

BOLTON BULLETIN

January 21, 2022

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



This is a joint program sponsored by the Bolton Recreation Department, Bolton Senior Center and Bentley Memorial Library

SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy this scavenger hunt through Friday, Jan. 28.

As you find an item, take a picture and send it to scrane@boltonct.org for a chance to have your photo featured in the library, Seniors and Recreation departments' February newsletters!

Download the scavenger hunt or pick up a copy at the library.



Virtual Program - Valentine's Day Card Making on Zoom.

Send some love and cheer - make a set of Valentine's Day Cards with plenty of time to mail! On Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m., Card Maker Beth Werner will guide you through card making of three designs; all supplies are provided. RSVP 860-647-9196 by February 1. FREE.

This is an ALL AGES program in collaboration between the Bolton Recreation Department, Bentley Memorial Library and Bolton Senior and Social Services. Kits will be picked up by arrangement at the Senior Center.

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NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE - 1-18-2022

[Tax Bill Look Up and Payment Link](#)

860-649-8066 x6101

Email us at taxcollector@boltonct.org

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 the bills paid in July-August.

This additional tax amount was billed out to those that had not paid it as of December 1, 2021. These bills need to be paid by February 1, 2022 to avoid interest. If you are not sure if you paid it and did not receive a bill please check the Tax Bill Look up link above or call the Tax Collector's office. Not receiving a bill does not forgive the taxes or interest.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PAYING THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT TO THE RIGHT OF THE TAX BILL AND NOT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE BILL. IF YOU MADE A PAYMENT YOU WILL SEE THAT SHOWN AND SUBTRACTED FROM THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.

Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills

Supplemental tax bills were mailed out and must be paid by February 1, 2022 to avoid interest. 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.

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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:
<https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=bolton>.

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

<https://bolton.govoffice.com/index.asp?SEC=4427ADC5-C1AE-4022-B01B-37CBC4A44441&Type=B>

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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - January 2022

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!

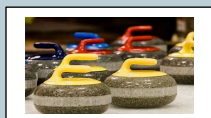
****Any programs and all facilities may close with or without notice depending on COVID infection rates and community transmission****

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.

LEARN ABOUT CURLING



The Winter Olympics are coming! Have you ever wondered about the sport of curling? Come to the Bolton Senior Center on Thursday, February 3 at 10 a.m. to sip a cup of cocoa and learn the history, rules and some fun trivia all about this unique game. You will gain a greater appreciation that will enhance your viewing enjoyment during the Olympics. RSVP 860-647-9196 by January 28.

BLOOMING FOR GOOD



Help support the Bolton Food Pantry and brighten your home with fresh flowers this winter. For the month of February, purchase a specially marked Blooming 4 Good bouquet at Stop N Shop, 10 Pitkin Road Vernon, and a \$1 donation will be made to the Bolton Food Pantry. Look for the red sticker.

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

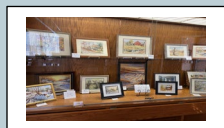
Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

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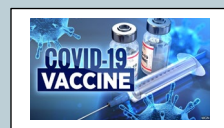
On Display



Enjoy beautiful artwork in watercolor, oils and pastels by local artist Bonnie Massey.

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.

SILLY SNOWPEOPLE PAJAMA STORYTIME AND CRAFT ACTIVITY



Wednesday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Snuggle up in your favorite pajamas and join us on Zoom for silly snowpeople stories. After the stories, we will demonstrate how to make an adorable snowperson out of items you have at home.

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."

January 27 - "Last Christmas in Paris" by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb. The Zoom discussion will end with a visit from author Heather Webb.

February 24 - "The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna" with visit from author Juliet Games. 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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ON DISPLAY... FEATURED FOR DECEMBER



Check out the library [Programs page](#) each week for the latest video and recipe links. January recipes include: Russet Potato Leek Soup, Brunch Chocolate Chip Scones with Vanilla Drizzle, Little Italy Style Pizza and Buffalo Chicken Penne Pasta Casserole for the Big Game. There are four more delicious recipes for February.

PROGRAMS COMING IN FEBRUARY

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY Saturday, Feb. 5



We will celebrate with craft activities, a scavenger hunt, guess the number of items in a jar, and a fun script of activities to do while watching a movie. Check the library Programs page for details.

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.

ARE WE RECYCLING RIGHT?

Date and time coming soon.



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, current market issues and how to be part of the solution. Our presenter is Sherill Baldwin from DEEP. This program coordinates with our February recycling display by the Bolton Conservation Commission.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CHILD BABYSITTER SAFETY



When: Saturday February 5, 2022 1:00pm—6:00pm
Where: Herrick Park Building, 29 Hebron Rd, Bolton, CT
Who: Ages 11-17
Cost: \$100.00

Courses taught by Life Safe Services Professionals. This course is for youth age 11 to 17 years of age with the most common age of 12 - 14. This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother's helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Other topics include hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, personal safety and interview skills. Basic first aid and obstructed airway management for conscious choking adult/child and infant will be covered. First Aid including adult and child CPR (requires passing written and skills testing to receive 2 year certification) booklet, handouts and Babysitter Safety Certificate of completion included.

Register through the Recreation Department by going to <https://boltonrec.recdesk.com>

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VALENTINE'S KIDS NIGHT OUT Friday February 11th 2022 from 4pm-9pm



Location: Herrick Park Building
Who: ages 3-12
Cost: \$40 per participant - multiple children's discount is applied- please call for discount.

Looking to have a nice night out (or in) for Valentine's Day... without the kids? Drop your kids off with the Bolton Recreation Department at Herrick Park on Friday February 11th from 4pm-9pm for an evening of fun and games with friends, while you have a much needed night to yourself. Bolton Recreation will provide games, activities, crafts, and a yummy *pizza dinner for the kids.

*Please let us know if your child has any allergies on registration. Register here: <https://boltonrec.recdesk.com/>

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 1 and 15
Tuesday, Mach 1, 15 and 29

CALENDAR

January	24 th	Fire Commission 7:00 p.m.
	25 th	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	25 th	Inland Wetlands Commission 7:00 p.m.
	27 th	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m.
	31 st	Capital Acquisition Planning and Allocation 7:00 p.m.
February	1 st	Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m.
	3 rd	Budget Workshop (If Needed) 7:00 p.m.
	7 th	Conservation Commission 7:00 p.m.
	7 th	Heritage Farm Commission 7:00 p.m.
	8 th	Bentley Memorial Library Board 4:00 p.m.
	8 th	Budget Workshop (If Needed) 7:00 p.m.
	8 th	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m.
	9 th	Planning and Zoning 7:30 p.m.
	10 th	Board of Education 6:30 p.m.
	15 th	Diversity Commission 7:00 p.m.
	16 th	Budget Workshop (If Needed) 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 (If Needed) 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>