

BOLTON BULLETIN

February 11, 2022

From the Assessor's Office
Senior and Social Services
Bentley Memorial Library
Recreation
Other Events and Information



All Town Offices and Bentley Memorial Library will be CLOSED Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of President's Day.

There will be NO DELAY in trash or recycle pick up.

Bolton Center School - 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration

Bolton Center School will hold Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year from February 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Due to COVID restrictions, registration will not be in person so please refer to Bolton Center School's web-site (www.boltonpublicschools.com) for registration forms and instructions or call 860-643-2411 and speak with Judy Ramsdell.

Children **must be** 5 years old on or before January 1, 2023 to be eligible. When submitting your registration documents via email (jramsdell@boltonct.org), fax (860-646-4860) or mail (108 Notch Road, Bolton, CT 06040) please include the following:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate;
- Proof of parent's residency in Bolton (Please refer to the **Bolton Residency Requirements** under the registration page); and
- Current child's immunization and physical information.



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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTICE Town of Bolton

ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED TAX RELIEF

Elderly and totally disabled tax relief program applications must be filed with the Assessor's Office between February 1 and May 13, 2022.

The State of Connecticut Program, and a matching local program, are available to residents of Bolton who:

- Have attained the age of 65 on or before December 31, 2019 or be totally disabled as defined by Social Security guidelines.
- Reside at the property for a minimum of 6 months plus one day. Only a primary residence is eligible for the program.
- Received a total income not exceeding \$38,100 for a single person or \$46,400 for a married couple last year. This includes taxable as well as nontaxable income.

The programs allow a credit on the July tax bill.

Those persons who are already on the programs but are due to renew this year will be mailed reminders that they must refile.

Applications can be filed at the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Rd., during Town Hall hours.

Proof of income, including Social Security 1099 forms are required; if an income tax return is filed or will be filed, a copy must be presented.

Income based programs allowing increased exemption benefits are also available to veterans and applications for eligible taxpayers will be taken at the same time as the elderly relief programs.

NOTE:

A new local option program has been implemented, in addition to the above programs. The new program allows an eligible person to "freeze" their property taxes at last year's amount, but income (married must be less than \$75,000; single must be less than \$50,000) and age (over 70 years of age) limits apply, and a lien is placed on the property by the Town in the amount of the abated taxes.

If you have any questions concerning these programs, please call the Assessor's Office at 860-649-8066, ext. 6100.

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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

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****

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM



Free federal and state tax preparation is available at the Bolton Senior Center by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from February 15 to April 13. Call 860-647-9196.

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. 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.

COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC - AGES 12 AND UP

Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road



Thursday, Feb. 17, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To book an appointment, register for the type of booster you plan to receive: for Pfizer boosters [click here](#) and for Moderna boosters [click here](#). You may also access these links through the Town calendar at town.boltonct.org/calendar. Click on February 17 and then on the link for the booster you plan to receive. Remember to bring your ID, insurance card, and vaccination card to your appointment.

Library Programs

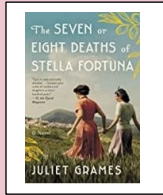
To register, call 860-646-7349 or email bmlprograms@biblio.org.

The following programs are free of charge and open to residents and nonresidents.

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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES -WITH AUTHOR VISITS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
Last Thursday of the month January - April at 7:00 p.m. on zoom.



Join us for any or all of our four-part book discussion series, “Another Place and Time.”

February 24 - “The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna” with visit from author Juliet Grames. This family saga takes us through Italian emigration, Hartford ties, the American Dream and a fight against Stella’s own fate.

March 31 - “The Forgotten Room” by Karen White, Beatriz Williams and Lauren Willig.

April 28 - “I’ll Be Seeing You” aka “Home Front Girls” by Suzanne Hayes and Loretta Nyhan.

STARGAZING

Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for a short tour of the Winter Circle in the night sky using the Stellarium star chart. Bolton resident Dr. John Hambrook will be our guide as we discover the planets and constellations visible this time of year.

This is a joint program with Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Seniors and Bolton Recreation Department. Residents and nonresidents welcome. To register, contact the library by phone at 860-646-7349 or by email at bmlprograms@biblio.org

ARE WE RECYCLING RIGHT?

Monday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.



Wonder if you should put that object in the recycling bin or not? Curious what happens to our recyclables? Learn about recycling including what goes in the bin, what stays out, more with Sherill Baldwin from DEEP. This program coordinates with our February recycling display by the Bolton Conservation Commission. Stop into the library to see examples of Bolton recycling do’s and don’ts, a compost bin, and more!

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OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

BOLTON MOBILE FOODSHARE

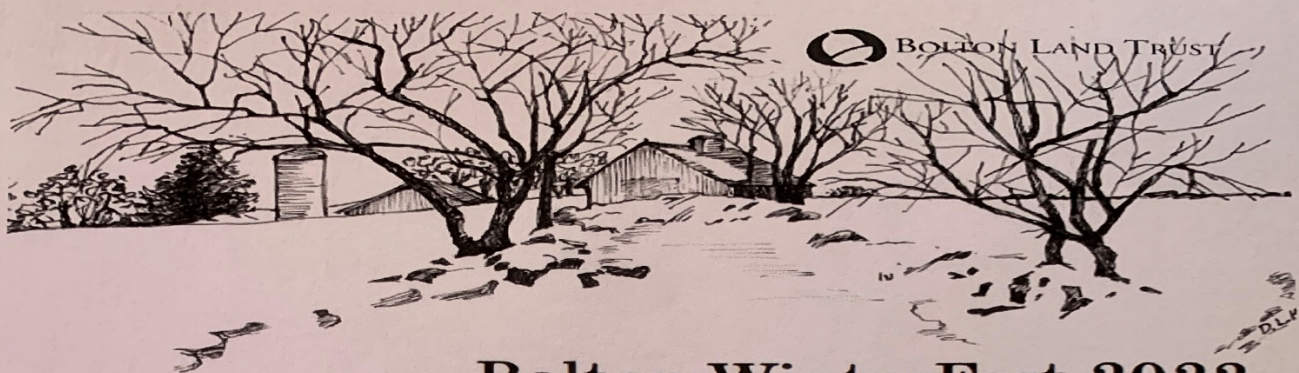


The Bolton Mobile Foodshare will be held from 10:00 to 10:30 AM at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT. This is an outdoor food distribution that assists families in need.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, Feb 15

Tuesday, Mach 1, 15 and 29



Bolton WinterFest 2022
Bolton Heritage Farm
266 Bolton Center Road, Bolton
February 26th, 1 - 4 P.M.

**Join the Bolton Land Trust for a
Winter Celebration!**

Activities include: (If there is SNOW....)

- Cross Country Skiing/Snow Shoeing/Sledding
*****Please bring YOUR OWN equipment*****
- Snow Sculpting

EVEN if there ISN'T snow.....

- Hiking
- Children's activities/Games
- Bonfire/Music
- Refreshments



Saturday, Feb. 26, 1-4pm

FOUL WEATHER POSTPONES TO SUNDAY FEB. 27

For more information contact: Karen Cordero-Coordinator: corderok53@gmail.com

Go to www.boltonlandtrust.org for information on membership, events, cancellations

Free but donations to the Bolton Land Trust are welcome to support its preservation efforts

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Bolton Conservation Commission's 21st Annual FREE Town-wide Photo Contest

Submission Deadline is May 9th!

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](mailto: 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

Many great prizes will be awarded to the top three photos in each category!

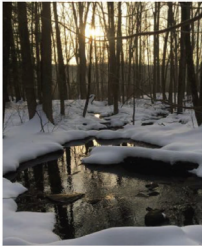
Winners may also be featured in the Bolton~ "A Town for All Seasons" 2022-2023 Calendar.

We anticipate that all prizes will be awarded at Bolton's Family Day event, or they may be delivered right to your front door!

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 landscape images preferred for calendar use 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.

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



By Sylvia Ounpuu



By Jeanne Aldrich

**NO MATTER
WHO WINS,
PLAY IT SAFE**

**DESIGNATE A SOBER DRIVER
FANS DON'T LET FANS
DRIVE DRUNK**

U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NHTSA

TEAM

**LVII
SUPER BOWL**

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Bolton Advisory Committee Greater Together Community Fund Seeking Applicants

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has given the residents of Bolton a dynamic civic opportunity, adding another \$50,000 to the original \$100,000 award to meet community needs. Bolton residents play a lead role in deciding how Bolton's funds will be used. The Bolton Advisory Committee, through solicitation of ideas from our nonprofit community, will identify needs and design a grant making process aimed to ensure that the community funds can have the greatest impact for the benefit of town residents. Learn more about the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund here www.hfpg.org/boltoncf.

The Bolton Advisory Committee is now accepting applications for membership from interested residents. To be eligible, you must be a resident of Bolton, at least 14 years of age and not a current elected official of Bolton. Previous experience in community organizations or grant making is not required, however it is expected that applicants will be willing to attend scheduled meetings averaging 1 hour a month [except July and August] and participate on a subcommittee as needed. We are very welcoming and encourage interested residents to apply!

To apply, please download and complete the form from the [link above](#) and email by **February 28, 2022** to [Boltoncommunityfund21@gmail.com](mailto:boltoncommunityfund21@gmail.com)
Questions? Please email boltoncommunityfund21@gmail.com

CALENDAR

February	10 th	Board of Education 6:30 p.m.
	15 th	Diversity Commission 7:00 p.m.
	16 th	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	17 th	Board of Finance 7:00 p.m.
	22 nd	Inland Wetlands 7:00 p.m.
	23 rd	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	28 th	Fire Commission 7:00 p.m.

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