

BOLTON BULLETIN

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TRANSFER STATION

Open tomorrow, October 4, and Saturday, October 18
from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION LET'S TALK BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

The **Board of Selectmen** and **Board of Education** will hold a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** at **Bolton Town Hall** and via **Zoom** to discuss the upcoming budget process.

If you would like to join the meeting virtually, please call **860-649-8066 ext. 6112** by **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7**, to receive the Zoom access information.



The Town of Bolton has received a **\$250,000 recreation grant**, and we are seeking input from the public on how these funds should be used. Please email your suggestions to **HR@boltonct.gov** no later than **October 15, 2025**.

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

ROCKLAND FARM



The Town of Bolton is proud to name Rockland Farm as October's Business of the Month. What began nearly a century ago as a modest milk-delivery operation has grown into a vibrant local hub offering fresh products, community connections, and a lasting family legacy.

Rockland Farm has been part of Bolton for over 90 years. In the 1930s, Leonard L. and Alice Giglio cleared the land on South Road, milked cows, and delivered milk door-to-door. In the late 1960s, their son Leonard M. and his wife Karen expanded to bulk milk production, raising their two sons on the farm and serving the community until Leonard M.'s passing in 2017.

After the dairy closed in 2019, Leonard W. (Lenny) and his wife, Cheryl sought new ways to preserve the farm. They continued their long-running hay business and, in 2022, brought cows back to the barn to raise and sell locally grown beef. In 2024, they opened the Rockland Farm Shop, offering USDA-inspected beef and chicken raised on their farm, fresh chicken eggs, beef tallow, organic herbs, and other farm products directly to the community.



This October marks the one-year anniversary of the farm shop. Join Rockland Farm October 4-5 for a weekend of farm tours, goat feedings, product discounts, giveaways, and a sneak peek at holiday gift ideas. The farm welcomes visitors during shop hours—Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 4-7 PM; Saturday and Sunday 9 AM-3 PM—to meet the animals and enjoy the scenic grounds.



Congratulations to Rockland Farm on this well-deserved recognition. Stop by 50 South Road, Bolton, to celebrate their milestone and experience a true piece of Bolton history.

To learn more, visit the farm in person or reach out to the [Rockland Farm](#).

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FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Property Tax Bills

Tax Bills were mailed out by the end of September for the Motor Vehicle, Personal Property and remaining balance due for Real Estate accounts AND are available to be viewed and paid online. These bills will be due October 1, 2025, and must be paid by or postmarked by November 3, 2025, to avoid interest. Interest accrues at 1.5% from the due date of October 1st, for a total of 18% per year. Please be aware that if paid late the interest rate is 3% for November 4-30th. Minimum interest is \$2.00 per bill.

What if I do not receive a tax bill?

Not receiving a tax bill does not invalidate the tax and/or interest. If you do not receive a tax bill you can check online and print it out with the above link and/or call our office.

Motor Vehicle Accounts: Please make sure to check your car registration to make sure it is still active, which could be the reason why you did not receive a tax bill. If there is a lapse in your registration, please call the Assessor's office. They can add it on to the tax rolls once your registration has been renewed to avoid multiple tax bills being due at a later point.

Real Estate Accounts: If you escrow your taxes to be paid by your mortgage lender your tax bill will be sent to them for payment.

If you recently paid off your mortgage, switched mortgage companies or now pay your own taxes, and you did not receive your tax bill please either use the link above to find your account or call our office to get a copy of your tax bill.

If you receive a bill that your mortgage holder is supposed to pay, please call and forward the bill to the mortgage holder so they have time to process and send the payment.

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND INFORMATION

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY: All persons liable to pay taxes are notified to declare all tangible personal property owned by them on October 1, 2025. Non-residents are required to declare property located in Bolton for any three months prior to 10/1/2025. Declarations are mailed to all property owners on record. Failure to receive a form does not negate the requirement to declare. Failure to declare by November 3, 2025 will result in a 25% PENALTY assessment. Extension requests are due by 11/3/2025. All declaration forms are in the Assessor's Office and online at www.boltonct.gov.

Taxable personal property includes: unregistered motor vehicles (e.g. motor homes, campers, travel trailers, passenger cars, commercial use trailers, etc.), motor vehicles located in Connecticut but registered in another state, horses & ponies, mobile manufactured homes not assessed as real estate, manufacturing machinery & equipment, business furniture & fixtures, farm machinery, farming tools, mechanics tools, electronic data processing equipment, telecommunications equipment, cables, conduits, pipes, poles, business expensed supplies and other property such as construction equipment, billboards, vending machines, leasehold improvements, etc. Real property and Connecticut registered motor vehicles do not need to be declared.

VETERANS who served for ninety days or more during a time of war or have been disabled must record their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2025 to receive a minimum 3,000 assessment exemption. Disabled Veterans need to file proof of their VA rating with the Assessor to receive an increased exemption. 100% Permanently & Totally Disabled Veterans need to file proof of their VA rating with the Assessor to receive the property tax exemption under P.A. 24-26 & 25-168.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS' EXEMPTION: Increased exemptions are available for Veterans who meet income requirements. An application along with proof of calendar year 2024 income must be filed with the Assessor biennially, no later than October 1, 2025. GL 2025 income limits are \$45,200 (single) & \$55,100 (married).

ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS may obtain an exemption on one passenger motor vehicle by filing an application annually.

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TOTALLY DISABLED: Any person under the age of 65 eligible to receive permanent total disability payments from Social Security or another government program, must apply by January 30, 2026 to receive a 1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of disability award.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Eligible farmers must file the notarized exemption application no later than November 3, 2025.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be exempt. Eligible manufacturers must complete and file the MME Exemption Application by November 3, 2025.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS with a gross vehicle rating over 26,000 lbs. should check with the Assessors' Office for tax exemption eligibility. Applications must be completed and filed with the Assessor by November 3, 2025.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to classify land under Farm or Forest for the first time, or to amend an original filing for changes in ownership, use or acreage must file between September 2, 2025 & October 31, 2025. Applications for Forest Land classification require a PA490 Certified State Forester's Report dated by October 1, 2025.

Call or email with any questions: 860-649-8066 x6100,
assessors@boltonct.gov

TOWN OF BOLTON BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Per CGS §12-110(a), the Board of Assessment Appeals will meet Tuesday, 10/28/2025 at 6:00 pm, in the Tax & Assessment Office, Lower Level of Town Hall, to hear motor vehicle appeals on the 2024 Grand List. Appeal applications may be submitted to the Assessor's Office by 1:00 pm, Friday, 10/24/2025. Walk-ins are permitted. Per 12-71(b)(g)(2), only the MSRP can be appealed. Applications are available on the BAA page of the town's website, <https://www.boltonct.gov/>, and in the Assessor's Office.

Thomas S. Fiorentino, Chairman

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SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES



AARP PRESENTATION ON HOW TO DETECT FRAUD Tuesday, October 28 at 10 a.m.

This session looks at the psychology behind ID theft, fraud and scams through actual footage of scammers, insights and advice. You will learn tools to spot the criminals and stop them in their tracks. The presentation will be at the Bolton Senior Center on Tuesday, October 28 at 10 a.m.

Holiday Program - Registration for the 2025-2026 Holiday Program is now open for families who need assistance with holiday food and gifts. Applications are due on Wednesday, October 15. Call 860-647-9196 or email cconcatelli@boltonct.gov for more information.

Tolland County Seniorhood Resource Fair for Seniors and Caregivers - Saturday, October 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vernon Center Middle School (777 Hartford Turnpike, Route 30, Vernon). Visit with Bolton Senior & Social Services and Bentley Memorial Library, find local resources and services, free food and raffles, and chair yoga demonstrations. Guest speakers will discuss estate planning, Medicare, scams, and mental health and isolation. Drug Take-Back Day will be in the parking lot, bring unwanted or expired medications for safe and easy disposal.

Vaccine Clinic - **Monday, October 27, 2025, 12 - 3 p.m.** at Bolton Senior Center - 104 Notch Road. Open to all adults and seniors. Available vaccines: Flu, High-Dose Flu, Covid-19, Pneumonia, RSV. Appointments available: ehhd.org/vax or call 860-647-9196. Visit with additional guests: Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Prevention Council, and Eastern Highlands Health District.

Energy Assistance - Bolton residents can apply for several programs to help with home heating for all fuel types and electric. The CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is available through ACCESS in Willimantic. New this year, Generation Power CT (formerly Operation Fuel) applications can now be completed through Bolton Senior and Social Services. The next round of applications for Generation Power CT assistance will open between November 2 - 10, 2025, please call 860-647-9196 or email cconcatelli@boltonct.gov for required documents and to schedule an appointment. No drop-ins please.

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BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY



NEW PROGRAM | TODDLER PLAYTIME

Thursdays in October - 10:00-11:00

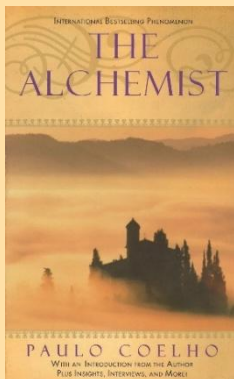
Come and join our new parent-led toddler group, which is designed for children from birth to age 3. A trained parent will lead age-appropriate play and interactions. Toys will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Parents and caregivers are all welcome! Registration is not required.



STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 8th, 22nd & 29th from 11:45-12:15

Storytime returns in October! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Preregistration is not required!



TRAVELING THE WORLD THROUGH FICTION

Wednesday, October 15th at noon

Join us as we explore The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. This second book discussion of our three-book/three-month book discussion series will continue to explore the world, particularly northern Africa, through the settings of novels. In November, we will conclude this three-part series with Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel on Wednesday, November 19th, at noon. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

EXPLORING THE GALAPAGOS ISLAND

Thursday, October 16th at 6:30

Presented by Karen Cordero

Come and learn about the Galapagos Islands as Karen Cordero shares her recent vacation with us. This volcanic chain of islands is located in the Eastern Pacific Ocean near the equator, west of South America. [REGISTER HERE](#)



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STORIES AT INDIAN NOTCH

Saturday, October 18th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm

60 Tolland Road, Bolton

Sponsored by the Bolton Recreation Department

A great evening of stories, S'mores, and a firepit by the lake! Come and join members of the Recreation Department and the Library staff as we enjoy the season.

PREREGISTER FOR STORIES AT INDIAN NOTCH

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME

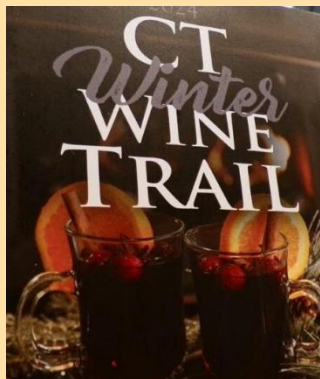
Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 pm



Bentley will help you get in the spooky spirit of the season with a themed Family Halloween storytime. Put on your costume and join us on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 for a spooky story, a treat and a special Halloween scavenger hunt. **[PREREGISTER HERE](#)**

CONNECTICUT WINERIES WITH "THE NUTMEG NOSE"

Thursday, October 30th, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.



Plan to take a virtual ride through Connecticut's wine country and learn about our state's 40+ wineries. Our wine guide is Michelle Griffis, an enthusiast of Connecticut's wineries, nicknamed by friends as "The Nutmeg Nose." Michelle will discuss the array of fantastic, award-winning wineries here in our state. She will also share dining options, which include vineyards with on-site cafes, food trucks, and BYO picnic options. Whether you like a dry rose, a crisp white, or a hearty red, our state offers a wine for your palette. With beautiful scenery, daily tastings, and live music,

Connecticut wineries make great destinations.

PREREGISTER FOR "THE NUTMEG NOSE"

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT



TRUNK OR TREAT 2025 TRUNKS NEEDED | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join the Bolton Recreation Department and the Bolton Center School PTA for a Trunk or Treat and Fall fun! This event will include games, pumpkin painting, face painting, yummy autumn treats, and more!

When: Friday, October 24, 2025 - Rain date: Saturday, October 25.
LOCATION CHANGE: BHS parking lot, 72 Brandy St, Bolton, CT 06043

All trunks must register with the Bolton Recreation Department by Friday, October 17, 2025.

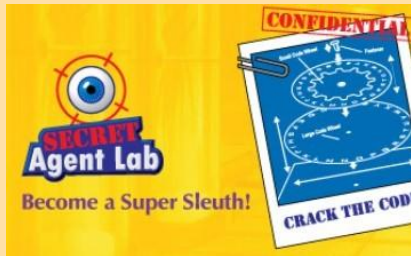


Grades 3-8 Recreational Basketball Registration Deadline: October 10, 2025 | Cost: \$150.00

Consists of one night of practice a week beginning in November (team Schedules TBD) at Bolton Center School and one game on the weekend beginning in December at Bolton or other surrounding towns in our league. The season consists of 8 games for each team ending with a division jamboree/tournament. Recreation League consists of equal playing time on the court during games and no one being left out during games or practices. Prior to the start of the season ALL participants must participate in a pre-season evaluation. Team divisions are composed of grades three and four, five and six, seven and eight. Practice and game schedules for the season are TBD. For more information and to register: [HERE](#)

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MAD SCIENCE AFTERSCHOOL **Secret Agent Lab - Fall 2025**

Who: Grades 1-5

When: Tuesdays, 10/21-12/9

Time: 3:15-4:15 pm | Cost: \$160

Develop your special agent and detective skills in this super hands-on program! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence - from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Secret agents-in-training will use science and awesome technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this investigation into the science of sleuthing.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER.

WINTER FAIRE - REGISTRATION

Saturday, December 6, 2025, | 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Bolton Center School, 108 Notch Road

Join the Bolton Recreation Department for the annual Winter Faire! Vendors and Crafters interested in hosting a table/space at the fair can register with the Recreation Department today.

Registration is due by November 14, 2025

Spaces are approximately 8' X 10'

Cost per space: \$30.00 before October 25

Cost per space: \$40.00 prior to Nov 14, but after October 25.

Need a table? Rent a table for \$10.00.

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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, October 7 and 21
November 4 and 18
December 2, 16, and 30

INFORMATION: We have submitted the application for the lake drawdown scheduled for later this fall. If you are planning any work, please check with the Land Use Office to determine whether a permit is required.

SCRAP METAL October 27- 31, 2025

Curbside scrap metal collection will be held the week of October 27- 31, 2025. Items for collection **must be curbside by Sunday Night, October 26.**

Noncombustible items such as appliances and other metal items weighing up to 100 pounds are acceptable. Gas grill propane tanks need to have the caps removed. Unacceptable items include motor vehicle parts, machinery, and items weighing more than 100 pounds. Please remember this collection is for scrap metal only, not for bulk waste.

Please note that all acceptable scrap metals will be picked up by Friday afternoon. If your items are not picked up by 4 pm on Friday, then you are responsible for getting rid of the items. Any items not picked up can be brought to the transfer station during their scheduled open times. (You will need to purchase a transfer station ticket if this occurs.)

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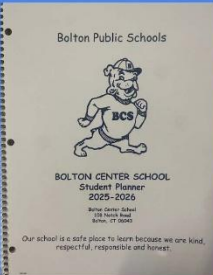
CALENDAR

October	6	Conservation Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	7	Coffee and Conversation - 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
	7	Board of Selectmen TOWN HALL - 6:30 p.m.
	8	Planning and Zoning- 7:30 p.m.
	14	Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00 p.m.
	16	Finance Committee- 7:15 p.m.
	21	Board of Selectmen- A/P Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
	27	Fire Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	28	Board of Assessment Appeals- 6:00 p.m.
	28	Inland Wetlands Commission - 7:00 p.m.
	29	BLRWPCA - 7:00 PM



BCS Community News







Buster Brags:
To celebrate acts of kindness throughout the school day, students and staff can earn a Buster Brag. There are a few perks to those who are nominated by observant staff members; students who earn a Buster Brag get their pictures posted on the main hallway bulletin and a morning announcement shout out, while staff have their good deed posted on the office doorway. Of course, the entire BCS community benefits!

Planners:
Each student in grades 6-8 receives a planner in the beginning of the year. This planner is used to record both daily and long term assignments, as well as being a great tool to help students stay organized. As an extra incentive for students consistently and properly filling out their planner, they are entered into a raffle. Twice a month, Assistant Principal Kelleher calls out planner lottery winners and then they receive a little reward.

Start with Hello:
Start With Hello Week took place the week of September 15th. This week was established by a national nonprofit organization through the Sandy Hook Promise. The purpose of this week is to promote kindness and inclusivity, therefore enhancing the school community by fostering feelings of connectedness among students. Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of activities. These included creating hello-grams, engaging in "table talk", and, as a symbol of their attention to this initiative, wearing green on Wed., September 17th.

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What is happening at BHS?

BHS Welcomes New Math Teacher



Ms. Ashley Snyder is the newest addition to the BHS team, joining the math department. She is teaching courses in Algebra II, Pre-Calculus Honors and Calculus Honors.



On Thursday September 11th, BHS Band & Choir students participated in the 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony at the Bolton Firehouse. Students performed patriotic music such as "America, the Beautiful", "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and the national anthem.

BHS Band & Choir perform at 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony



Bolton High Named A Best High School As ranked by US News & World Report



Ranked #26
In Connecticut

And #1336 Nationally
(top 7.5%)

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**Check out the Scarecrows on the Town
Green from October 6– November 1, 2025**

**Vote for your favorite at Bentley Memorial
Library during their hours of operation!**

**The Winner will be Announced the week of
November 3- November 7!**

- 1. Bolton Prevention Council**
- 2. Charhause Cookie**
- 3. Evans Family**
- 4. Heritage Farm Commission**
- 5. Bolton Center School - Room 16**