

BOLTON BULLETIN

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SCRAP METAL PICK UP - FIRST FULL WEEK OF MAY (MAY 1ST-5TH)



Curbside scrap metal collection will be held the week of **May 1-5, 2023**. Items for collection **must be curbside by Sunday Night April 30th**. If your items are not collected by Friday afternoon, please call the selectmen's office. Noncombustible items such as appliances and other metal items weighing up to 100 pounds are acceptable. Gas grill propane tanks need to have the caps removed. Unacceptable items include motor vehicle parts, machinery, and items weighing more than 100 pounds. Please remember this collection is for scrap metal only, not for bulk waste.

THE BOLTON FOOD PANTRY IS CRITICALLY LOW!

Help Bolton families in need. Please consider donating non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaners/detergents, kitchen supplies and paper goods. Donations may be dropped off at the Bolton Senior Center Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE!

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, June 3, 2023



The Town of Bolton will hold its annual Shredding Event - **Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon** at the recycling/transfer station. Residents from the Town of Bolton can bring documents for shredding to the recycling center. All rings and binders must be removed. Staples do not need to be removed. There is no limit to the quantity of documents to be shredded.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

HOMEOWNER'S TAX CREDIT - REMINDER

This is a reminder that, if you have not already, you must apply in person for the **Homeowner's tax credit by 4:00 pm, Monday, May 15, 2023.** Your application must be submitted in person at the Assessor's Office. If you cannot appear in the office, a person acting on your behalf may be approved by the assessor. **Please call 860-649-8066 x6100** to make an appointment and to advise the assessor if someone else is applying for you.

You will need to bring proof of all income received in the calendar year 2022:

- If you file a Federal Income Tax Return, bring a copy of the 2022 return and a copy of the SSA-1099 from Social Security.
- If you do not file a Federal Income Tax Return, bring copies of ALL income statements for calendar year 2022, including Form SSA-1099 from Social Security, wage and pension statements, statements from your bank(s) showing total interest earned, et cetera.

If you are under a doctor's care and are not able to file in time, you may request an extension of time to file. The request must be received by 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 15, 2023 and be accompanied by a physician's note.

Call the Assessor's Office with any questions: 860-649-8066 x6100 or email assessor@boltonct.org.

RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM

The Assessor's Office is accepting applications for the 2023 Renters' Rebate Program. This is a state program that the town administers. The program is for low income renters 65 years of age or older and for renters under the age of 65 who are receiving Social Security disability payments. Household incomes for 2022 must have been under \$40,300 (single) or \$49,100 (married). The basic requirements are that you have lived in Connecticut for at least one year and have proof of your rent and utility payments. The application period is **April 1 - October 1.** Checks are mailed to eligible renters after October 1.

The 2022 necessary documents require to process your application are:

- Social Security 1099 form for
- 1099 forms for pensions, dividends, interest, et cetera
- Employment information (W-2 form)
- If filed, complete copy of your tax return
- SSE (if applicable) letter from Social Security stating the full amount received from January - October 2022

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- Proof of all rental payments in 2022 (January - December 2022) in the form of canceled checks, rent receipts or letter/ledger from landlord.
 - Proof of utilities paid in 2022 (January - December 2022). Contact the utility company to receive an itemized report of what was actually paid. Qualifying utility expenses include electric, gas, oil, propane, kerosene and water. Call the Assessor's Office with any questions: 860-649-8066 x6100 or email assessor@boltonct.org.
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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

Registration is required at least one week in advance for these programs.
Space is limited. Call 860-647-9196.

LUNCH OUT - WINDHAM TECH CULINARY STUDENTS

Thursday, May 11 - the van leaves 10 a.m.



Enjoy a four course meal created and served by Windham Tech Culinary Students on Thursday, May 11. \$12 per person, cash only, paid at the school. The van leaves the Senior Center promptly at 10 a.m. Reservations are due by May 3, which includes meal choices: chicken Marsala or pasta primavera and Oreo strawberry cheesecake or lemon tart.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Wednesday, May 17 - 6:00 p.m.



Grab a seat, some refreshments, and sit back to listen to various story-tellers, writers, etc. We look forward to an evening of entertainment.

POETRY TO MEMOIR

Wednesday, May 31 - 2:30 p.m.



Bolton's Poet Laureate Bessy Reyna is teaching Poetry to Memoir on Wednesday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m. listen to inspirational poetry and learn how to develop your own creations. This class is limited to 12 participants; pre-registration is required. All materials will be provided.

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NEW TO MEDICARE

Wednesday, June 7 - 7:00 p.m.



This special evening presentation is postponed to a new date and time: Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Are you new to Medicare or about to be in the next few years? Learn important details about how to get started, what coverage is needed, and where to look to get personalized recommendations. **Sign up required by May 30.**

BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Library Programs: To register, call 860-646-7349 or email bmlprograms@biblio.org.

XEN'S CRITTERS

Monday, May 8, 2023 - 6:00 pm To 7:00 pm



Meet Xen and her amazing critters of all shapes, sizes, and textures. Registration is limited so please be sure to include ALL attendees first names and ages (children only) in the comments field. If weather permits, this program will take place on the library lawn. **REGISTER [HERE](#).**

SQUAW CAVE WITH RAY HARDY

Thursday, May 11, 2023 - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Come learn about Bolton's Squaw Cave. Ray Hardy will share its history and significance in this interesting local program. Refreshments will be served. **REGISTER [HERE](#).**



COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC

Monday, May 15, 2023- 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bentley Memorial Library is hosting its 17th Covid-19 clinic. **Registration is not required.** People 65 and over who are at least 4 months from the last vaccine or people who are immunocompromised and at least 2 months from the last vaccine are eligible for the second bivalent booster. Free Test kits will be available (2/person).

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TOWN WIDE TAG SALE

Saturday, May 6. - 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Various addresses in Bolton will be hosting our 9th annual Town Wide Tag Sale on May 6, 2023. Want to know where the Tag Sales will be and what they may be selling? Check out the Recreation Department website for copies of maps. [ONLINE MAP HERE.](#)

KID'S NIGHT OUT



Who: Ages 3 and up (Must be potty trained)

When: 4:00pm-9:00pm

May 12- Spring themed/ Mother's day gifts

June 16- Summer themed/ Fathers day gifts

Where: Herrick Park, 29 Hebron Rd Bolton CT 06043

Cost: \$45.00 per night | Second Child discount- \$40.00 per night.

Register [HERE](#). Registration deadline is one week prior to the program date.

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Saturday, May 20 - 10:00 a.m.



Join Bolton Recreation Director Stephanie Crane and Conservation Commission Chair Rod Parlee for a Hike through Bates Trail at Herrick Park! Bring a picnic for lunch prior to the hike and spend the afternoon in the park! Snacks and games will be available after the hike as well. The event is free to the community! Invite your family and friends to come along. **[REGISTER HERE.](#)**

BOSTON RED SOX VS NEW YORK YANKEES @ YANKEE STADIUM

Saturday, June 10 - **[Registration Deadline is Friday, May 27](#)**

Fee: \$210 (fee includes bus transportation, ticket to the game, and cookout).



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

Trip Includes: Charter Bus, Ticket to the game (Sec 234), games and prizes on the bus, and a cookout before the game (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage and Pepper Grinders, Mac and Cheese, Sweet and Sour Meatballs, assorted Salads, Chips, Water and Soda). **[REGISTER HERE.](#)**

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OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

BOLTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND—DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Scholarship applications are now available on the BSF - [website](#).

Deadline: Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 11:59 p.m.

Eligibility: Open to (1) any current senior at BHS planning to attend an accredited postsecondary institution in the fall of 2023; (2) any graduate of BHS who will attend a postsecondary institution (including graduate school) in the fall of 2023; (3) anyone who has been a Bolton resident for at least six months and will attend a postsecondary institution (including graduate school) in the fall of 2023.

FAQ: Are Columbia and Choice students eligible? Yes! All BHS seniors, whether from Bolton, Columbia, or Hartford, are encouraged to apply.

Are students attending East Catholic or another school outside Bolton eligible? Yes, if they have lived in Bolton for at least six months and will graduate high school this June.

Are students who will be attending graduate school/technical school/community college/certificate programs/etc. eligible? Yes, as long as they meet the BHS graduation or Bolton residency requirements and will be attending an accredited postsecondary school.

Are late applications accepted? No applications are accepted after May 9. Any that are incomplete as of the deadline may be rejected.

When are scholarship decisions announced? Scholarships for BHS seniors will be announced at the BHS graduation in June. All other recipients will be notified by mail in mid-June.

When are scholarships paid out? Award checks are sent directly to the recipient's school in early-to-mid July.

Other questions? Contact Christopher Davey at c.davey@boltonscholarshipfund.org.

BOLTON MOBILE FOODSHARE



The Bolton Mobile Foodshare will be held from 10:00 to 10:30 AM at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT. This is an outdoor food distribution that assists families in need.

Upcoming Dates: Tuesday, May 9 and 23.
Tuesday, June 6 and 20.
Tuesday, July 18.
Tuesday, August 1, 15, 29

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TACO NIGHT - BOLTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Friday, May 5 - 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO)

Enjoy tacos, mexican rice, desserts, coffee, tea, sodas, and more!
\$12/adults; \$6/ages 6-12; free under age 5 (dine in only)

Fun for the whole family and open to all in the community! Tickets are available on our website or by contacting the church office.

Bolton Congregational Church, 228 Bolton Center Rd, Bolton, CT Boltonucc.org ~ 860-649-7077

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT BOLTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



\$15/adults; \$10/ages 6-12; free under age 5

Reservations Required: Seatings every hour (Dine-in only)

Enjoy a full breakfast of traditional items, as well as a few sweet treats, juices, coffee, tea and more.

Tickets available on the church website or by contacting the church office.

Bolton Congregational Church, 228 Bolton Center Rd, Bolton, CT - Boltonucc.org ~ 860-649-7077

THE ARTISTS OF BOLTON - 15TH ART SHOW

Friday, May 19; Saturday, May 20; and Sunday, May 21.

The artists of Bolton will be having their 15th art show at Early N.E. Homes, 26 West Street, (Rt. 85) on May 19, 20 & 21. Friday is our reception from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm when we will have live music and refreshments. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Artists will be doing demonstrations during the 2 days and you will have chances to win prizes, vote for your favorite painting by one of Bolton's iconic artists. The show is open to all Bolton artists 18 and above and is sponsored by the Bolton Land Trust. Applications may be picked up at Town Hall, library and the senior center or by contacting Bonnie Massey at 860-646-0080.

There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 29, 2023 - 10 a.m.



Please help us celebrate Memorial Day in the Town of Bolton Honoring our U.S. Military who have died while serving our country. The Bolton Memorial Day Parade will step off at 10 am Monday May 29th, 2023. If there are any groups/organizations who would like to participate in the Parade to honor our fallen Veterans please contact Kathy Walsh at phone 860-647-0895 or at e-mail kfwalsh781@gmail.com .

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CALENDAR

May	1 st	Conservation Commission- 7:00 p.m. Heritage Farm Commission - 5:30 p.m.
	2 nd	BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING - 7:00 P.M.
	4 th	Veterans Commission - 1:30 p.m.
	9 th	Library Board Meeting- 4:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting- 7:00 p.m. Temporary Public Building- 7:00 p.m.
	10 th	Planning and Zoning Meeting- 7:30 p.m.
	16 th	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 7:00 P.M. - BOLTON TOWN HALL
	18 th	Board of Finance Meeting- 7:15 p.m.
	22 nd	Fire Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
	23 rd	BUDGET REFERENDUM #1 - 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM - RYBA HALL Inland Wetlands Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	24 th	Board of Finance Special Meeting- 7:15 p.m.



Bolton Conservation Commission's 22nd Annual FREE Town-wide Photo Contest

Submission Deadline is May 8th

We welcome images that celebrate Bolton's unique environment and natural beauty!

Photograph a colorful morning sunrise or an evening sunset over Bolton Lake. Look for birds or other wildlife to photograph while enjoying a hike through Bolton's Freja or Herrick Park. Take a photo overlooking the valley from Bolton's Heritage Farm. Share a photo of your most effective energy saving idea or any active farming or gardening in town. Bolton offers so many beautiful places and opportunities to capture an image. All it takes is getting out there to find it!

What to enter/ Where to send: Only digital photos, no hard copy photos will be accepted. Landscape (horizontal) photos are preferred (for calendar use), but vertical images can be sent too. Photos must be taken in the Town of Bolton. Images should be of appropriate subject matter, sharp and in focus, good exposure and have a balanced composition. Image resolution should be at least 300 dpi.

Submit digital photos to BoltonPhoto@aol.com (*jpeg format preferred*). Each image must include photo identification.

Include photographer's name, address and phone number along with the photo location.

Specify the photo category for your image and give it a title. Example: "Evening Sunset over Bolton Lake" - The Beauty of Nature & Wildlife

Four Categories:

(*images can be color or black/white any season/year*)

- 1) Examples of Green Living & Farming
- 2) Beauty of Nature & Open Space
- 3) People in the Environment
- 4) Wildlife in Bolton

Prizes will be awarded to the top three photos in each category

Winners may also be featured in the Bolton- "A Town for All Seasons" 2023-2024 Calendar!
We anticipate that all prizes will be awarded at Bolton's Family Day event.

Contest Rules

1. Photos must depict the Town of Bolton.
2. Eligibility: Open to the public, even non-residents (*Conservation Commission members are not eligible*).
3. Photographs must be submitted by the photographer or include written permission.
4. All entries become the property of the Town of Bolton Conservation Commission, with shared rights for unlimited reproduction in print, electronic publications and promotional materials for an unlimited period of time. Published photos will be given photo credit.
5. You may submit up to three photos per category (max. 12 photographs).
6. Entries can be submitted in either color or black and white. (*jpeg format preferred and at least 300 dpi or greater*).
7. Each image submitted must include the photographers name, address, phone number and location, along with the specific category and photo title.
8. Be prepared to provide the Bolton Conservation Commission with written consent of anyone who appears in the photograph.
9. The Conservation Commission and selected judges look for images sharp in focus and exposure, balanced in composition and show originality and creativity. All decisions by the judges are final.
10. The Bolton Conservation Commission reserves the right to add or adjust; photo titles and any prizes and/or deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.



"Young Barred Owls"
by Pete Bradley



"Reflection's at Paggioli Farm"
by Steve Booth

For questions or more information call 860-649-8066 ext.6110 and leave a message

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Designer Purse



BINGO!

Sponsored by the Bolton Regional Lions

(Proceeds to help fund Critical First Aid kits for Bolton school classrooms & other BRLC charities.)

Saturday, June 10th, 6-9pm

Doors Open at 5pm for Preview

St. Joseph Church Hall

33 West Street, Rockville

Tickets are \$30 in advance~\$35 at the door

For tickets/questions, call/text Donna B: 860-944-4133,

Donna O: 860-466-0521 or Sharon: 860-643-8555.

Come join the fun and laughter and have your chance at winning a Designer Purse—Coach, Kate Spade and Michael Kors to name a few! We have **RAFFLES**, too!

This is a CASH ONLY event.

*****Bring your own refreshments and adult beverages for your group (no food or drink provided by the sponsor). We will provide the entertainment and designer purses! Enjoy a fun night out! Adults ONLY (ages 21 & over)*****

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*Invitation to Crafters
to Join Our Church Fair*

**St. George's Episcopal Church
47th Annual
Craft & Harvest Fair**

1150 Boston Turnpike - Route 44
Bolton, Connecticut

**Saturday - September 23, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Our Craft & Harvest Fair Offers:

- * FREE ADMISSION & CONVENIENT PARKING
- * Quality New England Crafts

For further information, please call 860.643.9203
or email bkalina333@gmail.com.

Reservation deadline is September 1.



**Booths For All Crafters Will Be
Located Outside On The Church's Lawn.**

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