TRUNK OR TREAT – TONIGHT!

Friday, October 27 - BCS Parking Lot
(108 Notch Rd) from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

This event will include games, pumpkin painting, face painting, yummy autumn treats, and more!

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY!
Saturday, October 28, 2023 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Town of Bolton and Bolton’s Resident State Troopers are holding a free collection and safe disposal of unwanted, unused, or expired prescription medications on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bolton Resident State Trooper’s Office, 220 Bolton Center Road. Drop off your unwanted medications. It is preferred that medications be in the original containers, with names blacked out. Needles or sharps must have covers.
HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28  5-7 PM
TRUNK OR TREAT
FREE TO ALL!
ENJOY TREATS, MUSIC & A COSTUME CONTEST!
SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE ON OUR WEBSITE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29  3-6 PM
PUMPKIN CARVING
& SMALL BITES POTLUCK
FREE TO ALL

30 PUMPKINS & SUPPLIES AVAILABLE
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
(OR BRING YOUR OWN)
SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE.

PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.BOLTONUCC.ORG
Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.

Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.

Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.

Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others’ homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly 800 reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.
BOLTON BULLETIN
October 27, 2023

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE

TAX BILL LOOKUP AND PAYMENT LINK
860-649-8066 x6101
Email us at taxcollector@boltonct.gov

Delinquent tax bills have been mailed out. See payment options below on how to make your payment.

Delinquent Motor Vehicle bills have been reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Please pay your tax bill as soon as possible to avoid having a registration held up.

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 with a credit/debit card online or in the office. Payment can be made with cash or money order in the Tax Collector’s Office as well. Please make us aware you are requesting a release for DMV as it is not immediately taken off.

IS YOUR CAR REGISTERED? Check your cars registration or check on DMV’s online services for your registration’s status.

Check DMV’s online services for registration status and compliance issues here: DMV ONLINE SERVICES

PLEASE BE ADVISED The Town of Bolton is under contract with TaxServ Capital services for the collection of some of the Towns delinquent taxes. If your account was sent to TaxServ, you MUST call them to discuss your account and arrange payment. If you call the Tax Collector/Assessor we will direct you to Tax Serv for payment.

TaxServ Capital Services, LLC can be reached at:
Telephone: 860-724-9100
Toll Free: 866-497-2427
Fax: 860-727-1080
Website: https://www.taxsev.com
Payment Options:

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

A fee of 2.50% for Credit Cards (with $2.00 minimum), $0.95 for E-Checks, and $3.95 flat fee for Debit Cards will be charged by our vendor, Point and Pay, and is non-refundable.

Payments made this way 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 in 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 the 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 Card and Debit Card payments are now accepted in the office. The same fee applies online.

The fee is 2.50% for Credit Cards (with $2.00 minimum), $0.95 for E-Checks, and $3.95 flat fee for Debit Cards.

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 that we can get in touch with you quickly if needed.

Mail tax payments to: **Town of Bolton, 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 the Tax Collector’s Department. The link is [https://town.boltonct.org/departments/tax-collector/faqs](https://town.boltonct.org/departments/tax-collector/faqs)
SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

Registration is required at least one week in advance for these programs. Space is limited. Call 860-647-9196.

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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION
Thursday, November 9 at 12 p.m.

We will honor Veterans Day with our annual luncheon on Thursday, November 9 at 12 p.m. We will welcome guest speaker Linda Rudolph. Lunch will be provided by Bolton Senior Inc. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by November 2 to the Senior Center at 860-647-9196.

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ELDER LAW PRESENTATION
Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

Colleen Masse, a partner at the law firm of Czepiga Daly Pope and Perri, will be at the Senior Center to speak about Estate Planning. In this program, you’ll learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney (POA), and healthcare directives. You’ll walk away understanding what these documents are for, and what you need to do to create yours. Even if you have already created an estate plan, come learn about recent law updates and discover if you should have your existing documents reviewed and updated. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by November 14 to the Senior Center at 860-647-9196.

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TECHNOLOGY HELP
Wednesday, November 29, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A Bolton High School student will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, November 29 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help you with any questions you have about phones, tablets, computers/email, or other technology. Please call the Senior Center at 860-647-9196 to sign up.
THANKSGIVING TASTE TESTING  
Tuesday, November 21 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us for a taste of Thanksgiving flavors as we travel to Bolton High School on Tuesday, November 21. We will sample quick breads and pies created by culinary students and vote for our favorites. The van leaves the Senior Center at 12:15 p.m. and returns around 1:45 p.m. All participants must RSVP by Thursday, November 16 and specify if you are driving to the high school or riding on the van. We must provide an advance list of participants to comply with school security measures. Please call the Senior Center at 860-647-9196.

BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Register online, by phone: 860-646-7349, or by email: bmlprograms@biblio.org.

KIDS’ HALLOWEEN PARTY  
(Creepy, Touch-N-Feel Scavenger Hunt)  
October 30, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Give your Halloween costumes a test run at the library Halloween party. Parents are welcome to dress up, too. Enjoy a fun, tasty, and creepy night! We kick off the event with eerie stories geared towards kids ages 6-10 (but all are welcome) followed by cider and donut holes. Then, if you dare, take part in the Creepy, Touch-n-Feel Scavenger Hunt. starting at 6:45 p.m. Use the clues to find the bags, then reach in and see if you can guess what's inside- No Peeking!
HAND DRUMMING FUN
Thursday, November 2, 6:30 P.M.

Professional musician, Bob Bloom is bringing a colorful cargo of drums for everyone to get their heart and hands around. Together with Bob, we'll launch legendary songs that have delectable beats. This program is great for adults and kids alike! **REGISTER HERE**

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LIGHT POLLUTION AND ITS EFFECT ON BIRDS
Monday, November 6, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Millions of birds pass through Connecticut every spring and fall on their way to and from their summer nesting grounds. Because our state is located along the Atlantic Flyway, many birds use our shorelines and green spaces to rest and refuel during their trip. **Register** for this important and informative program.

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF AI ON ART AND CREATIVITY
Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Dorothy Hall, a professional artist, and Bolton resident, will lead a timely discussion about what we can expect from AI, its implications on art and creativity, and how artists can protect their work. Join us for this thought-provoking program. **Register**.

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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, November 30, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Join us for an in-person discussion of The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson, a "great cure for the blues, especially for anyone who might feel bad about growing older" **Register**.
CALLING ALL VENDORS AND CRAFTERS!!
Winter Faire: Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Join the Bolton Recreation Department for the annual Winter Faire! Vendors and Crafters interested in hosting a table/space at the fair can register with the Recreation Department today. Find the registration form on the Bolton Recreation Department Website HERE.

Registration is due by November 17, 2023
Spaces are approximately 8’ X 10’
Cost per space: $30.00 before October 27, 2023
Cost per space: $40.00 prior to Nov 17th but after October 27

Need a table? Rent a table for $10.00.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Join the Bolton Recreation Department on select no school professional development days for a day filled with fun and creativity. Each Professional Development Day includes outdoor games and activities, indoor crafts, and a workshop put on by the staff!

November 7, 2023- Thanksgiving Themed HERE
Cost: $65  - Am Care- $10 add-on, PM care- $10 add on.
HALF DAY HANGOUTS

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 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Hangouts: Monday, November 20, HERE
Tuesday, November 21, HERE.
Wednesday, November 22, HERE.

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A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY
Saturday, December 2, 2023

Enjoy a day in the “Big Apple” with friends and family. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping, visit the museums, see a Broadway show or just enjoy the sights of the city. Bus will drop off & pick up at Rockefeller Center.

Join this wonderful trip put on by the Ashford, Coventry, Bolton, Mansfield, Willington, and Tolland Recreation Departments!

**Departs From:** Tolland Commuter Lot, I-84 Exit 68 (Near Dunkin Donuts)

**Departure Time:** 7 a.m.

**Return Time:** Approx. 10:30 p.m.

**Fee:** $90 (fee includes bus transportation only)

**Register by Wednesday, November 15, 2023**
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:  Tuesdays, November 7, 21, and December 5, 19.

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CALENDAR

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Bolton Conservation Commission to Host Riffle Bioassessment of Wadable Streams by Volunteers (RBV)

Join us for our 20th annual RBV on Sunday, October 29, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Herrick Park Lodge on Bates Way off 29 Hebron Road. Bolton, CT 06043. FREE PIZZA will be offered to participants.

Since 2003, the Conservation Commission has been part of this citizen science project which is a program facilitated by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP). Each fall, teams go out to four locations to collect and identify the small macroinvertebrates that live in the streambeds. The types of creatures found in stream riffles are a strong indicator of the health of the stream. These bioassessments increase the CT DEEP’s knowledge of which areas in Bolton are clean and which are stressed.

Since 2018-19, the BCC continues to monitor stream temperature in six streams and two vernal pools and actively participates in the CTDEEP Volunteer Stream Temperature Monitoring (V-STeM) Network. The Commission purchased an ExStik pH and Conductivity Meter that also measures salinity which we will utilize on the day of the RBV.

We hope you can join us on the 29th. No experience is necessary, but volunteers should wear footwear suitable for wading in shallow water and may bring waterproof gloves as well. Event will be held rain or shine. Please register by emailing TOBCC@aol.com or call 860-649-8066 ext 6110 and leave message.
NARCAN Training
LEARN HOW TO SAVE LIVES
Thursday Nov. 16th 6:30 PM
Bolton Fire Department

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT PSPHILLIPS722@GMAIL.COM
Connecticut Foodshare
Thanksgiving For All

Sunday - November 19, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
St. George’s Episcopal Church
1150 Boston Turnpike - Route 44
Bolton, Connecticut

Please bring your donation of a
👉 FROZEN TURKEY
or a
👉 MONETARY GIFT (in any amount)

Make checks payable to
CONNECTICUT FOODSHARE

“What we spend, we lose. What we keep will be left for others. What we give away will be ours forever.”
~ David McGee

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBoltonCT

Rev. 10.22.23
Bolton Conservation Commission’s
23rd Annual FREE Town-wide Photo Contest

Submission Deadline is May 6, 2024
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, Herrick or Bolton Notch State Park. Take a photo overlooking the valley from Bolton’s Heritage Farm. Share a photo of your most effective green living, energy saving idea or any active farming or gardening. 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 will be accepted. Landscaped, horizontal photos are preferred for calendar use. Images should be of appropriate subject matter, sharp and in focus, high resolution, good exposure and have a balanced composition. 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” 2024-25 Calendar. We anticipate that all prizes will be distributed around Memorial Day.

Submit digital photos to BoltonPhoto@aol.com (jpeg format preferred).

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

Contest Rules
1. Photos must depict the Town of Bolton.
2. Eligibility: Open to the public; even non-residents.
3. By submitting an image you give the Conservation Commission permission to publish in the Annual town-wide calendar, on FB pages or for promotional purposes. Published photos will be given photo credit.
4. You may submit up to three photos per category.
5. Each image submitted must include the photographer’s name, address, phone number, location, along with the specific category and photo title if BCC will title.
6. Be prepared to provide the Bolton Conservation Commission with written consent of anyone who appears in the photographs.
7. The Bolton Conservation Commission reserves the right to add or adjust photo titles and any prints and/or deletions as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

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