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There's a lot to do in Windsor!



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Winter greetings to all!

We are pleased to bring you this winter 2024 edition of *There's a lot to do in Windsor*. This publication highlights Windsor activities planned for January through April.

As always, we want to know what you think! Scan the QR code to take our quick two question survey to give us your feedback about this publication.



This cover, featuring the photographic art of Windsor's own Dr. Leonard Hellerman is the 78th cover photo he has graciously donated for our use! We extend our sincere gratitude to Len for donating his time and beautiful art for the cover of this and every issue of our publication since 1996.

If you are a non-profit, civic or religious organization and you would like to have your event considered for inclusion in future brochures, please don't hesitate to contact us. Here's our production schedule:

- The summer 2024 edition will include May through August information. Deadline: February 14
- The fall 2024 edition will include September through December information. Deadline: June 19

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Thank you Mayor Don Trinks for 28 years of dedicated service, 22 as Mayor. Your passion and collaborative spirit have strengthened the Windsor community. It was an honor to serve with you.
Windsor Town Employees



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Front Row l to r: Secretary Leonard O. Lockhart, Vice President Ayana K. Taylor, President David J. Furie, Board members Nathan G. Wolliston, Anthony King.

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Citizen's Guide to the Windsor Town Budget



In Windsor, the method we use to determine our town budget is an open process. Every adult citizen who is registered to vote – property owners and those who rent – is welcome to participate in determining the town budget.

How our town budget works

December: Both town and school employees begin to review programs and services to estimate how much it will cost to operate the town in the next fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

March: Town Manager presents proposed budget to the town council.

April: The town council examines the budget and conducts budget hearings with all town departments. The public is welcome to attend these meetings, and they are also televised on WGTV, Channel 96 and live streamed on the town's website. Once the town council votes on a final budget, it sets the date of the referendum.

May: The budget referendum is held.

The town's website features videos, polling locations, a tax calculator, build-a-budget simulator, the budget calendar and all budget documents.

Seniors and Veterans

A Guide to Tax Reductions and Benefits Available to Qualified Windsor Residents is a pamphlet that describes a variety of exemptions and benefits available to individuals meeting the income and/or age guidelines as determined by State of Connecticut regulations. Visit the town's website at townofwindsorct.com/assessor or call the Town Assessor's office at 860-285-1816.

Budget Workshops for Windsor Residents

Informational Budget Meeting presented by Town Manager, Thursday, February 15 & March 28 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

The following Community Budget Forums are being sponsored by Windsor CT Votes and the Windsor League of Women Voters. Town Manager Peter Souza and Superintendent Terrell Hill will provide the latest budget information and answer questions from residents.

Tues., May 7 10:00 AM	L.P. Wilson Community Center Senior Center	Community Budget Forum
Tues., May 7 6:30 PM	Poquonock School	Community Budget Forum
Wed., May 8 6:30 PM	Community Center at 330 Windsor Avenue	Community Budget Forum

What to Know About Property Revaluation



What is revaluation? Revaluation, which is required in every Connecticut town every five years, is the process of determining the Fair Market Value for all properties in Windsor. Fair Market Value is what you could expect to receive if you sold your home on October 1, 2023 in its present condition.

Why is revaluation needed? The last revaluation in Windsor was in 2018 and since then many changes have taken place to individual homes, neighborhoods and the economy as a whole. Those changes have made the 2018 property values unequal and sometimes unrealistic. In fact, without revaluation, the way the town taxes real estate would be chaotic and unfair to just about everybody. For instance suppose you purchased your home in 2006 for \$250,000. However, in 2012, a home very similar to yours was sold for \$200,000. Without revaluation, you would always pay taxes on \$250,000 but your new neighbor would pay considerably less taxes based on their home's \$200,000 sales price.

Who conducts the revaluation in Windsor? The 2023 revaluation was completed by the Windsor Town Assessor with assistance from Vision Government Solutions, Inc. Vision has conducted revaluations in Windsor as well as throughout Connecticut and New England.

Are my real estate taxes based on my home's Fair Market Value? No. Connecticut law requires that your taxes be computed on 70% of your home's Fair Market Value. This is called the Assessed Value. If the Fair Market Value of your home is \$300,000, your taxes are computed on 70% of that amount, or \$210,000. This assessed value is then multiplied by the Mill Rate (and then divided by 1,000) to determine the actual tax amount. The tax rate is set by the Town Council each spring during the budget adoption process.

What should I do if I disagree with my property's new valuation? By February 20, 2024, you can file an application to meet with the Windsor Board of Assessment Appeals. Those hearings will be held during the month of March, 2024. You will be notified of the date and time of your hearing.

If after meeting with the Board of Assessment Appeals you are still not satisfied, you can make application to the Superior Court within 60 days from the date of notification of the Board's decision.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UNVEILED SILENCE OPENING RECEPTION

January 20: An opening reception for the art exhibit "Unveiled Silence" will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Windsor Art Center. The show is an exploration of gender in Iranian culture and runs through March 2nd. Free to attend. windsorartcenter.org.



WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL FTC ROBOTICS QUALIFIER

January 27: Join Windsor Robotics and NE FIRST for the FTC CENTERSTAGE competition at the Windsor High School Gymnasium from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Watch Windsor's FTC and CT teams compete for the state championship. Free. Concessions available. Contact blazing130spirits@gmail.com for details.



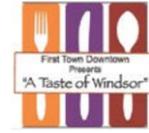
WINDSOR ART CENTER ARTIST TALK

January 27: An artist talk by Mahsa Attaran and Leila Ghasemi of the "Unveiled Silence" exhibition will be held at the Windsor Art Center from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The artists will discuss how their work explores gender in Iranian culture. Free. windsorartcenter.org.

WINDSOR JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB - ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

February 2: Join the Windsor Junior Woman's Club for our annual Comedy Night at the Skyline Restaurant from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. It's a night of laughter to benefit our annual WHS Scholarships. For ticket prices and to reserve seats, email wjwcmembership@gmail.com or visit windsorjuniors.com.

TASTE OF WINDSOR ONLINE AUCTION



February 4-11: Support First Town Downtown and get some awesome auction items including restaurant gift cards, weekends away, wine gift baskets and more. Bid high and bid often to support your Main Street organization and Windsor center businesses. Visit firsttowndowntown.org or call 860-247-8982.

TASTE OF WINDSOR RESTAURANT WEEK

February 4-11: Enjoy a hybrid Taste of Windsor Restaurant Week by ordering from your favorite Windsor restaurants (dine in or take out) with a percentage supporting First Town Downtown programs that support Windsor Center. Visit firsttowndowntown.org or call 860-247-8982.

MAIN STREET MATTERS MORNING MEETING

February 8: Join First Town Downtown from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM at the Windsor Art Center. Hear updates from FTDT members, Windsor center businesses, property owners, and citizens about the latest news and projects pertaining to the center of town. Free. Visit firsttowndowntown.org or call 860-247-8982.

VALENTINE'S DAY

February 14: Honoring a tradition that began in 1962 by Town Clerk George Tudan, the Town Clerk's office is offering free marriage licenses for any couple wanting to get married in Windsor within the next 65 days (April 19.) To obtain a free marriage license, couples need to make an appointment with the Town Clerk's office for Valentine's Day. Both parties must be present for the appointment and bring a photo ID. Each couple will be eligible to win a beautiful gift basket filled with gift items, donated by our generous local Windsor merchants.

For those who wish to marry on Valentine's Day, a Justice of the Peace will be available all day, however, prior arrangements must be made with the Justice of the Peace. For details, call the Town Clerk's office at 860-285-1902 or visit townofwindsorct.com.

NORTHWEST PARK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March 23: The Friends of Northwest Park will hold their 37th annual Pancake Breakfast at Northwest Park from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Since the first weekend in February, park volunteers have been busy taking the sweet sap from the sugar maples of Northwest Park and



making it into the sweet syrup that will be featured on pancakes. This full breakfast has become a rite of spring and a fitting conclusion to the busy activities at the sugar house. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12 and children 3 and under are free. The proceeds go toward projects at Northwest Park. 860-285-1886.

WINDSOR WOMAN'S CLUB VENDOR TAG SALE

March 23: The Vendor Tag Sale will be held at the L.P. Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Free. The Club will be selling gently-used purses, jewelry and books and renting tables to vendors who will sell assorted items. There will also be a bake sale. 860-965-8388.



WINDSOR LIONS CLUB SPRING PLANT SALE

March 28-30: Join the Windsor Lions Club on the Town Green for their annual Spring Plant Sale, open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM, or until plants are sold out. This is a fundraiser for a charitable giving foundation, with all proceeds being given back to the Windsor community. For more info, contact Lion Cindy Daniels, cldressage959@gmail.com.

WINDSOR PALETTE & BRUSH CLUB ANNUAL SPRING ART EXHIBITION

April 7: The Windsor Palette & Brush Club welcomes you to the Members Show Opening Reception from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Town Council Chambers at the Windsor Town Hall. Parking and entrance in rear of building. Show runs April 7 to May 2. Free. 860-778-4888 or Kathleentracy5@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF NORTHWEST PARK COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT SERIES

The Friends of Northwest Park have sponsored the Northwest Park Concert Series since 1995. Proceeds go towards learning experiences at the Nature Center for Windsor students. Purchase tickets at northwestpark.org or call 860-285-1886.

Date	Performer	Ticket Price
Saturday, January 6	International String Trip	\$20.00
Saturday, January 20	Grass Routes	\$18.00
Saturday, February 3	The Hot Club of New England	\$18.00
Saturday, February 17	Miss Maybell & The Jazz-Age Artistes	\$20.00
Saturday, March 2	Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem	\$20.00
Saturday, April 6	House of Hamill	\$20.00
Saturday, April 20	Porch Party Mamas	\$20.00

FAMILY BINGO

April 10: Family Bingo is a great way to spend a free family night out. Enjoy dinner, bingo games, and prizes on Wednesday, April 10 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the L.P. Wilson Community Center. The grand prize is 1 free week of Summer Fun Camp! Pizza, chips, and drinks will be available. All ages. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Windsor Food Bank.



HERITAGE BRICK INSTALLATION CEREMONY

April 20: Join us for the Heritage Brick Installation Ceremony at 10:00 AM at the brick patio, directly across from the Broad Street CVS in Windsor center. Heritage bricks are a special way for you to celebrate, honor and memorialize those you love. Friends, family and local businesses can celebrate their time in Windsor and leave their mark for future generations. For details or to order a Heritage brick, visit firsttowndowntown.org or call 860-247-8982.

WINDSOR POLICE CADETS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

April 20: Tired of cooking? Join the Windsor Police Cadets for their Annual Spaghetti Supper, at the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, 340 Bloomfield Avenue, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The event will be curbside pick-up only. \$10.00 tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Advisor Aide Dawn Sandone at 860-729-3703.





Civic/Non-Profit Organizations

American Legion Post #59

Meets at the L.P. Wilson Community Center at 599 Matianuck Avenue in AP 1 at 7:00 PM on January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17.

Windsor Adult Education

Windsor Adult Education is under the auspices of Windsor Public Schools and proudly serves the adult learner who wants to earn their high school diploma, improve their English, or become a U.S. Citizen. We also offer an array of enrichment programs for our community. Please visit our website at windsoradulted.org for further information or call us at 860-687-2000 x1271.

Windsor Fife & Drum Corps

The Windsor Fife & Drum Corps is a fun musical group in town for young people ages 8+. Weekly lessons are given on the fife, snare drum, bass drum and marching. The group performs throughout the year in local and regional parades and performances. We are always looking for new members, and no experience is needed. Rehearsals are at the L.P. Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue on Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Visit windsorfifeanddrumcorps.com or call 860-989-0292 for more information.

The Windsor Jaycees

Are you looking to help your community raise money for scholarships and local donations with a fun group of people? Join The Windsor Jaycees! We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at Jim's Restaurant at 6:30 PM. Help plan fun events like the Shad Derby and Chili Challenge. Must be 21, stop by or reach out on Facebook to ask questions.

Windsor Palette & Brush Club Meeting and Art Demonstration

March 12: A short business meeting followed by a local artist's demonstration at L.P. Wilson Community Center, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM, room AP1. Free. Guests are always welcome. 860-778-4888 or kathleentracy5@gmail.com.

Windsor Woman's Club and GFWC

Meets from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the L.P. Wilson Community Center. Free. Guests are welcome. For more information and to register, call 860-206-0728.

January 9: Speaker on heart health

February 13: Chair exercises

March 12: Game night

April 9: Ice cream social

Windsor Junior Woman's Club

Join the Windsor Junior Woman's Club, a local non-profit organization of dynamic women over the age of 18, working together to support and improve the Windsor community by organizing fundraisers and social events. Our general meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. For more information and the location of our meetings, please call Rachel at 860-899-5994, email rachaboutus16@gmail.com or visit windsorjuniors.com.

WIN-TV

Windsor Community Television (WIN-TV) is the public access community channel provider and a community media center. WIN-TV educates and provides a platform to all Windsor residents to create their own media content for free. On Comcast CableTV we are Ch. 5, 95 & 96. On Frontier we are 6102, 6103 & 6104. For more information, visit win-tv.org or reach out to us at win-tv@win-tv.org, or 860-688-2626. Follow us! [f](#) (@windsortv), [X](#) (@wintv1), [i](#) (@win-tv1), [d](#) (@wintv) and [v](#) (@win-tv)

WIN-TV Board of Directors Meeting

The WIN-TV Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM via Zoom and is open to the public. Free. Please contact us at 860-688-2626 or win-tv@win-tv.org for the Zoom link. Meeting dates are January 23, February 27, March 26, and April 23.



Win-TV's Filming Chargers Production Club

Win-TV's Filming Chargers Production Club begins Tuesday, January 23 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and continues on Tuesdays through March 19 at the WIN-TV studios, located at the L.P. Wilson Community center. This club is open to all Middle School students in grades 6 to 8. Busing is provided from Sage Park Middle School to WIN-TV studios. Free. Sign up online at win-tv.org.

WIN-TV's Summer KidVid Workshop Registration

WIN-TV's Summer KidVid Workshop registration begins Thursday, February 1 at 10:00 AM. For kids ages 8 to 15. The sessions begin June 18 and run Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, through August 2 at the WIN-TV studios, located at L.P. Wilson Community Center. \$125.00 per child. Register online at win-tv.org.

WIN-TV Summer KIDVID I: TV Production June 17 to 21

WIN-TV Summer KIDVID II: Filmmaking & Editing June 24 to 28

WIN-TV Summer KIDVID I: TV Production July 8 to 12

WIN-TV Summer KIDVID II: Filmmaking & Editing July 15 to 19

WIN-TV Summer KIDVID I: TV Production: July 22 to 26

WIN-TV Summer KIDVID II: Filmmaking & Editing July 29 to August 2

Join us on

nextdoor

Stay in the loop and connect with your neighbors! The Town of Windsor is now on Nextdoor, sign up today to stay up-to-date with local news, events, and conversations in your community.



Make a Meaningful Impact

Town of Windsor Boards and Commissions are how engaged residents can volunteer their time and expertise to provide meaningful input to town leaders. Most meet just once a month. Learn about vacancies, meeting schedules, how to apply to volunteer and more at townofwindsorct.com/sf/commissions

Windsor Boards and Commissions focus on a variety of topics including:

- Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities
- Inland, Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
- Public Building Commission
- Insurance Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Windsor Housing Authority
- Economic Development Commission

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Historic District Commission
- Youth Commission
- Fair Rent Commission
- Wilson/Deerfield Advisory Committee
- Conservation Commission

Attend in person, watch on WGTV, or on Zoom

Windsor Town Council – 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM at Town Hall

Town Planning & Zoning Commission – 2nd Tuesday/month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

Board of Education – 3rd Tuesday/month 7:00 PM at L.P. Wilson Community Center

Rooted in Service: Nick Dally's Passion for Protecting

Lieutenant Nick Dally



Windsor Police Department's Lieutenant Nick Dally has been honored with the prestigious International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 under 40 award. This accolade celebrates law enforcement professionals under the age of 40 who exhibit outstanding leadership and a profound dedication to their profession. For Nick Dally, the roots of his motivation run deep, seeded by life experiences.

"It affirms what I strive to do on a daily basis," he acknowledges. "I did not expect myself to receive this award, and I don't do it for an award. I do it for the bigger purpose, which is...just being a great human being." The honor not only recognizes Nick's individual achievements but also highlights the collective dedication of the Windsor Police Department to providing exceptional service to the community.

Nick Dally's journey started in Saint Ann, Jamaica, growing up with his mother, grandmother, and his uncle. After moving to the United States at age 12, his life was soon marked by a tragic loss, something that would shape his future dedication to service. "Even when I was in the United States, my uncle still continued to be my mentor, my best friend, and pushed me to accomplish all of my dreams," Nick shares, "his life was taken away, and justice for my uncle still has not been served." This event became a driving force, motivating Nick to seek justice for others.



Nick started with the Windsor Police Department in 2016 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps with the goal of serving a community he had grown to love. Nick went on to earn a promotion to Sergeant in 2020, and then the esteemed position of Lieutenant in May of 2023.

"In Windsor, we strive to provide the best services to our community, which is our foundation," he asserts. Leading by example is a cornerstone of Nick's philosophy. "I think the biggest thing is actually getting out of your cruiser and getting to know people, having those meaningful, non-enforced encounters with our citizens. That's what it's all about." He believes in procedural justice, valuing citizens' perceptions of their encounters above all else, a philosophy he shares to those under his command.

He imparts invaluable advice to them as well, "Always think about the end result, which is community service," he advises. "You're not only representing yourself but every other police officer out there," underscoring the weight of the responsibility.

Lieutenant Nick Dally's journey from Jamaica to the United States, to the United States Marine Corps to an internationally recognized leader in the Windsor Police Department, is a testament to his passion for service. His story inspires young professionals to pursue impactful careers in law enforcement, rooted in care, respect, and dignity.



ARF Update - New Pickleball & Tennis Courts at the L.P. Wilson Community Center



The recent renovation of the tennis courts at the L.P. Wilson Community Center in Windsor marks a significant enhancement to our recreational facilities. Thanks to American Rescue Funds, the project has transformed the area into a versatile space featuring six state-of-the-art pickleball courts, two tennis court and a sun shade structure with ample seating, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all. This revitalized space not only caters to the diverse sporting interests of our community but also fosters social interaction and physical well-being. It stands as a testament to our commitment to providing top-notch recreational amenities for residents of all ages.

Join Windsor EMS - Where Excellence Meets Compassion



Are you ready to make a real difference in your community? Windsor EMS is seeking dedicated individuals to join our team and help us provide top-tier care to the residents and visitors of Windsor.

Apply Today! Send your resume and any inquiries to questions@windsorctems.com. Be a part of something truly meaningful at Windsor EMS. Join us in making a positive impact, one call at a time!

EMT courses are also available for those interested in pursuing the profession. Visit windsorctems.org to sign up.

THE CARING CONNECTION WINDSOR'S ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE



Let's partner and provide the best care possible for your loved one.

The Caring Connection is a place for adults to spend their day with peers and caring staff in a supportive environment being active and engaging in fun and meaningful activity in a home like setting.

We welcome you to come visit and see for yourself! Call to schedule a tour and meet our dedicated staff.

Contact us and learn how our adult day center can "change how your loved one lives not where."



We change how you live, not where you live.

330 Windsor Avenue, Windsor
860-547-0251
windsorcaringconnection.com

@WindsorCaringConnection



WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services Department assists residents with health needs, financial services, insurance programs, energy assistance, veteran's benefits, and more. Visit us at our NEW location at the south end of the L.P. Wilson Community Center or on our website at townofwindsorct.com/socialservices or call 860-285-1839.

Follow us: **Town of Windsor Social Services** on [f](#) and [@WindsorSocSrv](#) on [X](#).

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance is available through the Windsor Fuel Bank. 860-683-4199.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Kin Support program is an educational support and respite group for grandparents raising a second family. Call Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839.

Groceries to Go

Supplementary food items and educational materials to clients 60 and older every other Friday from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the L.P. Wilson Community Center.

Lean On Me

Meet one of our friendly and knowledgeable caseworkers to learn about programs you may qualify for such as; utility assistance, food, energy, Medicare, or others. All contacts are confidential. Free. Call to make an appointment 1/2, 2/6, 3/5, and 4/2 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Windsor Public Library.

Mobile Foodshare

Distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables to individuals and families in need at Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Avenue, on alternating Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Begins January 10th. Please bring your own bags.

Program Income Eligibility Requirements

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*
Annual Income	\$43,740	\$59,160	\$74,580	\$90,000	\$105,420	\$120,840	\$136,260	\$151,680

Temporary Inconvenience for Improved Service

Beginning in January, the Windsor Food Bank will be relocating to a temporary distribution location for a couple months at 100 Addison Road, while renovations are made to our current location at the L.P. Wilson Community Center. The planned improvements to the Windsor Food Bank will increase capacity for storage of food and create a more efficient space to intake and distribute food. We will keep everyone posted when the exact dates of our re-location are confirmed.



Due to limited space, registration is needed for programs unless otherwise specified. All library events are free. Please visit windsorlibrary.com or call at 860-285-1910 for more information.



Adult Cultural Events

More About Terrific Tajikistan: A Cultural Presentation

Take a trip to central Asia, without leaving the library! Join us as Windsor High School foreign exchange student Tojiniso Rahimqulova gives an in-depth look at the culture of Tajikistan, from its clothing and arts, to music and dance. Absorb the knowledge of another country, its culture and heritage. This is the second part of a two-part series. No registration needed.

When: Saturday, January 20 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

Rise Up! Indigenous Music In North America

Join us as the Windsor Public Library has Craig Harris give a multimedia and participatory introduction to National American music. Covering over 500 years of history, religion, and cultural evolution, it masterfully combines deep research with personal stories by four dozen award-winning Indigenous musicians and presents an unprecedented eye-and-ear-opening look at Indigenous music, spirituality, and life. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

String Theory

Make 2024 the year of music! Join us for a local bluegrass infused acoustic ensemble String Theory. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Thursday, April 18 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

The Great American Songbook

Presenter Russ Salk presents original recordings from the past. Hear great bands and singers, mixing in some Dixieland, maybe country and Irish music. A walk down memory lane for some, great new sounds for younger people and kids. Guaranteed fun for all. The Great American Songbook is the classic songs of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Saturday, April 27 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

Board Games Community Swap

Bring your unwanted board games for the swap. Full details, including how and where to bring your items, can be found at windsorlibrary.com.

When: Sunday, April 28 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

Adult Writing & Literature

Book Buzz Event

Are you a book enthusiast? Are you part of a book club and are looking for the next title to discuss? Join the Windsor Public Library in our Meeting Room 1 for a Book Buzz Event to discuss books and reading. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Sunday, January 21 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 16+



When the weather outside is frightful, there's nothing better than curling up with a hot drink and a good book. Read books. Write reviews. Earn prizes. Stop by either the Main Library or Wilson Branch to sign up and receive one free drink at The Bean @226 on us!

When: December 21 through March 15

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18 and older



Book Discussion with the Interval House

Windsor Public Library, along with Interval House, will host a book discussion of *Behind Closed Doors* by B. A. Paris. Copies of this book will be available at the Lending Desk one month before this book discussion.

When: Monday, January 29 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 16+

Create A Habit Tracker

Habits help form good routines. Come make your own habit tracker, customizable to whatever you want to get better at keeping track of. Supplies included. Registration opens February 14. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Thursday, March 14 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

Hot Chocolate Book Buzz

Do you want to share what you read during the Adult Winter Reading Program? Are you a book enthusiast? Do you want to know what the next best book to read is? Join us to celebrate the end of the 3rd Annual Adult Winter Reading Program.

When: Thursday, March 21 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library, Meeting Room 1

Ages: 18+

Adult Fitness & Mind Strengthening

Sound Healing Meditation

Join us for Sound Healing Meditation with Reiki Master and Sound Healer Edie Jemiola. Enjoy a guided meditation for a life-enhancing sonic journey into childlike joy, relaxation, and letting go of all that no longer serves us. The Meeting Room provides ample space to lie down but feel free to bring a yoga mat, pillows, blanket or lounging chair. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Sunday, February 4 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Adult Enrichment

Bring Your Gadgets to the Geek

The Library Geek continues to answer any and all gadget related questions. Drop in with your devices and your questions.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 2 to April 30 (No Geek available 4/9)

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library, Meeting Room 2

Ages: 18+

Beat the Blues: Watercolor Afternoons

Winter blues got you feeling down? Join us in the Mezzanine Makerspace for a relaxing hour of watercolor painting and making new friends. This is not a formal watercolor class. We'll follow along with videos to get some general techniques but the fun is in the process, not the end result.

Dates: Thursdays, January 4 to January 25

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 12+

What Do You Want To Know About The Makerspace?

Have you seen Windsor Public Library's Makerspace? Come explore and check out all the crafty machines we have upstairs. A librarian will be with you for an hour to answer any questions about the Makerspace you may have.

Dates: Fridays, January 5, 12, 26

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+



VITA Tax Assistance

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. VITA offers assistance to people who generally make \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers. A VITA representative will be on site for appointments on Monday evenings from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM February 5 through April 15 (excluding February 19, President's Day.) Appointments are needed. Please sign up at windsorlibrary.com or by calling the Reference Desk at 860-285-1918.



Afternoon Book Club

Join a lively discussion on a new book each month!

This will be a hybrid program. Participants can either join us in person at the library or login from home using Zoom. Discussions are held on the second Thursday of every month. Books are available at the Lending Desk, one month prior to each meeting.

January 4: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

February 8: *Sister Friends Forever* by Kimberla Lawson Roby

March 14: *Ordinary girls: a memoir* by Jaquira Diaz

April 11: *March* by Geraldine Brooks

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Book-A-Librarian!



Looking for help with your technology? Book-A-Librarian! Our one-on-one service is now available in person or virtually. Make an appointment to meet with a staff member for one hour to get answers to your questions. Free. To request an appointment at the Main Library or Wilson Branch visit: windsorlibrary.com or for Main Library staff call 860-285-1922, for Wilson Branch staff call 860-285-1931.

Trace Your Connecticut Revolutionary Roots

Join us at the Windsor Public Library to welcome Bryna O'Sullivan, a professional genealogist, for a seminar on tracing your Connecticut Revolutionary Roots. This introductory to intermediate program will introduce you to the major sources that trace their "service" during the Revolutionary War. Patrons can either join us in person at the library or login from home using Zoom. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Monday, January 8 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Art Medicine: Release & Rejuvenate

Nourish yourself from the inside out. You'll be guided through an empowering creative practice, (using paint as your medium) to release last year's energy and connect with the possibilities a new year brings. Novices welcome. Take a step toward the wildly fulfilling life you deserve. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, January 9 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

Estate Planning 101

In this program, you'll learn about important estate planning documents like Wills, Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives, from an attorney at CT Senior Law. Make sure your wishes are met and your family knows how to care for you when you can't care for yourself. Patrons can either join us in person at the library or login from home using Zoom.

When: Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Novice Night: Vision Boarding

What are you creating for yourself in 2024? Visualization is a key part of manifestation and making a vision board is one way to create and call in what you've been seeking. We'll use images from magazines and cut and paste what we are going to achieve in the new year on poster board. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, January 16 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

And The Award Goes To...

Take a look back at award seasons of the past. Celebrate awards season by taking a trip down memory lane. We will look at the big winners of awards ceremonies past, and some of the films that took home the gold. No registration needed.

When: Saturday, February 3 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 14+

Novice Night: Darn it!

Have a sweater or socks with some wear and tear? Stitch it, don't ditch it! We'll learn the basics of darning by hand at Novice Night. This is a B.Y.O.S. program (bring your own sweater/socks), needles are provided. Registration opens January 20. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, February 20 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

Long Term Care

Come to a seminar about long-term care, who could need it, the cost, and all other related questions. This seminar will answer any questions you have, and how to plan the best for you or your loved one's future care. No registration needed.

When: Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Irish Soda Can Flag

Top of the morning to ya! Come join us in the Makerspace to create an Irish flag out of soda cans! Cans will be provided. Everyone is a little bit Irish in March, let's get creative with a unique craft. Registration opens February 5. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, March 5 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Making Collage

Join us for an afternoon of collaging. Whatever you want to make, however you want to make it, the choice is yours. Various magazines and photos will be available. Participants can bring their own photos as well. Registration opens February 7. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Thursday, March 7 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Make Your Own Fortune Ball

The future is clear. You are going to come to the Makerspace at the Windsor Public Library to make a fortune ball! Feel like a fortuneteller with a dazzling craft to keep around the house. Registration opens February 7. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Thursday, March 7 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

Novice Night: Faux Ceramic Botanical Dish

We'll press an array of delicate flowers and foliage into air-dry clay to create a faux ceramic dish. Registration opens February 19. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, March 19 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

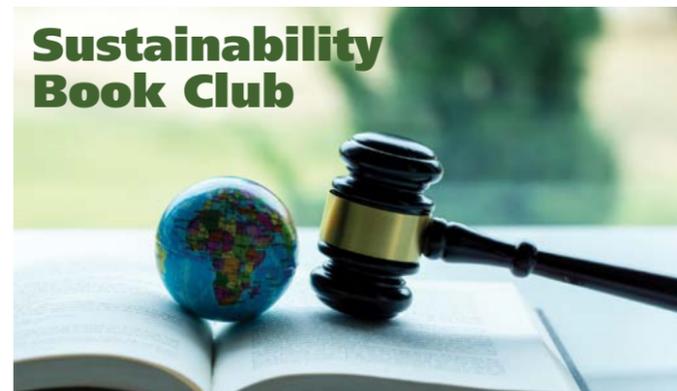
Flood Mitigation & Rain Garden Design

Experts from UCONN will join us to talk about how to prepare for the rainy season with ways to mitigate flood risks and how we can create a rain garden to help with filtering rain runoff and reabsorption back into the soil.

When: Wednesday, March 20 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+



Sustainability Book Club

Join us for an environmentally focused book club. We'll be meeting quarterly to read and discuss an assortment of fiction and non-fiction books that are focused on sustainability and the environment. Come to talk about the book as well as get helpful tips and tricks to make your life more sustainable.

January 31: *Vigil Harbor* by Julia Glass

March 6: *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+



Career Coach

One-on-one career assistance is available by appointment. If you're needing help with creating a resume, writing a cover letter, navigating online job applications or want to practice your interview skills we're here for you. Call 860-285-1919 to make an appointment or email Klasson@townofwindsorct.com.

Comic Book Coasters

Where better to place your beverage than on a coaster made out of comic books? Fans of comics will craft a drink coaster made out of images from comic books and graphic novels. Choose one comic book to use or mix and match. Supplies included. Registration opens March 1. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 13+

Sour and Savory Fermented Foods Workshop

Master the Art of Fermented Foods with expert instructor, Mark Gostkiewicz. He'll take you on a journey through the delicious world of homemade pickles, sauerkraut, and other fermented foods. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, March 26 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Novice Night: Needle Felted Landscape

Let's take a stab at needle felting! We'll use colorful wool and needle felting tools to create a pre-traced mini felted landscape scene. Felting needles are sharp so a waiver must be signed. Registration opens March 16. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Good Bug, Bad Bug, Benign Bug

Calling all gardeners and naturalists! UCONN's Horticultural Consultant, Pamm Cooper, will join us for an informative talk on what bugs are beneficial in our gardens and what bugs are not.

When: Saturday, April 20 from 11:00 AM to noon

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Foraging Wild Plants & Fungi

Karen Monger of The Three Foragers will join us for a presentation on the shoots, edible flowers, early fruits, and mushrooms of spring. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+

Science Rocks! Potion Making for Adults

Hey, Harry Potter fans! Have you ever wondered what it was like to make potions like in the Harry Potter movies? Stamford Museum and Nature Center are going to show you how. Get ready to find a fun way to mix science and popular culture. You may find yourself saying "Science Rocks!" Registration opens on February 20. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Saturday, March 16 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 18+



Teens

Glass Photo Magnets

We'll be making unique glass photo magnets in the Mezzanine Makerspace using glass beads, hot glue, modge podge, and photos from magazines or ones you bring from home. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Saturday, January 27 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 12 to 18

Friendship Bracelets

We're making friendship bracelets for our besties! We'll use colorful thread and beads to create unique gifts to give away or keep for yourself. Open to tweens and teens ages 10 to 18. Registration opens January 17. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Saturday, February 17 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 10 to 18

Amigurumi

Come learn amigurumi, the Japanese art of crocheting small, stuffed, cute lil' creatures using yarn and crochet hooks. Registration opens February 23. Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association.

When: Saturday, March 23 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 12 to 18

Fun with Photoshop

We'll learn how to edit and enhance photos taken on cell phones in Adobe Photoshop.

When: Saturday, April 20 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 12+

Art for all Ages

Hearts and Crafts

Join us for a night of crafting and creating something special for someone you love. Families welcome.

When: Thursday, February 1 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

V-Day Gnomes

Make a gnome for your lovey at our V-Day Gnome Craft. Using socks, we're going to make cute gnome stuffies for you to give your Valentine (even if you are your own Valentine).

When: Saturday, February 10 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

Make A Tie-Dye Umbrella

Join us as we make a tie-dye umbrella. April rains will have nothing on you with your stylish colorful umbrella! Registration opens March 1. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Tuesday, March 26 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

String Art

You will be guided how to transform a regular piece of wood into a work of art, simply using string. Wood and string will be provided, adults and kids alike just need to bring their creativity. Registration opens March 4. Sponsored by Windsor Library Association.

When: Thursday, April 4 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

Boomerang Bags

To celebrate Earth Day, we'll be making no-sew Boomerang Bags. Honoring the Aboriginal Peoples of Australia, Boomerang Bags are made from scrap and recycled fabrics to reduce the usage of new materials. You can bring your own materials (shirts, blankets, etc.) or use some of ours. Adults, if you know how to sew, we will have sewing patterns and a Boomerang Bags label for you to use on our Makerspace Mezzanine sewing machine!

When: Tuesday, April 30 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

Kids Arts & Crafts

Tween Tuesday

Tweenagers will descend upon the library for snacks, games, crafts, and more. Each month, we'll be doing a different activity. Check our calendar for more information each month.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, March 19, and April 16

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 10 to 16

National Hat Day

Windsor Public Library Kidspace is celebrating National Hat Day. A fun and special storytime for creating hats, hats and more hats. Stories and hat activities for children and their caregivers.

When: Wednesday, January 17 from 1:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 2 to 5

Teen Volunteers Wanted!



Are you a high school student needing volunteer hours to graduate? Do you love to help your community? We're seeking enthusiastic and creative high school students to join our team of volunteers. If you're between the ages of 12 and 18 contact Cailey Klasson at 860-285-1919 or Klasson@townofwindsorct.com for more information.

What is Art?

Welcome to our popular Art program. Each session we learn about different artists, art styles and mediums used. Then we create our own masterpieces.

Dates: Thursdays, January 18, February 15, April 15

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 11

Storytime

Storytime is one of our favorite programs! We have our monthly and special storytime celebrations of National Holidays, including Groundhog Day! Storytime includes caregivers as well as children. Stories, jokes, poems, songs and crafts are included.

Dates: January 25; February 1, 22; March 4, 18; April 15, 25

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 2 to 5

Slime for my Valentine

This STEM program is for all those who love slime! Come create your own slime to take home or share with your valentine.

When: Thursday, February 8 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 11

Fairy Houses

We're getting magical with these fairy houses. Make your own fairy house to take home and put in your garden. Help keep your garden fairies out of the rain and make them a house at this crafting session.

When: Saturday, March 9 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 5 to 12



National Find a Rainbow Day Storytime

This storytime is all about rainbows! Stories, jokes, poems, songs and crafts are included.

When: Wednesday, April 3 from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 2 to 5

Kids Enrichment

Lego Club

Come build and create with Lego open play at the Lego Club! We'll have Legos out for everyone to play with including larger blocks for little ones!

Dates: Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2

Time: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 5+

STEM Club

Kidspace is calling all scientists, engineers and inventors to our hands on fun STEM program. Experiments and activities vary monthly.

Dates: Thursdays, January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 11

Book Babies

Babies love books! This program uses finger plays, songs, action rhymes, and books to promote the development of early literacy skills.

Dates: Fridays, January 5, 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16; March 1, 8, 15; April 5, 12, 19

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 24 months

Math Games

Have fun and be challenged with hands on interactive math questions, riddles and activities such as a math sports game!

Dates: Mondays, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 7 to 11



Toddler Time

Toddler Time is a themed storytime that focuses on the development of early literacy skills. After storytime there will be an art activity.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 5, 19; April 2, 16

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 2 to 4

Busy Bees

Busy Bees is a new program for preschool children that will offer STEM and early literacy activities through guided play.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 5, 19; April 2, 16

Time: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 3 to 4

Mad Science

Let's get whacky with Mad Science the second Tuesday each month. We'll be doing fun and kid friendly science experiments.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 12

Young Explorers

Join us in Kidspace for our Young Explorers program. We travel to different lands to learn about the people, animals and much more. Grab our special boarding passes and passports for our journey. Stories, crafts, and activities are all part of our program.

Dates: Thursdays, January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 3 to 5

Sing & Stomp

Sing and Stomp is a music and movement-based program for children 5 and under and their caregivers.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 16, 30; February 13, 27; March 12, 26; April 9, 23

Time: 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 1 to 5

Little Sprouts

Help your child grow at Little Sprouts! This STEM inspired program explores early learning concepts through sensory play.

Dates: Wednesdays, January 17, 31; February 14, 28; March 13, 27; April 10, 24

Time: 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 16 to 24 months

Maple Syrup Magic – Wilkinson Farm Visit

Come learn about the production of pure Connecticut Maple Syrup with Wilkinson Farm from Columbia, CT. We will discuss the history and production of maple syrup in CT and New England. Learn how to make your own syrup in your backyard and sample some delicious maple products.

When: Saturday, January 20 from 11:00 AM to noon

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: All ages

Storytime Acting Theatre

This is a new program at the Windsor Library Kidspace for children and care-givers. Stories, nursery rhymes and other fun ways to dress up and play the parts of animals, fairies and other characters.

Dates: Mondays, January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 3 to 5

Parachute Party

This new music and movement program will explore stories and songs through parachute play.

Dates: Thursdays, January 25, February 22, March 21, April 25

Time: 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 3 to 6

Musical Storytime

Musical storytime will be themed and feature developmentally appropriate activities that help build your child's early literacy skills. It will also occasionally feature special guests and their musical instruments.

Dates: Saturdays, January 27, February 24, March 23, April 27

Time: 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 2 to 5

National Weather and Forecasting Day

Kidspace has a special guest for our weather program. They will talk about how they can forecast rain, hurricanes and snow storms.

When: Wednesday, February 7 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 7+



2024 Solar Eclipse

Get ready for the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse! The Windsor Public Library will have a limited number of solar eclipse glasses available for pickup from April 1 to 6. Register to guarantee glasses for your family as preference will be given to those who register ahead of time. Registration will begin on March 1 on the Windsor Public Library website. If you have any questions, reach out to Alex at remy@townofwindsorct.com or at 860-285-1917.



Newsletters!

Get all the latest updates from the Windsor Public Library and the Wilson Branch delivered directly to your email. Sign up for our email newsletters! Find your next favorite book. Get the latest on upcoming Kidspace or Teen programs. Or get weekly details on all of the upcoming events at the Main Library and the Wilson Branch. Sign up today at windsorlibrary.com/newsletters

National Girls' Science Day

It's the perfect day to learn about famous girls and women in Science! The ocean, space, medicine and so many other special careers and discoveries.

When: Wednesday, February 14 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 12

Windsor Discovery Center and Montessori School



Windsor's NAEYC-accredited Montessori School provides a Montessori education for children ages 6 weeks through 6 years of age.

The Montessori programs offer full and half-day schedules that foster a child's sense of independence and personal development. The curriculum includes hands-on learning experiences, music & and movement; Spanish; and mindfulness yoga classes. The curriculum is enhanced with monthly field trips and visitors.

Afterschool Program: The Discovery Center at Windsor Montessori offers afterschool programming for students enrolled in Windsor Public Schools. We offer flexible schedules for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Transportation is provided by Windsor Public Schools. Full-day care is available during school vacations, professional development days, and snow days.

Summer Programs: We offer summer programs for all age groups. Registration begins in March 2024. Visit our website for more information windsormontessorict.com.

Our faculty holds Montessori certifications and/or degrees in Early Childhood Education. Located at 114 Palisado Avenue, our hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Call us at 860-285-1400 to schedule a tour or visit windsormontessorict.com



Take Apart Workshop

Join us for an interactive workshop. We'll walk through taking apart some classic technology so we can see for ourselves what makes something really work. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Saturday, February 24 from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6+

Mystery At The Library

Back by popular demand, the Windsor Library Kidspace will be working to solve a new mystery. What could it be this time? Stolen jewelry, stolen ancient maps worth millions? Join us to find out!

When: Wednesday, March 6 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 12

Weird and Eerie Places and Animals

There are some very strange places in the world such as Stonehenge, the Pyramids and Galapagos Island. What about the strange creatures we hear about, such as the Abominable Snowman and the Lock Ness Monster? We will learn about these strange and sometimes eerie things.

Dates: Wednesday, March 13 and April 10

Time: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 7 to 11

National Smoke and Mirrors Magic Night

Kidspace will be having a special visitor to celebrate National Magic Day. Join us for this magical evening.

When: Thursday, March 28 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 4 to 10

Fairy Tale Mixup

Kidspace is having our annual fun filled night of playing the parts of some really odd fairy tale characters. Stories are similar to *Anansi the Spider*, *The Frog and the Princess* or *Tell the Truth* B.B. Wolf. Remember to bring your best jokes to tell at the Chicken Comedy Time.

When: Wednesday, April 17 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 6 to 12

Due to limited space, registration is needed for programs unless otherwise specified. All Wilson Branch Library programs and events are free. Please visit the windsorlibrary.com/wilsonbranch or call at 860-247-8960 for more information.

Kids Activities & Events

Paint Outside the Lines

Start the day with a little expression! Join us on select Mondays as we enjoy a shared story and use it as inspiration for our paintings. No registration needed.

Dates: Mondays, January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: All ages

DIY Winter Fleece Tied Pillow

Create your own very cozy, winter-themed fleece pillow to take home and snuggle with on chilly nights. All materials included.

When: Friday, February 9 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 7 to 18

3rd Annual Unicorn Party

Join to celebrate National Unicorn Day! We'll listen to unicorn-inspired songs, read unicorn stories, and make unicorn crafts. Unicorn enthusiasts are invited to dress up in their most magical outfits and bring any unicorn stuffy friends along to participate!

When: Friday, April 12 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: All ages

Horizon Wings Raptor Visit

Ever wish you could experience the thrill of being up close to a magnificent hawk, falcon, or owl? Well, this is your opportunity! Horizon Wings will be at the Wilson Branch to uncover the majestic lives of our winged friends.

When: Saturday, April 13 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 6+



Free **Weekly playgroups** for Windsor families with children ages 0 to 5 are held on Thursdays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Oliver Ellsworth Elementary School's Family Resource Center beginning September 7th. To pre-register or if you have any questions please contact: cpace@windsorct.org.

Teen & Adult Enrichment

Adult Crafters Group

If you are working on a craft and would like to work on it in the company of like-minded individuals, stop by and join the group. No registration needed.

Date/Time: Every Thursday from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 18+

Declutter Your Piles of Paper

New Year, new you! Do you have piles of paperwork, file folders, coupons, and receipts taking over your home? Join professional organizer Maria Grove as she helps you build strategies to keep your papers from overwhelming your life.

When: Saturday, January 6 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 18+

Prepping for an Emergency: Is Your Family Ready?

"Winging it" is not an emergency plan. As natural disasters and extreme weather patterns increase, so do the chances of an emergency you might not be prepared for. Join Windsor Fire Marshal, Lauri Volkert, for a workshop on how to develop your own emergency preparedness plan for you and your loved ones.

When: Wednesday, January 10 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 18+



Apple Device Help

Become a master at using Apple products in just an hour! Call 860-285-1931 to book a 1-hour appointment for Apple Device Help (iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, or Macbook) at the Wilson Branch Library. Free.



Graphic Memoir Culture Club

We're headed on a journey to explore different cultures through the genre of graphic memoir. There's a whole wide world of literary graphic novels to discover.

Physical copies of the books will be available for check out at the Wilson Branch.

January 17: *Year of the Rabbit* by Tia Veasna

February 14: *High Desert* by James Spooner

March 13: *What is Home, Mum?* by Sabba Khan

April 17: *Paying the Land* by Joe Sacco

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 18+

Hooks & Books: A Cozy Mystery & Crochet Club

Local artist Susan Rogers is both a crochet aficionado and cozy mystery enthusiast. Join her for a two-week session to crochet a scarf, enjoy some hot tea & cookies, and chat about your favorite cozy mysteries. For all experience levels. Supplies included.

Day/Time: Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to Noon

Session 1: February 7, 14

Session 2: February 21, 28

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 18+

Make Your Own Crochet Plushy

Local crochet artist Susan Rogers is back to teach us the basics of making a crochet plushy. Participants should either have previous crochet experience or have attended the Hooks & Books workshop in February. Supplies included.

When: Wednesday, March 13 from 10:00 AM to Noon

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: 18+



Henna Creations

Stop by the Wilson Branch to learn about the history, origin, and traditions of henna. Then, stick around to get your own professionally applied henna design.

When: Monday, April 8 from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM

Where: Wilson Branch Library

Ages: All ages

Windsor Police Cadets



Are you between 11 and 20 years old? Are you interested in community service, law enforcement, or making new friends? If so, the Windsor Police Cadets might be right for you.

Check us out at windsorpolicecadets.org or contact Sergeant Bernard Petkis at petkis@townofwindsorct.com or 860-298-4322.

Be Well Windsor



BE WELL WINDSOR
Health & Wellness Initiative

With the use of American Rescue Funds, we're providing free and reduced cost programs that have positive impact on participants' health and quality of life. Programs include a range of educational, social, and leisure activities.



Adult Street Jazz

Are you ready to get your groove on? Over the course of your 6-week session, your Chinue will help you break down each move, make sure you have fun, and get your body moving. Bring water and a clean pair of comfortable shoes (jazz shoes, clean sneakers, etc.). Register at townofwindsorct.com/recreation.

Day/Time: Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Session 1: January 3 to February 7

Session 2: February 21 to March 27

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 16+ **Cost:** Residents – \$40.00; Nonresidents – \$50.00

Adult Beginner Bellydance

Come explore the enchanting world of Middle Eastern dance in a fun, supportive, and relaxed environment, while gaining a stronger core, toned muscles, active hips, and rhythm! This class is for beginners. Register at townofwindsorct.com/recreation.

Day/Time: Mondays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Session 1: January 8 to February 12

Session 2: February 19 to March 25

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$40.00; Nonresidents – \$50.00

Sound Healing

Are you looking for a new way to slow down and quiet your mind? Then join us as we host seasoned Sound Practitioner, Maria del Carmen, for a bi-weekly Sound Meditation series. Participants will be lying down or seated while Maria bathes them in the sounds of singing bowls, buffalo drums, and much more. Register at townofwindsorct.com/recreation.

Dates: January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 5, 26; April 2, 16, 30

Day/Time: Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Free

Yoga for the New or Hesitant Yogi

Join our certified yoga teacher as we cater to the new or hesitant yogi. The postures are simple, but nourishing. This class will focus on breath work, postures, correct alignment, relaxation, meditation, and yogic wisdom. Register at townofwindsorct.com/recreation.

Day/Time: Thursdays from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Session 1: January 11 to February 15

Session 2: February 29 to April 4

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 16+ **Cost:** \$5.00 per session

Feeling Foodie

Find your inner chef and turn up the heat on your current cooking repertoire! Join us as we partner with "My Local Chefs" for this monthly cooking series. Meet local chefs, watch a live cooking demonstration, enjoy a tasting menu, and take away an item to help recreate the dish at home. Register at townofwindsorct.com/recreation.

January 30: New Year New You, Heart Healthy Robust Salad

February 15: Chinese New Year, Chinese Meal

March 21: Celebrating Irish/St. Patrick Day, Cornbeef and Cabbage

April 18: Charcuterie Night, Making a Charcuterie Board

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 16+ **Cost:** Residents – \$10.00; Nonresidents – \$20.00

Therapeutic Yoga

Therapeutic yoga is a system of self-care that focuses on easy to learn yoga postures, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques. Classes are suitable for beginners and can be done on a yoga mat or in a chair (provided.) Sponsored by the Windsor Library Association and Be Well Windsor. Registration for all sessions opens on March 14, register at windsorlibrary.com.

Dates: April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16

Day/Time: Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Public Library

Ages: 14+ **Cost:** Free

New Year, New Wellness Challenge with Wellworks For You!

The online Wellness Portal includes wellness challenges, fitness tracking capabilities, a fitness and nutrition dashboard, a comprehensive health and wellness learning center, and a mobile app. Our 6-week Team Walking Challenge, **Tour of the National Parks**, will launch on **Monday, January 22nd!** Create an account on the Wellworks For You portal if you have not already. Go to wellworksforyoulogin.com and register with company ID **13041**.

Scan the QR codes to download the mobile app!



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Registration

Registration is needed for all recreation programs unless otherwise specified. To register, please visit their website at townofwindsorct.com/recreation or visit their office at the L.P. Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue.

Refund Policy

All refunds will be credited to your customer account unless program registration fee was paid by credit card, in which case a refund will be credited back to your credit card account. Refunds processed back to credit cards usually appear on the next month's statement. If you have any questions regarding the refund policy, please call us at 860-285-1990.

Cancellations

For the latest information and cancellations of Windsor Recreation Division activities, call 860-285-1988.



Youth Sports

Student Open Basketball

If you're a Windsor student, come play some basketball after school! Whether you want to practice skills or play some informal pickup games, our gym is open daily to get some physical activity and socialize with friends. A valid student photo ID is needed.

Dates: Open during school year, Monday through Friday

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: Grades 1 to 12; Residents only

Cost: Free with Windsor Student ID

Karate

The Windsor School of Self Defense is offering Martial arts training for children. Build discipline, learn new skills and techniques, and have fun while progressing through the program. Participants may purchase a uniform for an additional charge.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, new session every month

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 5 to 18

Cost: Residents – \$45.00; Nonresidents – \$55.00



The Winzone Party Rentals

Rent our exciting Windsorland Party Room at the Community Center at 330 Windsor Avenue. Only at Windsorland can children ages 2 to 12 enjoy a private, indoor party with a rock-climbing wall and a playscape. The Windsorland party room can be rented on weekends for birthday parties. Available from September through May, rental hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Teenzone room is available for an additional fee and includes pool tables, TVs, vintage arcade games, and more. For more information, call 860-285-1990 or visit our website.

Rental rates:

2 hours: \$150.00

3 hours: \$205.00

4 hours: \$260.00

5 hours: \$315.00

6 hours: \$370.00

Party Extras:

Two party sheet pizzas: \$55.00

Birthday cake for 25 people: \$45.00

Both pizza and birthday cake: \$100.00

Fly Badminton Club

Experience the world of Badminton with former USA National Badminton Team member, Nikki Vered. Nikki brings over 30 years of player/coaching experience and has produced multiple International/National champions. You will learn the basics and fundamentals of Badminton, strategies and gameplay, as well as advanced technical skills. All skill levels are welcome.

Dates: Fridays, new session every month

Time: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM or 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 6 to 18

Cost: Residents – \$90.00; Nonresidents – \$100.00



Beginner Fencing Level 1

Challenge your friend to a duel and learn the fundamentals in this 8-week beginner course of the intense, fun, and intricate art of fencing. Taught by National and International Gold Medalist Mal-sun Marletto, who has over 25 years of personal competitive fencing & coaching experience. The fee includes instruction and all fencing equipment rental.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 17 to June 5

Time: 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 10+

Cost: Residents – \$180.00; Nonresident – \$190.00

Beginner Fencing Level 2

Participants must have completed Beginner Level 1. Continue to learn the fundamentals in this 8-week beginner course of the intense, fun, and intricate art of fencing. Taught by National and International Gold Medalist Mal-sun Marletto, who has over 25 years of personal competitive fencing & coaching experience. The fee includes instruction and all fencing equipment rental.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 17 to June 5

Time: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 10+

Cost: Residents – \$180.00; Nonresidents – \$190.00

After School & Vacation Camp

RISE After School Elementary

Children enjoy sports, games, science projects, arts & crafts, snacks, homework assistance, the Winzone indoor playscape and more. Transportation is provided from all Windsor Public Schools to the community center. Follows all school cancellation policies.

Dates: Monday through Friday, new session every month

Time: 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Where: 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Ages: Grades 1 to 5

Cost: \$195.00 per month



RISE Above

A well-supervised, engaging after-school program where students enjoy friends, fun, sports, games, science projects, arts & crafts, snacks, homework assistance, and the Teen Zone. Transportation will be provided from all Windsor Public Schools to the community center. Follows all school cancellation policies.

Dates: Monday through Friday, new session every month

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Where: 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Ages: Grades 6 to 8. **Cost:** \$110.00 per month

Winter Parking Rules



They're designed to keep everyone safe this winter.

November 15 to April 15: No parking on Windsor streets between 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM. No parking on any street during a snow or ice storm that has been in progress for one hour or more. Also, don't leave your vehicle on the street in such a position that it impedes snowplowing operations or the free flow of traffic.

When the snow arrives this year, remember to keep outside exits, walks and stairs free of snow and ice. Don't forget there is a town ordinance that requires all property owners to clear snow from the sidewalk (and fire hydrants if there is one on your property) within 12 hours after a storm.

It's all common sense but it's also the law.

Tubing Trip to Powder Ridge

A winter-favorite, kids can go easy or go to the extreme on Powder Ridge's well-groomed snow tubing trails. Pack a lunch or bring money for the Mountain Café.

Date: Saturday, February 17

Time: Bus departs at 11:15 AM and returns at 4:15 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 7 to 13 **Cost:** \$48.00

April Vacation Camp

Students will enjoy their spring break with friends, games, sports, activities, arts & crafts, and much more. Students should bring their lunch, and a snack will be provided.

Dates: Monday through Friday, April 8 to April 12

Time: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Where: 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Ages: Grades 1 to 7 **Cost:** Residents – \$45.00; Nonresident – \$55.00

Adult Sports & Fitness

Adult Open Basketball

Day/Time: Tuesdays, Thursdays from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$1.00; Nonresidents – \$2.00

Adult Open Volleyball

Day/Time: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$1.00; Nonresidents – \$2.00

Adult Open Badminton

Day/Time: Sundays from 9:00 AM to noon

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$1.00; Nonresidents – \$2.00

Adult Open Pickleball

Day/Time: Sundays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Gymnasium

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$1.00 Nonresidents – \$2.00

Adult Enrichment

Dog Training Level 1 and Level 2

You and your dog will learn a wide variety of skills and an understanding of how to progress in appropriate steps leading towards off leash control. Class is suitable for puppies and dogs of all ages and gives a solid foundation for a healthy, well-balanced pet. Although courses can deal with many problem behaviors, this course is not meant to address serious behavior issues, such as aggression.

Dates: Sundays, April 7 to May 12

Level 1: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Level 2: 10:35 AM to 11:35 AM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 16+ **Cost:** Residents – \$90.00; Nonresidents – \$100.00



Aquatics

Water Fitness

Enjoy a workout that uses the water's natural resistance to help you get fit by building cardiovascular fitness and strength. Because of their low-impact format, water exercise classes are suitable for almost every age and fitness level. And just like swimming, water exercise classes are easy on your joints!

Session 1: January 17 to February 26 (doesn't meet 2/19)

Session 2: March 13 to April 24 (doesn't meet 4/8, 4/10)

Day/Time: Mondays, Wednesdays from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: Windsor High School Indoor Pool

Ages: 16+ **Cost:** Residents – \$90.00; Nonresidents – \$100.00

Winter Swim Lessons

Winter Swim Lessons registration begins Thursday, January 11 at 8:00 AM on our website and in-person at the L.P. Wilson Community Center. Swim lessons will begin on Saturday, January 27, and continue each Saturday through March 16. The second session of swim lessons will start on March 30 and end on May 18.

Where: Windsor High School Indoor Pool

Ages: 1 to 16 **Cost:** Residents – \$70.00; Nonresidents – \$140.00

Swim Lesson Schedule:

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM:	Water Adjustment
11:30 AM to Noon:	Water Adjustment Adv. Parent/Tot
11:00 AM to 11:50 AM:	Stroke Development (Level 3)
Noon to 12:50 PM:	Intro to Water Skills (Level 1) Stroke Refinement (Level 5)
1:00 PM to 1:50 PM:	Fundamental Aquatic Skills (Level 2) Stroke Improvement (Level 4)

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Town of Windsor strives to accommodate all participants in all of our programs. If you require special services in order for you to participate, please include this on your registration form and try to give us at least two weeks notice prior to the program.

Lap Swim

Stay in shape this winter than swimming laps! Cost includes all Tuesdays or Thursdays within a session. You may register for both Tuesday and Thursday lap swim.

Session 1: January 16 to March 7

Session 2: March 19 to May 9

Tuesdays: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Thursdays: 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Windsor High School Indoor Pool

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$15.00; Nonresidents – \$25.00

Splish Splash Special Needs Swim Lessons

Splish-Splash Special Needs Swim Lessons are available for persons with developmental and/or cognitive disabilities. The emphasis is on boosting confidence through the development of swimming skills and increasing range of motion through a total body workout on an individual basis. The ratio is 1 guard to 2 participants..

Dates: Tuesdays, March 19 to May 7

Times: 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM, 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM or 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Where: Windsor High School Indoor Pool

Ages: 5 to 21 **Cost:** Residents – \$70.00; Nonresidents – \$140.00



Adult Swim Lessons

This program is designed for adults that have had very little or no formal swim instruction, but are ready to take the plunge. Adults will learn basic level swimming and safety skills, including the development of breath control, floating, gliding, kicking on front and back, rotary breathing, arm strokes on front and back, safety skills, and entries and exits. The ratio is 1 guard to 2 participants.

Day/Time: Thursdays from 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM or 8:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Session 1: January 18 to March 7

Session 2: March 21 to May 9

Where: Windsor High School Indoor Pool

Ages: 18+ **Cost:** Residents – \$70.00; Nonresidents – \$140.00



Lifeguard Opportunities

Are you looking for a rewarding summer Job? Windsor Recreation Services will be seeking summer lifeguards! You'll mentor children, learn lifesaving skills, and build work experience with our dedicated team. Lifeguards provide aquatic instruction in classes and programs based upon the guidelines and standard operating procedures set by the American Red Cross. Contact the Recreation office at 860-285-1990 for more information or visit townofwindsorct.com to apply.



Summer Fun Camp Registration Opens March 4

Summer Fun Camp (ages 5 to 10) and Summer Fun Camp PLUS (ages 11 to 13) campers will enjoy an extraordinary summer camp experience filled with organized games, activities, sports, arts and crafts, special events, friends, fun new experiences, free swim, and more. Sign up for one week or the entire summer. Details and applications available on our website.

Camp Schedule: Monday through Friday from

June 24 to August 9

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Early care: 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Late care: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Windsor Youth Theatre Performance

Windsor Youth Theatre will be presenting one of the most enduring shows of all time! *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors.

Purchase tickets in our office or on our website.

Show dates:

Friday, March 22 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Auditorium

Students and Seniors: \$16.00 **Adults:** \$19.00



Community & Neighborhood Enhancement Program

Made possible with the use of American Rescue Funds

The Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Program was created to assist community groups and neighborhoods with small-scale physical improvement projects as well as annual or one-time events that have a clear public benefit. We're delighted to share that CNEP has disbursed all grant funds, totaling \$69,742 to 17 nonprofit & community organizations to assist with impactful projects.



Easterseals Capital Region and Eastern Connecticut

75th Anniversary Community Festival

Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern CT celebrated 75 years of service to the Windsor, CT community with a free event on July 29th. The event highlighted their impact on individuals with disabilities, Veterans, and their families. Board Member and disability activist Dave Stevens led a Prostanz Ability Baseball Clinic, emphasizing inclusivity.



Windsor Arts & Museum Association

Windsor Arts and Museums Brochure

The Windsor Arts and Museums Association Brochure project is a transformative initiative for Windsor and its partner organizations. It sparks interest in the town's culture and heritage while paving the way for future collaborations. This project sets a precedent in Windsor's tourism efforts, with distribution to 90 sites continuing until June 30, 2024.

These projects and events underscore the positive impact of grants from our Community & Neighborhood Enhancement Program on initiatives that provide value to our community.



Windsor Water Rats Express

"Blocks and Clocks" WHS Indoor Pool Improvements

The Windsor Water Rats Express (WWRX) Swim Team has received significant upgrades through the "Blocks and Clocks" project. The grant facilitated essential improvements to their swim facility, including refurbished diving blocks for safer starts. Larger pace clocks on the walls enhance practice effectiveness and promote teamwork, while a digital clock aids swimmers with vision impairments. These upgrades ensure a lasting impact on our Windsor swimming community.



CT Cat Connection

Open House Event

The Connecticut Cat Connection's (CCC) inaugural Open House on October 14, 2023 was a success! The event brought together the community, adopters, and dedicated volunteers. With engaging activities, tours, vendors, and live music, it was a day filled with fun and feline festivities. The event resulted in 21 potential adoptions and showcased the impactful work of CCC.

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Registration

Due to limited space, registration is needed for all YSB programs unless otherwise specified. To register, please visit townofwindsorct.com/recreation/ysb or visit the YSB office at the L.P. Wilson Community Center at 599 Matianuck Avenue.

Youth Services Bureau Refund Policy

All refunds will be credited to your customer account unless program registration fee was paid by credit card, in which case a refund will be credited back to your credit card account.

Community Service Opportunities

Looking to make a positive impact in your community? Discover the various local community service options available by visiting the Windsor Youth Services Bureau's website. Explore opportunities to volunteer, mentor, or contribute your skills towards supporting and empowering young people. Together, we can create a stronger, more vibrant community. Visit the townofwindsorct.com/recreation/ysb today and start making a difference!

PROGRAMS

DIY Duct Tape Sled Kits

Take a break from electronics and start using your creative skills to make fun products with colorful duct tape. Arts and crafts are a great way to bond with your family and work together. This kit will include materials to make a duct tape sleds, wallets, and flower pencils. This activity takes place in the comfort of your home. Limit one kit per household, includes delivery.

When: Register by Saturday, January 6

Where: Your home

Ages: All ages **Cost:** Free



Youth in Action

Youth in Action is a diverse group of Windsor High School students who want to make their school and community a better place for others. Transportation is provided. Registration is needed. Register online or at the Youth Services Bureau Office.

When: Tuesdays, January 30 to May 23

Time: School dismissal to 5:30 PM

Where: Millbrook Clubhouse, 147 Pigeon Hill Road

Ages: Grades 9 to 12 **Cost:** Free



Family Paint Night

Grab the family for a relaxing night of painting. Soothe school and home stressors in this art therapy workshop. Dinner will be provided. Canvas and paint supplies are included. Register online or at the Youth Services Bureau Office.

When: Friday, February 9 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Millbrook Clubhouse, 147 Pigeon Hill Road

Ages: 5+ **Cost:** \$10.00

Valentine's for Vets

Drop off your homemade Valentine's for Veterans cards and we'll make sure the cards get distributed to local veterans' organizations for Valentine's Day. This activity can be a teachable moment for youth to learn who veterans are and why they are so important to our community. Cards must be dropped off at L.P. Wilson Community Center by Friday, January 26 at 5:00 PM.

Girl's Night Out

Girl's Night Out engages girls in friendly and interactive activities and group discussions empowering them with information and inspiration to handle the unique challenges they face daily. Aside from conversation and team building activities, the girls participate in occasional field trips and adventure. Dinner is provided. Register online or at the Youth Services Bureau Office.

When: Fridays, February 16 to June 7

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Millbrook Clubhouse, 147 Pigeon Hill Road

Ages: 9 to 12 **Cost:** Free

Boy's Reaching Opportunities (BRO'S)

Boy's Reaching Opportunities engages boys in activities, dialogue, and self-expression to question stereotypical concepts and to increase boys' emotional, social, and cultural literacy. Dinner is provided at each session.

When: Mondays, February 26 to April 29

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Ages: Grades 4 to 8 **Cost:** Free



Family Plant Night

Paint a Pot & Plant a Succulent Workshop! Families will start by painting a 4" terra cotta pot. Once painting is complete families get their hands dirty with our interactive plant bar. Gardening together gives families a chance to spend quality time together and provides stress relief and relaxation. Dinner will be provided.

Session 1: Friday, March 8 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Session 2: Friday, April 12 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Millbrook Clubhouse, 147 Pigeon Hill Road

Ages: 5+ **Cost:** \$10.00



Teen Summit

A conference for high school teenagers that will include breakfast, door prizes, and lunch. Registration is limited to the first 75 students. This event is proudly presented by the Windsor Youth Commission.

When: Saturday, March 30 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Ages: Grades 9 to 12 **Cost:** Free



Summer Teen Employment Program (STEP)

Applications for the Youth Services Bureau Summer Teen Employment Program are available on the Human Resources website beginning March 25. The (STEP) internship is for high school students entering grades 9, 10, or 11 in the Fall of 2024. The application deadline is Friday, April 25. Free.



GENEALOGY

Genealogy Support Group

Informal, in-person gathering of fellow genealogy researchers for discussion and problem solving.

When: January 4, February 1 and April 4
“from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: Free

Virtual Genealogy Support Group

Just starting to research your family tree? Experienced but stumped? This informal gathering engages in lively discussion and problem solving. Register to receive Zoom link.

When: Thursday, March 7 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: Virtual
Cost: Free

HISTORICAL COOKING

Hearth Cooking: Breads and Soups

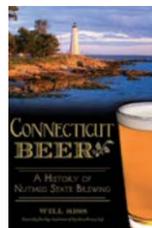
Come to the Strong-Howard hearth and cook up some hearty breads and soups to stave off the cold. See website for menu selections. Registration needed, limit 6 participants. Snow date January 20.

When: Saturday, January 13 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$65.00 plus cost of food

Connecticut Beer History and Tasting with The Beer Snob

Author, columnist, “It Starts with Beer” podcast creator, and self-described beer snob Will Siss returns with his entertaining presentation accompanied by discussion and sampling. Registration needed, ages 21+. Snow date March 1.



When: Friday, January 26 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$15.00

Hearth Cooking: Sweet and Savory Treats

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, prepare, sample, and take home scrumptious colonial-era small bites and desserts. See website for selections. Registration needed, limit 6 participants. Snow date February 17.



When: Saturday, February 10 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$65.00 plus cost of food

Hearth Cooking: Roasted, Stewed, and Fricasseed

Ever wonder what our founding mothers served up for dinner beyond traditional Yankee pot roast? Here’s your opportunity to learn first hand Registration needed, limit 6 participants. Snow date March 16.

When: Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$65.00 plus cost of food

Hearth Cooking: Spring “Egg-Stravaganza”

Gruel wasn’t the only thing served for breakfast! Let’s explore some of the delectable ways eggs (and bacon) were used at the colonial table. Registration needed, limit 6 participants.

When: Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$65.00 plus cost of food

BLACK HISTORY

**“I Can’t Die But Once”:
Harriet Tubman Living History**

Renowned interpreter Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti presents a stirring first-person portrayal of Harriet Tubman, speaking at the inaugural meeting of the National Association of Colored Women in Washington, D.C. Registration needed. Snow date March 23.

When: Saturday, February 24 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$20.00

Exploring Windsor’s Black History Lunch Conversation: Women’s Endeavors

Join Community History Specialist Sulema DePeyster and members of the Windsor community for in-person discussion. Bring your own lunch; beverages and snacks provided. Registration needed.

When: Wednesday, February 28 from Noon to 1:30 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: Free

Exploring Windsor’s Black History Lunch Conversation: Highways that Connect or Divide

Join Community History Specialist Sulema DePeyster and members of the Windsor community for in-person discussion. Bring your own lunch; beverages and snacks provided. Registration needed.

When: Wednesday, April 10 from Noon to 1:30 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: Free

HISTORICAL ENRICHMENT

Opening Reception for Bridges and Belonging: The Windsor History Inclusion Project Exhibit

Explore our updated permanent galleries, designed to better represent Windsor’s diverse history. Includes exciting new images and stories that bring our town to life in greater detail. Funded with generous grants from the Town of Windsor and CT Humanities. Snow Date Feb 6, 4:00 PM to 7:00pm.

When: Saturday, February 3 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: Free

Shad Derby Trivia Contest

Test your knowledge in the return of our tavern-style Trivia Contest! Enjoy adult refreshments along with friendly competition. Space is limited. Teams of up to 6 contestants. Registration needed, ages 21+.

When: Thursday, April 25 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Windsor Historical Society
Cost: \$20.00/contestant or \$10.00/onlooker

Northwest Park & Nature Center

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Nature Center hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Registration

Due to limited space, registration is needed for all Northwest Park programs unless otherwise specified. To register, visit townofwindsorct.com/recreation/northwest-park. You may also visit the Nature Center at 145 Lang Road or call the office at 860-285-1886.

Refund Policy & Cancellations

Please notify us at least 24 hours prior to the start of the program if you must cancel. If you cancel less than 24 hours ahead but prior to the beginning of the program, we can offer user credit. Refunds are not given for failure to attend, absence or sick days. If we must cancel a session, you will be notified at least 2 hours prior to the program and receive a full refund.

Northwest Park Perks

A place for community enjoyment and learning, the park is operated by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Services and has many special features to delight all ages. Exhibits in the nature center feature local wildlife and seasonal highlights. The Animal Barn is home to Heritage breed livestock, including goats, chickens, and Windsor’s favorite donkey, Cisco. A working Maple Sugarhouse produces enough syrup to top off local pancakes throughout the year. Community garden plots may be rented for a season, and home gardeners can draw inspiration from displays in the demonstration organic garden and sensory garden, which features native plants for pollinators. Park educators offer a year-round calendar of workshops for children and adults, school field trips, and a summer day camp program.



Embark on an Adventure!

Visitors to Northwest Park can explore 473 acres showcasing Windsor’s diverse natural landscapes via 12 miles of hiking trails, including accessible paths for those with limited vision or mobility. A rich mosaic of wildlife habitats includes hardwood and coniferous forest, grasslands, thickets, swamps and ponds set along the Farmington River. These habitats support some of Connecticut’s rarest wildlife. Traces of the land’s historic use for tobacco agriculture may be discovered at every turn.



Northwest Park Rentals

Northwest Park has two open-air picnic shelters available for rental from April through November. Northwest Park rental reservations are only accepted after January 1 within the same calendar year.

The Picnic Pavilion has a capacity of 150, while the smaller Warming Shed holds up to 50. Prices range from \$85.00 to \$260.00, with an additional \$100.00 refundable security deposit. Those who are interested in renting a facility at Northwest Park may contact the park office at 860-285-1886.

Discovery Days

Stop into the Nature Center to chat with one of our Naturalists and explore the various exhibits we have on display. Watch a live animal feeding, or get hands-on with artifacts and activities based on the theme of the day.

January 13: How Do Animals Stay Warm in Winter?

February 24: Hibernation and Awakening

April 20: Microplastics and Water Quality

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Northwest Park Nature Center

Ages: All ages **Cost:** Free

Win Wag Photo Contest

Get your cameras (and your dogs) ready!



To remind residents that June is Dog Licensing Month, the Windsor Town Clerks Office Annual Win Wag photo contest will begin accepting entries in early May, 2024. Now’s the time to get your pup perfectly prepped and start taking some creative photos! Lookout for information on the contest including how to enter and information on public voting at townofwindsorct.com.



Community Gardens

Rent a plot in the Community Garden at Northwest Park. Raise your own produce in a 36 square-foot plot that's been harrowed and staked out at the start of the growing season. There's a nearby water source but gardeners need to bring their own hose and tools. Residents – \$60.00; Nonresidents – \$75.00. Plus a \$50.00 refundable security deposit. Starting April 1, call 860-285-1886 to register for the season.



Full Moon Hikes

Come out to Northwest Park for a Full Moon Hike guided by NWP staff. Use your senses to explore the park after dark. Grab the family or some friends and enjoy the beautiful scenery while being active outdoors and learning about the seasonal changes happening in nature.

Wolf Moon: January 25 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Snow Moon: February 23 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Worm Moon: March 24 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Pink Moon: April 23 from 7:45 PM to 9:15 PM

Where: Northwest Park Warming Shed

Ages: 12+ **Cost:** Residents – \$12.00; Nonresidents – \$16.00



Open Sugarhouse

Experience the New England tradition of making Maple syrup at the Northwest Park Sugarhouse hosted by the Friends of Northwest Park.

Dates: Saturdays and Sundays, February 10 to March 23

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Northwest Park Sugarhouse

Ages: All ages **Cost:** Free

Live Animal Feeding Demonstrations

Watch our environmental educator, Jessica LaPolt, feed the nature center animals! This is a great opportunity to ask questions about their diets & enrichment; and learn a bit more about the animals that call Northwest Park Nature Center their home.

Dates: February 20; April 8, 10, 12

Time: 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Northwest Park Nature Center

Ages: All ages **Cost:** Free

Homeschool Programs at Northwest Park



Ages 5 to 10: Each month, Northwest Park invites homeschool students and their guardians to join us in hands-on science and nature exploration. Guardians should be prepared to stay for the program and work with their student(s). NWP educators will be providing additional background information on each topic and modeling scientific instructional methods. A packet of take-home resources and activities will be provided at each class. Registration is needed.

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM or 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Cost: Resident – \$12.00/class; Nonresident – \$15.00/class.

Ages 11 to 14: Northwest Park invites homeschool students, to join us in hands-on science and nature exploration! In this one hour program, students will be immersed in field based learning and encouraged to ask questions, seek answers and explore new ideas as they develop real world skills. Parents/Guardians may choose to drop-off their students or stay for the program. Registration is needed.

When: 3rd Wednesday of each month

Time: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Cost: Resident – \$12.00/class; Nonresident – \$15.00/class.

Monthly Topics:

January: America's Animal (Bald Eagles)

Explore the history of the Bald Eagle and its significance as a symbol and its importance as a wild species and as an environmental success story.

February: The Vanishing Wild (Habitat Loss)

Habitat loss is real and an everyday occurrence. Investigate how animals have adapted to survive in the fast changing world in which we all live.

March: Sounds of Spring

Investigate Spring happenings through sound as we explore the various sounds and noises that trumpet in nature at this time of year.

April: Have Seed, will Travel (Native and Invasive)

Take a trip around the world with invasive species, discovering their incredible journey and how they affect you and your backyard.



Wee Wanderers

Northwest Park invites young naturalists and their favorite adult to join us as we explore the park! Each session will reflect the season that we're in and include hands-on exploration, a chance to meet the creatures who live at the park, and time to create a take home craft related to the day's adventures. Registration is needed for the full five-week session.

Spring Ahead: Mondays, March 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15

Summer 'Round the Corner: Mondays, April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Where: Northwest Park Nature Center

Ages: 2 to 5 **Cost:** Residents – \$45.00; Nonresidents – \$55.00

Solar Eclipse Viewing

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. Join Northwest Park educators to safely view the Solar Eclipse and learn more about this phenomenon. Viewing is free, but additional activities may require advanced registration and a nominal fee.

When: Monday, April 8 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Northwest Park

Ages: All ages **Cost:** Free

Join Clean and Green Windsor

Clean and Green Windsor provides an opportunity for residents, community groups, non-profit organizations, and businesses to contribute to the ongoing effort to create a clean and attractive environment for all who live in or visit Windsor. Any individual or group can adopt a spot in need of a little tender loving care and take pride in personally helping to keep Windsor wonderful!

Spot adoption requires a commitment of at least two years and a minimum of two clean-ups per year. We'll walk you through the process and provide the supplies necessary to get to work making a difference here in Windsor.

Are you ready to become a Clean and Green Windsor Warrior?

To learn more about Clean and Green Windsor and to start the spot adoption process, go to: townofwindsorct.com/public-works/cleanup/.



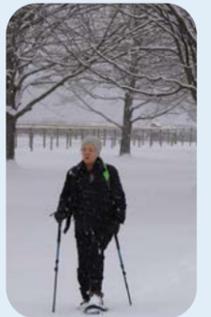
Camp Foxfire at Northwest Park



Camp Foxfire registration opens February 1 at 8:00 AM for Windsor residents. Join us this summer for a nature adventure at Northwest Park! Camp Foxfire day camp for PreK to Grade 8 engages children in active, field-based exploration where they can develop a deeper appreciation of nature while learning new skills and having fun outdoors. Go to townofwindsorct.com/recreation for camp dates, themes and to register.

Cross Country Ski & Snowshoeing

Enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Northwest Park through snow-laden forests and fields. Cross-country skis and snowshoe rentals are available from the Warming Shed on weekends only, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Snow conditions permitting. A 6" snow base is required for rentals to open. Children and adult sizes are available. Rental fee: Residents – \$20.00; Nonresidents – \$25.00 for two hours.



Registration is needed. Visit townofwindsorct.com/recreation/northwest-park to reserve your timeslot & equipment.

We Make Efficient Service Our Business

Windsor's Development Services Team meets every Tuesday morning to review applications pending before the Town Planning and Zoning Commissions and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. The team consists



of representatives from the Fire Marshal's and Town Manager's Offices, Building, Economic Development, Health, Planning, Police and Engineering Departments. Applicants love the "one stop shopping" as it is an innovative and efficient approach to meet with essential town departments in one sitting, ensuring swift service and consistent guidance and information.

The Development Services Team was recently honored with an award from the CT Economic Development Association for their service excellence.

Windsor Senior Center

L.P. Wilson Community Center

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Registration

Due to limited space, registration is needed for all senior center programs unless otherwise noted. Please visit townofwindsorct.com/senior to register or call 860-285-1992 for information.



SOCIALS & CELEBRATIONS

Early Bird Suppers

Enjoy a delicious meal, beverages, dessert; and sometimes live music. Menu, sponsors, and pricing vary per month. Please see the monthly newsletter for details.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 30, February 27, March 26

Time: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Prices vary per meal

Rise N' Shine Breakfast

Enjoy our bi-monthly breakfast event. The menu varies with each service, so please check the monthly newsletter for details. Each breakfast is limited to the first 50 people who register. Thank you to our sponsors, Bloomfield Center for Nursing and Rehab, and Touchpoints of Bloomfield.

Dates: Thursdays, February 15 and April 18

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Under the Stars Spring Fling

A special night out at the Annual Senior Spring Fling. Enjoy dinner, music, dancing, and "stargazing" with your family and friends at the center. Dress in your best to match the sparkling décor.

When: Tuesday, April 30 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Residents – \$13.00; Nonresidents – \$15.00

EDUCATION & INFORMATION

Driver's Safety with AARP

Learn about new laws and how you can be a better and safer driver. This course qualifies you for lower insurance rates in Connecticut. Presented by AARP. Cash or check paid directly to AARP.

Dates: Mondays, January 8 and March 4

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** AARP Members – \$20.00; Non-AARP Members – \$25.00

Soup Rite with ShopRite

Sarabeth Campanelli, Registered Dietician from ShopRite will visit the senior center and offer a delicious cooking demo to our patrons. It's chilly outside, so we will learn and taste a yummy soup recipe.

When: Wednesday, January 10 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free



Monthly Veteran's Coffee Hour

Held the last Thursday of every month. Enjoy coffee with other area veterans and share, as well as learn information about veterans' programs and benefits.

Dates: Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28, April 25

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: All Ages **Cost:** Free

Memory Screening with Hartford Healthcare

In partnership with Hartford Healthcare, we are proud to offer memory screenings for patrons on a bi-monthly basis. Registration is needed to meet with a specialist from HHC for this wellness offering.

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Dates: January 31 and March 27

Time: 10:00 AM to noon

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Declutter with Cate

Cate Evans, Realtor with Coldwell Banker will share her advice and resources with you to ensure you can declutter with confidence as we ready ourselves for spring, and spring cleaning.

When: Thursday, February 15 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Curb Appeal with Cate

Cate Evans of Coldwell Banker returns to share her insight and expertise on "Curb Appeal." Whether you are considering moving, and want to pretty up your lawn, or if you want ideas to simply enjoy your space for yourself, Cate will guide you and get you moving in the right direction.

When: Thursday, April 18 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: L.P. Wilson Community Center Cafeteria

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

TRIPS & ADVENTURES

The trips listed are just a sampling! For our complete list of trip sand more information please see our monthly newsletter.

International Trips

Enjoy some time across the pond in Spain or Ireland, or in the shadow of our founding fathers in South Dakota in 2024. Please visit the following URLs to learn more, or to book now! With questions, call Cassie at 800-852-5655 ext. 113682.

October 17-26: Ireland
gateway.gocollette.com/link/1206728

November 1-12: Spain
gateway.gocollette.com/link/1206730

August 14-20: South Dakota
gateway.gocollette.com/link/1206734

Bus Trip to UCONN Women vs. Providence

UConn Women's Basketball faces off against Providence College. The bus will depart the senior center at 5:30 PM to allow for time to find seats and explore the venue. Bus returns to the senior center after the game. Please see the January edition of the monthly newsletter for more info.

When: Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 PM

Where: XL Center, Hartford, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Residents – \$15.00; Nonresidents – \$20.00

Sunday Brunch

As part of our Evening and Weekend Trip offerings, we will visit Agave for a delightful Sunday Brunch. Please visit agavehartford.com to view their full menu. The cost of meals is not included. Call 860-285-1992 to register.

When: Sunday, January 21 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Agave, Downtown Hartford, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Bus Trip to Rein's Deli and Tri-City Plaza

As part of our Evening and Weekend Trip offerings, we will visit Rein's Deli for lunch, and Tri-City Plaza for shopping (both in Vernon.) Visit reinsdeli.com to view their full menu. The cost of meals/shopping is not included. Call 860-285-1992 to register.

When: Saturday, February 17 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Rein's Deli and Tri-City Plaza, Vernon, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Bus Trip to UCONN Women vs. Creighton

UConn Women's Basketball faces off against Creighton University. Bus will depart the Windsor Senior Center at 11:00 AM to allow for time to find seats and explore the venue. Bus returns from the XL Center after the game. See the February monthly newsletter for more info.

When: Wednesday, February 19 at 11:00 AM

Where: XL Center, Hartford, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Residents – \$15.00; Nonresidents – \$20.00

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Padraig Allen and the Mclean Avenue Band have taken the Irish American music and entertainment scene by storm with their

wonderful arrangements of hits from the 50's to present. Cost includes transportation, the show at the Aquaturf and lunch. Register online.

When: Tuesday, March 12 from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Where: Aquaturf, Plantsville, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Residents – \$60.00; Nonresidents – \$65.00

Lunch at the Beam House and shopping at TJ Maxx

As part of our Evening and Weekend Trip offerings, we will visit the Beam House for lunch, and TJ Maxx for shopping (both in Glastonbury). Visit thebeamhousect.com to view their full menu. The cost of meals/shopping is not included. Call 860-285-1992 to register.

When: Saturday, March 30 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Where: Glastonbury, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Music Men & Broadway Broads

Celebrity impressionists John Monforto & Holly Faris have prepared a day of dazzling entertainment. Take in the best from your favorite Broadway shows! Cost includes transportation, the show at the Aquaturf and lunch. Register online.

When: Tuesday, April 9 from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Where: Aquaturf, Plantsville, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Residents – \$60.00; Nonresidents – \$65.00

Bus Trip to Tunxis Grill

As part of our Evening and Weekend Trip offerings, we will visit the Windsor staple, Tunxis Grill. Visit tunxisgrill.com for their complete menu. The cost of lunch is not included. Call 860-285-1992 to register.

When: Saturday, April 13 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Where: Tunxis Grill, Windsor, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Bus Trip to Maine Fish Market

As part of our Evening and Weekend Trip offerings, we will visit an old favorite, the Maine Fish Market in East Windsor. Visit mainefishmarket.com for their full menu. The cost of dinner is not included. Call 860-285-1992 to register.

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When: Tuesday, April 23 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Maine Fish Market, East Windsor, CT

Ages: 55+ **Cost:** Free

Senior - Dial a Ride Dial-a-Ride Shopping Schedule



Enrollment in Dial-A-Ride is needed to participate in the shopping trips listed below. Reservations will be taken on a first come first

serve basis. Simply call the reservation line at 860-285-1846 two business days in advance to sign-up.

Monday: In-Town medical appointments, no stores.

Tuesday & Wednesday: Geissler's & Price Chopper, hours are 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

Wednesday: Walmart – The driver will bring you to the stores for shopping from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bus does not stay at the store.

Thursday: Target or Stop & Shop, hours are 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Bus does not stay at the store.

Friday: Windsor Shopping Center, hours are 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

Tuesdays each month: Enfield Mall, 1st Tuesday, Buckland Mall, 2nd Tuesday, and West Farms Mall, 3rd Tuesday. We will call to confirm the morning of the trip, and will notify you if the trip is canceled.

Medical Transportation

Transportation for out-of-town medical appointments is offered Mon-Fri 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM.

Call by noon four business days or up to one month ahead of your appointment. Call 860-285-1992 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to schedule your ride. Provide doctor's name, phone, address, appointment time, and length. Wheelchair transportation is available.

For complete Dial-A-Ride information, including schedules to grocery stores and other shopping/errands please visit our website, call 860-285-1992, or come visit us to receive a fully detailed brochure.

Senior Fitness Center

Join today and start your fitness journey!

Getting a fitness center membership is a great way to stay active, healthy, and connected. Friendly workouts and a welcoming atmosphere make every visit a step towards a happier you! Your journey to better health starts here. 6 Months for \$60.00 (only \$10.00/month) or 12 months for \$90.00 (only \$7.50/month.)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Signing up for the fitness center is as easy as one, two, three!

Step 1

Get your physician's approval to begin a fitness program by filling out the Physicians Approval Form and submitting it to the Senior Center.

Step 2

Learn the ropes with Dee, our Fitness Instructor. She'll give you an exclusive orientation with all the fitness center equipment.

Step 3

Pick your package. Sign up for 6 months or 12 months. Some insurance plans offer free annual membership.

Senior Fitness Programs

You may register for the below classes online. Pay for a 10-class drop-in card for each class, or sign up for a monthly session and pay per class. Your first class is always free! Price per offering may be found in our monthly newsletter or on the town website.

The Windsor Senior Center is proud to partner with: Renew Active, Silver Sneakers, Prime, Silver & Fit, and Active & Fit.

SilverSneakers Classic, (FKA Chair Aerobics with Dee):

Build confidence and endurance while safely seated in this class.

Daily Pickleball:

Enjoy friendly competition on the court while working up a sweat playing this wildly popular sport.

Happy Hikers Club:

Runs April – November. Group meets weekly to hike trails in CT and in MA.

Line Dancing with Connie:

Have fun while learning choreographed dance with others seniors. No partner needed.



SilverSneakers BOOM MUSCLE, (Formerly "Shape Up & Workout with Dee"):

An aerobic workout to enhance your strength and endurance.

SilverSneakers Chair Yoga – NEW!

Strengthen your core and increase your flexibility while safely seated in class.

Tai Chi with Ginger:

Flow into your day with gentle physical exercise and stretching.

Trail Riders Club:

Runs April – November. Ride locally on paved trails to enjoy exercise and beautiful scenery.

Walking Club:

Get your steps in with other seniors either on the walking path at the L.P. Wilson Community Center or indoors on inclement days.

Yoga with Marina:

60+ minutes in this session will help strengthen your core and enhance flexibility.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8AM-2PM Senior Fitness Center Open	8AM-8PM Senior Fitness Center Open	8AM-8PM Senior Fitness Center Open	8AM-8PM Senior Fitness Center Open	8AM-8PM Senior Fitness Center Open	8AM-8PM Senior Fitness Center Open	8AM-2PM Senior Fitness Center Open
All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail Open	8:30AM-9:30AM Tai Chi	9AM-Noon Pickleball, Beginner/Intermediate Players	9AM-Noon Pickleball, Advanced Players	9AM-Noon Pickleball, Beginner/Intermediate Players	8:30AM-9:30AM Tai Chi	All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail open
	9AM-Noon Pickleball, Advanced Players	10AM Trail Riders Biking Club	9AM-10AM SilverSneakers BOOM MUSCLE	10:45AM Walking Club	9AM-Noon SilverSneakers BOOM MUSCLE	
	9AM-10AM SilverSneakers BOOM MUSCLE	10:45AM Walking Club	10AM-11AM Yoga	All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail open	9AM-10AM Shape Up & Workout	
	10:30AM-11:30AM SilverSneakers Classic		10:30AM-11:30AM SilverSneakers Classic		10AM-11AM Yoga	
	All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail open	All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail open	All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail open		10AM Happy Hikers Club	
					1:30PM-3PM Line Dancing	
					All Day L.P. Wilson 1/3 mile walking trail open	

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IT'S SO GOOD, IT HAPPENS OFTEN!

Fitness isn't just physical. Achieve overall fitness and wellness with regularly scheduled programs that enhance your sense of creativity, inspire your imagination, encourage friendships, and celebrate your individuality.

The Windsor Senior Center hosts an array of recurring programs that are always accepting new participants, and many of them are free. Come pick up a new hobby, rejoice in new friendships, and simply have fun.

Call the Senior Center at 860-285-1992 with questions on any of these activities. If you are interested in forming a club or group for residents age 55 or over, please contact us. We're happy to accommodate new clubs and ideas.

Adult Coloring Group:

Reduce stress while embracing your creativity.

Every Thursday, 9:30 AM to noon, Senior Center Café, Free.

Bingo (Daytime):

Mondays and Fridays, 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM, Senior Center Café, \$1.00/card.

Bingo (Evening):

Raffles and concessions accompany this evening offering.

Third Wednesday of Every month, 4:30 PM to 6:15 PM, Senior Center Café, \$1.00/card.

Bowling with the Windsor Sportsters'

Non-competitive, co-ed league which you can join anytime.

Mondays, 10:00 AM to noon, Spare Time, 129 Ella Grasso Turnpike, East Windsor.

The "Captivating Canvas" Paint Class:

Enhance your creativity, and go home with a one-of-a-kind art piece.

Third Thursday of every month, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Senior Center Room AP1, Resident: \$16.00; Nonresident: \$18.00.

Coffee Connection:

Connect with other seniors over a hot cup of coffee or tea.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Senior Center Café, Free.

Cribbage:

Easy to learn and fun to play centuries-old card game.

Every Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Senior Center Café, Free.

Early Bird Supper:

A popular monthly offering, usually on the last Tuesday. Menu, price, and activities vary per month. Details may be found in our monthly newsletter.

Foot Clinic with "Dancing Feet":

Third and fourth Thursday of every month, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, L.P. Wilson Community Center Ballet Room, \$35.00 for basic services.

Hearing Clinic:

Second Tuesday of February, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Senior Center Lounge. By appointment only. Free.

MahJongg :

Mondays, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Senior Center Lounge, Free.

Monthly Birthdays:

Cake donated by Geissler's and birthday surprises provided by different sponsors each month. Call 860-285-1992 during the month of your birthday to register.

Last Wednesday of every month, Senior Center Café, 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM, Free.

Movie of the Month:

Third Tuesday of every month, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Senior Center Lounge, Free.

SCRIBE Writers Workshop:

Fun and sometimes challenging creative-writing workshop.

Second and fourth Monday of every month, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Senior Center, Free.

Scrapbooking and Open Arts & Crafts for Seniors:

Pick up or continue a crafty project with other seniors.

Fridays, 10:00 AM to noon, Senior Center Cafe, Free.

Setback Card Game:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 PM to 2:45 PM, Senior Center Café, Free.

Wii Bowling: Bowl using the Nintendo® Wii™

First, second, and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Senior Center Lounge, Free.

Veteran's Coffee:

Last Thursday of every month from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Enjoy coffee with other area veterans and share/learn information about Veterans programs and benefits. Free.

Veteran's Outreach Group

Led by the Greater Windsor Veteran's Council, this organized group is always looking for new members. Held on the second Wednesday of each month at the VFW Post 4740, 276 Broad St from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Free.

Kim Van Wormer – 2022 No-Kill Award



Kim Van Wormer's journey into the world of animal control and shelter management began with a passion for animals and a desire to make a meaningful difference. She reflects on her early years, saying, "I knew I wanted to work with animals. That's the most important." Her path was anything but linear, but her dedication and unwavering love for animals led her to a significant achievement in 2022 – achieving No-Kill Status for the Town of Windsor's animal shelter.

The award, given by The Best Friends Animal Welfare Network, is in recognition of achieving no-kill status during calendar year 2022 by exceeding a 90% save rate for cats and dogs. A no-kill shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals based on time limits or capacity, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals, animals suffering poor quality of life, or those considered dangerous to public safety.

Kim's early uncertain career path started with a degree in biology and a passion for conservation. An internship opportunity led her to work with elephants, a species she cherished. Her desire to contribute to animal welfare, education, and conservation grew stronger.

The spark for her eventual role as an animal control officer ignited when she watched a show about animal cops. The job resonated

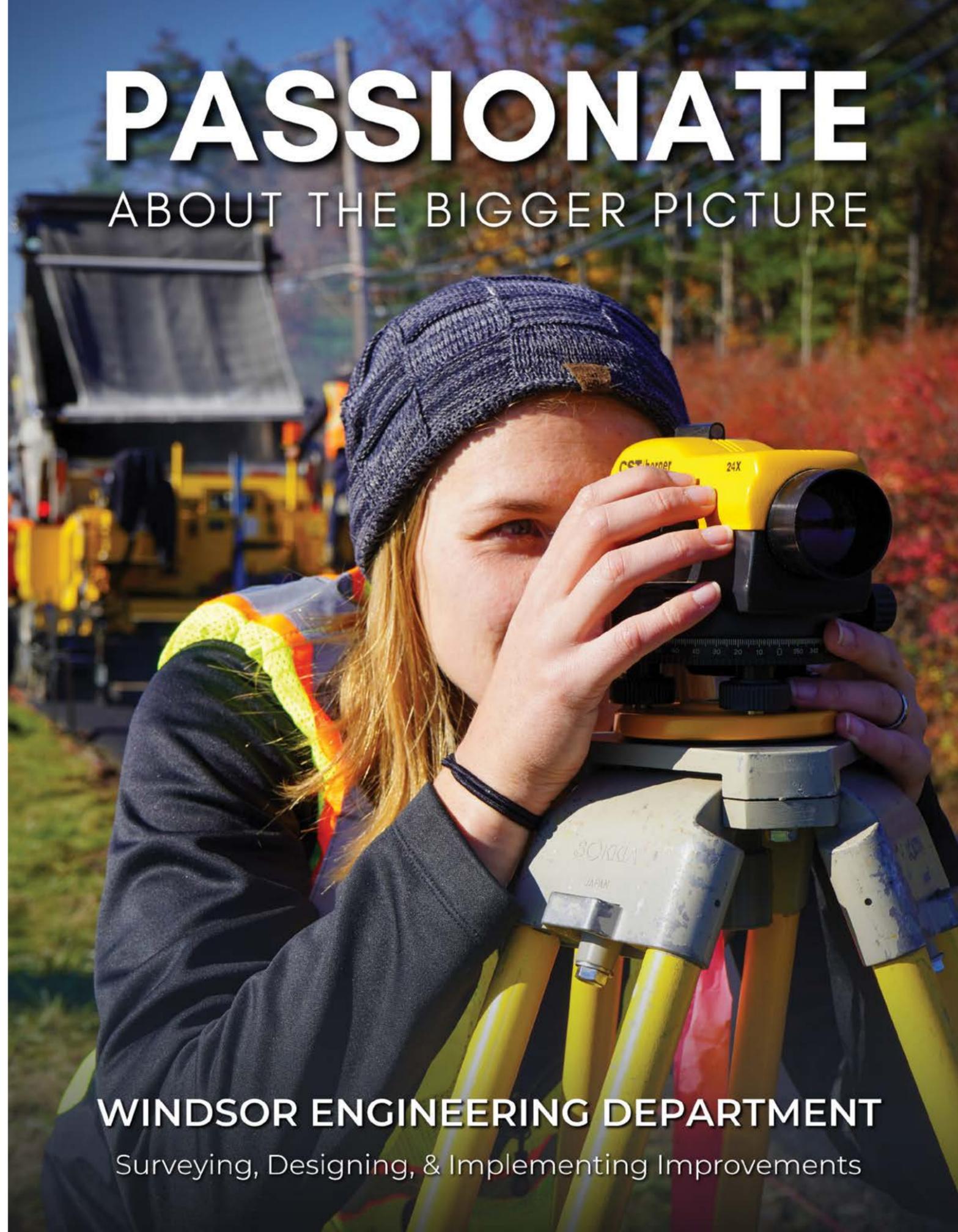
with her deeply, aligning with her passion for helping animals in need. She worked at a shelter in Phoenix, where she witnessed the myriad challenges and heartbreaks of stray and abandoned animals. She remembers thinking, "I felt like I was really trying to make a difference."

Kim has worked tirelessly to educate and engage with the community, building trust and partnerships with rescue organizations and local authorities. Her efforts have helped shift perceptions of animal control, transforming it from a supposed "bad guy" into a valuable community resource. She emphasizes, "I'm here to help. All I want is for both the animals and their owners to have a positive outcome."

Under Kim's leadership, the Town of Windsor's animal shelter has evolved. She recognized the need for improved outreach and education, leading initiatives to enhance the shelter's online presence, collaborate with rescue organizations, and create content to promote adoption. Her efforts have resulted in the shelter achieving No-Kill Status for the year 2022, a remarkable accomplishment driven by her dedication and community support. Kim is a beacon of hope for the animals she cares for and a source of inspiration for those who believe in the power of compassion to make a real difference.

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WINDSOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Surveying, Designing, & Implementing Improvements

