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47TH BOLTON ROAD RACE

On Sunday, March 9, at 1:00 PM, the 47th Annual Bolton Road Race will serve as the stage for an exciting showdown—where Connecticut’s top runners and teams will compete for cash prizes and the prestigious Connecticut Cup Trophy.

Race Details:

- **Start:** 1:00 PM at Loomis (near Bolton High School side).
- **Route:** Right on Hebron Road
 - Right on Bolton Center Road
 - Right on Brandy Road
 - Right on Loomis
 - Left on Hebron Road
 - Left on School Road
 - Left onto Brandy Road (finish in front of the high school)

Important Information:

- Roads will close approximately 10 minutes before the lead runners enter each road and will be reopened after the last runner passes. Road closures typically last for 20 to 30 minutes at a time.
- Brandy Road (in front of the high school) is the trickiest part of the race, as it is the location of the finish line and where most spectators gather. It’s recommended to avoid this area between 12:50 PM and 2:15 PM.

More information can be found [here](#).

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WHAT IS CONNECTICUT'S COUNTRYSIDE?

Connecticut's Countryside is a group between 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.

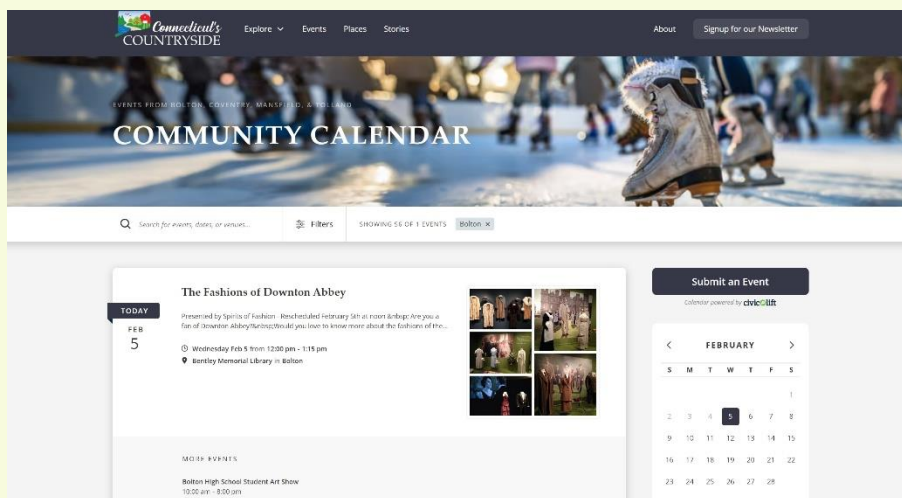
Website URL: <https://www.ctcountryside.org/>

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.



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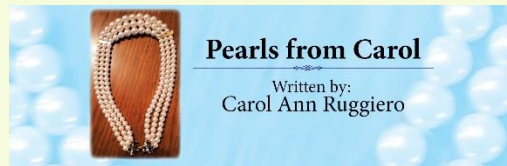
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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

DECLUTTERING PRESENTATION Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m.

This is the first presentation in a three-part series called "Getting Your House in Order" at the Bolton Senior Center. Ann Morano, RN from Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut will provide you with tips to downsize and better utilize living space because decluttering your house can be overwhelming.



Pearls from Carol

Written by:
Carol Ann Ruggiero

LEARN ABOUT "PEARLS FROM CAROL" Thursday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Albert Ruggiero, husband of Carol Ruggiero, will read excerpts from his late wife's book, "Pearls from Carol". Albert discovered her anecdotes in their desk and compiled them into a book. If you enjoy laughing and can relate to heartwarming short stories, please join us for this event. It will make you laugh out loud and ponder the important things in life. You can read about Carol at www.carolruggiero.com. We will be celebrating National Peanut Butter month at this event with coffee and treats.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE Thursday, March 27 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



This is the second presentation in a three-part series called "Getting Your House in Order" at the Bolton Senior Center. We are hosting the AARP Driver Safety Course on Thursday, March 27 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 age 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.

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BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY



STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 12th from 11:45-12:15

Join us for Storytime in March! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.

EUROPEAN CONTACT AND THE PEQUOT WAR
Part 1 of a 3 part series on Native Americans
Presented by Steve Penny
Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.



Steve Penny will lead us through an exploration of Native American history focusing on tribes of the eastern U.S. Who were the peoples settled in this area before Europeans arrived? How did these original people live before the Mayflower dropped anchor off Cape Cod? What changed for Native Americans as the European population increased? These and other questions will be explored as Steve leads us through this fascinating era of United States history. **PREREGISTER HERE.**



STORYTIME SPECIAL PROGRAM CHILDREN'S YOGA

Wednesday, March 19th from 11:30 - 12:30

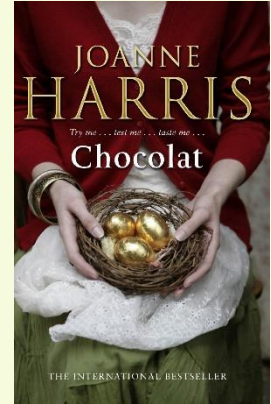
Bentley Memorial Library is excited to offer a new program for our younger patrons: Children's Yoga! This hour-long program will feature age-appropriate yoga activities including an ice-breaker activity, meditation, breathing exercises, basic yoga instruction and a themed book share. Each child is asked to bring either a yoga mat or a bath towel. Bentley will have a limited number of block rubber mats. **PREREGISTER HERE**

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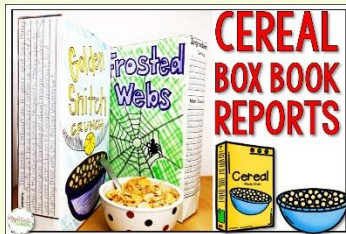
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CHOCOLAT BY JOANNE HARRIS
Wednesday, March 26th at noon.

Chocolat is an intriguing tale of a French village, tradition bound people and charming rebels. The deliciousness of chocolate represents both the path of sin and the beauty of life. Read the book and join us for an eye opening exploration of life in the small French town of Lansquenet.



PREREGISTER HERE



READING HALL OF FAME/CEREAL BOX DECORATION
Supporting Bolton Center School's Reading Initiative
Saturday, March 29th from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Bentley Memorial Library will have staff ready to assist BCS students as they select titles for the grade-level genre Reading Hall of Fame project. Bentley will also host a Cereal Box decorating session/pizza lunch. We'll supply the arts and crafts supplies you'll need. We will also have a limited number of empty cereal boxes if you forget yours at home. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Bentley Memorial Library. **PREREGISTER HERE**

VERNAL POOL SUNSET SERENADE
Monday, March 31st from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Join the Bolton Conservation Commission and Bentley Memorial Library for an enchanting evening at the Vernal Pool Sunset Serenade on Monday, March 31st, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Discover the wonders of Connecticut's small yet productive vernal pools, as wetlands professional Ed Pawlak shares his expertise. Ed's informative presentation will be followed by a short, easy walk to an active vernal pool located just behind the library. As the sun sets at 7:15 PM, be serenaded by the soothing calls of peepers and croaking wood frogs while Ed identifies signs of species that rely on vernal pools. For more information, please contact BCC Chair Rod Parlee at 860-649-8066 ext. 6110 or rparlee@boltonct.gov or Bentley Memorial Library at 860-646-7349. **PREREGISTER HERE.**



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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. These is skills and fundamentals drills and reps for middle schoolers looking to improve their games. **RESERVE YOUR SPOT.**

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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TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE

Do you have an excess of clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, furniture, and/or toys that are not being used, but rather are taking up space in your garage, basement and closets?

Be a part of the community tag sale! You host it and we will promote it!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 3, 2025
LOCATION: YOUR YARD
TIME: 8 am to 4 pm
FEE: \$25

REGISTER YOUR TAG SALE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

This gives us adequate time to compile the list of tag sales and set up a time with you to pick up your sign! Register [HERE](#).

15TH ANNUAL EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 19, 2025
12:00pm @ Herrick Park; 29 Hebron rd.

All Ages are welcome and separated into three different sections of the field to hunt for eggs.

Ages 4 and under, Ages 5-7, Ages 8+

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! Parents are required to stay at the park with their child for the entirety of the event! More information [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, March 11 and 25
April 8 and 22



Preschool screening will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 12:30 pm and 1:15 pm at Bolton Center School. To participate, please complete the **Preschool Screening Application by Friday, March 28, 2025.** For more information, please refer to the **Child Find and Preschool Screening form.**



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!

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BOLTON BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

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

Mr. Caruso, a Connecticut educator for over 28 years, began his career as a health/physical education teacher and athletic director at East Hartford High School. He later became assistant principal at East Hartford Middle School, where he was named Connecticut's Assistant Principal of the Year in 2016. Mr. Caruso is currently principal of Vernon Center Middle School.

A longtime Connecticut resident, Mr. Caruso earned his bachelor's degree at Eastern CT State University and his sixth-year and superintendent certifications 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 return and serve the students, families, and staff of this wonderful town," he said.

After a thorough five-month search process, Mr. Caruso was selected from 45 qualified applicants. Board chairman Andrew Broneill noted that the selection was based on input from hundreds of local stakeholders, including nearly 350 individuals—taxpayers, parents, students, and staff.

Mr. Caruso will officially begin his role on July 1, 2025, following a transition period with outgoing Superintendent Kristin Heckt. He was appointed at the Board meeting on February 20, 2025. Please join us in welcoming him to this new role.

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HAZARD TREE REMOVAL, HOP RIVER TRAIL SP

The CT Deep State Parks Division will be conducting a hazard tree removal project along the Hop River Rails to Trails SP. The work will start at Bolton Notch SP and proceed east toward Columbia, ending at the Kings Rd. crossing. This work will be done by a contractor, J&J Bros, under state contract.

The work will consist of removing dead, decaying and structurally compromised trees along the trail that have the capability to impact public safety and the use of the trail. The work zone will extend approx. 25' on either side of the trail.

Mechanized equipment will be used to remove the trees, including a senobogan grapple saw vehicle, a bucket truck, whole tree chipper truck, chip trailer and log truck. All the brush will be chipped into trailers and removed off site, any remaining wood will be removed with a log truck and disposed of offsite.

Rolling closures of the trail will occur as the work takes place, most closures will be at trail head parking areas. CT DEEP staff will be onsite daily to monitor the work and ensure public safety.

This project has been approved by an internal CT DEEP review and has been posted on the CT DEEP website, www.ct.gov/deep/distressedtrees. The public can submit questions or concerns directly to deep.hazardtrees@ct.gov.

Work is anticipated to start around April 1st and take 3-4 weeks for completion.

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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.

SERVE ON A BOLTON BOARD OR COMMISSION!

The Town of Bolton is seeking residents to fill vacancies on various Boards and Commissions. If you're interested in making a difference, fill out our [Interest Form](#) and send it to hr@boltonct.gov.

For more details, visit our [Boards & Commissions page](#).

CALENDAR

March	11	Library Board- 4:00 p.m.
	11	Board of Selectmen A/P meeting - 6:00 p.m.
	11	Zoning Board of Appeal Public Hearing- 7:00 p.m.
	12	Planning and Zoning Public Hearing - 7:30 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.
	27	Finance - BOE and BOS Presentation - 7:00 p.m.

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What is happening at BHS?

Congratulations to the Newsies!

22% of BHS students (along with 6 BCS students) participated in this amazing performance. This was largest cast/crew and biggest crowds in the history of musicals at Bolton High School!



See the entire show program here: boltonhigh.com/newsies

BCS Community News



Self-Portraits

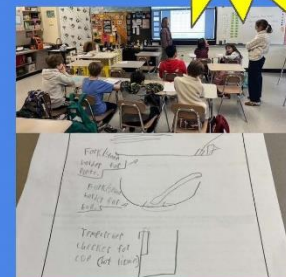
Students in 7th grade created some amazing self-portraits in their art classes. Their teacher, Ms. Paradis, instructed students to create self-portraits using sharpies on a sheet of acetate, and reverse paint with acrylic paint. Portraits were flipped over and attached to a background that students created with paste-paint. Students then decorated around their portraits with lyrics and quotes that are meaningful to their lives.

Read Across America Spirit Week

Monday, March 3	Tuesday, March 4	Wednesday, March 5	Thursday, March 6	Friday, March 7
Reading Tables Your Places Wear a shirt/sweatshirt to show somewhere you have been (or somewhere you would like to go).	Hats Off to Reading! Wear a fun hat!	Guess Who??? Dress as your favorite book character or BCS staff member.	Cuddle Up with a Good Book! Pajama Day! Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite book.	Read with a Friend Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school to read with.

Read Across America Spirit Week

Read Across America is celebrated throughout the month of March. As a kick-off to our month of celebrations, BCS is hosting a reading-themed spirit week! Aside from our spirit week, there will be other book-themed activities including Book Bingo, mystery guest readers, "Drop Everything and Read", and many more!



Invention Convention Club

The Invention Convention Club has been hard at work this year with creating inventions to solve everyday problems. Under the guidance of Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Mishriky, students in 5th and 6th grades have been meeting to identify problems worth solving, drafting an invention to solve that problem, and then creating a prototype of the invention. We can not wait to see the inventions of these aspiring inventors!



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