

BOLTON BULLETIN

February 18, 2022

From the Assessor's Office
Senior and Social Services
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Calendar



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.

COVID TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION (For Bolton Residents Only)

**Bentley Memorial Library
206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton**

Saturday, March 5th (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

- *Proof of Residency Required**
- **Distribution while supplies last**
- ***One test kit per household**

**For more information contact the
Bentley Memorial Library
860-646-7349**

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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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****

CT FLOWER SHOW



Visit the CT Flower Show on Thursday, February 24. Van leaves the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door. RSVP by February 22 - 860-647- 9196.

BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD



Purchase specially marked bouquets at Vernon Stop N Shop (Pitkin Road) during February and Manchester Stop N Shop (Broad Street) in March and both will benefit the Bolton Food Pantry!

MARDIS GRAS



Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler! Let the Good Times Roll! Mardi Gras is Tuesday, March 1. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for some sweet treats - donuts! The company will be even sweeter. RSVP by February 27. 860-647-9196.

AGING IN PLACE RESOURCES



Join our partner, UR Community Cares President and Co-founder Michelle Puzzo, for a presentation about Aging in Place Resources. Michelle is a Physical Therapist and has many resources, including for low vision and hearing deficits. Michelle will also discuss Bolton's partnership with UR Community Cares and how you can get involved as a participating Community Member or as a Volunteer. Join us Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. RSVP by March 3 - 860-647-9196.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Pick out some green and join us on Thursday, March 24 at 12 p.m. We will be offering a traditional corn beef dinner and a second option (TBA). \$10 per person. RSVP due March 16. 860-647-9196.

BOCCE



Spring is here, let's get outside and get on the Bocce courts! Join us for Thursday, March 31, April 14 and April 28 at 2 p.m. (weather permitting). Sign up ahead of time so we can create teams or come as a spectator. 860-647-9196.

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PAINT NIGHT



Special Evening Event! Paint your own Springtime Stream! Lindsey's Craft Studio will guide us on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Transportation is available. RSVP due March 25. \$10 per person. 860-647-9196.

TOWN LEADERS COFFEE HOUSE



Join First Selectmen Pam Sawyer and Interim Town Administrator Jim Rupert on Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. Come to chat over a cup of coffee. They will be able to discuss the upcoming budget and any other questions or concerns you would like to discuss. RSVP by April 12. 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.

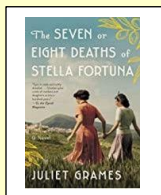
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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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!

LEARN TO MAKE A CHARCUTERIE BOARD

March 3, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom



Create a charcuterie board that's a feast for both your eyes and taste buds. Lenore DeBellis, owner of Edible Picasso in Cape Charles, VA, will guide us through the elements of a well-balanced charcuterie board and how to arrange them in stunning displays. Learn to make a tasty treat for two or a beautiful holiday board.

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, Mach 1, 15 and 29

Bolton Center School - 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration

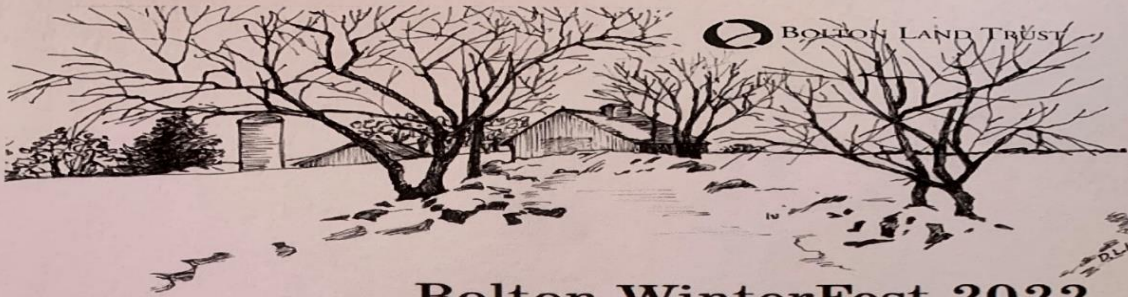
Bolton Center School will hold Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year from February 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Due to COVID restrictions, registration will not be in person so please refer to Bolton Center School's web-site (www.boltonpublicschools.com) for registration forms and instructions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

CALENDAR

February	21 st	All Town Offices/Bentley Library CLOSED in observance of President's Day
	22 nd	Inland Wetlands 7:00 p.m.
	23 rd	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	28 th	Fire Commission 7:00 p.m.
March	1 st	Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m.
	2 nd	Planning and Zoning Commission - Public Hearing & Meeting 7:30 p.m.
	3 rd	Capital Acquisition Planning and Allocation Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	7 th	Conservation Commission 7:00 p.m.
	7 th	PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON CONNECTIVITY TRAIL 6:30 p.m. (Town Hall)
	8 th	Bentley Memorial Library Board 4:00 p.m.
	8 th	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m.
	10 th	Board of Education 6:30 p.m.
	15 th	Diversity Commission 7:00 p.m.
	17 th	Board of Finance 7:15 p.m.
	22 nd	Board of Finance Special Meeting- Budget Deliberations 7:15 p.m.
	22 nd	Inland Wetlands Commission 7:00 p.m.
	24 th	Board of Finance Special Meeting- Budget Deliberations 7:15 p.m.
	28 th	Fire Commission 7:00 p.m.
	29 th	Board of Finance Special Meeting- Budget Deliberations 7:15 p.m.
	31 st	Board of Finance Special Meeting- Budget Deliberations 7:15 p.m.

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

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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
Questions? Please email boltoncommunityfund21@gmail.com

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 (*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!

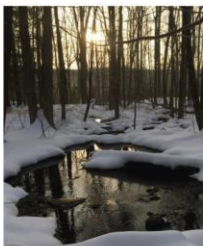
Winners may also be featured in the Bolton~ "A Town for All Seasons" 2022-2023 Calendar.

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