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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM - TOWN OF BOLTON

Pursuant to Section 8.5(3) of the Bolton Town Charter, electors and others qualified to vote at a referendum in the Town of Bolton are hereby warned of a referendum to be held in the aforesaid Town of Bolton at the Parish Center at St. Maurice Church, 32 Hebron Road, Bolton, CT, on **Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this referendum is to vote yes or no on the following question:

“SHALL THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BOLTON, CONNECTICUT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\$26,371,982 BE ADOPTED.”

Voting machines will be used. Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.

Elizabeth C. Waters
Bolton Town Clerk

Copies of the proposed budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Bolton Town Hall during normal business hours.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED FY26 BUDGET

On June 25, 2025, after the third budget referendum failed, the Finance Committee approved:

Reduced Expenses: \$227,000

- **\$110,000 - Capital Budget.** Repair **Highway Plow Truck** for \$10,000 instead of buying a new one. Hope to extend vehicle life for 5 years.

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- **\$47,000 - Capital Budget.** Do not buy a new **Town Hall Vehicle**. Use existing 14-year-old vehicle until it fails. If needed, share a vehicle with Board of Education.
- **\$70,000 - Capital Budget.** Repair **Utility Truck with Plow** with \$6,000 in FY25 funds instead of buying a new one. Hope to extend vehicle life for one year.

Increased Unofficial Revenue for FY26: \$285,000

- **\$35,000 - Board of Selectmen.** FY25 givebacks from Registrars of Voters after final FY25 referendum.
- **\$250,000 - Board of Education.** FY25 givebacks based on updated year-end projections. Retains a cushion for potential year-end food costs.

Proposed FY26 Mil Rates

Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle: 31.96 mil

NOTE: The State caps the Motor Vehicle Tax at 32.46 mil.

NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

As an update on the town current tax status as of 7-3-25. The 4th budget referendum will be held at the Parish Center at St Maurice Church on July 15th. The mill rate will then be determined (whether actual or temporary) on July 16th and taxes will be available to be paid and will be mailed out shortly after that. Tax bills will need to be paid by September 1st to avoid interest.

**DON'T FORGRET TO
VOTE!**

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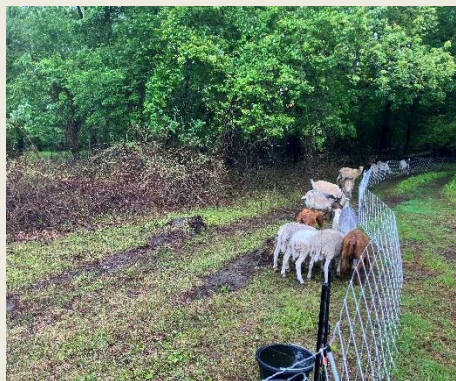
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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

ECOGRAZING SOLUTIONS

The Town of Bolton is proud to announce Ecograzing Solutions as our Business of the Month for July. Ecograzing provides grazing services using sheep and goats to control invasive species and manage vegetation. If you're looking for a natural, sustainable way to care for your land, Ecograzing Solutions is the place to go.

Owned by Lucas Carini, a Bolton native, the business is rooted in a deep passion for regenerative agriculture. After spending several years working on livestock operations across the country, Lucas returned home with a clear vision: to help landowners, farmers, and communities restore the land while supporting biodiversity and improving soil health.



Ecograzing Solutions is currently partnering with the Bolton Land Trust on a pilot project using cutting-edge NoFence virtual fencing technology. This system allows for precise, low-impact herd management without the need for physical barriers, helping to protect both animals and the environment. Looking ahead, Lucas plans to expand his herd and offer 100% grass-fed lamb and beef, all raised locally through regenerative practices.



Congratulations to Lucas and Ecograzing Solutions on being recognized as Bolton's Business of the Month, and we encourage everyone to contact them.

For more information, Ecograzing Solutions' website can be found [here](#).

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BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

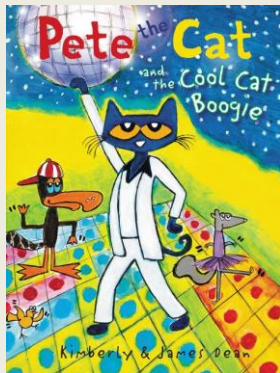
Register online, by phone: 860-646-7349, or by email:
bmlprograms@biblio.org.



STORYTIME

Wednesday July 16th, 23rd & 30th
from 11:45 - 12:15

Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts on Wednesdays.
Feel free to bring your own lunch.



SCAVENGER HUNT AND STORY WALK IN JULY

July 1st to July 15th.

Bentley will offer two activities for our younger patrons during the month of July. Our Pete the Cat Scavenger Hunt will run from July 1st to July 15th. Stop by the library to search for all of Pete's best friends. Our Story Walk for July will run from the 16th to the end of the month and will feature Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie. You can read the book and explore the library at the same time. Registration is not required.



PLANTING CONTAINER GARDENS OUTDOOR LAWN GAMES

Wednesday, July 16th - Weather Permitting 11:00 - 1:00.

Come to Bentley and enjoy lawn games around the Bentley yard: Corn Hole, Connect 4, Disc Toss and Ring Toss will challenge your outdoor skills. Work your way around to the patio and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade. Summer is here!

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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

HOME HEALTH CARE PRESENTATION

Thursday, July 24 at 10 a.m.



Ann Morano, RN from Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut will discuss what home health care services are available, how insurance works, and what homebound status means. She will discuss how you can have just one service such as PT and what services require a physician's order or hospital discharge order. Please join us at the Bolton Senior Center on Thursday, July 24 at 10 a.m.

We will celebrate National Blueberry Month with muffins.



LAOS PRESENTATION

Thursday, August 28 at 10 a.m.

Bruce and Pam Wentworth kindly offered to present their vacation to Laos located in Southeast Asia at the Bolton Senior Center on Thursday, August 28 at 10 a.m. It's all about the lush landscape! Come and hear about their exciting trip and sample a treat.



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT



LEGO CAMPS

July 21-25, 2025

Where: Notch Rd. Municipal Center
Room B, 104 Notch Rd. Bolton, CT 06043

Program: Building Up S.T.E.A.M. Using LEGO® DUPLO® (grades K -1)
Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm Fee: \$175.00
Register [here](#)

Program: S.T.E.A.M. Works Using LEGO® (grades 2-5)
Time: 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm Fee:\$175.00
Register [here](#)



BULLDOG TENNIS CAMP

July 28- August 1, 2025

Time: 9:00-10:30 - grades 4-8
Where: Bolton High School Tennis Courts, 72
Brandy St, Bolton, CT 06043
Cost: \$75
Register [here](#).

SKYHAWKS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

July 28- August 1, 2025



Where: Bolton Center School gym, 108 Notch
Rd, Bolton, CT 06043
Time: 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Cost: \$180.00
Ages: 10-14
Register [here](#)

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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, July 15, 29
August 12 and 26



TRANSFER STATION

Saturdays, July 12 and 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$24.00 punch tickets must be purchased online beforehand [here](#).

**PUNCH TICKETS PURCHASED WILL ONLY BE GOOD
FOR ONE SEASON - APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER.**



SHREDDING DAY!

Saturday, September 20, 2025

From 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

At Bolton Recycling/Transfer Station

Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Please help us keep the BOAT launches safe, clean, and enjoyable by reporting acts of vandalism, littering, or dumping, and other illegal activities to our Environmental Conservation Police at [860-424-3333](tel:860-424-3333) or complete and submit a [Report a Boat Launch Maintenance Issue, Concern or Suggestion](#).

Together, we can preserve these recreational sites for all to enjoy. We appreciate your help.- directly from DEEP [website](#).

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YOU CAN HELP PLAN BOLTON'S FUTURE BOLTON NEEDS YOU!

Bolton relies on volunteers to make decisions that determine how the Town looks and feels, its priorities, and the future prosperity and well-being of the Town.

This November you can be part of that important decision-making by being a candidate for a board or commission. Please consider running for a position. Your town needs you. Two months of recruiting has yielded very few candidates. Most positions do not require a lot of time. Candidates need to be found by early July. Time is running short.

Positions are open on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Finance Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Assessment Appeals and for Town Meeting Moderator.

You do not need prior experience to serve on a board. Most people who have served on boards never had served before and they learned through participating.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate or have questions about any of the vacancies, Democrats should contact Gwen Marrion at gmarrion@snet.net or call (860-643-9302) and interested Republicans should contact Jim Aldrich at ja@aldcon.com or call 860-707-4700 (cell) Unaffiliated voters should feel free to contact either Gwen or Jim.

This email is a joint venture sponsored by the two major political parties.

Below are the open positions and number of candidates needed for each board.

Board	Length of Term	Number of Positions to be Filled	Estimated hours per month
Board of Selectmen	Four years	3	6-12

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Finance Committee	Four years	1	4-12, depending on time of year
Board of Education	Four years	3	2-10
Board of Education	Two years (to fill vacancy)	1	2-10
Board of Assessment Appeals	Four years	1	2 meetings per year
Planning and Zoning Commission	Four years	3	2-8
Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate	Four years	2	2-8
Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate	Two years (to fill vacancy)	1	2-8
Zoning Board of Appeals	Four years	2	1-4
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	Four years	2	1-4
Town Meeting Moderator	Two years	1	5 to 10 hours per year

CALENDAR

July	15	Library Board- 4:00 p.m.
	15	BUDGET REFERENDUM #4 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Ryba Hall
	15	Board of Selectmen A/P meeting- 6:00 p.m.
	17	Finance Committee- 7:15 p.m.
	22	Inland Wetlands Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	28	Fire Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	29	Board of Selectmen A/P meeting- 6:00 p.m.
	30	BLRWPCA- 7:00 p.m.

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Local Wreaths Across America Event Planned for 12:00 pm, December 13, 2025 at Bolton Center Cemetery
Volunteers help to Remember, Honor, Teach about our community's heroes.

BOLTON, CT

Bolton, CT — **Saturday, December 13, 2025** — Local Wreaths Across America volunteers are working hard to ensure that all veterans laid to rest at Bolton Center Cemetery are honored this December as part of National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, December 13, 2025. In preparation for this annual event, various groups in Bolton and visiting all of our businesses in town to raise awareness and sponsorships to honor every veteran laid to rest at Bolton Center Cemetery.

This is Bolton's first year participating in Wreaths Across America. We are hoping to bring the community together by involving everyone including the scouts, senior citizens, Bolton Volunteer Fire Department, friends, neighbors, families and our local business sponsors. Most importantly, these events are a way to publicly acknowledge and remember the sacrifices of those who have served.

"Every \$17 sponsorship made is a meaningful gift from a grateful American who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy," said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. "We are so grateful to the good people of this wonderful community for participating in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach."

Last year, ceremonies were held across the country at 4,909 participating locations, placing more than 3 million sponsored veterans' wreaths for servicemembers laid to rest. **This year Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025.**

The goal: place a live, balsam veteran's wreath at the headstone of every American servicemember to Remember their sacrifice, Honor their service, and Teach the next generation about the value of freedom. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/CTBOLT

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's yearlong mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

All Wreaths Across America Day events are, non-political/religious events, open to all people. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CTBOLT. You can also write a check payable to WreathsAcrossAmerica/CTBOLT. Please contact us and we will pick up the check.

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The most anticipated!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

IS BACK!

JULY 9 - AUGUST 26



Bolton Town Green in front of Bentley Memorial Library. All concerts run from 6:30pm-8:00pm.



July 9- Eastview Drive
July 16- Cover2Cover
July 23- The Rolangs
July 30- Feedback
August 6- Ali Kat Acoustic
August 13- Nightshift
August 26- Rock Solid Alibi

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FOR OTHER EVENTS, HAPPENING IN AND AROUND BOLTON VISIT CONNECTICUT'S COUNTRYSIDE WEBSITE

Connecticut's Countryside includes 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: <https://www.ctcountryside.org/>

How to See Events:

1. Go to Connecticut's Countryside website and click on the upper left-hand 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.

