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The Town of Bolton would like to thank AllTown Fresh for their continued unwavering commitment in supporting the Town of Bolton and all its businesses and residents.

AllTown Fresh was kind enough to provide hot drinks for all those who helped at the scene of the Dean Cabinetry fire last week. We thank you for your quick response and availability to help out.



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 over 78 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.



FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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 2024 Grand List. CGS §12-117 requires written appeals to be received by the Board of Assessment Appeals at Town Hall on or before 4:00 pm, Thursday, February 20, 2025. Appellants will be notified of the time and date in March 2025 when the BAA will hear their appeal. The BAA is scheduled to meet in the Bolton Town Hall on March 11, 12 and 15, 2025.

The appeal form <u>must</u> 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 Thomas S. Fiorentino - Chair

NOTE FROM ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: There has been a change in Connecticut General Statutes affecting Motor Vehicle appeals. Vehicles are valued on a declining percentage of their original MSRP. The only grounds for appeals is if the vehicle owner disagrees with the MSRP used. Appeals of a vehicle's condition, mileage, being a salvage vehicle or having a rebuilt title is no longer allowed.

Vehicles that qualify as an Antique, Rare or Special Interest Motor Vehicle, will be assessed at 500, if their application is approved. The application can be accessed <u>here.</u>

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 3 and May 13, 2025. The program provides a tax credit on the July 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, 2024, or who are totally disabled according to Social Security guidelines.
- ➤ Were Bolton residents and owned their home on October 1, 2024. 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.
- Received a total income not exceeding \$45,200 for a single person or \$55,100 for a married couple in the 2024 calendar year. Income includes taxable as well as nontaxable income.

Those persons who are already on the programs but are due to renew this year 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, 2025. From April 15 – May 15, 2025, 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 will be filed, a copy must be presented. 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 and applications for eligible taxpayers will be taken at the same time as the elderly relief programs.

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.

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Supplemental tax bills are due January 1, 2025. They need to be paid by Monday, February 3, 2025, to avoid interest. These bills are for all newly registered motor vehicles registered between October 2, 2023, and August 31, 2024 or for vehicles where the registration had lapsed and was renewed after October 1, 2023. This tax bill covers the period of time from the month the vehicle was registered until September 30, 2024. These bills need to be paid or postmarked by February 3, 2025, to avoid interest. Interest accrues at 1.5 % per month starting from the due date January 1, 2025.

If you have an outstanding tax credit on your Real Estate account and have an outstanding tax due such as a supplemental tax bill. The form you received in October would need to be signed and returned for us to transfer that credit to another account that you owe. The date it is returned to us will be the date of the transfer for interest purposes, if applicable. Please contact the office if you have any questions in regard to this.

If you use your bank's bill pay please do not schedule payment after January 20 to avoid us receiving your payment after the last day without a postmark. Please have them mail the check to:

Tax Collector Town of Bolton 222 Bolton Center Rd. Bolton CT 06043

Please check the link above if you believe you may have a bill or call our office. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the responsibility of owed taxes and interest.

See below for options on payment

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 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: https://www.taxserv.com

TAX COLLECTOR WEBSITE

PAYMENT OPTIONS

SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

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



FIRE SAFETY PREVENTION

Thursday, February 6 at 10 a.m.

Fire Marshall Bill Call will be at the Senior Center on Thursday, February 6 at 10 a.m. to talk about fire safety and answer any questions you may have. He

will also discuss how Knox Boxes operate and how a person can receive one.



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!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Chair Yoga - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (\$5 per class)

Set Back - Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Poker - Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Quilting - Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Dominoes - Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Cribbage - First and Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Mah Jongg- Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Bridge- First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

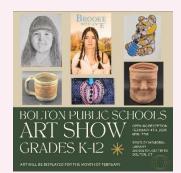
BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 1st, 10-3 pm

Join us for a fun-filled day with coloring, a scavenger hunt, a story walk, and exploring the library.





BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ART SHOW

Students of Bolton High School & Bolton Center School

Stop by Bentley Memorial Library to appreciate the incredible artwork created by students of Bolton High School and Bolton Center School. A reception, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, for the artists, families, and library patrons will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 6 P.M.

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 5, 12 and 19 from 11:45- 12:15 pm

Join us for Storytime in February! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch.



THE FASHIONS OF DOWNTON ABBEY

Wednesday, February 5th at noon

Are you a fan of Downton Abbey? Would you love to know more about the fashions of the period? If so, join us for

an informative presentation about the lives and fashions of the residents of Downton Abbey. ${\hbox{\bf REGISTER~HERE}}$



ALL ABOUT PASTELS

Presented by Susan Bosworth Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Local artist and Bolton resident Susan Bosworth will share her expertise on the techniques of working with pastels. She will discuss their

history in the world of art as well as the materials, tools and the process used to create a beautiful pastel painting. She will also give a short demonstration of a landscape in Bolton. A display of Susan's artwork will be featured in the Main Display Case for the month of February. **PREREGISTER HERE**

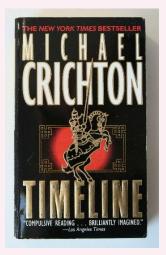
VALENTINE FUN DAY

Thursday, February 13th - All day!!!

Join us at Bentley for a fun day of Valentine's Daythemed activities. A scavenger hunt, games, and coloring will be running all day, from 10:00 to 8:00. A Valentine's story and treat will be shared at 6:00.



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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. **PREREGISTER HERE**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



KIDS NIGHT OUT

February 14- Valentine's Day themed The registration deadline is one week before the program date.

Who: Ages 3 and up (Must be potty trained)

When: 4:00 pm-9:00 pm

Where: Herrick Park, 29 Hebron Rd Bolton CT 06043

Cost: \$45.00 per night

Second Child discount- \$40.00 per night

Contact the Recreation Department to receive a discount.

Register **HERE**

Take the night out yourself or go out with friends while the kids have a party of their own with our staff and their friends! Each night will include crafts, games, and activities indoors and outdoors for all ages to enjoy! Pizza and refreshments will be provided to all who join us this evening.



FEBRUARY 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!

Location: Herrick Park, 29 Hebron Rd, Bolton, CT 06043 Time: 9:30-3:30, AM Care 7:30-9:30, PM Care 3:30-5:30

February 14, 2025- Valentine's Day

Individual Day cost: \$65

Am Care- \$10 add-on, PM care- \$10 add-on

Register <u>HERE</u>

** Bundle and add on the Kids Night Out program for the same night for a discounted price- \$10 off the KNO price!!

OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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



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: <u>LINK</u>

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

Thank you for your support!



New England School Development Council

In November and December 2024, the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) facilitated the administration of focus groups and a community survey in coordination with Bolton's central office. In all, nearly 350 individuals participated in the needs assessment. Participants included parents, community members, administrators, faculty and staff. The information gathered through the outreach process was used as the basis to detail the qualities, characteristics, skills, knowledge and experiences desired in a new superintendent and to identify the pressing challenges ahead of him or her. The input was subsequently reviewed and analyzed. This information was used to develop the Successful Candidate Profile, linked here and attached to this communication.

@boltonhighet On all socials

January 21, 2025



What is happening at BHS?

Probability Carnival Game Project

Mr. Singh led students to apply mathematics to game theory in a Probability Carnival Game. Students and staff were able to compete.

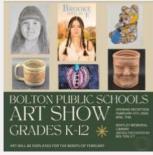






Bolton Public Schools Art Show

At Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton High School students will be showcasing their artworks in various media. Many have been constructed in the classes of Mr. Gallo, the art teacher, with some independent study creative projects mentored by Mr. Gallo. Art from grades K-12 will be displayed through the month of February.





Jan 21, 2025



Punkin Chunkin'

Ms. Hoebel's Freshman Scientists demonstrated their learning of simple machines and engineering design by constructing their own popsicle-stick catapults and competing. The winner of the 4th Annual BHS Punkin Chunkin Competition were Liam, Mark, & Cedric. They were able to get their pumpkin to go the "Mythical Mile" and slam into the gym wall (92+ feet).





This edition's Featured Department: Athletics







With our chilly weather, you know it's time for our Winter Sports! We'll have coverage of our Winter sports teams, such as men's and women's basketball, cheerleading, indoor track, hockey, and swimming.



Check out the basketball teams, JV and Varsity:











Flat Stanley:

Second graders in Ms. Herrick's classes read the book Flat Stanley. They then colored and sent out a Stanley of their own to a family member, friend, loved one, etc. , along with a letter explaining the project and a journal page for the recipient to fill out with a picture/small write up of an adventure they had while Stanley was visiting. While Stanley was gone, the students figured out the distance he traveled from Bolton to wherever he was sent to, and found a picture online of that city/town; they then took all of that and turned it into a snow globe project where each adventure was read aloud before it was hung up in the BCS library.

BCS Community News



Looking-In Theater:

Students in grades 6 through 8 came together to watch skits involving socially relevant issues performed by greater Hartford area teenagers from Looking-In Theater. Not only did students watch these performances, but they were able to ask questions to the performers who remained in character in order to delve deeper into the characters' actions and thoughts. Each year that Looking-In Theater visits Bolton Center School, students and staff alike are intrigued and impressed by not only their acting skills, but also the relevance of their topics.

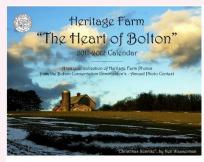


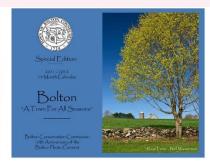
Band & Chorus Concert:

After many months of practice, fourth and fifth graders took the stage on the of evening January 16th for their Winter Concert. The audience was impressed with their amazing vocal and instrumental skills! It will be exciting to see them perform again in the Spring!



15 YEARS OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION CALENDARS





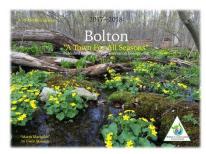


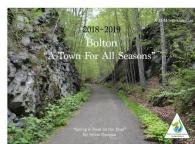


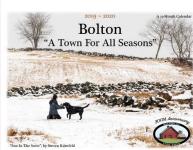






















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February	3	Conservation Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	3	Heritage Farm Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	4	Board of Selectmen - 6:30 p.m.
	11	Board of Selectmen A/P Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
	11	Budget Workshop #4 - Immediately after A/P
	11	Zoning Board of Appeal - 7:00 p.m.
	12	Planning and Zoning - 7:30 p.m.
	13	Budget Workshop #5- 6:30 p.m.
	18	Budget Workshop #6- 6:30 p.m.
	20	Finance Committee- 7:15 p.m.
	24	Fire Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	25	Board of Selectmen A/P Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
	25	Inland Wetlands Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	26	BLRWPCA PUBLIC HEARING- 7:00 p.m.