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**RECYCLE/TRANSFER STATION OPEN TOMORROW!** Saturday, April 5<sup>™</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$24.00 punch tickets must be purchased online beforehand <u>here.</u>

## PUNCH TICKETS PURCHASED WILL ONLY BE GOOD FOR ONE SEASON (APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER).

TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE

Do you have an excess of clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, furniture, and/or toys that are not being used, but rather are taking up space in your garage, basement and closets?

Be a part of the community tag sale! You host it and we will promote it!

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, May 3, 2025 LOCATION: YOUR YARD TIME: 8 am to 4 pm FEE: \$25

**REGISTER YOUR TAG SALE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025** 

This gives us adequate time to compile the list of tag sales and set up a time with you to pick up your sign! Register <u>HERE.</u>

#### **BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: CROPLEY'S GARDEN CENTER**

The Town of Bolton is happy to announce that the Business of the Month for April is CROPLEY'S GARDEN CENTER. Cropley's is one of Bolton's own garden centers, having been in Bolton for 40 years! Everything you need for your spring flowers can be found at Cropley's, whether it's flowers, seeds for your vegetable garden, or more.



Cropley's is owned by Robert Ballek, an entrepreneur who also owns a landscaping company. One day Robert received a call from Iim Cropley, who originally owned Cropley's and was looking to retire. Knowing Robert as a hard worker and a person he could trust. Jim gave him a call to see if he wanted to take over the business. Robert quickly took him up on the offer and the rest is history.

So, on behalf of the town, we are proud to announce Cropley's Garden Center as the Business of the Month and encourage everyone to stop by. Cropley's Garden Center is located on Route 44, on the left-hand side heading to Coventry.



For more information about Cropley's Garden Center <u>CLICK HERE</u>



#### FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

## DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE BILLS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE.

## 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:** <u>DMV ONLINE SERVICES</u>

**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 **Website:** <u>https://www.taxserv.com</u>

#### FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

#### MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

Motor vehicle tax bills cover vehicles registered on or before October 1st. The tax bill due July 1, 2025, is based on your registration status as of October 1, 2024. If you disposed of your vehicle after October 1, 2024, without transferring the plate, you may qualify for a prorated tax credit. Transferring plates to a new vehicle means no adjustment on the July bill, but a credit will apply on the Supplemental List in January.

If you moved out of Bolton but stay in Connecticut after October 1, you will still owe taxes to Bolton for the full year. For more information, see the Town of Bolton's Motor Vehicle Proofs Brochure.

#### **RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM**

Connecticut offers a grant program for low-income elderly and disabled renters. Applications are accepted from April 1 to October 1, 2025. Grants range from \$150 to \$900, depending on income and marital status.

Eligibility:

- 65+ years old, or 50+ as a surviving spouse of a qualifying renter.
- Under 65 and totally disabled with proof of disability.
- Connecticut resident for at least one year.
- 2024 income ≤ \$45,200 (single) or \$55,100 (married).

Apply with proof of income, rent, and utility payments. Contact the Assessor's Office at 860-649-8066 x6100 for assistance.

#### ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNER'S PROGRAM

Applications are accepted through May 13, 2025, for tax credits ranging from \$150 to \$1,250. Eligible residents must:

- Be 65+ by December 31, 2024, or totally disabled.
- Have owned a Bolton home on October 1, 2024.
- Meet the same income limits as the Renters Rebate Program.

Renewal reminders were sent to those already in the program. Apply in person or by mail by April 15, 2025. From April 15 to May 15, applications must be submitted in person.

#### **VETERANS PROGRAMS**

Veterans who served during declared war periods must submit a certified copy of their Honorable Discharge by September 30 for a minimum \$4,500 property tax exemption. Veterans with VA disability ratings can receive higher exemptions.

Low-income veterans may also qualify for extra benefits with 2024 income limits of \$45,200 (single) or \$55,100 (married). 100% disabled veterans have lower income limits: \$18,000 (single) or \$21,000 (married). Applications are accepted from February 1 to October 1.

Active-duty service members in wartime may also qualify for Veterans Benefits. Submit a signed Affidavit from your commanding officer by September 30.

#### VEHICLES ADAPTED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Vehicles specially adapted for persons with disabilities may be eligible for a tax exemption if registered in Bolton and not used for commercial purposes. For details, see the Specially Adapted MV application packet.



#### SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

#### TEA PARTY Thursday, April 17 at 12 p.m.



We cordially invite you to a tea party on Thursday, April 17 at 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. Delectable sandwiches, desserts, teas and other delights will be served while wearing festive hats to brighten the afternoon. Please RSVP to the Senior Center by Thursday, April 10.



#### NEEDLE FELTING CLASS Tuesday, April 22 at 10 a.m.

Join us as we each create our own adorable bunny from start to finish with wool using felting needles. Diana Sheard will guide us as we laugh a little and create a lot! Whether you're a newbie or have done

this before, you will have fun with friends. An example of the completed bunnies can be viewed at the front desk. All supplies are included. Limit 15 people for the class. Please RSVP to the Senior Center by Tuesday, April 15.

#### PROBATE PRESENTATION Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m.



This is the third presentation in a three-part series called "Getting Your House in Order" at the Bolton Senior Center. On Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m., Attorney Brendan Daly, Managing Partner at the law firm of Czepiga Daly Pope and Perri, will explain who takes charge of a will after someone dies, what happens if someone dies without a will, how to avoid a lengthy probate process, and how tools

such as a living trust can help avoid probate.

#### BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY



#### APRIL SCAVENGER HUNT April 1st through April 15<sup>th</sup>

Stop by Bentley during the first two weeks of April to explore the library and hunt for our hidden clues!



#### THE YEARS BETWEEN THE PEQUOT WAR & KING PHILIP'S WAR Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Steve Penny will lead us through an exploration of Native American history focusing on tribes of the eastern United States. This presentation will focus on the 40 years between the Pequot War and King

Philip's War, when the Narragansetts and Mohegans battled over control of the former Pequot land. **PREREGISTER HERE** 



#### BOOK DISCUSSION THE 39 STEPS BY JOHN BUCHAN

The 39 Steps is one of the earliest 'man on the run' thrillers. Buchan introduces Richard Hannay, who is caught up in a dramatic race against a plot to devastate the British war effort. The 39 Steps is Buchan's best known novel and has been continuously in print since its first publication in 1915, inspiring 3 film adaptations. **PREREGISTER HERE** 

#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



Monday- Friday, June 23 to August 15 At Herrick Park, 29 Hebron Road, Bolton

- Regular Week: \$200 R / \$240 NR
- Field Trip Week: \$275 R / \$315 NR
- Extended AM Care: 7:30 AM 9:30 AM (\$20)
- Extended PM Care: 3:30 PM 5:30 PM (\$20)

Regular Registration: April 1- May 31st Late registration: June 1—Monday at noon prior to the week IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

For more information, <u>click here</u>, and to register click <u>here</u>.

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#### BOLTON REC BASKETBALL- MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLINIC



Who: Middle schoolers- grades 6-8 When: Fridays, 6-8:00 pm April 4, April 11, May 9, May 16, May 23 and May 30 Where: Bolton Center School Gymnasium Coach: Corry O'Brien Cost: FREE! 20 spots available for each date

The purpose of this program is to allow our players to continue to practice after the season is over! With the assistance of Coach Corry, players will continue to have the opportunity to play on the court during select dates and times in March, April, and May. This is NOT open gym. These is skills and fundamentals drills and reps for middle schoolers looking to improve their games. **RESERVE YOUR SPOT**.

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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.

**<u>Upcoming Dates</u>**: Tuesdays, April 8 and 22

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#### SERVE ON A BOLTON BOARD OR COMMISSION!

The Town of Bolton is seeking residents to fill vacancies on various Boards and Commissions. If you're interested in making a difference, fill out our <u>Interest Form</u> and send it to **hr@boltonct.gov**.

For more details, visit our **Boards & Commissions page**.

### **CALENDAR**

April	7	Conservation Commission - 7 p.m.
	7	Heritage Farm Commission - 7 p.m.
	8	Board of Selectmen A/P Meeting- 6 p.m.
	8	Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
	9	Planning and Zoning 7:30 p.m.
	10	Finance Committee Special Meeting - 7:15 p.m.



## April 1, 2025



#### This edition's Featured Department: Music!

#### **Concert Band guest conductor**

BHS Concert Band students had the opportunity to work with guest clinician Mr. Kessler in preparation for their Spring Concert on March 27th at 7PM. Mr. Kessler is the recently-retired Band Director from Bacon Academy and worked with students on articulation, phrasing, dynamics, and air support in two pieces of repertoire: "American Riversongs" and "Ammerland".





#### Well done All-State Vocalist, Kelcie!

#### **BHS Band Concert**

Congrats to the Music Team for a great concert! If you missed it, visit the the BHS Youtube channel @boltonhighct



Kelcie is the first BHS student in years to achieve All-State in Chorus. The All-State Music Festival was held on March 27. It is a highly competitive audition process, and a huge honor to be selected.

#### **All State Swimmer!**

Bolton High School junior David Korzeniowski is officially an All-State Swimmer in Class S Boys' Swimming and Diving. David competes on the co-op swim and dive team representing Bolton.



#### ACS Chemistry Olympiad Competition

Bolton High School is once again represented in the American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad Competition. The regional competition was held March 20, 2025 at UCONN Storrs. Our contestants said they enjoyed the competition and were glad they attended, including the two of them who are considering attending UCONN next year. Congrats everyone!









#### **Iditarod:**

Bolton Center School's very own special education teacher, Kelly Villar, visited the second grade classrooms to share her experience as Teacher on the Iditarod Trail in 2020. Grade 2 students study the Iditarod, and were so happy to have an expert within the school to teach them more about the trail, give first-hand experience insight, and answer all of their questions!

### **BCS Community News**



Eastern Regionals: Ten singers from BCS performed in the Eastern Region Middle School Treble Chorus on March 21-22 at Coventry H.S. These students were selected through a competitive audition process in December. They had the opportunity to work with a guest conductor and approximately 100 other singers from across Eastern CT to rehearse and perform a program of 5 challenging pieces of choral music. The choir gave an outstanding performance on Saturday afternoon. Bravol



#### **Book Bingo**

On Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, BCS students in all grade levels were able to enjoy the second annual Book Bingo as part of our continued Read Across America celebrations. With generous support from our PTA, the multiple winners from each Bingo wave received a popular grade-level book from a selection of options, a magnetic bookmark, and a tasty treat.



#### **PROJECT GRADUATION FUNDRAISER**

Support Project Graduation by purchasing a Large Bulldog Blanket (50x60 in) for \$25 each!

Proceeds will help fund a Safe Grad Night celebration for the Class of 2025 on June 9th.

#### **Order Here: LINK**

A representative from Project Graduation will contact you to arrange pickup.

Thank you for your support!

#### FOR OTHER EVENTS, VISIT CONNECTICUT'S COUNTRYSIDE

Connecticut's Countryside is a group between the towns of Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield, and Tolland, with the goal to promote economic growth in the four towns. To that end, **we have a website that highlights various events throughout the region as well as businesses located in Bolton.** Please see below for information on how to use the website and the website URL below.

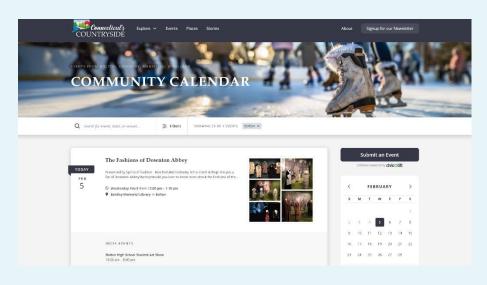
Website URL: <u>https://www.ctcountryside.org/</u>

#### How to See Events:

1. Go to Connecticut's Countryside website and click on the upper lefthand corner on events.



2. After clicking on the events tab, you will be brought to our regional events calendar. This calendar will have events from the four towns and will be in ascending order by date.



## BOLTON FIRE AUXILIARY

# ANNUAL BUNNY BREAKFAST



Saturday, April 19th 830-11 AM







All ages are welcome and will be separated into three different sections of the field.

The eggs are filled with candy and toys. Allergies are taken into account, however we ask that you check your child's candy before eating it.

Music, games, and more will be available for all to enjoy prior to the egg hunt! Join the annual Bunny Breakfast at the Fire Department from 8:30 to 11:00 am

Make sure to visit the firefighters at the fire house for the plant sale from April 17-20!!

In case of inclement weather, the event will take place inside of the building at Herrick Park instead with the egg hunt beginning at 12:00pm, one age group at a time. Times for age ranges will be posted on town website.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 EGG HUNT SPONSORS:

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