From the Tax Collector Senior and Social Services Bentley Memorial Library Recreation Other Events and Information Calendar



All Town Offices and Bentley Memorial Library will be CLOSED December 24-26, and December 31 through January 2, 2022 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

There will be NO DELAY in trash or recycle pick up on Christmas or New Year's week.

### **BOLTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY**



Connecticut Statue 8-30j requires that towns prepare and adopt an affordable housing plan every 5 years. The Town of Bolton is using the development of this Plan as an opportunity to better understand the community and its needs. To help us we have developed a community

survey to gather feedback. Thank you for your time. <u>https://forms.gle/oNpbw7HDXHVGPaD8A</u>.

### **BOLTON - A TOWN FOR ALL SEASON'S CALENDAR**



The Conservation Commission has published its eleventh annual 2022 town-wide calendar titled "Bolton: A Town for All Seasons".

The calendar offers many illustrative photos of Bolton landmarks including the Heritage Farm, the Nathan Hale Greenway, and the Hop River Trail. Every month is a snapshot in time.

The calendar dates throughout the year include many holidays, conservation commission events and meetings, land-use board meetings, Town meetings, full moons, celestial events such as meteor showers and eclipses, scrap metal pick-up week, Bolton lakes regatta, kids to parks day, and much more!

Calendars are available for a \$10.00 donation at the Bolton Town Hall, Bentley Memorial Library, Cropley's Garden Center, England Hardware, Highland Park Market in Manchester, W.H. Preuss & Sons, and the Six and Forty-Four & Package Store while supplies last.

### NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE - 12-13-21

Tax Bill Look Up and Payment Link -

### 860-649-8066 x6101

### Email us at <u>taxcollector@boltonct.org</u>

Please see below for frequently asked questions and the best ways to pay your tax bill.

# The increase of .57 mills from our approved budget has been added to what is currently due.

This additional tax amount will due in January of 2022 and will be mailed out soon for those remaining unpaid. They will not become delinquent until after February 1, 2022.

Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills will also be mailed out soon and last day to pay this bill is February 1, 2021. These bills are for all newly registered motor vehicles registered between October 1, 2020 and September 1, 2021 or for vehicles when the registration had lapsed and renewed after October 1, 2020. This tax bill covers the period of time from when the vehicle was registered until September 30, 2021. **These bills need to be paid or postmarked by February 1, 2022** to avoid interest. Interest accrues at 1.5 % per month starting from the due date January 1, 2022.

### Please check the link above if you believe you may have a bill or call our office. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the responsibility for payment, nor constitute cause for cancellation of penalty if the bill becomes delinquent.

Delinquent Motor Vehicle bills have been reported to the DMV and it will be necessary to have all accounts paid to be able to register a vehicle. Please make sure you pay your taxes at least 2 weeks before you need to register your vehicle to make sure you have no compliance issues. You can check DMV's online services under compliance issues to ensure you are clear before you go to DMV. If you need clearance before the 2 week period of time then you will need to make your payment online with a credit card or at the office with cash or money order as well as let me know that clearance is needed.

# Paying online is not immediate and will take 3-5 days to process and post to your account.

Motor Vehicles in which the registration expired before Oct. 1, 2020 and was not renewed until after that date will receive a tax bill in January 2022.

#### **Payment Options:**

# Option 1: Online- Save time and pay from home and receive your receipt of payment directly to your email.

You may pay by credit card or electronic check over the internet. A nominal fee will be charged by our vendor, Invoice Cloud. This fee is non-refundable.

You can view and/or pay your taxes right from our website which is: <u>https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=bolton</u>.

### Option 2: In person in the lower level of Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Rd Please add your phone number to your check so if there are any problems we can get in touch with you quickly.

### TAX OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM and Friday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Please go to the tax collector's door to the left of Town Hall. Press the button to the left of the door to be let in. You will need to wear a mask. Please be patient as we can only allow 2 people in at a time.

### **Option 3: Drop Slot**

A drop slot to the side of the tax collector's door at Town Hall is encouraged to be used for payments. **Please enclose payment in a sealed envelope addressed to the Tax Collector's office. Also, please put the best phone number to get in touch with you either on your check or the envelope.** 

DO NOT PUT PAYMENTS IN THE TOWN MAILBOX.

**Option 4: By Mail** 

Please make checks payable to: Tax Collector, Town of Bolton.

\*please add your phone number to your check so if there are any problems we can get in touch with you quickly.

Mail tax payments to: Tax Collector 222 Bolton Center Rd. Bolton, CT 06043

If a receipt is desired please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope along with a request for a receipt.

Additional information and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on our website under Tax Collector's Department. The link is <u>https://bolton.govoffice.com/index.asp?SEC=4427ADC5-C1AE-4022-B01B-37CBC4A4441&Type=B</u>.

#### SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES Click here for the latest Social Services Newsletter

COVID Guidelines are ever changing and we will continue following all recommended guidelines from the state, OEC, CDC, and the health district. This will include however may not be limited to mask wearing, social distancing. These will be followed by everyone at ALL in person programs AND events! \*\*\*\*Any programs and all facilities may close with or without notice depending on COVID infection rates and community transmission\*\*\*\*

#### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**



Need help paying for your heating and/or electric bills? Bolton residents may apply for the Energy Assistance Program through ACCESS Community Action Agency. Applications can be completed on the phone, in person, or by mail. Call ACCESS at 860-450-7400 to schedule an appointment. Mail

in applications are available at the Senior Center. NEW this year!

- No asset limits. Energy amount is based on income only.
- Renters with heat included in the rent are eligible with a lease and rent receipt

### AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY

The Emergency Broadband Benefit has become a permanent program. It is now the Affordable Connectivity Program. Income eligible households will receive a \$30 monthly subsidy for the cost of broadband. For more information go to: <u>https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit</u>

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#### BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY Bentley Memorial Library is OPEN to the public. Masks are required.

The library continues to follow Town Covid-19 policies. Patrons are required to wear a mask and sign in for contact tracing. Covid-19 policies may change without notice. 860-646-7349 / Fax 860-649-9059 bentley@biblio.org

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

Holiday Closings The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 1.



### THANK YOU!

**The Greater Together Bolton Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving** awarded Bentley Memorial Library a \$1536 grant. The funds were used to purchase microphones and sound equipment for in-person programming. We can't wait to use them!

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL - OH SO COZY BLANKET DRIVE December - January



Bentley will once again collect NEW, handmade, quilts and crochet, knit and tie blankets. Your wonderful creations will be donated to Holy Family Home Shelter in Willimantic and Cornerstone Shelter in Vernon/ Rockville. Want to learn how to make a tie blanket? Watch our how-to <u>video</u>.

#### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION AND AUTHOR VISIT: "Another Place and Time," a Four-Part Series (January through April)



**John Valeri** of Portland, CT is back to lead our four-part book discussion series of historical fiction novels. Included in the series will be a Zoom author visit. Stay tuned for details on book titles and the visiting author! We will meet on the last Thursday of the month from January through

April. The dates are; January 29, February 24, March 31and April 28. At this time, we plan to conduct all discussions over Zoom from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

### GIFT IDEAS...



Looking for ideas?

Reusable book bags are available for\$3.00. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Library.

Bolton Conservation Commission Calendars are available at the library for \$10.

### ON DISPLAY... FEATURED FOR DECEMBER



Visit the library to enjoy "Reflections From My Heart," a beautiful acrylic painting display by Bolton resident Luisa Barreira.

### Highlighted from our collection

- Discover a new-to-you series in adult fiction the first books of several series are on display.
- Cookbooks for the holidays featuring baking and holiday meals.
- Non-fiction books on crafts from knitting and woodworking to making homemade gifts.
- Winter and holiday themed books, DVDs and Music CDs.
- Holidays around the world from our children's collection.
- Holiday music CD's.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

# 2021-2022 YOUTH BASKETBALL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS – THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!



Registration can be done online: <u>https://boltonrec.recdesk.com/</u>

### Pewee basketball

For ages 2-5 to spend some time on the court! Eight Saturday mornings 8:00am-8:30am at Bolton Center School learning the basic fundamentals of basketball!

Dates: January 8, 22, and 29; February 5, 12, and 26; March 5, 12

Cost: \$35 Registration Deadline: December 30, 2021

### Kindergarten and First Grade

Co-ed teams at an instructional level. Eight Saturday mornings 8:30am-9:15am at Bolton Center School are spent learning the basic fundamentals of basketball! Small teams are formed allowing everyone to shine and receive the appropriate one on one time. Parents are required to stay throughout the program and are encouraged to participate on the gym floor with your child.

Dates: January 8, 22, and 29; February 5, 12, and 26; March 5, 12

Cost: \$55.00 Registration Deadline: December 30, 2021

#### Second grade teams

Coed teams that spend eight Saturday mornings 9:15am-10:15am at Bolton Center School getting everyone moving, and preparing for the next level at third grade and having fun learning the basic fundamentals of basketball! Small teams are formed allowing everyone to shine and receive the appropriate one on one time.

Dates: January 8, 22, and 29; February 5, 12, and 26; March 5, 12 Cost: \$65.00 Registration Deadline: December 30, 2021

### **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:

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

BCS FIRST TRIMESTER NEWSLETTER: <u>Click here</u>.

### **CALENDAR**

Dec.	21 <sup>st</sup>	Inland Wetlands Commission 7:00
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Diversity Commission 7:00 p.m.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Board of Finance -
	24 <sup>th</sup>	ALL TOWN OFFICES & BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
		CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
		There will be NO DELAY in trash/recycle pick-up for the week
	31 <sup>st</sup>	ALL TOWN OFFICES & BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
		CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
		There will be NO DELAY in trash/recycle pick-up for the week
Jan.	1 <sup>st</sup>	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heritage Farm Commission 7:00 p.m.
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Conservation Commission 7:00 p.m.
	<b>4</b> <sup>th</sup>	Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m.
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Zoning 7:30 p.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Education 6:30 p.m.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Diversity Commission 7:00 p.m.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Finance 7:15 p.m.
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Commission 7:00 p.m.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.

All agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's website at: <u>http://town.boltonct.org</u>