## DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY... Saturday, December 3, 2022 for all the Holiday Happenings in Bolton ....

#### 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Santa Breakfast (Bolton Fire Department)

The Bolton Women's Fire Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Santa Pancake Breakfast. This year it will be held in the firehouse bays to allow for more space for everyone.

Where: Bolton Fire House 168 Bolton Center Rd. When: Saturday, December 3rd 8:30-11:30 AM Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice. Adults are Children 10 and under are \$5

All proceeds go to supporting the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department.

#### 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Winter Faire (Bolton Center School)

Join the Bolton Recreation Department for the 2022 Annual Winter Craft and Vendor Faire!

Who: Everyone; all ages welcome Where: Bolton Center School—108 Notch Road Bolton, CT Cost: Free admission for community members 2:00pm- Silent Auction

#### 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stuff A Cruiser (Bolton Fire Department)

Our Resident Trooper will be hosting a "Stuff the Cruiser" toy drive.

Where: Bolton Fire House 168 Bolton Center Rd. When: Saturday, December 3rd 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Donations of new, unwrapped toys for all ages are requested. GIFT CARDS AND CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED- a separate deposit box will be available for these donations. Everyone is invited, donations are encouraged but not required. All gifts will be distributed by the Connecticut State Police to children at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

## Holiday Happenings in Bolton Saturday, December 3, 2022 continued ....

#### 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bentley Memorial Library

Join in the continuing town-wide holiday activities at Bentley Memorial Library on Saturday, Dec. 3. Drop in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Adults, teens and tweens can create a winter greeting card.

- There will be a library scavenger hunt for kids of all ages and;
- Two children's storytime and craft sessions offered from 11:00-11:30 and then from 12:30-1:00.
- Enjoy snacks and cider throughout the day, compliments of Friends of the Library.
- Join relater at the tree lighting on the Town Green for a special holiday story read by one of our librarians.

As a reminder, you are welcome to drop off giving tree items at the library anytime through Monday, Dec. 5.

## 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Tree Lighting (On the Green In Front of the Library)

Join the Bolton Recreation Department for our annual Tree lighting on Saturday December 3rd from 4-5 pm

Come pick up yummy hot chocolate and popcorn, make a fun holiday ornament, and hear a story from our local librarian. There will also be an exciting Candy Cane hunt and a visit from Santa who will help us light the tree!

While you watch us light the tree, the girl scouts from the Bolton/Coventry multilevel troop will be holding a cereal drive! Bring a box of cereal to donate to the local food bank.

The Library will also be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves (Child & Adult Sizes Needed).

Thank you to our 2022 Sponsors! Able Coil + Electronics Kelman Landscape LLC CT Valley Orthodontics Simoniz USA, Inc. Bolton Veterinary Hospital England Hardware

Our lovely tree this year has been graciously donated by Dzen Tree Farm!!

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

#### NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE - 11-03-22

#### TAX BILL LOOKUP 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.

Delinquent tax bills will be mailed out soon for the adjusted RE/PP tax bills. Please check our website using the above link to find out how much is currently owed. Online pay for these bills are not available at this time.

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.

#### **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 and is non-refundable 2.95% for credit cards & \$0.95 for an electronic check using your routing and account #'s.

Credit Card/Debit Cards are not taken in the Tax Collector's Office.

Online payments will take 3-5 business days to process. The account will not show as paid online until after this processing time. Please make sure you receive a confirmation to your email that shows your payment is starting to process.

Please make sure you enter the correct account number and routing number so that the transaction does not get returned. Additional fees will be added to any payment that is returned unpaid.

View and/or pay your taxes using this link:

#### TAX BILL LOOKUP AND PAYMENT LINK

Option 2: In person in the lower level of Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Rd

Please go to the tax collector's door to the left of Town Hall.

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

Credit and Debit Cards are not taken in the office at this time. Online only.

#### TAX COLLECTOR'S 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

**Option 3: Drop Slot** 

A drop slot is located to the side of the Tax Collector's door at Town Hall for tax payments.

Please enclose payment in a sealed envelope addressed to the Tax Collector's office.

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.

Tax Payments can be mailed to:

Tax Collector Town of Bolton 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://town.boltonct.org/departments/tax-collector/faqs

## BOLTON BULLETIN December 1, 2022 SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

#### All Special Events Require Registration. Call or RSVP with Office Staff.

#### **GIVING TREE**



Please consider visiting the Senior & Social Services Giving Trees to help make the holidays a brighter time for Bolton families in need. The trees are located at the Bolton Senior Center and at the Bentley Memorial Library. Grab an ornament and return it with an unwrapped gift to the Senior Center or Library by Monday, December 5. Don't want to shop? We are also collecting gift wrapping supplies,

gift cards in small denominations, hats and gloves, and boxes of chocolate. Thank you in advance!

#### **HOLIDAY SHOPPING**



Hop on the Senior Center van and get ready to shop! Thursday, December 8 at 9:30 a.m. the van will leave the Senior Center for shopping around Buckland Hills Mall area. The first stop will be Christmas Tree Shop, then the group will pick additional stops for shopping and/or food.

#### **COOKIE TASTING**



Join us for cookie tasting at Bolton High School on Tuesday, December 20. We will sample cookies created by culinary students and vote for our favorites. Van leaves the Senior Center at 12:45 p.m. and returns around 2 p.m. All participants must RSVP and specify if you are driving to the high school or riding on the van.

#### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**



We are expecting fuel costs to be high this winter. We strongly encourage you to apply for energy assistance through ACCESS Community Action Agency at 860-450-7400. Income limits are \$39,791 single, \$51,996 couple (ask for additional household sizes). There are many ways to apply: phone, mail, in-person, drop-off,

so please ask Bolton Senior & Social Services for more information.

## BOLTON BULLETIN December 1, 2022 BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

The Library will be CLOSED Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving

#### **Library Programs**

**To register, call 860-646-7349 or email** <u>bmlprograms@biblio.org</u>. The following programs are free of charge and open to residents and nonresidents.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL OH SO COZY BLANKET DRIVE



Bentley is holding it's third annual blanket drive to support homeless shelters in Manchester and Willimantic. New, handmade blankets will be collected in December and January to help our neighbors in need.

STORYTIME Monday, Dec. 5 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 12 at 1:00 p.m. or Thursday, Dec. 15 at 11:00 a.m.



Join us each week for an hour of fun. We will read stories, have a fun craft activity, and enjoy a snack. Register for Monday, Dec. 5 at 1:00 here. For the following week, register for either Monday, Dec. 12 at 1:00 here or Thursday Dec. 15 at 11:00 here. Please include your child(ren)'s first name and age(s) in the comments field when registering.

#### KNITTING GROUP - FOR CROCHET AND QUILTERS, TOO! Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



Drop in any Tuesday to join this friendly and experienced group. All skill levels are welcome! Join the group anytime. No registration needed.

#### A LOOK BACK IN TIME - CREATING TEXTILES BY HAND Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Bev York will present the process of creating yarns by hand including harvesting fibers, dyeing, spinning and weaving. Prior to the industrial age, the process of producing clothing and household textiles might have accounted for 75% of women's work! York will also exhibit a rare double flyer

spinning wheel. Register for the event.

Bev York teaches history at Quinebaug Valley Community College. She is the curator of the America Museum project and director of Windham Arts which promotes art, culture, history and tourism in the region. She is formerly the director of the Mill Museum and the Nathan Hale Homestead.

## BOOK FOR LUNCH - THE TEN THOUSAND DOORS OF JANUARY Tuesday, December 20, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



*The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow Join us to discuss this novel which mixes historical fiction, the power of stories, and an absolute love of words and letters all encapsulated in a fantastical adventure. Bring a lunch and enjoy dessert courtesy of Friends of the Library. When registering, please indicate if you would like a copy of the

book. Register here.

This title is described as '...a book to make you happy when you gently close it. Here you will find wonder and questions and an unceasingly gorgeous love of words which compasses even the shape a letter makes against a page."—NPR Books

#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

#### LETTERS TO SANTA



Send your letters to Santa with a return address to the Bolton Recreation Department no later than December 9, 2022 to receive a letter back!

Mail letters to- Bolton Recreation

Attn: Santa Clause 222 Bolton Center Rd Bolton CT 06043

#### HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR 2022



Do you decorate the outside of your house for the holidays? Let us know by Thursday December 8, 2022 and you can be listed on our map to join in the Holiday Light Tour around town. Join us in giving the families in our community the chance to see your outdoor holiday lights and vote for their favorite!

Voting deadline- December 22, 2022

Maps will be available on the town website starting Monday December 12, 2022 and voting will be done online only with a link listed on the map.

Register your home here.

#### HALF DAY HANGOUTS 2022-2023

Join the Bolton Recreation Department staff on your half days from school! All grades Kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome! At school dismissal students will be met by staff and walk over to the Notch Road Municipal Building until 5:30pm pick up time.

There are 13 individual half days throughout the 2022-23 school year at Bolton Center School. **Individual Half Day costs- \$40.00** Register <u>HERE</u>

#### CHILD AND BABYSITTER SAFETY December 17, 2022



Courses taught by Life Safe Services Professionals. This course is for youth ages 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.

**When:** December 17, 2022 (1:00 pm—6:00 pm) **Where:** Herrick Park Building, 29 Hebron Rd, Bolton, CT 06043 **Who:** Ages 11-17 **Cost:** \$100.00

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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, December 6 and 20

#### SCHEDULE A FREE RED CROSS HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT



The American Red Cross is making homes fire resistant through the Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. At no cost to you, we would like to demonstrate some simple changes in the home that will help you protect your family against fire. In addition, the Red Cross will install a FREE smoke alarm

within your home.

During your home visit, you will receive:

Installed smoke alarms if no working smoke alarms are present in your home

Guidance in the development of a Family Disaster Plan

Valuable emergency preparedness tips and information All demonstration and installation services will be performed by Red Cross-trained volunteers and/or licensed/insured professionals.

For more information or to request a visit, <u>click here</u>.

#### **CALENDAR**

Dec.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS ALL OVER BOLTON!!!!
	<b>5</b> <sup>th</sup>	Conservation – 7:00 p.m.
	<b>6</b> <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizen Commission – 1:00 p.m.
	<b>6</b> <sup>th</sup>	Board of Selectmen - 7:00 p.m.
	<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	Board of Education – 6:30 p.m.
	<b>8</b> <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Commission - 1:30 p.m.
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Commission – 7:00 p.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Temporary Public Building - 7:00 p.m.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	ZBA – 7:00 p.m.
	$14^{ ext{th}}$	Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Finance – 7:15 p.m.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Diversity Commission – 7:00 p.m.
	26 <sup>th</sup>	All Town Offices and Bentley Memorial Library will be CLOSED in
		observance of Christmas Holiday.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Inland Wetlands Commission 7:00 p.m.
Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Town Offices and Bentley Memorial Library will be CLOSED in
		observance of New Year Holiday.

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

