

SAVE THE DATE! DECEMBER 5TH HOLIDAY EVENTS

TOWN OF BOLTON EVENTS: SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH

WHAT IS THERE TO DO? SEE BELOW!

8:30AM - 11:30AM	**SANTA'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST** @ FIREHOUSE
9:00AM - 11:00AM	**STUFF-A-CRUISER** @ FIREHOUSE
10:00AM - 2:00PM	**WINTER FAIRE AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP** @ BCS GYMNASIUM
4:00PM - 5:00PM	**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING** @ TOWN HALL
4:00PM - 8:00PM	**FESTIVAL OF TREES** @ BOLTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Come and visit the events around town for refreshments, crafts, vendors, activities, ceremonies, raffles, live music, and more!



TRANSFER STATION - LAST DAY OF THE SEASON

Saturday, November 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

$24.00 punch tickets must be purchased online beforehand here.

RECYCLE/TRANSFER STATION PERMIT PUNCH TICKETS PURCHASED WILL ONLY BE GOOD FOR ONE SEASON. (April to November)

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

2026 Property Tax Bills



Delinquent tax bills have been mailed. If you have an outstanding balance, please make payment as soon as possible to avoid additional monthly interest charges and possible delays with your motor vehicle registration.

Please note: The Tax Collector's office cannot waive interest charges due to a taxpayer not receiving a bill.



Motor Vehicle Taxes & DMV Registration

Delinquent Motor Vehicle taxes have been reported to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Outstanding tax balances will prevent you from registering or renewing the registration of a vehicle.

IMPORTANT: DMV CLEARANCE

All outstanding tax accounts in the name(s) of the registrant must be paid before DMV clearance can be issued.

To help avoid registration delays, please pay outstanding taxes **at least two weeks before you need to register or renew a vehicle**.

We strongly recommend checking your registration status and any compliance issues through CT DMV Online Services before visiting the DMV.

Need DMV Clearance Sooner?

If you need DMV clearance within the two-week timeframe, payment should be made using one of the following methods:

- **Online:** Credit card (2.5% fee) or Debit card (1% fee) or
- **Tax Collector's Office:** Credit card (2.5% fee) or Debit (1% fee), cash, money order or certified check.

Please inform our office if you need a DMV release sooner than the standard two-week timeframe.

DMV compliance issues are not removed immediately. **Same-day clearance cannot be guaranteed, so please plan accordingly.**

For additional information, please visit BOLTONCT.GOV and select Department -Tax Collector. Information available includes Tax Lookup and Pay, Payment Options, Frequently Asked Questions and Enforcement.

Tax Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday is 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Friday is 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Tax Office can be reached at 860-649-8066 x6101 or x6100 or at taxcollector@boltonct.gov

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ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED 100% PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY RATING FROM THE US VA

The exemption program under CT General Statute Section 12-81(83) was established for permanently and totally disabled veterans with a service-connected 100% permanent and total disability rating from the US Veterans Administration (see Public Act 24-46, as amended by PA 25-2, PA 25-168 and PA 26-114, Sec. 20).

Resident veterans with a service-connected permanent and total disability rating of 100% from the VA are eligible to receive a tax exemption of the dwelling assessment on their primary residence. The building lot, excess land and outbuildings continue to be taxed.

If the veteran does not own his or her dwelling, the exemption will apply to a motor vehicle in their name. If the veteran owns more than one vehicle, the exemption will be applied to the vehicle with the highest assessed value.

If the veteran does not own property in his or her own name, the exemption will be applied to the dwelling or motor vehicle in a spouse's name.

VETERANS WITH A 100% PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY RATING WILL RECEIVE THE EXEMPTION ONCE THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Filed their DD-214 with the Town Clerk by the September 30th prior to the October 1 beginning of the grand list year for which the exemption is claimed. The character of the discharge must be either (1) an honorable discharge, (2) a general discharge under honorable conditions, or (3) an other than honorable discharge based on a qualifying condition.
2. Provided a current dated rating letter from the VA to the Assessor showing the date the veteran became 100% Permanently & Totally Disabled.
3. Filed an annual application with the Assessor by January 1 following the October 1 beginning of the Grand List year. A current disability rating letter must accompany the application. (click here for 100% P & T Application)

If you are moving from another Connecticut town to Bolton after October 1 and have been approved for the exemption in the other town, there is a portability provision that can be used. Ask the Assessor how to proceed.

The exemption carries over to the surviving spouse so long as the spouse remains unmarried. Veterans that have not been able to file their 100% rating letter, have up to one year from their receipt of the letter to apply for the exemption. The exemption can be granted retroactively for up to 3 years, starting with the assessment date that follows the disability determination date, but no earlier than the 2024 Grand List.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOLTON THAT ARE ADAPTED FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

The Town of Bolton has an ordinance exempting certain vehicles specially adapted for persons with disabilities. The ordinance was adopted at the May 18, 1999 Board of Selectmen meeting, and became effective June 22, 1999:

Pursuant to Section 12-81c of the Connecticut General Statutes, an exemption from personal property taxation is created for an ambulance type motor vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting medically incapacitated individuals or for a specially rigged, privately owned vehicle operated by a handicapped individual. Excluded from this exemption are any vehicles used to transport individuals for payment. Taxpayers seeking such exemption must provide proof to the town assessor that the vehicle is modified for use by a handicapped individual or for the transport of a handicapped individual. In addition, the town assessor may require medical documentation verifying that the modifications to the vehicle are directly related to the medical incapacity of the individual. Such exemptions shall expire upon transfer in ownership of the vehicle.

The key eligibility criteria are:

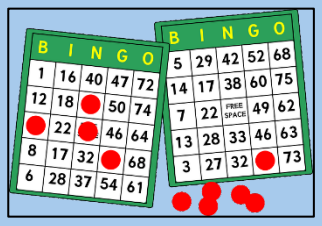
- the vehicle must be registered with the CT Department of Motor Vehicles and must most frequently leave from and return to a property located in the Town of Bolton, Connecticut;
- the vehicle cannot be used to transport any individual for payment;
- the vehicle must be inspected by the Assessor before the exemption is granted. The Assessor may inspect the vehicle at least once every Grand List year but is not required to.

The application must be filed by September 30th of the prior Grand List Year. An application packet is available here and in the Assessor's Office. *If you have any questions, please call the office at 860-649-8066 ext. 6102, email assessor@boltonct.gov or stop in.*

SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

BINGO!

Thursday, December 3 at 1 PM $1 a card to play multiple games.



SENIOR INC. HOLIDAY PARTY



Bolton Senior Inc. is hosting the annual Senior Center Holiday Party at Georgina's in Bolton on **Friday, December 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m**. All are welcome. The cost per person is $30 with cash or check payable to *Senior Inc.* There is limited transportation. The van will be leaving the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. **Registration and payment selections are due by Monday, December 1, with no refunds after that date. Registration may be submitted in person, by mail, by phone: 860-647-9196, or by email: cconcatelli@boltonct.gov.**

DECORATE THE CENTER

Please join us as we set up the seasonal décor at the Senior Center on **Tuesday, December 1 at 10 a.m.** Helpers will be provided with a pizza lunch for all their work!



HOLIDAY COOKIE TASTING



Please join us for a **cookie tasting at Bolton High School on Wednesday, December 9 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m**. We will sample cookies created by culinary students and vote for our favorites. The **van leaves the Senior Center at 12:45 p.m. and returns around 2 p.m.** Limit 10 participants for the trip and all participants must ride the Senior Center van. **The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 2**.

OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

BOLTON MOBILE FOODSHARE



The Bolton Mobile Foodshare will be held **every other Tuesday 10:00 to 10:30 AM at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Turnpike (Route 44).** This is an outdoor food distribution that assists families in need.

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesdays, November 3rd and 17th
Tuesdays, December 1st, 15th, and 29th

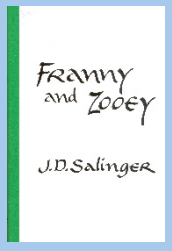
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The wreath-laying ceremony is planned for **December 19 at 12:00 p.m. at Bolton Center Cemetery**. Donations of $17 per wreath are being accepted through the donation website.



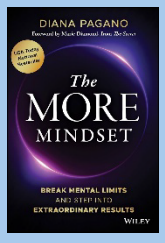
BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NOVEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION



On **Wednesday, November 18 at noon** join us for a fascinating discussion on JD Salinger's "Franny and Zooey." Preregister here.

Also on **Thursday, November 19 at 6:30** join the local author Diana Pagano to watch her presentation on her book "The More Mindset".



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Visit the Bolton Recreation Website: CLICK HERE to check out the Winter Newsletter and register for programs!

The Recreation Department is looking for volunteers! Sign up below:

Click here to volunteer for the Winter Faire and Santa's Workshop

Click here to volunteer for the Holiday Tree Lighting

Any questions? Please visit the Bolton Recreation Website: CLICK HERE for more information. OR contact the Recreation Department at

(860) 649 - 8066 ext. 6109 or ccochardo@boltonct.gov for more information.

Did you know there is an American flag retirement box available at Town Hall? If you have a worn or damaged American flag that needs to be retired, stop by Town Hall and place it in the designated box for proper retirement.



CALENDAR

November	17	Board Of Selectmen with A/P and BOS with Inland Wetlands Commission - 6:00 p.m.
	19	Finance Committee – 7:00 p.m.
	23	Fire Commission – 7:00 p.m.
	26	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED INCLUDING BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
	27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY- ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
	28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY CLOSED
December	1	Board of Selectman with A/P – 6:30 p.m.
	5	Bolton Holiday Celebration – SAVE THE DATE
	7	Conservation Commission
	7	Heritage Farm Commission
	8	Senior Citizens Commission
	9	Planning and Zoning
	14	Zoning Board of Appeals
	14	Fire Commission
	15	Board of Selectman with A/P
	15	Inland Wetlands Commission

BCS Community News

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Field Trip:
On October 22nd, the 4th and 5th graders traveled to New London to visit the US Coast Guard Academy for a concert celebrating the Coast Guard Band's 101'st year. Students were treated to a performance that highlighted the band's history from the early 20th century to today, featuring music from Sousa marches to Disney hits. Several BCS students were even invited to participate in the performance by playing instruments along with the band. Fourth grader Hailey Lietz got to keep a beat on the bass drum along with members of the Coast Guard Band. The concert was a fun, cultural experience for our students and a great way for them to see how music continues to be an important part of our country's story.



Second Grade Presenter:
In October, a representative from Eversource visited the second graders. He taught students and teachers about conserving energy and the safe use of electrical devices. He also reviewed proper conservation of resources. He was an engaging, informative presenter!



New Teacher:
On October 19th BCS warmly welcomed Mr. Matthew Utter, our new 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher. A graduate of UConn, Mr. Utter recently taught at Berlin High School. When asked what he enjoys about teaching this subject and age group, he remarked about his love of teaching about the world, and in particular questions about the government. He also loves how "middle school is fun and energetic, with never a dull moment." In his spare time, he is passionate about travelling and being outdoors hiking and playing tennis.

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What is happening at BHS?

BHS Celebrates Spirit Week







BHS students enjoyed dressing up for Spirit Week. Some themes included Tropical Day, Dress Like Adam Sandler Day, leading up to Costumes for Halloween.





National Honor Society Inducts New Members

On November 2, the National Honor Society of BHS hosted an induction ceremony for its newest members and their families.

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BHS Boys Soccer Qualifies for State Tournament





The Boys Soccer team not only recently celebrated their senior players, but qualified for the State Tournament as well! Though they lost in the first round, the team played hard throughout the season and are looking towards next year. Well done!

Postseason Successes!



Some special shoutouts to a few BHS athletes who have achieved postseason success:
~Gwyneth Clements (pictured left) …

~Dahlia Livingston and Colin Carini both qualified for, and ran in, the CIAC State Open Meet for cross country. Congratulations on your achievements!