

BOLTON BULLETIN

May 1st, 2026

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RECYCLE/TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, May 2 and May 16 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).



TOMORROW, MAY 2, 8 AM TO 4 PM

Printable map, click [here](#).
Online map, click [here](#).

Important
Dates

Tuesday, May 12 - Annual Town Meeting,
(Town Hall, 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 19 - Budget Referendum
(St. Maurice Parish Center, 12 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 26 - Coffee & Conversation
(Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.)

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FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Lien notices for unpaid real estate taxes will be mailed on May 1, 2026. If you have an outstanding balance, please pay it in full by May 31, 2026, to avoid a lien being placed on your property in the land records.

A \$24.00 lien fee will be added to any real estate account with an unpaid balance after that date. If you have questions about your account or would like to discuss payment options, please contact the Tax Collector's Office during regular business hours.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

Delinquent motor vehicle tax accounts have been reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles. To remove a DMV registration hold, all outstanding motor vehicle taxes owed by the registrant must be paid in full.

Please allow up to 10 business days after payment for the DMV hold to be removed automatically.

Accounts with unpaid balances are reviewed regularly and may be referred to collections if payments are not received. Delinquent notices are mailed monthly, and payments can be made at any time to avoid further collection action.

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.

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

HOMEOWNER'S PROGRAM FOR THE LOW INCOME ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

The Assessor's Office is accepting NEW and RENEWAL applications for the homeowner program for the low income elderly and totally disabled. This program is income based. The maximum income limit for a single person is \$46,300 and for a married couple it is \$56,500. More information is available on the Assessor's Office page on the town website, <https://www.boltonct.gov/departments/assessor/exemptions>

All applications must be submitted in person at the Assessor's Office by the applicant or their authorized agent no later than May 15, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM

The State of Connecticut operates a grant program for low income elderly and totally disabled renters. The Assessor's Office accepts applications between April 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026. Applications are due annually. Depending on income and marital status, the actual grants range from \$50 - \$900. The grants are sent to approved applicants by the State of Connecticut in the fall of 2026.

More information is available on the Assessor's Office page on the town website, <https://www.boltonct.gov/departments/assessor/exemptions>

INCOME AND EXPENSE FORMS

Income and Expense Forms were mailed to owners of rental property in Bolton in April 2025. They are due back in the Assessor's Office by June 1, 2026. **The information filed will remain confidential, is not open to public inspection and is not a public record** under the Connecticut Freedom of Information statute (CGS 1-19).

To avoid a penalty that increases the property's assessment by 10% for one year, the form must be filed on time. If a property owner needs a one month extension to file, he or she has to request the extension no later than June 1, 2026.

Forms are available at: <https://www.boltonct.gov/departments/assessor>

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MOTOR VEHICLE TAX PRO-RATED CREDIT PROCEDURE

If you disposed of your vehicle and did not transfer the plate to a replacement vehicle, you may be entitled to a prorated tax credit. All proof for adjustments (“prorates”) of motor vehicle regular list must be presented within 27 months of the assessment date. For example: the owner of a vehicle on October 1, 2025, Grand List, has until December 31, 2027, to present proof of disposal and receive credit.

For vehicles on the October 1, 2024 Grand List, the deadline to apply is December 31, 2026. For vehicles on the October 1, 2023 and earlier Grand Lists, the deadline has passed.

A CT Department of Motor Vehicle license plate cancellation receipt shows that the vehicle is no longer registered. It does not show that you no longer own the vehicle. Therefore, proof of disposal must be submitted in addition to the plate cancellation receipt. A brochure detailing the documents needed to show disposal is at boltonct.gov/departments/assessor.

BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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



STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 6th, 13th and 20th - 12:00 to 12:30

Storytime will continue on these select Wednesdays in May. Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch.

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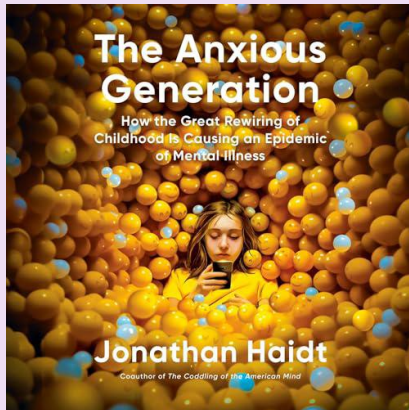
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BIRDS OF PREY/NIGHT AND DAY
Presented by Horizon Wings, Raptor
Rehabilitation & Education
Saturday, May 16th at 11:00

Explore the world of raptors that share the same habitat but are active at different times of day and night. Falcons, hawks, and eagles often occupy the same territories as nocturnal owls: hardwood or mixed forests, pastures and marshlands, and even our suburbs and urban areas. Learn about what makes each species successful in its environment and the special adaptations they have for being diurnal or nocturnal.

[Preregister for Birds of Prey/Night and Day](#)



The Bolton Prevention Council
Book Discussion of The Anxious Generation
Presented by Ashley Perreira
Hosted at Bentley Memorial Library
Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm

Join the Bolton Prevention Council for their inaugural book discussion of *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt on May 20th at 6 pm. This book has taken the parenting and clinical world by storm over the past few years, emphasizing the influential nature of technology and social media on today's youth and the impact its had on mental health and engagement. All are welcome to join, whether you've read the book or not! **Free copies will be available to the first 5 people who register for the event at [BoltonPreventionCouncil@gmail.com](mailto: BoltonPreventionCouncil@gmail.com).** Additional copies are available through the library, with audio versions available on Libby and Hoopla.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Check out our Summer Newsletter 5/1 on boltonrec.recdesk.com! Information and registration are now live for all summer programs and events.



NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY SUNDAY, MAY 17 - 10 AM

Join the Recreation Department and Conservation Commission for a day full of fun!

Come to Freja Park at 10:00 am to embark on a leisurely hike through the outdoors. After, visit us at 2:00 pm at Indian Notch Park for our Field Day! Here you can visit tables of local Bolton organizations as well as take part in nature-themed activities.



REGISTER NOW OR DROP IN AT OUR INTRO PICKLEBALL CLINICS:

May 13 - Youth (10-17 y/o)

May 20 - Adult (18+ y/o)

Cost: FREE

MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION: [HERE](#)



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 31st.

Last month for you to register for Bolton's Summer Camp! Registration ends on 5/31.

Please contact the Recreation Office with further questions.

REGISTER [HERE](#).

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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES

STATE REPRESENTATIVES TIM ACKERT AND STEVE WEIR

Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

State Representatives Tim Ackert and Steve Weir will be at the Bolton Senior Center. This is a legislative update with your State Representatives to talk about state legislation and issues that have an impact on our community.



PROBATE PROCESS PRESENTATION

Thursday, June 25 at 10 a.m.

Colleen Masse, a partner at the law firm of Daly Perri Arnold & Knierim (formerly Czepiga Daly Pope & Perri), will be at the Senior Center to speak about the probate process. She will discuss how probate works in Connecticut. Attorney Masse will explain who takes charge of a Will after a death, what happens if someone dies without a Will, how to avoid a lengthy probate process, and how tools can help avoid probate. Finally, you will learn about potential pitfalls in the process and how careful planning can avoid them. We will have refreshments.

BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION CLASS

In partnership with Eastern Highlands Health District, Bolton Senior Center is hosting a free three-class series on Blood Pressure Education. During these interactive classes, participants will learn about the importance of monitoring, nutrition including the DASH diet, and additional lifestyle changes. Participants will receive a free blood pressure monitor. Attendance at all three sessions is required: Thursday, May 21, May 28, and June 4 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required through Eastern Highlands Health District at ehhd.org or by calling 860-429-3325. Limit 15 participants. All ages welcome.

EHHD will be at Bolton Senior Center for two Pop-Up Blood Pressure Clinics - Thursday, May 7 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Thursday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Available for all ages, walk-ins welcome.

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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, May 5 and 19

DEADLINE for the 25th Annual Photo Contest submission is **Midnight on Tuesday, May 5th.**



BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
25TH ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE PHOTO CONTEST
Submission Deadline is May 5th!


Bolton Conservation Commission

Share your images, of what makes our little town of Bolton so special!

The town offers many scenic places to photograph such as pristine old forests, a tranquil lake, picturesque ponds, parks, hiking and biking trails, land trust properties, and productive farmland. Catch a dramatic sunrise or a vibrant sunset. Winners may also be featured in "A Calendar For All Seasons" 2027 Calendar!

Email photos to: **\$100.00 Gift Cards**
BoltonPhoto@aol.com for all four first-prize categories!

Image categories:

- 1) Examples of Green Living
- 2) Beauty of Nature & Open Space
- 3) People in the Environment
- 4) Wildlife in Bolton

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Follow us!
@boltonhighct
On all socials

April 28, 2026



What is happening at BHS?

BHS Music & Art Students Head to Boston



On April 10, 65 students from music and arts classes went on a field trip to Boston. While there, students visited the Museum of Fine Arts, Faneuil Hall and saw the musical *The Outsiders* at the Boston Opera House.



Class of 2026 Top Scholars Named



Kian Kelsey (left) was named Valedictorian for the Class of 2026. Tanisha Ray (right) was named Salutatorian for the Class of 2026. Congratulations on all your hard work!

BHS Works With BCS in Music Tech



BHS Music Technology students visited BCS 7th Grade Music Survey class to guide students in a remixing activity. Students remixed a section of "Beat It" by Michael Jackson using a digital audio workstation called Soundtrap.

A Senior Capstone to Remember



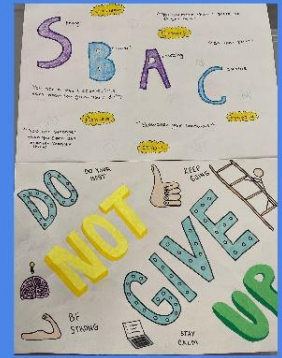
As a part of a senior capstone project, junior and senior students at BHS watched a demonstration of the response that is involved in a serious car crash. Through the cooperation of the Bolton Fire Department, the demonstration highlighted the dangers of distracted driving, driving while impaired, excessive speed, and not wearing seatbelts. Student volunteers acted out the parts, while Bolton emergency first responders showcased what a real response would look like. Students had a follow-up Q&A in the library after.

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BCS Community News



Spelling Bee:

On Wednesday, April 1st, the BCS Spelling Team took the stage in front of families, staff, and students in grades 5-8 to showcase their spelling talents. This team of 14 students is comprised of students in grades 6-8 and coached by Ms. Hayley Andros. They worked hard for months practicing and honing their spelling skills. After multiple rounds of impressive verbal spelling, Samuel Toomey won the annual bee after correctly spelling the word "entrepreneur".

Poetry Slam:

On 4/8, 13 poets in grades 7 & 8 competed in the 12th annual BCS Poetry Slam competition. Poets were required to write original poems and compete first at the classroom level. Top poets then competed in the Slam, where they were scored by a panel of judges on a variety of categories ranging from emotion to use of figurative language, as well as many others. Guest judges were BHS English teachers Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lynch, as well as senior Zoe Sondik. At the end of the competition, 8th grader Hailey Clark won with her poem "Gone", 7th grader Amalia Maieli came in second with her poem "To My Best Friend", & 7th grader Tatum McMahon came in 3rd with her poem "Dance".

SBAC:

Students in grades 3-8 have been preparing throughout the year for the Smarter Balanced Assessment. To encourage students to try their best, positive posters have been hung, inspirational morning announcements are occurring, raffles have been put together, notes from home have been written, and various other activities have been completed throughout the school building.

On Friday, April 24, an award ceremony was held in Rocky for the Statewide Fire Prevention Contest. Haley Kenney, a 4th grader from Bolton Center School, was the winner for Tolland County. Congratulations, Haley!





In the photo above are Haley's parents and sister, school principal Darryl Giard, art teacher Katelyn Paradis, and Town Fire Marshal William Call.

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June 1st is the first day of licensing. Starting May 4th, enter for a chance to win Tag #1 by pre-paying your license fee. You will be given an entry at the time of payment. All others will be issued tags in the order that they were received. Please include a SASE with your payment or you will be required to pick up your tag(s).


 860-649-8066


CONTACT US 

Priority Pathways Plan:

The final public information meeting for the Capitol Region's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

MAY
19TH

Join us for the final public information meeting of the Priority Pathways Plan. Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG) is developing a bicycle and pedestrian network and implementation plan for our 38-town region.

The Project Team will review the Draft Plan and regional network, and collect community feedback.

May 19, 2026
6:30pm



Register:
bit.ly/PriorityPathwaysMeetingFinal
or scan the QR code



CROG DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY OR LANGUAGE. Individuals may request auxiliary aids and/or language assistance by contacting (860) 522-2217 x4293 by May 14.
Un interprete estará disponible para esta reunión si usted lo solicita al (860) 522-2217, x4293, para el 14 de mayo.
Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumacza na język polski, zadzwoń (860) 522-2217, x4293 do 14 maj.

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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.

Town Budget Meetings: April to May 2026

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.
5/19/26	May 19, 2026, Budget Referendum (St. Maurice Parish Center, 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm)
5/20/21	Finance Committee Special Meeting, Town Hall, 5:30 pm
5/21/26	Finance Committee Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 7:15 pm
5/26/26	Coffee & Conversation, Town Hall, 5:30 pm

BOE: Board of Education BOS: Board of Selectmen

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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

- 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.
- 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 90° 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

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CALENDAR

MAY	4	Conservation Commission - 7 p.m.
	4	Heritage Farm - 7 p.m.
	5	Board of Selectmen with A/P- 6:30 p.m. - TOWN HALL
	7	Finance Committee - 7:15 p.m.
	11	Zoning Board of Appeals - 7 p.m.
	12	Library Board- 4 p.m.
	12	Annual Town Meeting - 6 p.m.
	13	Planning and Zoning - 7:30 p.m.
	18	Fire Commission - 7 p.m.
	19	Board of Selectmen with A/P - 6 p.m.- TOWN HALL
	19	Inland Wetlands Commission - 7 p.m.
	21	Finance Committee- 7:15 p.m.
	26	Coffee & Conversation - 5:30 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTAINER I (2 positions)

CREWMAN III (MECHANIC)

HEAD LIFEGUARD - FULL & PART-TIME

LIFEGUARD - FULL & PART-TIME

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR

CAMP DIRECTOR

BOARD CLERK

All job descriptions and additional details about current employment opportunities are available here: www.boltonct.gov/employment