffodil festival, the antique car parade, and the local eateries on your own. Go to <https://daffodilfestival.com> or www.nantucket-ma.gov for more info. Ticket fee includes coach bus transportation, high speed ferry round trip, and a boxed lunch from My Fun Bus! We plan to take the 5:30 ferry back to Hyannis and make quick stop for fast food on the way home and arrive back in Tolland by 9:30 p.m. Avoid the summer tourist season, consider traveling with your mom and celebrating Mother's Day early, treat yourself to a delightful adventure!

Date: **SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

Reg. Deadline: Friday, April 18

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

Departure Time: 6:00 a.m.

Return Time: 9:30 p.m. Approx

Fee: \$195.00 (includes coach bus, high speed ferry round trip, and boxed lunch)

Kayak Loaner Program

Loaner equipment is available Monday-Thursday by appointment. The Tolland residents may reserve for any service up to four weeks in advance. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Only one open reservation will be allowed per household. The person requesting the reservation must be 18 years or older.

24 hour rental unless equipment is available. May - October (Weather dependent): Pickup by appointment

Drop off 9:15 am the following morning (unless a weekend then drop off is Monday at 9:15am).

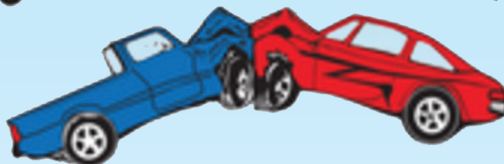
Kayak Reservations are by Appointment Only

Call (860) 871-3610 during office hours:

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; Thursday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm, to schedule an appointment.

Check in & check out location is at the Tolland Recreation Department, 104 Old Post Road.

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Assessor's Office - Tax Relief Programs

The Town of Tolland Offers Tax Relief Programs

See if you qualify! There are three separate programs available, and if qualified, you may apply for each program or the ones that best suit your needs. The Tolland Assessor's office is currently accepting applications for the tax relief programs. The filing period is February 1, 2025 through May 15, 2025. Tolland residency is required and all applications must be accompanied with proof of 2024 income. Homestead exemptions or financial assistance in another town or state will disqualify a homeowner for these programs. To find out more, check out the [Tax Relief Programs page](#) on the assessor's tab of the town website.

- 1) Homeowner Aid for the Elderly and Disabled Program (also known as the Circuit Breaker) is a State program which requires homeowners to be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2024, or be 50 years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a homeowner who at the time of death had qualified for and was entitled to tax relief, or be eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security. You must also have been a resident of Connecticut for at least one year. Your 2024 gross income, including the non-taxable portion of Social Security, cannot exceed \$55,100 if married or \$45,200 if unmarried.
- 2) Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens (known as local Ordinance 25) is a local tax deferment program. This program defers a portion of property taxes for low income or totally disabled homeowners while they own their property. When the property is sold or a use change occurs, all deferred or back taxes are due with interest. The maximum 2024 total household income cannot exceed \$78,000 for this program. You must be over 65 years of age as of December 31, 2024 or eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security.
- 3) Local Tax Relief Program for Permanently Disabled and Senior Residents (known as local Ordinance 60) Qualifying homeowners must have resided and paid taxes on the property since July 1, 2024 or earlier and at least one of the homeowners must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2024 or eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits of the surviving spouse of the homeowner who at the time of death qualified for this program. The maximum 2024 total household income cannot exceed \$78,000 for this program and total household assets (excluding your primary home) cannot exceed \$780,000.

Tolland Revaluation

The Town of Tolland has completed the mandatory revaluation for the 2024 grand list. Inspections of all properties have been completed, assessment notices have been mailed and all informal hearings have been

completed. Unlike the previous two revaluations, many assessments increased significantly because of the crazy real estate market.

The town is anticipating to be able to offset this sticker shock by adopting a lower mill rate. The budget process continues throughout the spring and that is your opportunity to bring questions to the town manager and the finance department. It is the referendum and budget process that determines the mill rate. Once the new mill rate is approved and adopted, the upcoming taxes can be calculated. Be active, be aware and learn about the process. Most importantly, don't forget to vote!

Have you gotten rid of your motor vehicle?

DMV does not notify us of any changes in ownership or registration status after each October 1st. It is your responsibility to communicate with us to see if an adjustment is due. Did you move to another town in Connecticut? The motor vehicle tax bill is payable to the town where you resided on October 1st. To find out more, check out the [Motor Vehicle Information page](#) on the assessor's tab of the town website.

Business Owners:

While it seems far away right now, September is the time for personal property declarations to be sent. If you own or operate a business in Tolland be sure to return the required declaration by the deadline to avoid a penalty. If you are no longer operating a business, please supply the office with the appropriate documents or visit the [Personal Property Information page](#) on the assessor's tab of the town website.

Veterans: Have you filed your discharge papers?

September 30th is the deadline to present a certified copy of your discharge papers to the Town Clerk to be considered for the following assessment year. If a Veteran's Administration disability is being awarded please bring a copy of the current award letter, stating the percentage of disability and the award date, to the assessor's office as this may change the amount of exemption. In order to qualify for the proposed???? new legislation a disability must be awarded at 100% and be characterized as a "service-connected permanent and total" disability. In addition to the VA service-connected permanent and total permanent disability rating, the dwelling must be the primary and current residence of the veteran to receive this exemption. For more information see the [Veteran's Information page](#) on the assessor's tab of the town website.

Town Clerk - June is Dog Licensing Month

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.

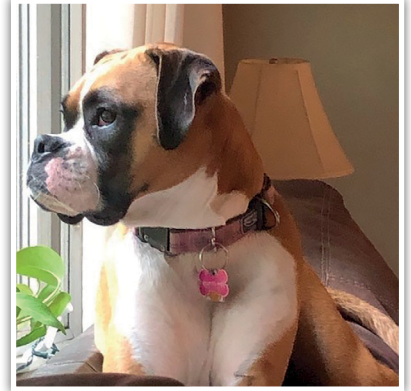
All dogs must have proof of a current rabies vaccination on file. Postcard reminders will be mailed the last week of May. **Please check the rabies expiration date printed on the postcard. Any dog whose expiration date is 6/1/2025 or before will have to provide a new rabies certificate in order to license 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@tollandct.gov so that we can remove the record.

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



Human Services Office



Therapy Dog Lincoln has been busy spreading joy and education all around town! From community events with Youth Services at the Tolland Public Library to visits at the Senior Center—he's been making a paws-itive impact everywhere he goes!

Human Services Assistance Programs:

Renter's Rebate

Tolland Human Services will be accepting Renter's Rebate applications beginning April 1st. This income-based program provides a one-time payment to renters based on the rent and utilities paid in 2024. Proof of income (SSA 1099) and paid rental expenses for 2024 must be provided.

Requirements for recipients include:

- 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
- Be 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Disability benefits and must meet a one year state residency requirement

To schedule an appointment, please contact Jillian Fiddler at (860)-871-3615.

Food Assistance

Tolland residents needing Food Assistance may contact Lisa Murdock at (860) 871-3648 to fill out an application for the Tolland Food Pantry and applicable Food Assistance programs.

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.

Back to School Support Program

We will be seeking donations during the month of August to support our back to school Gift Card Drive to support families in town with purchasing school supplies. All donations can be provided to the Human Services Office (21 Tolland Green, Level 4) Gift cards we are in need of include: Target, Amazon, Walmart, Staples and Kohls. Contact us at 860-871-3648 with questions or to apply as a recipient!

Senior Services Caseworker

The Senior Services Caseworker plays a vital role in ensuring that Tolland's senior residents and their caregivers have access

to the resources and support they need. Through one-on-one appointments, or home visits as necessary, the caseworker assesses individualized needs, provides referrals, and offers follow-up assistance to promote well-being and independence. A key focus of this role is community outreach—connecting with isolated or homebound seniors to link them to helpful programs and encourage participation in social, educational, and wellness activities at the Senior Center.

The caseworker also provides confidential case management services, assisting seniors with applications for financial aid, medical assistance, tax relief, veterans' benefits, housing, and transportation programs like Dial-A-Ride. In collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies—including AARP, the Department on Aging & Disability Services, and area senior housing organizations—the caseworker works to expand access to critical programs and services.

By fostering connections and advocating for seniors, the Senior Services Caseworker helps ensure that every older resident in Tolland has the opportunity to live a healthier, more engaged, and supported life. If you or a loved one could benefit from these services, reach out to schedule an appointment today at (860) 870-3726.

Human Services Youth Programming: Tolland Youth Services Community Theater (TYSCT)

Join us for TYSCT's 2025 Production of Disney's High School Musical- Performances will be Friday July 25th and Saturday July 26th!

- **Registration Dates: March 10th- June 16th** Registration forms for participants are available on the Youth Services website or at the Human Services Office. Once limits for each group are reached, we will move to a waiting list. Out of town participants will be initially put onto a waiting list. Participation will be capped at 60 Senior Chorus and 40 Mini/Junior Chorus. Registration forms can be returned with participant fee to Tolland Human Services.
- **Auditions Date: Tuesday April 22nd:** Auditions will begin at 3:00pm and are open to students currently in grades

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6-12 who would like to audition for a named part. All students who have registered for Senior Chorus for an unnamed part do not need to audition. Audition materials will be provided to participants via email or available for pick up at the Tolland Human Services office. If needed for casting, there will be Audition Callbacks on Thursday April 24th.

- **Rehearsal Dates: June 23rd-July 24th** Participants are split into chorus groups by age which determines the days per week of rehearsals. See the tables below for important dates and the summer rehearsal schedule. All rehearsals and performances are held at Tolland High School in the auditorium (1 Eagle Hill Tolland CT).

- o Mini/Junior Chorus: Grades K-5
- o Senior Chorus: Grades 6-12

TYSCT 2025 Important Dates

March 10th - June 16th	Registration Dates
Tuesday April 22nd	Auditions
Thursday April 24th	Audition Call Backs (If Needed)
Monday June 23rd	Rehearsals Begin for Senior Chorus
Tuesday June 24th	Parent/Guardian Meeting and Rehearsals Begin for Junior & Mini Chorus

SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Dates	Day of Week	Event
June 23 – July 17	Monday through Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 pm	Leads & Senior Chorus Rehearsals
	Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Junior & Mini Chorus Rehearsals
July 19	Saturday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tech Day (All)
July 21 – 24	Monday-Tuesday 6:00 - 9:30 pm	Rehearsal (All)
	Wednesday 5:00 - 9:00 pm	Dress Rehearsal (All)
	Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 pm	Dress Rehearsal (All)
July 25 & 26	Friday & Saturday 7:00 pm	Performances (All)



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Keep an eye on our social media pages, as well as the Tolland Youth Services Community Theater page for updates and important information regarding this year's production, including information regarding ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities for local businesses! <https://www.tollandct.gov/youth-services/pages/tolland-youth-services-community-theater>

Tolland Youth Advisory Board and Local Prevention Council (LPC)

Interested in joining the Tolland Youth Advisory Board? The Tolland Youth Advisory Board is growing! The advisory board works with the Tolland Local Prevention Council (LPC) and helps to advise and make recommendations for the Tolland Youth Services Program. This is a great opportunity for community involvement and service hours! If you would like to join, please contact Teresa Kristoff at tkristoff@tollandct.gov or (860)-871-3612.

National Prevention Week- May 11th-May 17th

The Tolland Local Prevention Council will be recognizing National Prevention Week, sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Educational opportunities will take place this week at Tolland High School and Tolland Middle School, including giveaways for students.

Paws Up For Prevention - Our Prevention Specialist works alongside Youth Services staff and the Local Prevention Council to bring awareness and education to youth, adult community members, senior residents, as well as students in the Tolland school system. One instrumental initiative in spreading this message is our Paws Up For Prevention campaign. Therapy Dog Lincoln serves as our mascot and has been hard at work spreading important messages to community members while receiving some pets and hugs along the way! Keep an eye on the Education and Prevention Programs page for more information: <https://www.tollandct.gov/youth-services/pages/education-and-prevention-programs>.

Community Events: The Tolland Local Prevention Council is looking forward to sponsoring upcoming events and activities for youth and families in the community.

- **Yoga for Kids** We are thrilled to provide sponsorship through our Local Prevention Council funds to support ongoing yoga groups for children grades K-5 at the Tolland Public Library. These groups include breathing exercises, age-appropriate yoga instruction with a short meditation, and a small giveaway for each kid participant. We are looking forward to the upcoming yoga group on May 21st. Stay tuned for future dates this summer, groups occur every other month!
- **'Decorate a Tote Bag' Event- Thursday June 12th!** Tolland Youth Services staff will be co-hosting this group with the Tolland Children's Librarian in the Story Time room at the Tolland Public Library! We will have fabric markers and various art supplies to decorate your own tote bag-perfect to bring for a day at the beach or park! Registration will be

required for each participant. We can't wait to see what you create! Check our website for possible date changes and timing of the event as it gets closer.

National Teacher's Day is May 6, 2025!

Tolland Youth Services would like to recognize all of the incredible educators in the Tolland community on National Teachers' Day. Thank you for your endless hard work and dedication to our students!

For current information regarding Tolland Youth Services programming and events, residents are encouraged to contact Teresa Kristoff, (860) 871-3612 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 Water Commission

The Human Services Director is the staff liaison to the Tolland Water Commission. The purpose of the Tolland Water Commission is to supervise the management and operation of the Town-owned water company and to assure a safe and abundant supply of water at a reasonable rate. CT Water Company is the operator for the town's Municipal System. The Water Commission meetings are held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tolland Commission on People with Disabilities

The goal of the Tolland Commission on People with Disabilities is to provide information, education, and advocacy for the entire community by embracing the contribution of its citizens

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with disabilities, and to create a more inclusive Tolland. The Commission researches and advises the Town Council on issues relevant to our citizens with disabilities.

The Commission:

- Offers support for legislative initiatives that promote equality and accessibility for people with disabilities;
- Invites speakers from both the public and private sector to discuss topics of concern to the disability community;
- Explores additional state, federal, and grant funding resources;
- Analyzes the services for persons with disabilities provided by the community, both by public and private agencies, and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding the Commission's findings.

Remember – when you make something accessible for a person with a disability, you make it accessible for EVERYONE.

Do you have suggestions on how to make Tolland more inclusive and improve the lives of people with disabilities in our town? We would love to hear from YOU! You can join our Facebook page, join a meeting (every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm) or send an email to copwd@tollandct.gov.

The Commission on People with Disabilities releases regular newsletters to provide you with resources and information pertinent to your business, organization, family or loved one.

Newsletters can be accessed at this link: <https://www.tollandct.gov/commission-people-disabilities/webforms/newsletters>

You can learn more at our web page: <https://www.tollandct.gov/commission-people-disabilities/resources> or access it here:



Senior Center: Programming and Events

Summer Cookout

Mark your calendars—our Sizzlin' Seniors Summer Cookout is on the way! Get ready to soak up the sunshine, enjoy great company, and savor all your favorite cookout classics. With music, laughter, and fun yard games, it's the perfect way to celebrate the season. Stay tuned for the official date—we can't wait to see you there!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 27th to May 4th

Tolland Human Services and the Tolland Senior Center would like to express sincere gratitude to all of the incredible volunteers who provide their time and talents to our Food Pantry, Senior Center and Youth Services Programs. We look forward to celebrating the contributions of all of our volunteers during National Volunteer Appreciation Week!

For current information regarding the Tolland Senior Center programming and events, residents are encouraged to contact Kyle Sandness, (860) 870-3725 or visit

<https://www.tollandct.gov/senior-center>

Planning & Development

Building Department

860-871-3601

Did you know that many permits can be applied and paid for online? Visit the Building Department webpage and click the 'Forms & Permits' button to start your application. Having proper permits will not only guarantee the work is approved and inspected, but will benefit you if you decide to sell your home. Did you know homeowner's insurance claims may be denied due to unpermitted home improvements? Our office staff is happy to answer any questions you may have on the permit process.

Spring brings many outdoor projects to the forefront. It is

likely that you may want to power-wash your home, repair a fence, replace a few shingles, paint the house or stain a deck. While none of the above home-maintenance items require a permit, it is highly recommended that you still hire licensed and insured contractors. You should also always get a written proposal from the contractor and ask for references. Never pay in-full for a job in advance; a partial deposit is common and fair to everyone involved.

Now that warmer weather will be arriving soon, 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, including the inflat-

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able style pools. 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.

Whether you're applying for permits, seeking guidance on regulations, or have general inquired, we are pleased to offer our support.

Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:30pm, Thursday 8:00am - 7:30pm.

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, en-



courages sound economic development and assists other town agencies as needed. Please visit our website at <https://www.tollandct.gov/planning-zoning> for frequently asked questions, forms and fees, zoning regulations and much more!

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.

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 and 4th Monday of each month
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Thursday of each month



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Public Works Department

Plow Damage:

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If you believe you have experienced damage from our Town plows such as broken curbs, damaged mailboxes, lawn tear up, etc. then please go to our website <https://www.tollandct.gov/public-works/webforms/public-works-service-request>

to fill out a Service Request or you may contact the office at 860-871-3696 Monday through Thursday.

Please know that we will send out a Public Works employee to evaluate the problem. At that time, it may be determined that the damage can be repaired now or it may need to wait for warmer weather/early Spring to be fixed.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office for questions or such concerns.

Registrars of Voters



**BUDGET
REFERENDUM
MAY 6th VOTE**

There will be a Budget Referendum, May 6th for the 2025-2026 budget year.

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. on this day.

There is no early voting period for this event. Absentee ballots are available, however, at the Town Clerk's office.

Only registered Tolland voters may vote in this Referendum.

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

Tolland Registrars

April Teveris, Brenda Falusi

Public Library-Programs: Adults

Tolland Public Library - Exciting Programs for

Spring & Summer 2025!

Please check the Library website for the latest on upcoming programs. ****Dates are subject to change from the time of this printing.**** Many thanks to the Tolland Library Foundation and the Friends of Tolland Public Library for their support of so many of our programs!

**"Reflecting Upon Life" through Poetry, Quotes and Photos:
A Book Presentation by author David Vasquenza**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

Meet Tolland High School graduate, author, and motivational speaker, David Vasquenza! With his positive energy, passion, inspiring messages and invaluable lessons, David's presentations feature an array of enriching themes, lessons, and wisdom. He cares deeply about his mission "to assist as many people as possible, in as many ways as possible." His new book, *Reflecting Upon Life*, is another avenue to inspire others via meaningful poetry, stirring short stories, humor and profound messages. Mr. Vasquenza is a member of the Connecticut Poetry Society. Copies of David's book will be available for sale after the presentation.

Spring Wreaths

Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

Create a cheerful spring wreath for your home. For ages 13 - adult. All materials provided.



Spring Card- Making Workshop

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

Join us for this casual workshop making cards for all things SPRING!!! Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc. Open to ages 13-adult. All materials provided!

Earth Day Then and Now: Where Do We Go From Here?

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

It's been 55 years since the first Earth Day. Much has been accomplished, and yet much remains to be done. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the enormity of climate change and the continuing desecration of our planet. What can be done? How can one person even make a difference? Let's take a look at some options. Led by Kathy Grinold.



Public Library-Programs: Adults

May Fabric Flowers

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

Create fabric flowers to brighten up your home. All materials will be provided for this program for ages 13 - adult.

Creating a Strong Estate Plan: Protect Your Family and Your Finances

Monday, May 19, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

Whether you are a planner or a procrastinator, having a strong and up-to-date estate plan should be at the top of your to-do list. In addition to providing the peace of mind of knowing your final wishes will be legally documented, an estate plan provides a roadmap for your loved ones to know how to care for you if you are no longer able to care for yourself and/or your financial and legal affairs.

In this session, led by Attorney Brendan Daly, of Czepiga Daly Pope & Perri, you'll learn about important estate planning documents like Wills, powers of attorney, advance directives, and trusts, and the purpose and powers included in each. Furthermore, we'll examine what happens if you don't have a Will when you pass away, how your estate gets divided amongst your heirs, who can pay your bills if you can't, how to choose your power of attorney and health care agents, and some common estate planning mistakes that you will want to avoid. Even if you have already created an estate plan, discover when and if you should have your existing documents reviewed and updated.

Memorial Day Planters

Thursday, May 22, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Library Program Room

Create a small patriotic planter with red, white, and blue flowers. All materials provided. Open to all ages. One planter per household. Participants may wish to bring gloves.

Patriotic Plaque Craft

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Program Room

Create a patriotic plaque in time for Flag Day and the 4th of July! For ages 13 - adult. All materials provided.

Beach Scene Lighted Wine Bottle

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Library Story Room

You asked, so here it is ... Paint or decoupage a beach scene lighted wine bottle in this program for adults. All materials provided but participants may bring a bottle of their own (remove all labels) and any special things they wish to decoupage onto the bottle.

Ongoing Programs/Groups

Friends Meeting

The Friends of the Tolland Public Library meet 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!

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? Call 860- 871-3620 to book your personalized session with Reference Librarian Kelly Marchand. Let Kelly ease your tech woes! 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 how to use Microsoft Word.

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.

Featherweight Friends Club

The Featherweight Friends Club meets one Saturday a month at 10 am in the Library 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.



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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 Program Room. Past classes have covered iPhones, e-books, Pixlr, and Canva.

Events for Children at Tolland Public Library

Story Time

Select Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 AM.

Kids and caregivers are invited to join our children's librarian on Tuesdays for stories, songs, crafts, and oodles of fun! Toddlers and kids. FREE! Due to limited space and supplies, registration is required for all participants. Check the library website to register for this and other events or call 860-871-3621.

Baby Bookworms

Select Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:00 AM

Join us on select Wednesday mornings for board book read alongs, songs, rhymes, finger plays, and playtime for your little ones. Perfect for babies 0 to 23 months. FREE! Check the library website to register for this and other events or call 860-871-3621.

Lego Club

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 4 to 4:45 PM

Attention Lego lovers! Exercise your creativity, show off your skills and attempt awesome challenges. No registration required. Call 860-871-3621 for more information.

More events will be added throughout the season. Check the Library Event Calendar at Tolland.gov/library

Watch for many exciting programs, reading incentives, and prizes with this year's summer reading theme Level Up! More information coming soon!



Fire Department

Submitted by the Office of the Fire Marshal: Hoarding and Fire: Reducing the Risk

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury?

- When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least

A graphic for 'Newspaper Power'. It shows a desktop monitor, a laptop, and a smartphone, all displaying the word 'NEWS' in large letters. Below the devices, the text 'NEWSPAPER POWER.' is written in large, bold, red letters. Underneath that, in smaller black text, it says 'Print, Digital & Social Solutions for our advertisers.' and 'Contact Jan Koivisto 860-423-8466 x 3314' and 'jank@thechronicle.com'.

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once a month.

- Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help

Source Credit: National Fire Protection Association © NFPA (2016).

From the Office of the Fire Marshal:

Outdoor Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, structures, trees 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 grill and from the trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it

PROPANE GRILLS:

- 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 specifically for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

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Tolland Animal Control:

Welcome Spring and Summer: With warmer weather in the air, Tolland Animal Control would like to remind our dog owners of some very important topics:

- We welcome dog owners to enjoy our town parks and trails, however dogs MUST be leashed at all times
- You MUST pick up after your dog.
- Our parks and trail systems are for all residents to enjoy. Please be courteous, because we are all sharing the same paths and
- Remember, animals are NOT permitted on playgrounds, ball fields, tennis/pickleball/basketball courts or school running tracks.

Hot Weather Reminders

Animal Control Officers would like to remind people who are traveling with their pets even on short trips around town, to be aware of the heat, humidity and temperatures. It only takes minutes for a vehicle which is parked in the sun to climb to extreme temperatures. Even when the outside temperature is only in the 60's, the temperature inside a vehicle can climb into the 'danger zone' after only a short period of time. Parking the vehicle in the shade and rolling down the window doesn't guarantee protection from heatstroke and suffocation. Pet owners should be aware that tragedy can happen when you least expect it.

This chart depicts how quickly temperatures can rise inside a parked car!

Outside Temp (F)	Inside of a Car Temp (F)	
	10 Minutes	30 Minutes
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
75°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

Dogs which are left outdoors during the summer months must have shelter from the sun and rain, and must have fresh clean water available to them at all times. If you must keep your dog outdoors, it is recommended that the dog be secured in a covered kennel rather than chained or tied where the dog can become entangled and injure their legs, trachea or even be strangled.

Tolland Animal Control is on Facebook

If you are on Facebook, please be sure to visit our page "Tolland Animal Control" to see any animals we have for adoption, animals which are lost or found, and for any notices regarding animals in Tolland.

Annual Unlicensed Dog Survey

Pursuant to the Regulations of State Agencies Section 22-349-1, Tolland Animal Control Officers will conduct an annual Unlicensed Dog survey in town. Officers will be contacting residents at random, beginning March 15, 2025 and conclude by May 31, 2025.

Reminder to dog owners: Dogs age six months and older are required to be licensed. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office located in Town Hall during regular business hours. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM, Friday closed. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. All dog licenses purchased in 2024 must be renewed in June 2025. If you no longer own or the dog is deceased, please contact 860-871-3676 to update our licensing database or send an email to animalcontrol@tolland.org including the owner's name, address and the dog's name. Be sure to include why the dog isn't licensed.

IMPORTANT: Please take note that by failing to license your dog(s) with the town each year, you are also in violation of Connecticut State Statute §22-338. This violation carries an additional penalty of \$75.00 for each unlicensed dog owned or kept by you, should an infraction ticket be issued. Animal Control Officers are required to issue infraction tickets to those in violation of the State statute. If you have any questions regarding licensing, please contact our office at 860-871-3676.

Avian Influenza "Bird Flu"

With a recent increase in news coverage regarding Avian Influenza, Tolland Animal Control would like to pass along some information from the CT Department of Agriculture. This information is not meant to cause fear, but rather inform our community about the virus.

Avian Influenza, commonly referred to as "Bird Flu" is a naturally occurring viral disease in birds. Bird flu is often found in migratory birds and can be passed to domestic poultry directly or indirectly through the environment. There are two different classification of Avian Influenza, either Highly Pathogenic or Low Pathogenic depending on how lethal the virus is. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), also referred to as H5N1 can be found among domestic poultry and wild birds. This strain has a high mortality rate, especially among domestic poultry. Connecticut has three state agencies that monitor for H5N1 including the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and the Department of Public Health (DPH.)

Additional information can be found on the CDC website, as well as the Department of Agriculture and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection websites.

Primary source: <https://portal.ct.gov/doag/regulatory/regulatory/avian-influenza-information#:~:text=Avian%20influenza%2C%20or%20%E2%80%9Cbird%20flu,incidences%20of%20HPAI%20in%20humans.>

Is My Car Seat Still Safe After a Crash?

The unthinkable has happened. You were traveling along with the kids in the back and got into a car crash. Thankfully, there were no injuries... except for your vehicle. Are the car seats still safe to use? There are no laws regarding when a car seat should be discarded in this scenario, but the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has put forth a set of guidelines to follow.

NHTSA recommends that car seats be replaced following a moderate to severe crash in order to ensure a continued high level of crash protection for child passengers. Car seats do not automatically need to be replaced following a minor crash.

What defines a minor crash?

A minor crash is one in which ALL of the following apply:

1. The vehicle was able to be driven away from the crash site.
2. The vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged.
3. None of the passengers in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the crash.
4. If the vehicle has airbags, the air bags did not deploy during the crash; and
5. There is no visible damage to the car seat. (Including under the padding)

If the crash is minor, you may consider keeping your seat, but remember to ALWAYS follow your manufacturer's instructions first. Some manufacturers state that the seat must not be used after any crash. Some follow the NHTSA guidelines. Others have their own specific guidelines. If you are unsure, contact the manufacturer directly. Lastly, this all applies whether your child was in the seat or not. What is important is that the seat (or base) was in the vehicle during a crash.

The good news is that some insurance companies may reimburse for the loss of a car seat in a crash. Make sure you tell them the make and model when you make your claim. If they are unsure as to whether or not it is covered, show them the manufacturer's instructions that say it must be replaced.

To access a listing of Certified Car Seat Installers visit <https://ctsafekids.org/child-passenger-safety/find-fitting-station/>.

"Beat the Heat, Check the Backseat!"

One of the biggest weather-related risks during the summer months is the possibility of a child dying in a vehicle from heat stroke. The temperature inside a vehicle can rise 20 degrees in as little as 10 minutes, and 50 degrees in an hour. This can cause hyperthermia (heat stroke) in literally a matter of minutes, particularly in children, whose body temperatures warm at a rate 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's. These tragic deaths are preventable.

To help bring awareness to this issue, the NWS is using the slogan "Beat the Heat...Check the Backseat" to remind people to be sure they remember small children who may be in a car seat, and to never leave children unattended in a vehicle, even for a few moments.

Some basic safety recommendations:

- NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A VEHICLE. NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE!
- IF YOU SEE A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A HOT VEHICLE CALL 9-1-1.
- Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading. Don't overlook sleeping babies.
- Always lock your car and ensure children do not have access to keys or remote entry devices.
- Teach your children that vehicles are never to be used as a play area.
- IF A CHILD IS MISSING, ALWAYS CHECK THE POOL FIRST, AND THEN THE CAR, INCLUDING THE TRUNK.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the carseat and when the child is put in the seat place the animal in the front with the driver. Or place your phone, purse or briefcase in the back seat as a reminder that you have your child in the car.
- Make "look before you leave" a routine whenever you get out of the car.
- Have a plan that your childcare provider will call you if your child does not show up for school.
- Remember that pets should also never be left in a vehicle during the summer months.

"Source: Jan Null, CCM, Department of Meteorology and Climate Science, San Jose State University, <http://noheatstroke.org>".

CONNECTICUT'S MOVE OVER LAW

Slow down and move over, or "Move Over" laws, require that when drivers approach an emergency vehicle stopped on the side of the road, they immediately slow down below the posted speed limit. If there is another lane to safely move into, do that. Connecticut actually has a stronger Move Over law as it applies to ALL vehicles stopped with flashing or hazard lights, including emergency vehicles, passenger cars, tow trucks, work trucks, etc. The Connecticut General Assembly recently expanded this requirement to emergency vehicles on a one lane road. To comply with the law, drivers should slow down below the speed limit and proceed only if it is safe to do so. Failing to follow Connecticut's "Move Over" law can result in penalties. Violating this law is an infraction. However, if it results in the injury of emergency personnel, the driver can be fined up to \$2,500. If it results in a fatality, the driver can be fined up to \$10,000 and potentially face criminal charges.



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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. The signs measure 6" wide and 18" long, your house 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 Forms button on the left.

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 6:00am to 6:00pm. 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. Career staff may be called into work to cover major emergencies or during severe weather events. We are grateful that there are still a handful of volunteers that supplement the career staff during the daytime hours.

- The Department operates two ambulances and responds to emergency calls 24/7/365.

- 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.
- 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 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 need to plan for Tolland's future, now.
- Volunteer EMTs often reflect on their service to their neighbors and community as a personally fulfilling and extremely rewarding experience.

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 "join us" button on the left side of the page or stop by the Training Center, located at 191 Merrow Road, during the day or on Monday nights when training is in session.

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Submitted by Tolland Emergency Management:

Staying Informed

Through the State of Connecticut's website (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Individuals/Staying-Informed>) there are multiple ways for you to stay informed before, during and after a disaster. The following are a few of the resources available to you during an emergency or disaster situation.



CT Prepares Web Application:

The CT Prepares app can be downloaded on both Apple and Android based smartphones. CT Prepares provides information and alerts in emergency situations and incorporates and integrates text messaging, email, and social networking, allowing residents to communicate with family members during an emergency. Users will receive real-time notifications including emergency news, state office closings, and public safety messages. Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Individuals/Staying-Informed> to download the app.



CT Alert Notification System:

CT Alert is an enrollment based notification system that is used by the State to notify the public of impending emergency situations. The public may enroll in this notification system by visiting <https://portal.ct.gov/CTAlert/Common-Elements/Common-Elements/Learn-about-CT-Alerts>

For a link to these pages visit www.tollandct.gov/emergency-management Select "CT Prepares Informational Webpage" listed on the left-hand side.

Tolland Alert:

For local alerts, visit www.tollandct.gov/emergency-management to sign-up for Tolland's Emergency Alerts

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Tolland Alert, our Emergency Notification Program. This emergency notification system enables the Town of Tolland to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

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