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Business of the Month: MUNSON'S CHOCOLATES

The Town of Bolton is happy to announce that the Business of the Month for February is MUNSON'S CHOCOLATES. Munson's Chocolates is a world-famous chocolatier that has been around for nearly 80 years. Everything you need for Valentine's Day can be found at Munson's whether it's their famous Heart Shaped Boxes, Gourmet Truffles, a special chocolate novelty or maybe you want to pick out your own custom variety box of chocolates for that special someone.



Munson's Chocolates is owned by the Munson family, a local family with deep roots in the area. Originally called the Dandy Candy Company, Josephine and Benjamin Munson opened their business in Manchester in 1946. After a brief period in Manchester, they decided to relocate their business to an old horse barn in Bolton. To this very day, their business is still located right where that old horse barn used to be.

So, on behalf of the town, we are proud to announce Munson's Chocolate as the Business of the Month and encourage everyone to stop by.

For more information about Munson's Chocolate click [here](#).

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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.



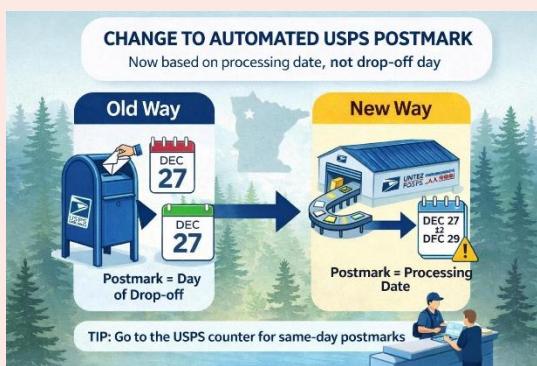
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FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

A small number of Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills were mailed out at the end of December and must be paid by February 2, 2026, to avoid interest. The tax bills are for motor vehicles that were newly registered either in August or September 2025. If you have a vehicle that was registered in that time frame and did not receive a bill, please call my office at 860-649-8066 x6101. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax and/or interest.



USPS POSTMARK CHANGES

USPS recently changed their procedures in which your mail may not be postmarked the same day it is mailed. Being that this office **must** use a U.S. postmark for interest purposes please make sure if you are mailing your tax bill close to the last day, that you go to the post office to get a hand stamped same day postmark to

make sure that the date of mailing is the date on your envelope.

USING YOUR BANKS BILL PAY

When you use your banks bill pay to make a tax payment, please be aware that the payment is sent by check and mailed using an envelope that is NOT postmarked. If your payment is received after the delinquent date, interest will be added to your account. The guaranteed delivery date from your bank is not the same as a us postmark and will not be used as such. If you pay in this way please mail your payment to Tax Collector, 222 Bolton Center Rd. Bolton CT 06043 and give ample time for the bank to process the check and mail it so it is received before the delinquent date or use another means of payment such as our online payment portal shown below.

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Tax Lookups and Payments can be made here:

TAX BILL LOOKUP, PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS OF PAYMENTS MADE IN 2025

RECEIPTS OF PAYMENTS MADE IN 2025 FOR IRS

Please use the link above if you need a receipt of tax payments made in 2025. When searching for your accounts and look up by name, enter your Last Name, then space, then 1st Initial (example SMITH J) or Business Name (No comma). Do this for every household member to make sure you don't miss any accounts.

-Once you put in your name, check the "IRS Payment Records for Year 2025."

-Check all account you want to include in your report and then click "VIEW IRS."

-Left-click on the screen and choose print to print your records.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTICE:

ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Applications for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners tax relief program will be accepted in the Assessor's Office between February 2 and May 15, 2026. The program provides a tax credit on the July 2026 tax bill ranging from \$150 - \$1,250.

The State of Connecticut Program, and a matching local program, are available to residents of Bolton who:

- Have attained the age of 65 on or before December 31, 2025, or who are totally disabled according to Social Security guidelines.
- Were Bolton residents and owned their home on October 1, 2025. Only a primary residence is eligible for the program. A primary residence is defined as residency for a minimum of 6 months plus one day in a program year.

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- Had a total income not exceeding \$46,300 for a single person or \$56,500 for a married couple in the 2025 calendar year. Income includes taxable as well as nontaxable income.

Persons already enrolled in the program and up for renewal will be mailed reminders that they must refile.

Applications can be filed at the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Rd., during Town Hall hours. Applications may also be mailed to the Assessor's Office as long as it is received by April 15, 2026. From April 15 - May 15, 2026, all applications must be made in person, preferably by appointment, at 860-649-8066 ext. 6100.

Proof of income, including Social Security 1099 forms, are required. If an income tax return is filed or to be filed for 2025, a copy must be included. If applicable, proof of disability is also required at the time of filing.

Income based programs allowing increased exemption benefits are also available to veterans; applications can be taken at the same time as the elderly relief program.

NOTE: The Town of Bolton has a local option program for the deferral of property taxes for eligible persons. This program allows an eligible person to "freeze" their property taxes at last year's amount, but income (married must be less than \$75,000; single must be less than \$50,000) and age (over 70 years of age) limits apply, and a lien is placed in the land records on the property by the Town in the amount of the abated taxes.

If you have any questions concerning these programs, please call the Assessor's Office at 860-649-8066, ext. 6100.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

TOWN OF BOLTON

Property owners and lessees have the right under Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 12-110, 12-111 and 12-504d to appeal the assessment of motor vehicles, personal property and real estate on the 2025 Grand List. CGS §12-117 requires written appeals to be received by the Board of Assessment Appeals at Town Hall on or before 1:00 pm, Friday, February 20, 2026. Appellants will be notified of the time and date in March 2026 when the BAA will hear their appeal. The BAA is scheduled to meet in the Bolton Town Hall on March 10, 2026, with additional dates in March if needed.

The appeal form must contain the following information: the property owner's name; name and position of the signer; description of the property that is the subject of the appeal; name and mailing address of the party to be sent all correspondence by the BAA, reason for the appeal, appellant's estimate of value and dated signature of the property owner or duly authorized agent of the property owner.

If any of these items are not provided, the Board can decide not to hear an appeal.

Appeal forms are available in the Assessor's Office at and online at <https://town.boltonct.org/boards-commissions/board-of-assessment-appeals>.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Mary Terhune, Matthew Wraight, Amanda Gordon

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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

MADGASCAR PRESENTATION HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED



Pam and Bruce Wentworth kindly offered to present their vacation to the island country of Madagascar, which lies off the southeastern coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean. It is the world's fourth-largest island and the second-largest island country. They will be speaking at the Bolton Senior Center on Thursday, February 5 at 10 a.m. Come and hear about their exciting trip and sample a treat.



CT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Think of spring and blooming flowers when we visit the CT Flower & Garden Show on Thursday, February 19. The van leaves the Senior Center at noon. [Tickets are \\$20 payable in cash at the entrance to the show.](#) Limit 20 participants.



WE HAVE 9 SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!! COLLEGE BASEBALL AT HARTFORD YARD GOATS FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Come see the University of Hartford play Western Connecticut State University. The senior van leaves the Bolton Senior Center at 9:15 a.m. The game starts at 10:30

Tickets are \$17 (cash only) per person and include: your ticket, lunch with a hot dog, water, and chips. Concession stands will be open for additional food. The seats are covered, and there will be entertainment.

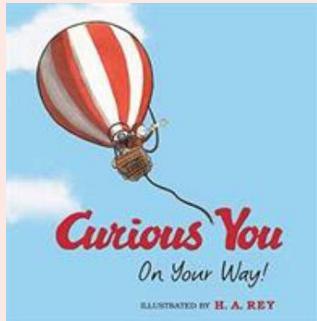
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BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

THE SEARCH BEGINS | SCAVENGER HUNT

A new Scavenger Hunt to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library will be unveiled on Saturday, February 7th.



STORY WALK

CURIOS YOU: ON YOUR WAY!

Beginning Saturday, February 7th

Come and wander the library as you explore the pages of Curious You: On Your Way! A Story Walk is a unique way to read a book, share it with friends, explore the library, and let your imagination take you anywhere!

TODDLER PLAYTIME

Thursdays in February 10:00-11:00

Come and join our parent-led toddler group which is designed for children from birth to age 3. A trained parent will lead age-appropriate play and interactions. Toys will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome!



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STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 4th, 11th and 18th

12:00-12:30 - NEW TIME

Storytime will continue on these select Wednesdays in February! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. The change in time was made to accommodate the nursery school schedule.



BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ART SHOW

Stop by Bentley Memorial Library to appreciate the incredible artwork created by students of Bolton High School and Bolton Center School.

The opening reception, sponsored by the Friends of Bentley Memorial Library, will take place on Tuesday, February 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The student work will be on display throughout the

month of February.

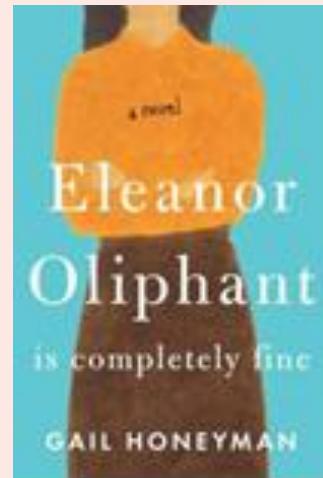
ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE BY GAIL HONEYMAN

Wednesday, February 25th at noon

Book Discussion led by Mark Nystrom

This story follows Eleanor as she learns to navigate the world and open herself up to friendship and love, with the help of a kind IT colleague and an elderly man they rescue. It's known for its blend of humor, warmth and emotional depth; exploring themes of loneliness, trauma, and healing. This book explores human connections and offers a 'warm hug' feeling - just the right blend for a good February read!

[Preregister for Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine](#)



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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 10 and 24
Tuesdays, March 10 and 24



BCS Community News



Looking-In Theater:

On January 14th, student actors from the GHAA performed scenes for our middle schoolers. The Looking-In Theater is a social justice performance theater that has been presenting to CT schools over the past 47 years. These performed skits, which were written by the student actors, touched upon issues that are important to them and our society. The hard universal issues presented in the scenes then gave the students a safe opportunity to discuss their feelings and observations.

Second Step:

Aside from providing services for students in need in grades Pre-K through 8, our support services team does so much more! Comprised of school psychologists Ms. Luckart and Ms. Danmhauser, as well as our school social worker, Ms. Tardif, these fantastic ladies also provide social emotional lessons to our middle schoolers. These "Second Step" lessons delve into topics ranging from healthy ways to cope with stress, to conflict resolution with peers, and so much more.

Grades 4 & 5 Concert:

The gymnasium was packed as students in 4th and 5th grades had their first concert of the school year on Wednesday, January 14th. Under the guidance of band teacher Mr. Beit and chorus teacher Mrs. Fauss, all students worked hard and had great performances! Both band and chorus members will have another opportunity to showcase their musical talents again in the Spring.

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What is happening at BHS?

BHS Hosts Alumni Panel for the First Time



Before the winter break, several BHS alumni came to speak to juniors and seniors about life and educational opportunities after high school.

New Semester Brings New EMT Class to BHS



Students in Ms. Goulet's new class view an informational video as they prepare to learn invaluable life-saving skills.



Hoops Night at BHS



Bolton pride was out in full force in the BHS gym on Hoops Night! It featured a doubleheader of both the boys and girls varsity teams, playing in front of a packed house. Go Bulldogs!

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CALENDAR

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| February | 2 | Conservation Commission - 7:00 p.m. |
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| | 3 | Board of Selectmen - 6:30 p.m. TOWN HALL |
| | 5 | Budget Workshop #4 - 6:00 p.m. |
| | 9 | Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00 p.m. |
| | 10 | Board of Selectmen with A/P - 6:00 p.m. TOWN HALL |
| | 10 | Budget Workshop #5 - Immediately following A/P |
| | 11 | Planning and Zoning - 7:30 p.m. |
| | 12 | Budget Workshop #6 - 6:00 p.m. |

GROUNDHOG DAY MILE



1:00 PM

Sunday, February 1

BOLTON TOWN HALL
222 BOLTON CENTER RD
BOLTON, CT

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[HTTPS://WWW.RUNREG.COM/GROUND-HOG-DAY-MILE](https://www.runreg.com/ground-hog-day-mile)