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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: KSB ELECTRIC

The Town of Bolton is proud to recognize KSB Electric as March's Business of the Month. Locally owned and operated, KSB Electric has built a strong reputation for providing reliable electrical services while maintaining a commitment to quality workmanship and customer care.

After spending several years working in the electrical trade, the owner of KSB Electric decided to start his own business with the goal of building something that reflected his work ethic, high standards, and dedication to treating customers with honesty and respect. What began as a personal ambition quickly grew into an opportunity to create jobs, serve the community, and build a company that takes pride in every project—no matter the size.

Electrical work has always been a natural fit. The trade offers a unique combination of technical skill, problem-solving, and the satisfaction of helping power and improve homes and businesses. Each project brings the opportunity to make a space safer, more functional, and better equipped for modern needs. KSB Electric also strives to operate with transparency and reliability, ensuring customers feel confident and informed throughout every project.

KSB Electric is currently offering seasonal discounts on several popular services, including electrical panel upgrades, generator installations, and EV charger installations. Throughout the year, the company also offers specials for homeowners looking to improve energy efficiency, upgrade lighting, or add convenient outlets around the home.

Congratulations to KSB Electric on this well-deserved recognition. Residents interested in learning more about their services can follow them on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

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BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

TODDLER PLAYTIME
Thursdays in March - 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!

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY
Wednesday, March 18th from 12:00-12:30

Storytime will continue on these select Wednesdays in March! 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY STORYTIME
Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM

Join us on Monday, March 16th, at 6:30 for a St. Patrick's Day Storytime and special activities. A Leprechaun Hunt to find themed items, chocolate coins, green treats, and a game will be featured. Wear green if you can! This is for children of all ages.

Preregister for St. Patrick's Day Storytime

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CHANGING LANDSCAPES
Thursday, March 19th at 6:30

Ginny will lead us through an exploration of how wildlife species have adapted to a changing environment throughout the years, from colonial times to the present.

Preregister for Changing Landscapes Presentation

MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE - GRADES 3 - 6
Saturday, March 21st at 11:00
Preregister for March Madness Basketball Challenge

Get ready for your own hand-crafted basketball challenge. Use your 'engineering skills' to create your basketball hoop and test your skill at 3-pointers and free throws - with a ping pong basketball! Design your unique team jersey on paper and search for all the basketball terms you can find. Get ready to have fun celebrating all things basketball. A pizza lunch will be provided.

HOW THE PENGUINS SAVED VERONICA BY HAZEL PRIOR
Wednesday, March 25th at noon

How the Penguins Saved Veronica is a heartwarming novel about a curmudgeonly woman, Veronica, who decides to leave her fortune to a charitable cause and travel to Antarctica to help with penguin research.

Preregister for How the Penguins Saved Veronica

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Monday, April 13– Friday, April 17, 2026
|9:30 am-3:30 pm
Ages: 3-12 | Cost: $200

Join the Bolton Recreation Department during your Spring break for a week of fun and games! During the week, participants will spend time participating in indoor and outdoor activities, creating colorful crafts, and examining what spring has to offer with their friends!

REGISTRATION IS DUE ON APRIL 6, 2026
Register HERE.

When: Monday, April 13– Friday, April 17, 2026
Ages: 6-13 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Cost: $160

Have you ever wondered how to accelerate your child's soccer skills? At Fut-sal & Street Soccer, our aim is to bring each player's personal skills to the next level. Using high speed, high volume ball touches and ball maneuvering in tight spaces, Futsal & Street Soccer consistently delivers a far better player than traditional soccer programs.

REGISTRATION IS DUE ON APRIL 6, 2026
Register HERE

NASA Space & Beyond – GRADES K-5
When: Tuesdays, April 7- May 19, from 3:15-4:15 pm
Cost: $160.00

When students join this program after school, they join us for an exploration of some of our favorite classes. We could be confronting aliens in one class, chemistry in the next and maybe even some art concepts. This program offers something for everyone! A science-related take-home activity accompanies every class.
Click HERE to register

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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE
Thursday, March 26 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

We are hosting the AARP Driver Safety Course on Thursday, March 26 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is a four-hour class designed to remind you of the rules of the road. Participants aged 60+ may receive a discount on their auto insurance policy. The cost is $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-members. Payment is due the day of the class either by cash or check made payable to AARP.

DIETICIAN FROM SHOPRITE
Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m

Once again, we welcome Sarabeth Campanelli, a dietician from ShopRite, who will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m. March is National Nutrition Month so she will discuss ways to eat and stay healthy as we welcome spring. She will be creating a delicious recipe that will help you stay fit!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC ADMINISTERED BY BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday, April 9 from 9-11 a.m.

Bolton High School's Emergency Medical Responder class is hosting a blood pressure clinic on Thursday, April 9 from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center. The EMR course is a state-approved certification program. Enrolled students are learning how to respond to medical and traumatic injuries by providing basic life support. At the clinic, students will provide each participant with a complete set of vital signs including blood pressure, heart rate and respirations. Students will practice communication and assessment skills. If you are interested in helping these students, please contact the Senior Center.

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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, March 24
April 7 and 21
May 5 and 19

SAVE THE DATE

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Troopers' Office.

BOLTON CENTER SCHOOL – 2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Bolton Center School will hold Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 school year in the Main Office starting Monday, February 23rd. 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.

Preschool Screening and Child Find

Bolton Public Schools will be holding a screening for preschool children

Who can participate?

1. Peer Model: Would you like your child to be considered as a peer model for the 2026-2027 preschool class? In order to be considered as a possible peer model, your child will need to be screened. We are looking for 3- and 4-year-olds who demonstrate age-appropriate communication, social, play, and motor skills. Children must turn 3 or 4 years of age by August 26, 2026 and should not be eligible for kindergarten. Preference will be given to Bolton residents.

2. Child Find: Do you have any concerns about your child's development? We are able to screen for possible developmental delays and will determine whether your child is functioning within age-appropriate limits or is in need of further evaluation. This process is just a screening, not a formal evaluation.

What do you need to know about the screening?

The screening will take place at Bolton Center School on Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12. Screening times are 12:30-1:00 and 1:15-1:45. The screening takes about 30 minutes and will take place in the preschool classroom. Please sign your child in at the main office at your assigned screening date and time, then wait in the foyer. The preschool team will meet you in the foyer and take your child to the preschool classroom. Through play, the preschool team will look to gather information regarding your child's communication, social, play, and motor skills. While your child is playing, you will wait in the school foyer and complete a developmental history form.

How can you sign your child up for the screening?

If you are interested in having your preschool child screened as either a peer model or Child Find, please complete and return the Preschool Screening Application by **Friday, March 6, 2026.** The application is available on the district website: **www.boltonpublicschools.com**. Once your application has been received, administration will contact you via email with your assigned screening date and time. Applications can be emailed or mailed to:

Email: bgoldsnider@boltonct.org (put "preschool screening" in the subject line)
Mail: Beth Goldsnider, Director of H.R. and Student Support Services
Bolton Board of Education
72 Brandy St. Bolton, CT 06043

Click **here** for the application.

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Follow us!
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What is happening at BHS?

EMR Students Learn Airway Management

Students in Ms. Goulet's EMR class learned about airway management including oxygenation, insertion of oral and nasal airways, suctioning, and artificial ventilation.

Grade 9 Students Construct Rube Goldberg Machines

Students in Ms. Hoebel's grade 9 science classes constructed Rube Goldberg machines. The machine needed to get a ball into a cup and students got to test conservation of energy and Newton's three laws of motion.

The SpongeBob Musical Finds and Scatters Joy

The SpongeBob Musical took over the BHS Commons, including an "active" volcano, for a memorable performance. The cast and crew included 48 BHS students, 5 BCS 8th grade students, 6 BHS staff as directors, musicians and coordinators, as well as 10 BHS staff members singing and dancing on the stage as pirates! Bravo to all involved!

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BCS Community News

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MUSEUM OF CULTURE AND HISTORY:
Representatives came to share their program "History Detectives: Exploring Indigenous Life in Quinnetukut" with third graders on March 5th. This PTA sponsored program had students become the historians to investigate the lives of Native Peoples in this region before colonization. They learned about various types of historical resources, including oral tradition and artifacts. Students practiced close observation, descriptive writing, and presentation skills to analyze, describe, investigate, and present reproduction artifacts to their classmates.

WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT:
On Thursday, March 5th, the BCS cafeteria and gymnasium were swarming with students engaged in staff-led, math-centered activities, for the annual Winter Family Fun Night. They participated in craft making, races, cookie decorating, Robotics Club demonstrations, and so much more! Thank you to everyone who made this such an enjoyable event!

Custodial Staff
As we can all agree, this winter has been particularly snowy and icy. A special thank you to the custodial staff who have been going above and beyond during this extraordinary winter to make sure the school grounds are safe! Pictured above are just a few members of the amazing BCS custodial staff.

CALENDAR

March	19	Veterans Commission- 3:00 p.m.
	19	Finance Committee – 7:15 p.m.
	23	Fire Commission- 7:00 p.m.
	24	Board of Selectmen with A/P – 6:00 p.m. TOWN HALL
	24	Inland Wetlands Commission – 7:00 p.m.
	25	BLRWPCA – Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.
	25	BLRWPCA Special Meeting - immediately following public hearing.
	26	Finance Committee – Special Meeting -7:15 p.m.
	31	Senior Citizen Commission – 12 p.m.
	31	Finance Committee – Special Meeting -7:15 p.m.

Your Finance Committee

Members at Large	Board of Education	Board of Selectmen
Ross Lally (Chair)	Denay Johnston	Rodney Fournier
Tyler Egner (Vice Chair)	Benjamin Davies	David Cowles
Melissa Wielandt		

We need your input to build our budget for the coming fiscal year. Below are upcoming meetings where you can participate through public comment. We look forward to seeing you!

NOTE: Meeting schedules can change. Please check online or call the Town Hall (860-649-8066) or Superintendent of Schools (860-643-1569) to confirm dates and times.

Upcoming Meetings about the Town Budget

3/13/26	Finance Committee receives BOS and BOE budgets.
3/15/26	BOS and BOE are budgets due to Finance Committee per state statute.
3/19/26	Finance Committee Regular Meeting. BOS and BOE present proposed FY2027 budgets. Town Hall, 7:15 pm
3/26/26	Finance Committee Special Meeting (if needed), Budget Discussion, Town Hall, 7:15 pm
3/31/26	Finance Committee Special Meeting (if needed), Budget Discussion. Town Hall, 7:15 pm
4/2/26	Finance Committee Special Meeting (if needed), Budget Discussion, Town Hall, 7:15 pm
4/9/26	Finance Committee Special Meeting (if needed), Budget Discussion, Town Hall, 7:15 pm
4/16/26	Finance Committee Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 7:15 pm
4/13-17/26	Bolton Public Schools Spring Recess
4/16/26	Budget filed with Town Clerk (5 days before public hearing)
4/16/26	Notice issued for Public Hearing (5 days before public hearing)
4/21/26	Public Hearing / Finance Committee Special Meeting. Town Hall, 7:15 pm
4/23/26	Budget filed with Town Clerk (5 days before Public Hearing)
4/23/26	Notice issued for Public Hearing (5 days before Public Hearing)
4/28/26	Public Hearing / Finance Committee Special Meeting. Town Hall, 7:15 pm
5/1/26	Public Hearing must be completed by this date per Town Charter.
5/7/26	Finance Committee Special Meeting, Budget Adoption. Town Hall, 7:15 pm
5/10/26	Finance Committee must adopt a budget by this date per Town Charter.
5/21/26	Finance Committee Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 7:15 pm

BOE: Board of Education BOS: Board of Selectmen

Voting Schedule and Locations for 2026

Based on voter feedback, the Selectmen and Registrars of Voters have worked together to establish the voting schedule and locations for this year as soon as possible.

Referenda (Bolton registered voters and property owners. Continue until budget passes.)

Day	Voting Hours	Location
Tuesday, May 19	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	St. Maurice Parish Center
Tuesday, June 2	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	St. Maurice Parish Center
Tuesday, June 16	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	St. Maurice Parish Center
Tuesday, June 30	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	St. Maurice Parish Center
Tuesday, July 14	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	Bolton High School Commons
Tuesday, July 28	12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.	Bolton High School Commons

State Primary (Bolton registered Republican and Democratic voters only)

	Day	Hours	Location
Early Voting	Monday, August 3 to Sunday, August 9	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., all days except August 4 & 6 when the hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.,	Registrar of Voters Office, Notch Road Temporary Municipal Building
Election Day Voting	Tuesday, August 11	6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	District 1: Bolton Center School Gym District 2: Bolton Senior High School Commons

State Election (All Bolton voters)

	Day	Hours	Location
Early Voting	Monday, October 19 to Sunday, November 1	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., all days except October 27 & 29 when the hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Registrar of Voters Office, Notch Road Temporary Municipal Building
Election Day Voting	Tuesday, November 3	6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	District 1: Bolton Center School Gym District 2: Bolton Senior High School Commons

Questions and Answers

1. **Why did we reduce the voting hours for referenda?** The reduced hours will save about $1,500 per referendum. Based on last year, there could be more referenda this fiscal year than the 4 that the registrars budgeted for. Additionally, taxpayers stated that they do not like the high cost of each referendum (previously about $5,500 each). The Town ordinance currently establishes referendum voting hours from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. State statutes and the Town ordinance authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the starting time for referenda between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and the Board may permit longer voting periods at its discretion. This schedule was developed in collaboration with the Registrars of Voters.

2. **Why do voting locations change for the referenda?** For the health and safety of the poll workers. When the referenda extended into July last year, temperatures reached over 90º in the St. Maurice Parish Center. The extreme temperatures forced the last-minute move to Bolton Congregational Church's Chandler Hall which is air-conditioned. To avoid confusion this year, we will move to the air-conditioned Commons at Bolton High School if the referenda continue into July.

Ross Lally, Registrar of Voters ***Sandra Pierog, Registrar of Voters*** ***Board of Selectmen***

16TH ANNUAL EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT HERRICK PARK - 12 P.M.

All ages are welcome and will be separated into three different sections of the field.

The eggs are filled with candy and toys. Allergies are taken into account, however we ask that you check your child's candy before eating it.

Music, games, and more will be available for all to enjoy prior to the egg hunt!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 EGG HUNT SPONSORS:

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KELMAN LANDSCAPE LLC
CONNECTICUT VALLEY ORTHODONTICS
ENGLAND HARDWARE
SIMONIZ USA, INC.
CONNECTICUT RV RENTALS
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From Soil to Salamanders
Composting
and the
Vernal Pool Connection

Tuesday, April 7th

6:00pm-7:30pm

Bentley Memorial Library
206 Bolton Center Rd, Bolton CT

Come see how to turn your spoils into soil with composting!
This family friendly and in person demonstration, presentation and short site walk to a vernal pool sunset (just steps from the library) will be a great way to kick off the spring season!
Rain or shine, we look forward to seeing you there!

Guest speakers:
Nicholas Malouin, Food Waste Specialist from All American Waste
Ed Pawlak, Professional Wetlands Scientist
Rod Parlee, Conservation Commission Chair

Bolton Conservation Commission

Have a question or comment? Contact us at:
Bolton Conservation Commission at 860-649-8066 ext. 6110 or email RParlee@boltonct.gov

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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.