



# Town of Barkhamsted

## Weekly Town Email

October 8, 2026

From the Desk of Meaghan Cook, First Selectman

Riverton Fair Weekend has arrived! I hope to see you there. The weather looks like it is going to cooperate.

Please welcome Devon M. to our Full-Time Road Crew! Devon is a Barkhamsted resident and has worked for the town previously in the role of a seasonal snow plow driver.

Do you or someone you know have a need for Fuel/Energy Assistance? Applications are available online [HERE](#) or by calling Debbie Brydon at 860 379 1314. The Town also maintains the "Cookie Jar Fund" available to assist with one-time needs. The rising costs of food, electric, oil and gas can put a strain on households. Please do not be shy about asking for any assistance when needed. We are happy to help. - Meaghan

From the Highway Department

### **This Week's Eye on the Highway Department**

#### **Please do not blow your fallen leaves into the roadway**

Leaves in the road can become very slick when it rains or freezes, creating a hazard for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. They can also clog our drainage systems, leading to flooding and other roadway issues.

Please do your part to help keep our roadways safe for everyone.



Thank you for helping keep Barkhamsted's roads safe and clear!

## Community/Senior Center News & Events

At lunch last week, I mentioned that Geer Village had a number of courses that are available to us. Based on feedback, I reached out to them about their Balance course and will let you know when we can schedule it and how many weeks are involved.

LUNCH – Tuesday, October 13 – 12:00 noon – Shepherd's Pie, Garden salad, apple cobbler

BREAKFAST – Thursday, October 15 – 7:30–9:00 – cooked to order, as usual

As always, meals are \$5.00 – additional donations are always welcome. Gluten-free options are also available and so it take out!

### **Here are the upcoming activities:**

Wednesday, October 14 – 11:30-12:30 – Tai Chi – Tai Chi is normally twice a week. There will be no Tai Chi on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The classes are only \$5. Feel free to join us even if you have never tried it, as It is focused on improving balance and flexibility for seniors who are beginners. Remember, all of us are amateurs.

Monday, October 12, - 9:30-10:30 - Lorna Delaney will be holding four weeks of "Yoga for Every Body". There WILL be yoga on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, October 13 - 1:00PM (after lunch) - Due to a miscommunication, the Northwest Community Bank talk on fraud prevention had to be postponed and will now be on October 13. As we all know, everyone, not just seniors, needs to exercise extreme caution. Please plan on listening to this talk, as it can save any one of us a lot of money and heartache.

Wednesday, October 14 and 28 1:00 PM (after Tai Chi) - there will be scrapbooking at the Senior & Community Center for everyone who is interested.

Tuesday, October 20 - 6:00PM - Monthly Trivia night will be back to the 3d Tuesday in October. These continue to be great successes, thanks to Bob and Linda Pulford. Everyone is welcome whether you are part of a team or come by yourself. Last month, we set a record with about 40 people, so it is clearly a popular, fun activity. We have room to fill one more table, so come on down and give it a try.

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM-7:30 - the Richard Badowski Band (Blues, Soul & R&B) will be playing at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church. This is a fundraiser and the donation is \$20. If you are interested.

Thursday, October 29, after breakfast - The Weeders and Readers club meets during the Spring/Summer months as a garden club and during the Fall/Winter it becomes a book club. They typically meet on the last Thursday of the month at 9:00 (after breakfast).

Saturday, October 24, 5:30-9:30 - Scrapbooking Club, Senior and Community Center (postponed from September due to the weather)

Friday, October 16 - Bus trip to the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat, with time afterwards to wander the very picturesque Essex Village, to shop, have lunch or ice cream, visit the museum, the Griswold Inn or anything else you can think of. The bus is free and holds 14 people. Since we are a group, the price for the Steam Train and Riverboat is \$35, reduced from \$49. I will be paying the fee next week, so please reimburse me this week if possible. We can add a few more people above 14 if there is interest. The sign-up sheet is at the Center and is still first come-first serve. If we exceed 14, I am willing to drive 3 extra folks. You should be aware that the train is not easily handicapped-accessible, so you will need to be able to get up a couple of steep steps. The plan is to leave the Center around 9:00, board the train at 10:30. It leaves at 11:00 and is back at 1:30. The bus will pick us up at the train station and bring us to the Griswold Inn which is about a mile away and close to the village. We will be able to wander the village from 1:45 until 3:15, and then head back north, arriving back at around 4:15 PM.

Please note that they do not serve meals on the train or the boat (I was mistaken). You can bring your own food and beverage (no alcohol), you can buy food at the train station, and they do have snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available on the train. There are small restrooms on the train and the boat, but the restroom on the boat is down a flight of steps.

The Medicare One-on-One Counseling sessions are scheduled for November 4. They can accommodate up to 7 people that day, and we have 5 people already signed up. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Center. This will be first come-first serve. The WCAAA also holds sessions in other towns if that date is not convenient for you or they fill up in our Center.

If you would like to hold a crafts or other activity or have an additional exercise class that you would like, please let me know. If you have ideas for events or programs you would like to have us schedule, please reach out to me and I will work to get them on the calendar.

We are still collecting food for the Community Food Bank in Barkhamsted. We also have a box at the Center if you would like to leave a donation off and we will make sure it gets to the Food Bank.

They are open every other week on Monday and Thursday.

Thursday, October 8th 2-4 p.m.

Monday, October 19th 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, October 22nd 2-4 p.m.

# November 3, 2026 Election



To Register to Vote or Check Your Voter Registration Status Visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Voter-Registration-Information>

ID Requirements: <https://portal.ct.gov/sots/election-services/fag/fag---voter-identification>

## November Election / Who – When – and Where’s

### Who can vote in the November 2026 Election?

U.S. Citizens who are registered can participate in voting. *Note: Former Barkhamsted residents who are U.S. Citizens should contact the Town Clerk’s office to determine eligibility*

#### **Important Registration Dates:**

**October 16, 2026:** Last day to register in person and mail-in. The Registrar of Voters will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for in person registration. All mail-in voter registration applications must be received or post-marked by this date in order to be accepted. The Online Voter Registration System will also close on this date at 11:59 p.m.

**Voter Registration for Early Voting:** Same Day Registration (SDR) is available at the Early Voting location during the early voting period (October 19th-November 1st)

**November 2, 2026:** Deadline for admitting those seeking to vote in the Election whose qualification as to age, citizenship, or residence was attained on or after October 16<sup>th</sup>. Registrar of Voter’s office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**November 3, 2026:** Same Day Registration/Voting available at Town Hall 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### When can I vote?

- \***ABSENTEE VOTING:** October 2, 2026 - November 2, 2026
- \*\***EARLY VOTING:** Monday, Oct. 19, 2026 through Monday, Oct. 26, 2026  
10:00 am. – 6:00 p.m. (including Saturday and Sunday)  
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 29, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 30, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 31, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 1, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- ELECTION DAY VOTING:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Where can I vote?

- \***ABSENTEE VOTING:** Town Clerk’s Office, 67 Ripley Hill Rd., Barkhamsted
- \*\***EARLY VOTING:** Town Hall Lower Level - Registrar of Voters Office
- ELECTION DAY VOTING:** Barkhamsted Elementary School, 65 Ripley Hill Rd., Barkhamsted
- Town Hall** Same Day Registration/Voting-for those who are not registered and wish to register and vote in person on Election Day

\***absentee ballot info** visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>

\*\***The Early Voting Act** (Public Act 23-5, as amended by PA 23-204) created an early voting process that allows eligible people to cast a ballot before the day of an election or primary. The number of days and period of time that a voter can cast an early ballot varies depending on the voting type. info: <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS>

For further information visit [www.barkhamsted.us](http://www.barkhamsted.us) or call  
the Registrar of Voters 860-738-4695 OR the Town Clerk 860-379-8665

# SOCKTOBER IS COMING!

OCTOBER 10 - 31



**Did you know, there is an estimated 600,000 people in the United states who live on the streets?**

Donate new, clean socks still in the package to help the homeless in our area throughout the winter. Donation locations include:

Town Hall, Riverton General Store, Royal Coachman Tavern, Barkhamsted Community Center, Tractor Supply

**Even a small act of kindness, like donating a package of socks, can make a big difference!**

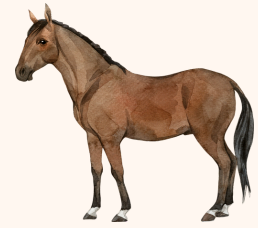
Sponsored by the Barkhamsted Elementary School Student Council

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join the church in celebrating God's great gifts to us. He loves them, too!



**October 11, 2026**  
10 am church service  
11 am church yard & vehicles



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**Barkhamsted Center Church**  
6 Old Town Hall Rd., Barkhamsted, CT



Come one, come all, beloved pets of any size and species! May you be blessed and celebrated with your owners, families and community. We welcome photos and/or ashes of any pets who have crossed over the rainbow bridge for a heartfelt blessing in memoriam.

Rev. Susan Caufield will offer an individual blessing on each animal with a shorter worship service.

Both inside *and* outside the church: for the safety and comfort of each animal and fellow attendees , please bring your pets on a leash, in a carrier, in your arms, or in an aquarium.

Note: Throughout the year, Rev. Susan will bless new, sick or needy pets in your home, barn, yard, or animal hospital.  
Call her cell anytime at 860-324-4267.



# Home Ground, 9-22-26

## Invaders

Invasive. The word means many different things to people, even within the world of gardeners. One hears about invasives more often now than ever. invasive insects, invasive plants, and invasive people. The term conjures up movies about hostile other worldly aliens. Here, I am focused on how this applies to plants.

There are two basic meanings that are thrown around as being interchangeable, with countless interpretations. This causes heated discussions of what is an invasive, (and what is native, another confusing label which is another topic for a later time).

## An invasive: A designated label. A noun

Invasives are non-native, which doesn't tell what they are, only what they aren't. A deer is non-canine, and non-feline, but that doesn't reveal much about what a deer is. Invasives are foreign to North America. To be labeled as an invasive, a plant must be listed by government agencies and invasive plant councils. Species must be formally listed and regulated based on documentation. To earn this label, they must spread aggressively, often form a monoculture, reproduce quickly enough to crowd out other plants, and cause harm to the environment, destroy the ecosystem, economy or human health.



Oriental Bittersweet, an Invasive plant, smothering everything in its path.

## Being invasive, A verb

Many plants are invasive in their growth habits, and crowd out other plant species. They are described as being aggressive, noxious or even weedy. They can be native but exhibit many of the same overwhelming tendencies as an “Invasive plant.” Identifying the species of a plant and its origin is important in knowing if it is an “Invasive”, or being invasive.



Grape vines, a native plant, invasively smothering everything in its path.

## Plants Don't Read Books

To be clear, plants do not pay attention to labels and often may not behave in the ways we predict they will. An “aggressive” plant may be too much for a small garden but may be just what is needed in a larger wild garden or a meadow. A noxious weed in a lawn may be at home or desirable in a different setting. Plants do not follow the labels we put on them; pay attention to the geographical boundaries we try to keep them in nor follow our notions of where they belong. It may not matter to you if a plant is an Invasive- only if it *acts invasively*. Remember, there are locations where aggressive growth is a benefit, not a problem.

If we start using the term “disruptive plants”, we may get closer to a label that is more usable and useful rather when describing whether a plant is an Invasive, or is just being invasive.

# Barkhamsted Women's Club



## Join Us!

### OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, October 14**

**6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Community Room/Town Garage**

**Route 44, Barkhamsted**

**Appetizers, desserts & refreshments**

Upcoming Club Events: Decorating Christmas Trees for the Grange Fundraiser, Regional 7 Craft Fair Fundraiser, Breakfast with Santa, December Holiday Banquet, February Potluck Supper, Bunco, British Tea Party....to name a few!

*We are a community service focused group. Funds go towards programs....Student Scholarships, Community Food Bank, Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department, New Hartford EMS. The club is open to women 18 years & older. For more information, please contact Lynn Keselis @ 860.738.9679 or 860.212.2465.*

# NATURE RANGERS CLUB



## **Calling All Budding Naturalists!**

Hello from the Nature Rangers Club, a program for preschoolers where little ones are introduced to the world of nature. Each month we feature a species of local flora and/or fauna found here in our beautiful Northwestern Hills. Blending art & science, sessions include ecological tidbits reinforced with an associated storybook reading, arts & crafts and more.

Please come join us!

## **DATE & TIME**

October 15th @ 10:30 am

## **LOCATION**

Hartland Public Library  
61 Center Street  
West Hartland, CT 06091

*Sponsored by the North Woods Land Conservancy  
Graciously hosted by the Hartland Public Library*

Please register by Oct. 7th at [dcnaturerangers@gmail.com](mailto:dcnaturerangers@gmail.com)  
Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian at all times

*Be the change.*  
**Give blood.**



**American  
Red Cross**

# **Blood Drive**

## **Praise Christian Fellowship Church**

**Held in the Fellowship Hall  
52 New Hartford Road  
Barkhamsted, CT 06063**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2026  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

# Join the Scrapbooking CLUB

Memories. Creativity. Community. ♥

A place to create, connect, and  
preserve the moments that matter! ♥

Bring your  
own supplies  
and collaborate  
with others!

JOIN US!

♥ WEDNESDAY ♥

OCTOBER 14 & 28

5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Share ideas,  
learn new  
techniques,  
and make  
beautiful  
memories  
together!

We will meet **ONCE A MONTH**  
on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month!

BARKHAMSTED  
SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER

Open to all! ♥

Let's  
Make  
Something  
Beautiful!

Any questions?

Ask Amanda North ☎ 860-921-3630 ♥

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5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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# SKELETONS ON MAIN

...and beyond!

— SHOW US YOUR BONES —

ALL OCTOBER LONG



## Decorate

Add skeleton decorations to your business, residence, organization, school, or non-profit! We want a skeleton army! Be creative!

## Share on Socials

Share your photos on Facebook and tag @skeletonsonmain & #skeletonsonmain

## Join the Map!

Add your display to the Google Map! Then take a joy ride to see everyone's hard work.



## Superlatives

Win bragging rights and a Skelly Trophy  
Silliest | Scariest | Pop Culture Reference  
Most Unique (*this is just for fun*)

**MERCH AVAILABLE**

**BENEFITING - THE MARCUS FAMILY**

**\$20 CASH**



Chic Furniture  
Germain's On Main  
Pizza Petes



# OCTOBER 2026

Barkhamsted Senior and Community Center

| Sunday | Monday                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                      | Thursday                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                           |
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|        |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                | 1<br>7:30 – 9:00<br>Breakfast                                                                | 2                                                                                                | 3                                                                                                  |
| 4      | 5<br>9:30 Chair Yoga<br>11:30 Tai Chi<br>Food Bank open 4-7 p.m.  | 6 12:00 Lunch<br>Grilled Kielbasa on Roll,<br>French Fries, Vegetable<br>Pasta Salad, Apple<br>Upside-down Cake<br>1:00 p.m. Activity:<br><i>Pumpkin decorating</i>                                    | 7<br>11:30 Tai Chi                                                                             | 8<br>7:30 – 9:00<br>Breakfast<br>Food Bank open 2-4 p.m.                                     | 9                                                                                                | 10                                                                                                 |
| 11     | 12<br>9:30 Chair Yoga<br>11:30 Tai Chi<br><br>Columbus Day        | 13 12:00 Lunch<br>Shepherds pie,<br>Garden salad, apple<br>cobbler<br><i>Bingo</i>                                                                                                                     | 14<br>11:30 Tai Chi<br>1:00-4:00 Scrapbooking<br><br>Barkhamsted<br>Women's Club Open<br>House | 15<br>7:30 – 9:00<br>Breakfast                                                               | 16<br>Essex Steam Train<br>Riverboat Trip<br>9:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.<br>Family Game night<br>6-8 p.m. | 17                                                                                                 |
| 18     | 19<br>9:30 Chair Yoga<br>11:30 Tai Chi<br>Food Bank open 4-7 p.m. | 20 <u>12:00</u> Lunch<br>Macaroni and Cheese,<br>Garden Salad, Peas,<br>Birthday Cake<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood Pressure Screening</li> <li>Bingo</li> </ul> Trivia Night 6 p.m. | 21<br>11:30 Tai Chi                                                                            | 22 7:30 – 9:00<br>Breakfast<br>9 am Weeders<br>and Readers<br><br>Food Bank open<br>2-4 p.m. | 23                                                                                               | 24<br>Richard<br>Badowski Band<br>PV Meth. Church<br>5: 00 p.m – 7:30<br>Scrapbooking<br>5:30-9:30 |
| 25     | 26<br>9:30 Chair Yoga<br>11:30 Tai Chi                            | 27 12:00 Lunch<br>Chicken pot Pie, green<br>beans, Apple Crisp<br><i>Bingo</i>                                                                                                                         | 28<br>11:30 Tai Chi<br>1:00-4:00 Scrapbooking                                                  | 29 7:30-9:00<br>Breakfast                                                                    | 30<br>Traveling Trout<br>Jam Session<br>7-9 p.m.                                                 | 31<br>Halloween                                                                                    |

**SERVICES:** Barkhamsted Senior/Community Center: 860-738-1264 (Complete list of services is at the Center and at Town Hall)

**October 2026**

## ***Barkhamsted Senior/Community Center Newsletter***

*Center Director: Don Stein*

*Kitchen Manager: Bonnie Reynolds*

*We welcome you to the Senior/Community Center! Our goal is to provide interesting, pertinent programming, social opportunities, and weekly lunch and breakfast*



### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Pumpkin Decorating**

On **Tuesday, October 6, 1:00 p.m.**, Ann Travers and Bonnie Boyle will hold a workshop on Pumpkin decorating. We will decoupage pressed flowers onto pumpkins for fall decorating. Join the fun! \$10 donation; all materials provided. Sign up at the Center or text 860-707-5033 (Bonnie).

#### **Barkhamsted Women's Club**

The BWC will meet on **October 14** : annual Open House at the Barkhamsted Community Room on Rte. 44. All are invited for refreshments and to learn about this active organization.

#### **Essex Train and Riverboat Cruise**

On October 16, there will be a group trip to enjoy a train/boat ride in Essex. A bus is reserved for a small group which will leave the Senior/Community Center at 9:15 and return around 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and drink or purchase a snack at the train station. Sign-up sheet is at the Center. No handicap access.

#### **The Traveling Trout are Back!**

7 – 9 p.m., Friday, October 30, the "Trout" will return with a jam session at the Center. Come and bring a drink and snack. Sing along or just enjoy the music!



#### ***Dave Lewis, Advanced Master Gardener***

To an audience of around thirty, Dave Lewis gave an informative presentation on invasive species in our area. Above, Dave holds a section of bittersweet wrapped around a small tree trunk demonstrating the ability of the invasive to overcome it's host. The presentation was held on September 15 following lunch at the Center.

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#### **Medicare One-on One Counseling**

November 4. Sign-up sheet at the Center. First come, first served.

## **Fall Container Gardening**

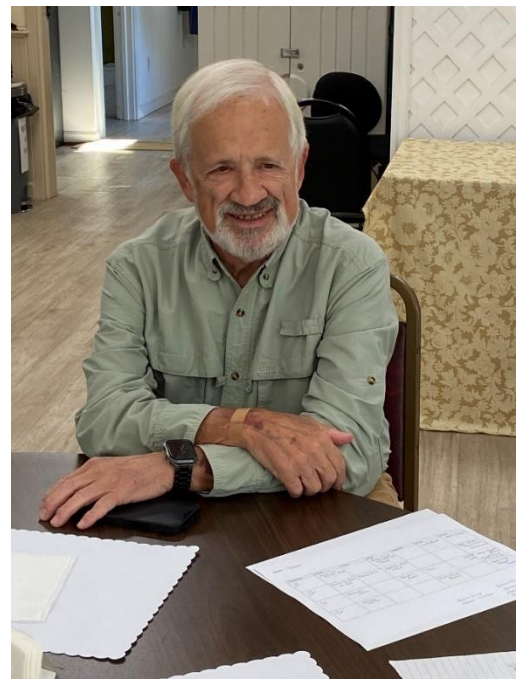


Recently, at the Center, Ann Travers, above, demonstrates planting a fall container while Pat Mallory looks on. Fifteen people participated and took home beautiful planters filled with cabbages, ornamental peppers, coral bells and more. Below, part of the group assemble their plants.



### **October Birthdays**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Shirley Moore   | October 7  |
| Germain Lemieux | October 8  |
| Peg Arnold      | October 9  |
| Charlie Watson  | October 11 |
| Nan Schleich    | October 13 |
| Chuck Schleich  | October 21 |



***Don Stein, Community Center Director***

Behind the scenes, the job of Community Center Director is a busy one. In this unpaid position, Don Stein works conscientiously to keep the facility active and in good condition.

Here are some of his duties as Director:

- Grocery Shopping for breakfast and lunch
- Ordering general supplies (paper goods, etc.)
- Keeping track of finances
- Liaison to Town Hall
- Booking events and researching ideas for field trips, programming, etc.
- Overseeing building repair needs
- Researching Grant money
- Working in the kitchen on Tuesday and Thursday

We appreciate all that Don does for us to make sure that the Center runs well and for continuing to bring interesting programming for the benefit of the Community. Thank you Don, for all you do.

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### **Community Food Bank**

*Don't forget the Community Food Bank in Barkhamsted. Located at the Methodist Church in Pleasant Valley, it serves many in our area. A box is located at the Center for contributions.*

*Thank you.*



***Nell Roberts***  
***A passion for life***

From a young age, Nell knew that she wanted to travel, not as a tourist, but to understand other cultures and know the world in a more intimate way.

Graduating from Fordham University in 2011, she applied to join the Peace Corps. She was accepted, but decided to delay a year during which she was an apprentice on a New York farm, working with animals and the land.

In 2012, packing two suitcases, she headed for an assignment in Benin, Africa. During training in Benin, she was assigned to a host family where she learned French. After three months she was sent to a small village where she would remain for two years. There she would learn to connect with the people who spoke a local dialect.

As an environmental specialist, she focused on the local needs: fencing for gardens to keep goats out, a goat “bank” for local women where they could own their own animal and earn money by selling the goats’ kids. Money was made available through grants from USAID and the Peace Corps.

Returning home after two years, there was a period of adjustment during which she found that sometimes even the bright lights of supermarkets were disturbing. Her mother helped her adjust, keeping Nell busy. Eventually a job on an urban farm in Troy, New York, was Nell’s next step. There she worked as farm manager supervising and training high school students in their first job experiences.

Eventually, as her mother fell ill, Nell returned to the Barkhamsted area to assist with the bakery in Riverton. Making the decision to become a business

woman and become part of the community was a life changing one, but she has done this with her whole heart and is carrying on her mother’s legacy.

Her life philosophy: to be able to do what she wants and be flexible enough to change when the time is right.

Excelsior Nell!

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**Julie’s Famous Egg Salad Recipe**

Julie Sullivan is known for her egg salad, and she has generously shared her recipe with us. She cautions that the amounts are estimates and that she tastes as she goes along.

6 eggs, chopped  
3 oz cream cheese  
½ cup mayonnaise  
¼ cup onion chopped fine  
½ cup pickle relish  
¼ tsp. ground mustard  
1 tsp. lemon or vinegar  
“smidgeon” of sugar  
salt and pepper

Mix all well, taste and adjust to taste.

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**Putting the Pieces Together**



The Center always has a puzzle going, so feel free to join the fun! There are stacks of puzzles on the rear table ready to be solved.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility,  
252 Lower Bogue Rd, Harwinton CT**

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Paints/Stains/Varnishes
- Paint Thinners & Strippers
- Wood Preservatives/Turpentine Resins & Adhesives
- Polishes for furniture, wood, & metal
- Cleaners for rugs & upholstery
- Cleaners for ovens, toilet bowls, & drains
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides
- Flea & Tick Powder
- Moth Balls
- Spot Removers
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Lighter Fluids
- Septic Tank Degreasers
- Engine Degreasers
- Waste Fuels (Kerosene, Gasoline)
- Carburetor Cleaners, Brake Fluids Transmission Fluids
- Car Waxes
- Non-empty Aerosol Cans
- Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets Hobby/Artist Supplies
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Household Batteries
- Mercury Thermostats, Thermometers Antifreeze
- Smoke Detectors
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Propane Tanks (1 and 20 pound)



## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Electronics such as computers, DVD players, etc.
- Motor Oil
- Auto Batteries & Tires
- Ammunition
- Fireworks and other explosives
- Pharmaceuticals and other Medical Waste
- PCB Capacitors
- Radioactive Materials
- Unknown gases
- Controlled Substances
- Pathological Material
- Empty Aerosol Cans



**You must register to participate.**

**Contact your Town/City Hall or scan the  
QR code to register:**



**Participating Towns:** Barkhamsted | Canaan/Falls Village |  
Colebrook | Cornwall | Goshen | Hartland | Harwinton |  
Litchfield | Morris | New Hartford | Norfolk | North Canaan |  
Salisbury | Sharon | Torrington | Winchester



# SIGN UP FOR FUN FALL PROGRAMS WITH THE BARKHAMSTED RECREATION DEPARTMENT



## FALL KARATE 2026

(For Children and Adults)

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - CLASS 1

Thursdays, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 29,  
November 5, 12, 10 and a back up date of December 3  
for inclement weather.

Barkhamsted Elementary School in the Gym or Cafe  
from 6:00-6:45 p.m.



- **Little Dragons** (ages 5 & 6) – Basic Karate skills, Basic Kata, target drills and exercise, simple self defense
- **Mighty Tigers** (ages 7 & 8) – Stronger Karate basics and Kata, Stretching, exercise, target drills and self defense,
- **Karate Rangers** (ages 9-12) – Karate Basics, including kicking, kata, self-defense, exercise to level, target drills

**Fee: \$80.00 for the eight-week session**

(New—\$5.00 discount for each additional family member that signs up)

\*\*\*Note\*\*\* New students are white belts and receive uniform

Fee includes: Belt and/or Stripe, Belt or Stripe Test and Certificate  
(Note: Promotion to higher belt levels will require multiple sessions)

## FAMILY/TEEN AND ADULT KARATE - CLASS 2

Thursdays, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 29,  
November 5, 12, 10 and a back up date of December 3  
for inclement weather.

Barkhamsted Elementary School in the Gym or Library  
from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

**White Belts** (Beginners ages 13 and up) – 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

**Teen/Adults** – (Ages 13 and up) – Kenpo Karate Forms  
and Self Defense Techniques, Basic kicking drills.

*This is a great opportunity to learn karate  
with family members or solo.*



**\$80.00 per 8 week sessions**

**New—\$5.00 discount for each additional  
family member that signs up for Karate!**

\*\*\*Note\*\*\* New students are white belts and receive uniform

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Recreation Department's Annual Halloween Dance  
will be held on **Friday, October 30 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.**  
Join us for this annual family event, with music and fun  
at the Peoples State Forest Pavilion. \$6.00 fee per person  
will be collected on-site.

All participants must pre-register and children must be  
accompanied by an adult family member at all times. There will  
be quality gift card costume contest prizes for adults, children  
and families! Parents and caregivers, please dress up too!  
We will have lots of fun!

Please bring flashlights or headlamps as it will be  
dark towards the end of the dance going back to  
cars or when using the port-o-potties.



## FALL/WINTER PICKLEBALL SEASON 2026/2027

**Pickleball for all skill levels!**

Fall Pickleball Free Demo Night will be held on Wednesday,  
November 18th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Barkhamsted  
Elementary School gym. Come down and check out what the  
fun is all about! Please wear sneakers and bring a Paddle if you have one.

It is time to get off the couch and join us for the very fun and new Pickleball  
Fall/Winter Session. All levels and abilities are welcome. This fun sport  
combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Location:** Barkhamsted Elementary School Gym

**Time:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. (this program is for adults  
(high school students are also welcome))

**Dates:** November 18th—Free Demo Night from 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
November 18, December 2, 9, 16, January 6, 13, 20, 27,  
Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and back up snow date Feb. 17  
(New 10 week session)

**Fee:** \$20.00 for residents, \$25.00 for non-residents (no pro-rations)

Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is November 19 at Demo night.  
Please bring your own paddle and wear sneakers.



## BEFORE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HIKE WITH HOT APPLE CIDER, HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES! (FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY)

Join us as we hike up to the beautiful Beaver Brook Marsh Boardwalk  
trail in Peoples State Forest at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 21.  
Get ready for the Thanksgiving Holiday by spending time with friends,  
exercising and enjoying our beautiful forest surrounded by the beautiful  
Wild and Scenic Farmington River as we hike to the Beaver Brook  
Boardwalk Marsh Trail and enjoy a fun afternoon.

Please dress appropriately with proper gear. This will be a moderately  
strenuous hike but well worth it. It will be held rain or shine! Families are  
welcome. We will also enjoy a "Pot Luck" snack together as we take a  
break at the beautiful Boardwalk and at the end of the hike.

Please bring water and your favorite "pot luck" snack.  
We will also provide individually packaged  
desserts and hot chocolate/cider.



Please meet at the  
parking area on  
East River Road at  
bottom of Greenwood  
Road (near the gate).  
(The road that leads  
up to the Stone  
Museum) at 1 p.m. on  
Saturday, November 21.

## BARKHAMSTED REC. SKI PROGRAM 2027

Children in Grades 3-6 will enjoy a fun night of skiing at Ski Sundown  
with the Barkhamsted Recreation Dept!

**Where:** Ski Sundown

**When:** Wednesday afternoon for 5 weeks (after school)  
(January 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3 backup day will be Feb. 10 if needed.  
We will add on weeks if School is canceled or there is an early  
release from school. (If there is no school or an early release then  
we will not have the Ski program that day and the program will be extended.)

**Time:** 4:00 till 7:00 (with one hour lessons starting AT 5:00 p.m.)

**Fee:** Lesson and Lift + bus: **\$405.00** Lift Only + bus: **\$265.00**  
Pass Holder Lesson + bus: **\$250.00** Equipment Rental: **\$151.00**  
(this is in addition to the ski prices—either lesson,  
lift and bus, Pass holder lesson and bus or Lift only and bus.)

**Ski Bus Fee** will be paid directly to Barkhamsted Recreation.

**New this year!** Payment will be online directly with Ski Sundown  
and a Google Form with Barkhamsted Recreation. The link and Form will  
be sent to the Barkhamsted Elementary School at the end of September.



PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR ALL PROGRAMS  
TO HELP ENSURE SAFETY AND YOUR SPOT.

**TOWN WEBSITE:**

**www.barkhamsted.us**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—  
CHRISTMAS IN RIVERTON  
WILL BE  
DECEMBER 4-6, 2026

