Town Administrator’s Show
The first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Joyce Stille, Administrative Officer, hosts a live show on various town related topics. Each show will be rebroadcast on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The show can be found on CVC Public Access Channel 5.
Here is the upcoming show information:
Date: Tuesday, February 5th and 12th
Host: Joyce Stille, Administrative Officer
Special Guest: Sandra Pierog, First Selectman
Topic: Capital Budget

Town Administrator to Retire After 31 Years…
First Selectman Sandra Pierog and the Bolton Board of Selectmen have accepted a letter of retirement from Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, effective July 1, 2019. Completing 31 years of service to the Town, Stille was initially hired in May 1988 as Parks Supervisor. She rose through the ranks to become the Town’s top appointed official in 1995.
A respected figure in the community who has served the Town well, Stille has many accomplishments during her tenure which include: administration of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority sewer project; formation of the Health District; facilitating...click here to read entire press release.

Bolton Public Schools Child Find and Preschool Screening
Bolton Public Schools will be holding screening for preschool children. Do you have questions about your child’s development? If so, you can bring your child to the screening. This is just a screening, not an evaluation. We screen for possible developmental delays and will determine whether your child is functioning within age appropriate limits or is in need of further evaluation.
2. Would you like your child to be considered as a peer model for the 2019-2020 preschool class?...please click here for additional information.
Click here for an application.
2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration- Bolton Center School
Bolton Center School will hold Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year in the Main Office from Tuesday, February 26th through Tuesday, March 12th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Parents will need to contact the main office at 860-643-2411 and speak with Judy Ramsdell to schedule an appointment for daytime registration. An evening session will be held on Tuesday, March 12th. Please click here for more information.

NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE
Supplemental tax bills have been mailed out and should have been received by now. This billing is for any vehicle registered after October 1, 2017. Vehicles are assessed by using the NADA’s clean retail value on the month they were first registered through September 30, 2018. If this vehicle replaces a vehicle from the regular October 1st Grand List, a credit in assessment dollars will show on this bill. If that replaced vehicle was sold, destroyed, stolen or registered in another state, please contact the Assessor’s Office. To avoid interest, please have your payment into us no later than February 1, 2019.


You can use the above link to check if you have an outstanding tax bill, to pay a bill by credit card or electronic check, to check the status of a payment, and to check how much was paid in 2018.

To look up your accounts, search by last name followed by a space and your first initial (do not use a comma). You will need to switch the first initial for everyone in the household that may have a bill due.

To inquire about 2018 tax payments made by you, check the IRS box before searching.

If you believe you are receiving a bill in error due to no longer owning the vehicle or no longer residing in town, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Additional information and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on our website under Tax Collector’s Department. The link is https://bolton.govoffice.com/index.asp?SEC=4427ADC5-C1AE-4022-B01B-37CBC4A44441&Type=B.

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please call the Tax Office at (860) 649-8066 ext. 6100.
Cat Food Collection Results
The Bentley Memorial Library collected 1,459 pounds of cat food.
Thank you to all of our generous patrons!

Knitting Club
Would you like to join a knitting club at the Bentley Memorial Library? We are looking for knitters that would like to meet at the library every week. Talk to your friends, give us a call and let us know day of the week and time you would like to meet! 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT. 860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

Winter Storytime
Come to the Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT for a 4 week story hour session to be held on Thursday's, January 24 and 31, February 7 and 14 at 11:00. Books will include stories about winter animals. This storytime is for children of all ages from 3 months and up. Age appropriate crafts, activities and treats will be provided. Please call or email the library at 860-646-7349 or bentley@biblio.org to register.

The Groundhog’s Shadow with Folksinger and Storyteller Tim Van Egmond
Tim Van Egmond will perform a family program for “Take Your Child to the Library Day” on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at the Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT.

Known for his spell-binding talent and dynamic style, Mr. Van Egmond will be telling tales and singing songs to celebrate the winter season. He will accompany himself on a wide variety of traditional instruments, including mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, guitar, and limberjack.

Tim is a resident of Montague, MA and has been captivating audiences throughout the country for over 25 years. To register for this program please contact the library by calling 860-646-7349 or email bentley@biblio.org.

Great American Read~Spring
Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7:00 – Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
Thursday, March 7, 2019, 7:00 – Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
Thursday, April 4, 2019, 7:00 – Dune by Frank Herbert
Thursday, May 2, 2019, 7:00 – Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Come to the Bentley Memorial Library and join the next book discussion series. The books are among the PBS “Great American Read” selections. The library has multiple copies of the titles for your convenience. Mr. John Valeri of Portland will be the discussion leader. Refreshments will be served. Residents and nonresidents welcome! Call 860-646-7349 or email bentley@biblio.org to register and reserve your copy.
Senior Center

Click here for the latest Senior Center Newsletter.
Click here for the Social Services Winter Newsletter

Winter Cancellations
If Bolton Public School’s CLOSE then Bolton Senior Center is CLOSED. There will be NO Activities and NO Transportation.
If Bolton Public Schools have a delayed opening there will be NO yoga classes.

CT Flower and Garden Show
Flower Show – Join us for the Connecticut Flower & Garden Show on Friday, February 22. Van leaves the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Senior admission (62+) to the Flower Show is $16 cash only. RSVP by calling 860-647-9196 by February 15.

Free Tax Preparation AARP
Tax Aide volunteers will be here between February and April to complete Federal and State tax returns. This is a free service by appointment only. Please note: all are welcome to participate; there are no restrictions for age, income, or town and you do not need to be an AARP member. The only returns they cannot complete are those requiring Schedule C or Schedule E. Please contact office staff to schedule an appointment.

Transportation Program
Transportation is provided on a scheduled, space available basis for medical appointments, local errands and community events. Please call 860-647-9196 to make an appointment. This is a free service for anyone age 60+ or adults with disabilities. It is funded in part by a grant from CT DOT. Please note: we try our best to accommodate every ride request. However, some days the schedule is full. Please call as soon as you schedule your appointment. We cannot accept next day requests for appointments.

Help Wanted- Senior Van Driver
Part-time driver needed for the Senior Center on an as needed basis. Must possess CDL license with passenger endorsement. Works under the direction of the Director of Senior and Social Services. Operates vans for up to 20 passengers to transport seniors and disabled adults to and from the Senior Center, medical appointments, shopping, errands and other events as assigned. Application deadline, Friday, February 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Click here for application and job description.
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Recreation Department
Click here to see the Spring 2019 Newsletter

2019 Bus Trips
All registrations due one month prior to bus trip
All trips can be registered for online as well as in office

* April 6, 2019- 9/11 Museum, memorial and One World Observatory
  $145.00 per person

* August 10, 2019 – Whale Watch on captain John Boats and Plymouth
  Rock $102.00 per person

* December 7, 2019- New York City Food & Market Tour
  $82.00 per person

Community Fair on March 22, 2019 at Bolton Center School
Have an organization, business or program here in Bolton that you wish to
advertise to the community? Join our Community fair in March of 2019! This is
an evening of fun for all ages to come out and enjoy. Contact the Recreation
Department to learn more about hosting a table at the Community fair for your
organization! Tables are limited and registration for a table is due by January 18
2019. Cost per table is $10.00. This is the same night that Bolton PTA hosts their
annual Ice Cream Social!

Calendar

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All agendas and minutes are posted on the Town’s website at: http://bolton.govoffice.com
It’s Canvass Time Again!
In the next couple of weeks, the Registrars of Voters will be sending out notices for the Annual Canvass. Each year, we are required by law to conduct an Annual Canvass of Electors between January 2 and May 1 to determine changes of residence. This notice will not go to everyone, but will include people who have: (1) moved Out of Town, (2) Non-Voters, (3) those with Post Office addresses, and (4) unrecorded In-Town moves. These addresses are gathered by the National Change of Address system (NCOA) of the US Postal Service. When, and if you get one, please fill it out and return it signed. We must have a signature to proceed properly. You have 30 days in which we need to receive it back. People who have not returned the canvass will be re-listed as “Inactive” after 30 days. Please avoid this. We would have to register you again if you come in to vote on Election Day.

Grant Award to Bolton
The Town of Bolton just received notification that its application for the Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP) has been approved. The goal of the state’s program is to make conditions safer and more accommodating for pedestrians and cyclists, thereby, encouraging more people to use these healthy and environmentally sustainable modes of travel. The grant award to Bolton is for the Bolton Center Connectivity project submitted in July 2017. This project promotes the “vision” from the Vibrant Communities Initiative which resulted in the Bolton Center Study as well as goals identified in the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development.

Specific project work is based directly on the 2016 DOT sponsored Road Safety Audit recommendations. One of the challenges for a rural community like Bolton is the desire to maintain our rural character, which also includes the absence of cement sidewalks. As a result, providing connectivity can be more challenging than in a suburban setting. Our project includes various safety enhancements and the limited addition of gravel multi-use paths in the center of town. It includes addressing the open drainage ditch on the north side of Bolton Center Road from Notch Road to Sumner for the trail.

There are several steps that must be taken by both the DOT and Town prior to distribution of the funds and project work. Look for future articles in the Bolton Bulletin as the project progresses.