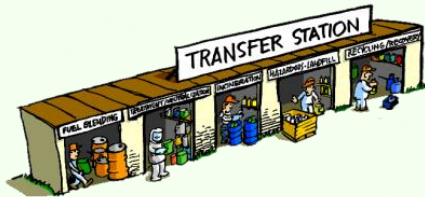


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RECYCLE/TRANSFER STATION OPENING!

Tomorrow, April 6, and Saturday, April 20
from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$24.00 punch tickets must be purchased online
beforehand [here](#).

**PUNCH TICKETS PURCHASED WILL ONLY BE GOOD FOR ONE SEASON -
APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER.**

SAVE THE DATE!

SCRAP METAL PICK UP - FIRST FULL WEEK OF MAY (MAY 6-10)



Curbside scrap metal collection will be held the week of May 6-10, 2024. Items for collection must be curbside by Sunday Night, May 5th. 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.

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BASIC VETERANS EXEMPTION IN BOLTON

The state-mandated veterans property tax exemption is available to state residents who are veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component of these branches, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law).

To be eligible for a minimum 4,500 assessment reduction on a resident's real estate or motor vehicle bill:

1. The veteran is REQUIRED to record an honorable discharge (typically an original copy of your DD-214 or a certified copy thereof) with the Town Clerk. Veterans with an other-than-honorable discharge (but not a dishonorable discharge) with a qualifying condition are also eligible (see below).

In the absence of a copy of the DD-214, there are provisions in state statutes for the veteran or relative to appear before the assessor for an examination under oath. Do not send a copy of your DD-214 to the Assessor's Office. The Assessor's Office cannot record it for you.

There is no cost to do this but it has to be done prior to the next October 1 to receive the exemption. To receive an exemption on the 2024 Grand List (billing will be done July 1, 2025), the DD-214 must be recorded prior to October 1, 2024. If you do not have your DD-214, one can be requested here.

A "qualifying condition" for an other than honorable discharge means

(A) a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by an individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility,

(B) an experience of military sexual trauma, as described in 38 USC 1720D, as amended from time to time, disclosed to an individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility, or

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(C) a determination that sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression was more likely than not the primary reason for an other than honorable discharge, as determined in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this section (CT General Statutes Section 27-103).

- 1) The veteran must have served in a time of war at least ninety cumulative days except, if the period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the entire period of war, unless separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a period of war. Includes service during such periods with the armed forces of any government associated with the United States.

Once the veteran has recorded their DD-214, they may find that they are eligible for higher exemptions for disabled and low income veterans.

HOMEOWNER'S PROGRAM FOR THE LOW-INCOME ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

The Assessor's Office is accepting NEW and RENEWAL applications for the homeowner program for the low-income elderly and totally disabled through May 15th, 2024. This program is income based. The maximum income limit for a single person is \$43,800 and for a married couple it is \$53,400. A copy of a current (2023) income tax return must be presented at the time of application if one is filed with the IRS, along with statements of any untaxable income such as Social Security or Railroad Retirement payments. If an income tax return is not filed, statements of all income must be presented. These include statements of wages, lottery winnings, taxable pensions, IRA's, interest, dividends, rental income, Social Security SSA1099, Railroad retirement, veteran's payments, etc.

This is a two-year program, with refileing every other year. **Taxpayers who were approved last year do NOT NEED TO REFILE THIS YEAR**, unless your income is lower, and you are eligible for a higher exemption amount.

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RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM

The State of Connecticut operates a grant program for low-income elderly and totally disabled renters. The Assessor's Office accepts applications between April 1, 2024, and October 1, 2024. Applications are due annually. Depending on income and marital status, the actual grants range from \$50 - \$900. The grants are sent by the State of Connecticut starting in October 2024.

The eligibility requirements are:

- Applicant, or spouse if domiciled together, must have been 65 years of age by 12/31/2023, or be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter, who at the time of his/her death, had qualified and was entitled to tax relief under this chapter, provided the spouse was domiciled with the renter at the time of his/her death.
- If applying as a totally disabled person, proof of Social Security Disability or payments from another program deemed comparable by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
- Residency in Connecticut for at least a one-year period prior to the application (this can be any one year period cumulatively).
- A 2023 income of no more than \$43,800 if you are single and \$53,400 if you are married. Qualifying income includes taxable and non-taxable sources; it is not equal to the adjusted gross income on a tax return.

To apply renters need:

- A copy of their 2023 income tax return, if filed. If no income tax return was filed, proof of all 2023 income is required.
- Proof of rent payment and utility payments made in the prior year. If you are renting from a relative that person must be declaring the rental income on their tax return. Utilities are electricity, gas, water and fuel only. Utility payments are those made by the applicant, not the amount billed. Federally-funded heat assistance is counted as part of the utility expense paid by an applicant.
- 5% of the qualifying income must not exceed 35% of the total rental and utility payments for the year.

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You can apply in person at the Assessor's Office. If you have difficulty getting to town hall, we are available to come your home and take the application. Call 860-649-8066 x6101 to make an appointment or with any questions.

INCOME AND EXPENSE FORMS

Income and Expense Forms will be mailed to owners of rental property in Bolton by April 15, 2024. They are due back in the Assessor's Office by June 1, 2024. Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 12-63c requires all owners of rental real property to file this report annually. The information filed will remain confidential, is not open to public inspection and is not a public record under the Connecticut Freedom of Information statute (CGS 1-19).

To avoid a penalty that increases the property's assessment by 10% for one year, the form must be filed on time, subject to the one month extension. If a property owner needs a one month extension to file, he or she has to request the extension no later than June 1, 2024. The only reason an owner may not be required to file is if the owner resides in a 1-6 family residential property.



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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

PELVIC FLOOR THERAPY

Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m.

Colleen Malitsky, Doctor of Physical Therapy, will be discussing women's pelvic floor health with a focus on urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse on Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Learn about common pelvic floor conditions and how exercise and behavioral modifications can help manage symptoms for better pelvic health and improved quality of life. Please call the Senior Center to sign up to join this event.



ELDER LAW PRESENTATION

Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m.

Attorney Colleen Masse, partner at the law firm of Czepiga Daly Pope and Perri, will return to the Senior Center to speak about a new topic- Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of the Fiduciaries in Your Estate Plan. When you create an estate plan, it is more than just paper. There are people that you trust to carry out certain financial and legal responsibilities to ensure that your wishes are met.



PREVENTING MEDICARE FRAUD PRESENTATION

Tuesday, April 23 at 10 a.m.

In this informative presentation by Jill Vasington, Senior Medicare Patrol Program Coordinator, you will learn how to recognize, prevent and report Medicare fraud, errors and abuse. She will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 23 at 10 a.m. Please call the Senior Center to sign up to join this event.

For more Senior Center programs and events, please click [here](#).

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BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Register online, by phone: 860-646-7349, or by email:
bmlprograms@biblio.org.

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

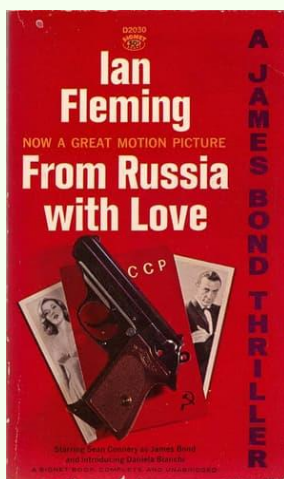
Wednesdays in April, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.



Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts, on a new day -Wednesdays. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Storytime will be held on April 10, 17 & 24. Registration is not required.

National Library Week April 7th - 13th.

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Here at Bentley, we plan to observe this week with fun, library-oriented activities throughout the week. In addition to our regularly scheduled activities, there will be special bookmarks, an inside book walk and a jellybean guessing jar. Patrons can enter one guess per day and the number closest to the actual number of jellybeans will be the winner!



Book Discussion: From Russia, With Love

Join us at Bentley for an in-person book discussion of Ian Fleming's : From Russia, With Love. This discussion will explore the many facets of the author's life and how his experiences are reflected in his novels. This novel will have the discussion option of a Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. or a Wednesday, April 17 at noon. Registration is required. Copies of the book are available at Bentley.

Register Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. or
Register Wednesday, April 17 at noon.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

10TH ANNUAL TOWN WIDE TAG SALE

Do you have an excess of clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, furniture, and/or toys that are not being used, but rather are taking up space in your garage, basement and closets? Be a part of the community tag sale! You host it and we will promote it!

Saturday May 4, 2024

LOCATION: YOUR YARD

TIME: 8am to 4pm

FEE: \$25

Register your tag sale NO LATER THAN Monday, April 15, 2024.

This gives us adequate time to compile the list of tag sales and set up a time with you to pick up your sign!

Interested in having a tag sale? Register [HERE](#).

SUMMER CAMP 2024

When: Monday-Friday day camp for 8 weeks, June 17- August 9

Where: Herrick Park, 29 Hebron Road, Bolton, CT 06043

Registrations: April 1- May 31st

Late registration: June 1—Monday at 12:00 pm prior to week **IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.**



For more information:

<https://boltonrec.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=9563>

To register: <https://boltonrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

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OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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: Tuesdays, April 9 and 23
May 7 and 21
June 4 and 18
July 2, 16, 30



CAMP COUNSELOR: Full-time/ Part-time. The counselor is responsible for the supervision of campers, promoting and actively participating in all camp activities, providing a safe and fun learning environment, and serving as a positive role model for campers. Application deadline: April 12, 2024.

LIFEGUARD: Full-time and part-time seasonal summer lifeguards. Under the direct supervision of the head lifeguard, lifeguards are responsible for the everyday safety and well-being of patrons at Indian Notch Lake. Application deadline: April 12, 2024.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR: The part-time Water Safety Instructor will be responsible for conducting swim lessons for different ages and skill levels. Swim lessons will take place at Indian Notch Park in Bolton. Application deadline: April 12, 2024.

For more information, please visit: TOWN OF BOLTON EMPLOYMENT

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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March



What is happening at BHS?

Spring Band Concert - 3/21

On March 21st, the music department had their spring concert. Check it out on Youtube!

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Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team advanced to the state semi-finals. What a fantastic season! Congratulations!



Seal of Biliteracy

We are happy to inform you that Bolton Public Schools now offers the opportunity for students to earn the Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to high school seniors who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.



Annie

The Drama Club production this year was a success! "Annie" was presented by the BHS Drama Club through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI).



BCS Community News



Student Led Conferences:

Throughout the year, middle schoolers have been collecting work samples and reflecting on their learning experiences. On March 14th & 15th, all 6th-8th grade students participated in Student Led Conferences where they were able to share a presentation about their learning journey with their families.



Read Across America:

Students continue celebrating Read Across America month by voting to see which of their favorite books would be crowned the bracket winner, exploring different genres, and completing grade level reading challenges.

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Author Visit:

On March 19th, author/illustrator Timothy Young visited BCS. Thanks to the PTA, students learned about life as an author/illustrator. Tim also shared about his opportunities to create puppets for Jim Henson's Muppets and his work with toy companies to design packaging, toys, and more.





Hop River Trail Trail Maintenance Day Volunteers Wanted!

Saturday April 6, 10am – noon

Rain or shine, bring gloves

Several meeting points on the trail

**Sign up via QR Code below or send email to
HopRiverTrailAlliance@gmail.com**



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Are you passionate about reducing waste and protecting the environment? Do you want to learn practical tips and tricks for effective recycling? Then mark your calendars for our upcoming Recycling Workshop, brought to you by All American Waste, The Bolton Conservation Commission and the Bentley Memorial Library.

This engaging workshop aims to empower individuals and communities to make a positive impact on our planet through proper recycling practices. Whether you're a seasoned environmental advocate or just starting your green journey, this event is for you.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Bentley Memorial Library
206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT 06043

We will be joined by Brian Popovich, Municipal Contract Specialist at All American Waste, and Rod Parlee, Chair of Bolton's Conservation Commission. They will be in attendance to answer all of your recycling questions. Attendance is free, but registration is required due to limited space.

Reserve your spot today by calling Bentley Memorial Library at 860-646-7349 or emailing bmlprograms@biblio.org. Hurry, spots are filling up fast! We hope to see you there!



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Earth Day Family Celebration at Freja Park Fairy House Building Contest & Guided Walk on Morticulture

**Saturday, April 20th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Meet at the Bolton Commuter Lot - Rt 6/44 across from
Georgina's.**

Enjoy a leisurely walk to the benches at Notch Pond in Freja Park for a Fairy House Building Contest & Guided Walk on Morticulture with Margery Winters.

Join our 8th Annual Entry Level Fairy Housebuilding Workshop and win prizes for the most uniquely built Fairy Houses! Boys and girls of all ages are invited to build miniature shelters. Bring your imagination, creativity, and love of nature to Freja Park.

Learn about the new field of Morticulture: The Ecological Importance of Old & Dead Trees, with our special guest Margery Winters. Once considered a wasted resource and a hazard in forest landscapes, dead trees, and logs are now known to be valuable and essential parts of a healthy, mature forest ecosystem. Margery Winters is the Assistant Director and instructor at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton where she is delighted to be able to share her passion for earth science and nature with students of all ages.

This event is a FREE event made possible thanks to the Town of Bolton's Conservation Commission. Heavy Rain date is Sunday. April 21st at 1:00 PM. No Dogs Please. For more information contact Bolton Conservation Commission at TOBCC@aol.com or call Town Hall at 860-649-8066 ext. 6110. Please leave a message.

EARTH DAY IS EVERY DAY!



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BOLTON GREATER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND

Thursday, May 2, from 6-8 PM

The Bolton Community is invited to attend the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund's Spring Award Presentation on Thursday, May 2, from 6-8 PM at Bentley Memorial Library. We will be celebrating Bolton's 2024 grant recipients: Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Booster Club, Bolton High School Project Graduation, Bolton Senior Center, Community Child Guidance Clinic, and the Hartford Interval House. Weather permitting, we will hold the presentation ceremony on the newly installed library patio, which was funded by the Harford Foundation. Light refreshments will be served.

Please join us on May 2nd to celebrate all the enhancements this program has brought to our community.

Bolton Conservation Commission's 23rd Annual FREE Town-wide Photo Contest

Submission Deadline is May 6, 2024

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, Herrick or Bolton Notch State Park. Take a photo overlooking the valley from Bolton's Heritage Farm. Share a photo of your most effective green living, energy saving idea or any active farming or gardening. 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 will be accepted. Landscaped, horizontal photos are preferred for calendar use. Images should be of appropriate subject matter, sharp and in focus, high resolution, good exposure and have a balanced composition. 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" 2024-25 Calendar! We anticipate that all prizes will be distributed around Memorial Day.

Submit digital photos to BoltonPhoto@aol.com (jpeg format preferred).

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



Contest Rules

1. Photos must depict the Town of Bolton.
2. Eligibility: Open to the public, even non-residents.
3. By submitting an image you give the Conservation Commission permission to publish in the Annual town-wide calendar, on FB page or for promotional purposes. Published photos will be given photo credits.
4. You may submit up to three photos per category.
5. Each image submitted must include the photographer's name, address, phone number, location, along with the specific category and photo title or BCC will title.
6. Be prepared to provide the Bolton Conservation Commission with written consent of anyone who appears in the photograph.
7. 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.



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

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16TH ANNUAL ARTISTS OF BOLTON SHOW

CALLING ALL BOLTON ARTISTS ON MAY 17TH, 18TH & 19TH.

The Bolton Land Trust is sponsoring the 16th annual Artists of Bolton Show this May 17th, 18th & 19th. All Bolton artists, 18 or older, are encouraged to participate whether amateur, professional or anyone in between.

The show will be held at the beautiful setting of **Early New England Homes, 26 West St., Rt. 85**. Show hours are Friday evening 5 pm to 8 pm when we have our reception with refreshments and live music playing. Saturday hours are 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

For both days we feature demos by some of our artists, "take a chance" for several prizes and a silent auction. It is a great opportunity to show your work and to meet the artists and view what your neighbors and friends have been creating.

We accept 5 paintings per person and also have a section of small paintings of 100 sq. inches or less. We accept up to 5 paintings in this category as well. All submitted work must be original by the artist (no prints or photographs).

Applications are available at Town Hall, Bolton Library, the Senior Center or by contacting Bonnie Massey at 860-646-0080. The show is free, and everyone is invited to come.



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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 27th, 2024.

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 27th, 2024.



The Memorial Day Parade will assemble at the Bolton Center School, 108 Notch Road at 9:15 a.m., on Monday May 27th. The parade will step off promptly at 10 am from the Center School. In case of rain, the Memorial Day Celebrations will be held at the Bolton Fire Department at 168 Bolton Center Road beginning at 10:30 a.m.

All young children are invited to place flowers and flags (flags will be provided) around the Veterans Memorial during the ceremony. Bicycle Riders may join us and have the option of decorating their bicycles with the Memorial Day theme. Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts can march in the parade as well as any Bolton Sports teams.

Our Veterans Commission will be collecting American Flags for disposal on Memorial Day at a table on the Town Hall Lawn or at the Firehouse. Please give them to a Commission Member at the table immediately following the Ceremony.

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

April	6	Transfer Station 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	9	Board of Selectmen A/P meeting - 6 p.m.
	9	Zoning Board of Appeals -7:00 p.m.
	10	Planning and Zoning - 7:30 p.m.
	18	Finance Committee - 7:15 p.m.
	22	Fire Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	23	Inland Wetlands Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	24	BLRWPCA- 7:00 p.m.
	30	Budget Public Hearing- 7:15 p.m. More information will come soon!