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UPDATE ON DEMOLITION PROJECT AT THE NOTCH ROAD MUNICIPAL CENTER

Here is a quick update on the progress of the demolition project. The contractors have been working very hard and are staying on schedule. The interior abatement of hazardous waste and the removal of universal waste will be completed by the end of next week. We should begin to see fencing go up next week and the excavator will be moved onto the site. The next step will be to complete the demolition of the separation between the sections of the building to remain and what will come down. This portion will be done by hand. Once that is complete the visual progress will become more evident when the excavator is able to be utilized to demolish the building.

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Announcement

Bolton, CT/February 20, 2025

Bolton Board of Education Appoints New Superintendent

The Bolton Board of Education is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. David Caruso as the new Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2025.

Mr. Caruso has been a Connecticut educator for more than 28 years. His career in education began as a health/physical education teacher and director of athletics for East Hartford High School. He then served as an assistant principal at East Hartford Middle School, where he was honored as Connecticut's Assistant Principal of the Year in 2016. Mr. Caruso currently serves as the principal of Vernon Center Middle School.

A longtime Connecticut resident, Mr. Caruso earned his bachelor's degree at Eastern CT State University and both his sixth-year and superintendent certification from the University of Connecticut. He and his wife, Alison, moved to Bolton in 2007, where they raised their family until 2022. "I'm excited to come back and serve the students, families, and staff of this small and mighty town," Mr. Caruso stated.

Mr. Caruso emerged as the candidate of choice from a pool of 45 qualified applicants after a thoughtful five-month-long process. Board chairman Andrew Broneill explained, "Mr. Caruso was chosen as the best fit for the district based on the candidate profile we developed using feedback gathered from hundreds of local stakeholders in the Bolton community." The Board, he noted, was especially pleased that the profile reflected the opinions of almost all district staff members. "The robust input we received," Mr. Broneill continued, "was invaluable to our search and is yet another example of the outstanding involvement that makes Bolton such an amazing place to live and work."

In all, nearly 350 individuals—including taxpayers, parents, students, and the district's talented and dedicated administrators, faculty, and staff—contributed to the selection process through surveys and focus groups. In addition, two teachers and one administrator participated in the first round of interviews. "The Board thanks the people of Bolton for their participation in the process," Mr. Broneill said. "We are confident that we have identified the very best person to lead the Bolton Public Schools into the future."

As shared previously, Mr. Caruso will officially begin his role as superintendent on July 1, 2025, following a transition period in which he will work closely with outgoing Superintendent Kristin Heckt. He was formally appointed at a Board of Education meeting on February 20, 2025. Please join us in welcoming our new Superintendent of Schools.

Questions may be directed to Andrew Broneill, Chair of the Bolton Board of Education.

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SNOW REMINDERS (INCLUDING DAMAGED MAILBOXES)

Please check the stability of your mailbox and pole. The town will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes as the result of the weight of snow hitting the box or post. In the event that a Bolton snowplow makes contact with a mailbox and damages it, the town will replace the mailbox with a standard U.S. Postal Mailbox (cost approximately \$20) in addition to a 4" x 4" post and installation. If we damage your mailbox, please call the selectmen's office to report it within two business days after the incident. The highway supervisor will be responsible for determining the cause of any damage to a mailbox. Residents who are not willing to accept the standard U.S. Postal Mailbox as a replacement will be offered a check for the cost of a standard U.S. mailbox only. The town will not be responsible for incurring the cost of specialty mailboxes.

During snowstorms, residents are asked to help the highway crew keep our roads clear by not parking cars or placing trash cans in the road. In addition, snow from resident's driveways should not be plowed onto town roads. This can create hazardous conditions for everybody. As such, there is a Town ordinance with a fine that prohibits property owners from plowing snow into the road.

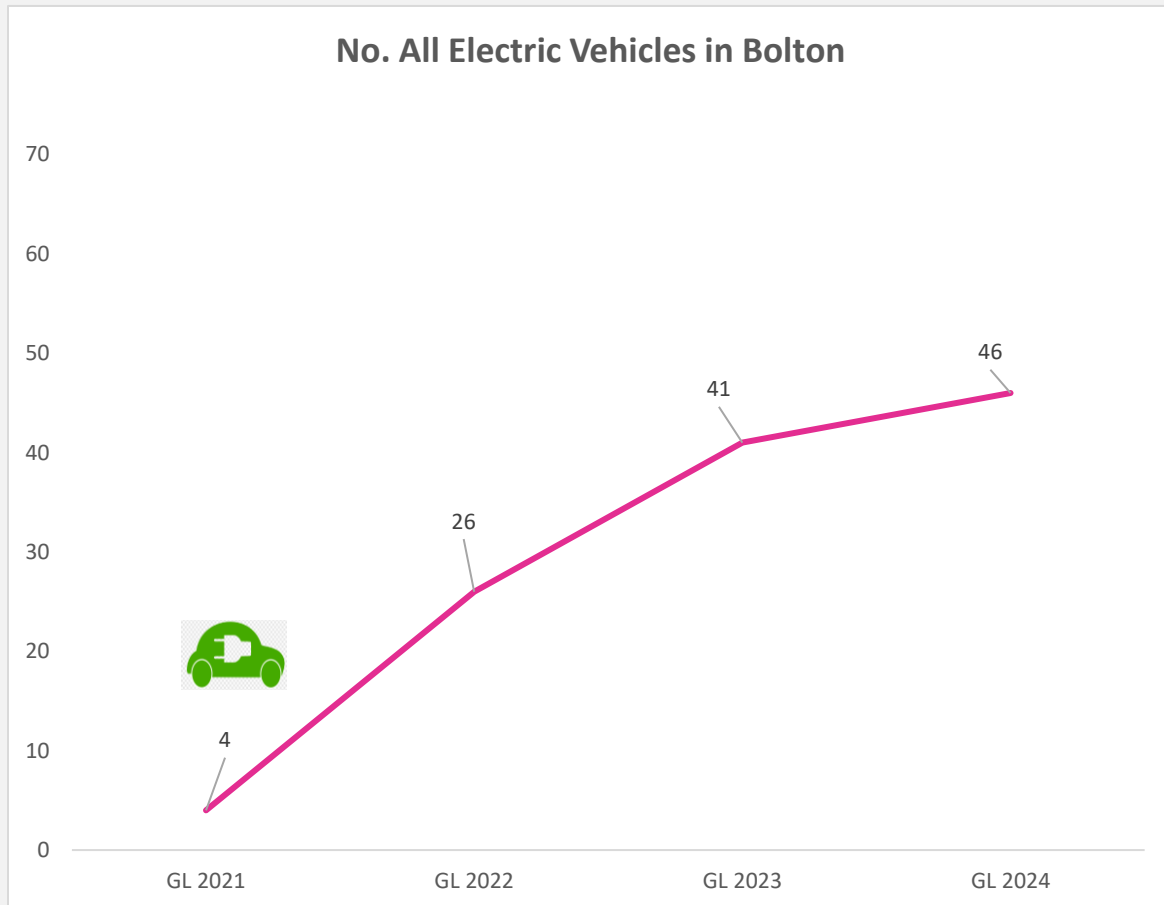


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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Did you know that the number of all electric vehicles has increased 10-fold over the past 3 years?



Source: Motor Vehicle Grand Lists 2021-2024 and the US DOT Vindecoder at <https://vpic.nhtsa.dot.gov/decoder/Decoder>

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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

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



NEW ZEALAND PRESENTATION

Thursday, March 6 at 10 a.m.

Pam Wentworth and her husband Bruce will be sharing photos from their vacation to New Zealand at the Bolton Senior Center on Thursday, March 6 at 10 a.m. Come and hear all about their 15-day trip!

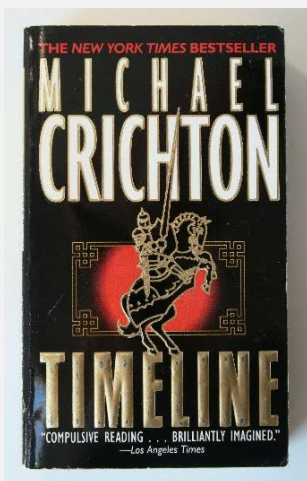
BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY



LEGO DAY

Saturday, February 22nd from 10 am- 2 pm

Get ready to unleash your creativity and build something amazing! Whether you're a master builder or just starting out, it's the perfect time to let your imagination run wild!



TIMELINE BY MICHAEL CRICHTON

Wednesday, February 26th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

TIMELINE is a fascinating novel that presents both as historical fiction and as science fiction. When a major experimental program goes astray and leaves team members trapped back in time, you might wonder what else could go wrong. Read the book and join us on February 26th as we explore the world of 14th-century France, the ethics of altering established timelines, and the powerful bond of relationships that can span centuries.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOLTON REC BASKETBALL- MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLINIC



Who: Middle schoolers- grades 6-8
When: Fridays, 6-8:00 pm
March 14, 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. This is skills and fundamentals drills and reps for middle schoolers looking to improve their games

Reserve your spot [HERE](#).

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAM

Karen's Cardio Fitness Workouts - Mondays, 5:30-6:30 PM at Herrick Park. \$40 for 8 classes, \$80 for 16, or \$7 drop-in. Contact Karen at corderok53@gmail.com.

Jujitsu with Master Patrick Cassidy - Mondays & Wednesdays, 7 PM at Herrick Park (Nov-Apr). \$80/month, paid in class. Contact Patrick at (860) 539-0601.

Drop-in Adult Volleyball - Mondays, 7-10 PM at Bolton Center School. \$2 for residents, \$4 for non-residents. Season passes available.

All Levels Yoga with Myka - Thursdays, 6-7 PM at Herrick Park. \$15 drop-in fee. Register [online](#).

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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: Tuesdays, February 25
March 11 and 25
April 8 and 22

BOLTON CENTER SCHOOL - 2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Bolton Center School will hold Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year in the Main Office starting Monday, February 24th. Parents will need to contact the main office at 860-643-2411 and speak with Judy Ramsdell to schedule an appointment for registration. We encourage parents to access the registration forms online via our website (www.boltonpublicschools.com) and complete them prior to coming to the school office.

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025, to be eligible. Please bring the following documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Proof of parent's residency (see Bolton Residency Requirements on our website)
- Current immunization and physical information

Other important dates:

Please check back regarding the final dates for the following informational meetings.

- On May 6th will be the incoming kindergarten parent meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.
- May 29th will be the school visit/screening
- August 26th will be the teacher meet & greet and bus ride

The Bolton Center School is located at 108 Notch Road, Bolton, CT. Please contact the Main Office at 860-643-2411 if you have any questions.

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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!

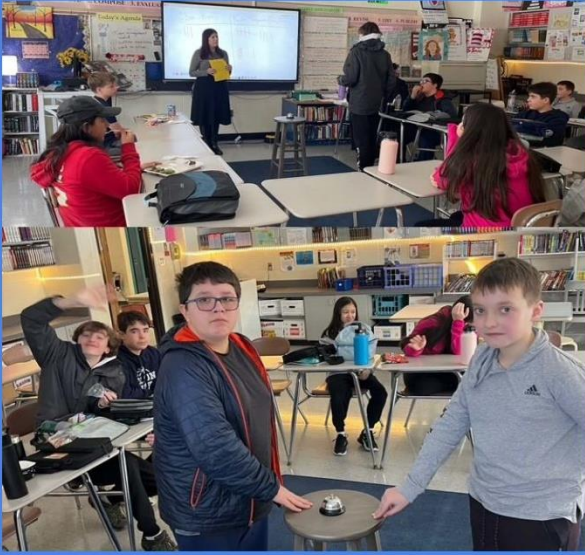
CALENDAR

February	24	Fire Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	25	Board of Selectmen A/P Meeting & Budget Deliberations - 6:00 p.m.
	25	Inland Wetlands Commission - 7:00 p.m.
March	03	Conservation Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	03	Heritage Farm Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	04	Senior Citizens Commission- 12 p.m.
	04	Board of Selectmen - Town Hall- 6:30 p.m.

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BCC COMMUNITY NEWS

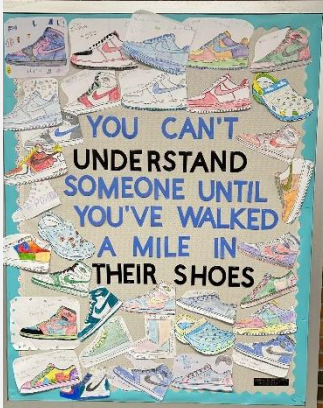


Spelling Team:

The middle school spelling team, comprised of students in grades 6th through 8th and coached by 8th grade ELA teacher Ms. Warner, is hard at work practicing for their upcoming annual spelling bee in April. The team's practices consist of playing different team and individual games where they must spell words of various difficulty. Of course there are many talented spellers on the team. It is sure to be an excellent event!

Spirit Week:

The week prior to February vacation, Bolton Center School staff and students engaged in a fun spirit week! The week ranged in students being able to wear pajamas and bring in a stuffed animal, to dressing in specific colors or wearing festive headwear or bows, to even a day with wearing a tutu or tie. What a great way to head into vacation!



Second Step:

Students in grades 6 through 8 are participating in *Second Step*, a program designed to help students build social skills that will help them to nurture positive relationships, aid them in managing their emotions, as well as helping them to make and meet their personal goals. These skills are imperative not only in school, but in life in general. A sample of a lesson is "walking in someone else's shoes" where students learned about empathy and perspective.

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The BHS Drama Club Presents...



February 27–March 1, 2025

7pm In The BHS Student Commons

Student Tickets \$5

Adult Tickets \$10

NEWSIES

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre
International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com

Reserve Your Tickets Today!



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**BOLTON
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

**PLANT
SALE**

APRIL 17TH, 18TH, 19TH, & 20TH

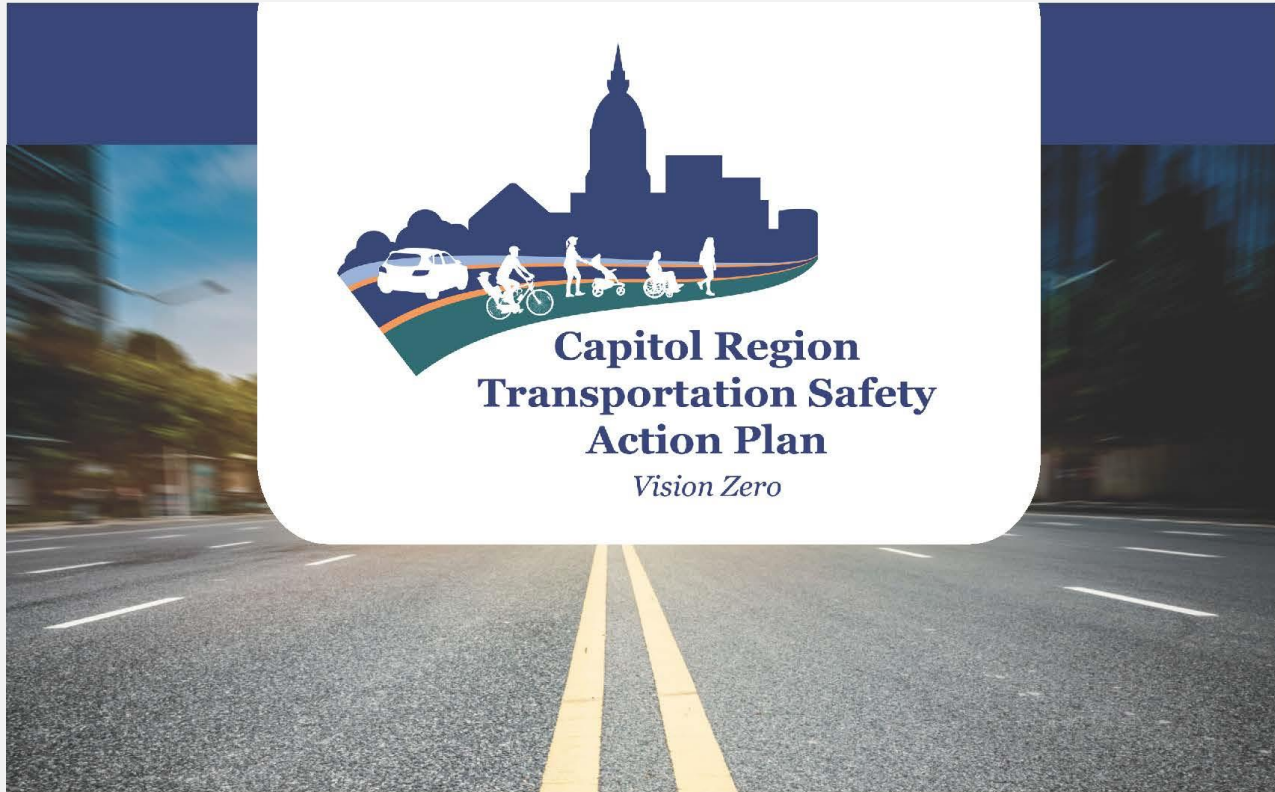
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Capitol Region Transportation Safety Action Plan

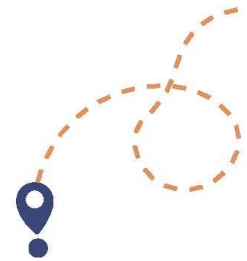
Vision Zero



Help Shape Safer Roads in the Capitol Region!

As part of the CRCOG SS4A Transportation Safety Action Plan, we're gathering community input through an interactive map and survey to identify safety issues across the Capitol Region.

Scan the QR code to take our
public survey on roadway
safety in the Capitol Region
...and be entered to win a prize!



For more information visit: <https://crcog.org/safety-action-plan/>