

# VIRTUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

The Bolton Recreation Department began the annual community fair to assist the community in receiving information about different organizations throughout the town. Although we are still in the midst of a pandemic and are unable to come together safely in person we hope you will join us for a virtual community fair! Prior to the event we will provide an electronic document with information from participating town departments and organizations. This document can be found on the Town of Bolton website as well as the Recreation webpage.

**Who:** EVERYONE!

**When:** Friday March 26, 2021

6:00pm- 8:00pm

**Where:** Your house via zoom

**Cost:** Free

Registration is **REQUIRED** for this event.

After registering you will receive the information needed to join the event the night of as well as a description of how the event will be run to help you as the community member know as much as possible ahead of time with use of Zoom.

Register online by going to <http://boltonrec.recdesk.com>

For your convenience throughout this document you are able to simply click on the website html's as well as the Facebook buttons and you will immediately be brought to that groups page! Click on the one below for the Town of Bolton Facebook page.



# Bolton Recreation Department

# BOLTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

It is the mission of the Bolton Recreation Department to enrich the life of the community as a whole by creating recreational opportunities for growth and enhancement to promote citizen involvement and striving to increase social, cultural and physical well-being of all ages.

Throughout the year we do our best to provide activities, programs and events of interest for all ages. Some of these have included, but may not be limited to, afterschool programs (LEGO, Arts, Science and general), school break camps with field trips and visitors for all ages, adult exercise classes almost every weeknight, summer concert series and other holiday fun events.

We are currently running virtual programs for all ages and offering take home programs! Go to our website for more information and how to register. Click the *"join our mailing list"* button below to receive our monthly newsletter right to your email! Please note all of the pictures provided below are from programs and events prior to 2020.

<https://boltonrec.recdesk.com>



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# Senior and Social Services

The Bolton Senior and Social Services Department is proud to serve all residents. In addition to an array of Senior Center programming for those ages 55+, the Department offers many other programs for all ages. Transportation to medical appointments and errands is available for seniors and adults with disabilities. The Bolton Food Pantry is available for all ages with customized pick-up or delivery options. Seasonal programs include free tax preparation, holiday food and gift baskets, and school supplies. Any household experiencing a hardship may apply for a financial grant through the Residence Assistance Fund. The Senior and Social Services Department is also always on hand to provide information and referral to a variety of community resources such as Medicare, housing, energy assistance, etc.

Call us at 860-647-9196 or email [cconcatelli@boltonct.org](mailto:cconcatelli@boltonct.org)

Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Physical Address 104 Notch Road Bolton, CT 06043

We are currently running virtual programs, check out the Town of Bolton website for more details.

<http://town.boltonct.org/>. Sign up with the “*join our mailing list*” button below to receive information right to your email!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!



# Bentley Memorial Library

BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Bolton Library Association was created in 1881. Dr. Charles Sumner served for many years as its president. The first librarian, Frank P. Williams, was hired in 1883. The library was first located in Williams' General Store in Bolton Center, and then moved to the home of Deacon Charles Loomis. In 1900 it was proposed at the town meeting that the Town take over the management of the library, but this proposal did not pass. In 1914, the Town appropriated \$50 annual for a free library.

The Bolton Library Association, now called the Bentley Memorial Library, has multiple resources to meet the educational, cultural, recreational, and technological needs of both adults and children in a welcoming environment. The 6,000 square foot library houses over 45,000 volumes and circulates approximately 37,000 items a year. Library cards are available for all Bolton residents and are valid in any public library in Connecticut. Your Bolton library card provides access to millions of items and resources in print, on-line and in audio-visual format. The library offers books, magazines, newspapers, music cds, DVDs, downloadable items, museum passes and databases. The library conducts a wide range of in-person and on-line programs for patrons of all ages. Library information can be found on social media, town website, newsletter, local cable channel and newspapers. The library also offers fax, copy, scanning and computer services and free Wi-Fi.

Currently we are running virtual programs for all ages check out the Town of Bolton Website for more details. <http://town.boltonct.org/library>

Sign up [here](#) for our email newsletter!



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# Community Voice Channel

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL

Community Voice Channel (CVC) is a non-profit public access television station serving the Connecticut towns of Andover, Bolton, Ellington, Hebron, Marlborough, Tolland and Vernon. We offer free workshops including field, studio and editing. CVC's agreement is that our equipment and facilities are free to community members in return for a program to air on one of our channels Public, Education and/or Government. Our facility is fully equipped with top of the line equipment, as well as our field equipment. At this time CVC is open for appointments only to pick up or drop off equipment, no studio workshops, field workshops are taught virtually.

The Programs below will resume when Community Voice Channel is reopened to the public. At this time there is no set date for reopening.

## **4K Studio Workshop** (Takes place during the week 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

A 4K Studio Workshop consists of four, two-hour sessions.

## **Basic Field Workshop**

(Scheduled based on your availability Monday through Friday)

A Field Workshop consists of two to three, two-hour sessions. Taught in a small group or offered as a one-on-one.

After completing this three-day workshop, you become a certified Field Producer and Crew Member

## **Advanced Field Workshop**

(Scheduled based on your availability Monday through Friday)

After taking the Basic Field Workshop and producing two to three shows here at CVC, you are then entitled to learn our Sony FDR-AX100 4K Ultra HD Camera. It will take about 2 hours to learn the camera.

## **Visiting School, Senior Centers, etc.**

(Scheduled based on their availability Monday through Friday)

As the Outreach Trainer Manager I, Melanie Merkel, will personally go into a school or senior center to teach those that sign up for a class, video club, or if the students are required to take the class. I bring as many field camera's (Canon GL2 or Sony HD NX3) as needed (up to 8 or 5) and train individuals on how to use them. We discuss camera language and terms as well as how to use the camera and add attachments like audio. Editing is taught, if the school has the program or the individuals come to CVC to learn the program, Adobe Premiere Pro CC. This is offered in return for a program to air on either Public or Education Access. After completing this workshop, you are entitled to use the equipment in return for a program.

Email [Info@cvct.org](mailto:Info@cvct.org) for any questions and visit us at [www.cvcct.org](http://www.cvcct.org).

### **Frontier Channels**

Public - Channel 6013

Education - Channel 6014

Government -Channel 6015

### **Comcast Channels**

Public HD - Channel 1070

Education - Channel 95/1090

Government - Channel 96/1084



# Sustainable CT

Sustainable CT is a voluntary certification program to recognize thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. An independently funded, grassroots, municipal effort, Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices. Municipalities choose Sustainable CT actions, implement them, and earn points toward certification.

Sustainable CT also provides opportunities for grant funding to help communities promote economic well-being and enhance equity, all while respecting the finite capacity of the natural environment. The program is designed to support all Connecticut municipalities, regardless of size, geography or resources. Sustainable CT empowers municipalities to create high collective impact for current and future residents.

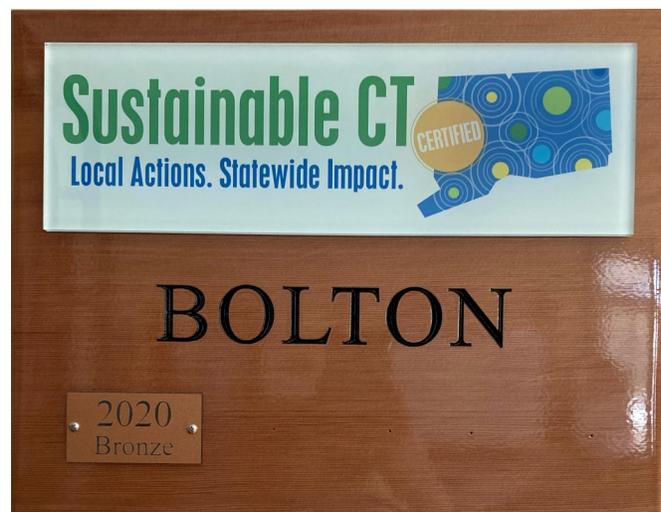


The Mission of Sustainable CT is to provide municipalities with a menu of coordinated, voluntary actions, to continually become more sustainable; to provide resources and tools to assist municipalities in implementing sustainability actions and advancing their programs for the benefit of all residents; and to certify and recognize municipalities for their ongoing sustainability achievements.

Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents, and they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.

For more information about the Sustainable CT committee right here in Bolton go to <https://bolton.govoffice.com/sustainablect>

Bolton was Certified on October 27, 2020 as a Bronze Town.



# Bolton Volunteer Fire Department

# BOLTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The **Bolton Fire Department** is comprised of approximately forty men and women dedicated to serving the community. We enjoy full-time employment as local business owners, accountants, municipal employees, electrical and civil engineers, professional firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, students, homemakers, moms and dads. We serve more than 5,000 Bolton residents, visitors, and commuters, including those on Route 6, Route 44, and Interstate 384. We provide around-the-clock response to fire, medical, and environmental emergencies. Our mission is to minimize loss of life and property.



Each year the Bolton Fire Department responds to more than 525 fire and emergency medical service calls. We respond to mutual aid requests from Andover, Coventry, Columbia, Hebron, Manchester, Tolland and Vernon. Emergency response personnel are trained in various capacities including firefighting, basic medical life support, water rescue, vehicle extrication, fire investigation, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and more. Many members are cross-trained as firefighter and EMS personnel. Training is provided during weekly drills and through classes held at the Connecticut Fire Academies. Training is mandated by the state and is both rigorous and extensive.

The fire station, located at 168 Bolton Center Road, is home to an engine tank (ET334), one tanker truck (T234), one ladder truck equipped with a 100 foot ladder (TK134), one heavy rescue truck (Rescue 134), one light rescue/mobile command vehicle (Service 134), one pickup truck (Service 234), and two brushfire vehicles (Forestry 134 and UTV134). The engine tanks carry a combined 4,500 gallons of water and have pumps that are capable of discharging all water in four minutes. Unlike larger suburban towns, Bolton has no public water supply and therefore no fire hydrants. All water must be carried to the fire and every drop is precious.

When you call 911, you reach the emergency dispatch center in Tolland. The center handles all emergency calls for Tolland County. If you have a medical or fire emergency, the dispatcher alerts us on pagers each of us carry. They announce the type of emergency, street address, and time of day. We then head to the station and respond with the appropriate vehicles. For a medical emergency, the dispatcher will also send an ambulance from ASM (Ambulance Service of Manchester). If necessary, ASM will transport the patient to a hospital as the department does not have its own ambulance. If you have an emergency that requires the police, the dispatcher will connect you to the State Police barracks in Colchester.

The Bolton Fire Department is proud to serve you and protect your life and property.

<http://www.boltonfd.org/>



# Scouts

## 2025

### Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts)

If a scout can do it, a scout should do it. Scouting is a youth lead outdoor program. Open to both boys and girls, 11 years old or who have completed the fifth grade until they turn 18 years old. While participating in a wide range of activities including camping, hiking and boating, scouts learn and practice leadership skills and learn how to make ethical choices.

Unlike other activities where youth follow the direction of adult teachers or coaches, scouting is youth lead. Scouts choose, plan and run all of their activities. This provides an opportunity to learn by doing. Adults provide guidance and make sure activities are safe and appropriate.

In the past, scouts have chosen to explore cities from Washington D.C. to Quebec. They have spent a cold winter weekend in a rustic cabin playing games, and a chilly night in survival shelters they built themselves. Every summer we spend a week at summer camp playing, swimming and exploring new interests while working on merit badges.

Famous scouts include Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin the first two people on the moon. Jim Lovell commander of Apollo 13 was an Eagle Scout. Both Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg were scouts. President Gerald Ford and Supreme Court Justice Steven Bryer were Eagle Scouts. In 2021 we are welcoming the first class of girls to the rank of Eagle Scouts.

Scouting is broken up into Cubs 5 to 10 years old and Scouts 11 thru 17.



# Bolton Soccer

The purpose of Bolton Soccer is to provide an atmosphere that fosters opportunities for young soccer players of various skill levels along with their parents to learn the game of soccer to the best of their abilities in a fun and learning environment.

## Spring Soccer Registration is now open!!!

Practices and Games - TBD, Season begins on April 17th,

Recreational and competitive teams for ages 7-15 and K1 program

for ages 5 & 6

Age Groups:

-K-1 Instructional (2015 - 2016)

-Recreation D5 (2006-2014)

-Competitive D3 or D4 (2006 - 2012)

To register go to [www.boltonctsoccer.com](http://www.boltonctsoccer.com)



**LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION WILL BE MARCH 20, 2021**

First day of the spring season will be April 17, 2021



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# Heritage Farm Commission

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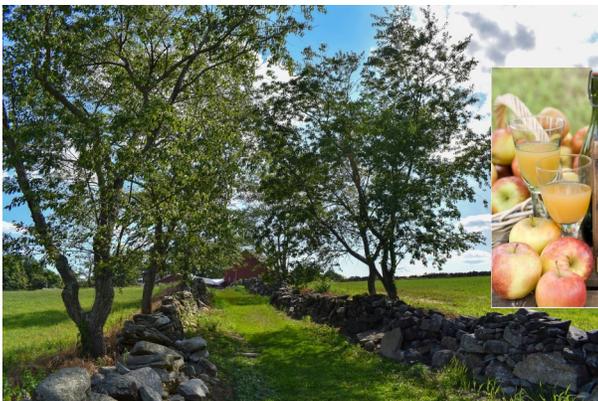
Bolton Heritage Farm is a 103-acre, municipally-owned property located at 266 Bolton Center Road, in the center of Bolton, Connecticut. The farm was acquired by the Town of Bolton in August 2000 and consists of 12 acres including an historic house and barn which could be developed for municipal uses, and 90 acres of permanently preserved farm fields and woodlands.

In 2006, the Town of Bolton established a formal commission to develop short and long-range plans for the use of the Bolton Heritage Farm. Since that time, the commission has raised funds and expended them on a variety of projects intended to preserve and protect the town's investment in the farm and its buildings, and identify feasible future uses for the farm as an historic, cultural, agricultural and passive recreation destination for local residents of all ages.

In the fall of 2008, the commission conducted a comprehensive study of the structural integrity and historical significance of the Barn and the farmhouse on the property. The study was performed by Nelson Edwards Architects of Branford, Public Archaeology Survey Team and consulting engineers, and has become the guiding document for all future work. The study cited estimated historical dating of the house from the 1830's with possible features from a much earlier structure. The barn, built in 1908, is a well-preserved example of an English style barn, which has been modified over the years to reflect the changes in farming needs and practices throughout the 20th century. The study included immediate and eventual needs for the town to consider in order to preserve the structures, many of which have been pursued by the commission.

Local area enthusiasts have found many unique ways to use the farm. The Tolland County Plein Air art group uses the farm as a painting location. A local Bee-keeper is using the farm for her beehives. The summer cross country racing series uses the farm for 7 weeks in July and August and donates a portion of their proceeds to the farm fund. Bird watchers and star gazers find the dawn and dusk watching is unparalleled. Local school groups are toured by Bolton Land Trust volunteers to learn about science, nature and history of the town and the farm. Families have made memorial donations of plantings or benches in memory of loved ones. And many dog walkers, horseback riders, mountain bikers and walkers of all ages enjoy the trail at all times of the day for a peaceful walk or visit just to refresh.

<http://town.boltonct.org/heritagefarm>



# Bolton Scholarship Committee

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Founded in 1971, the Bolton Scholarship Fund has for nearly fifty years been helping Bolton residents and graduates of Bolton High School pursue their dreams in postsecondary education. Each year in June the BSF awards tens of thousands of dollars worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors and students already in college and graduate school. Funding for these scholarships, over \$1.9 million to date, comes from the Bolton community, from individuals, families, BHS alums, local businesses and organizations. Thanks to the generosity of donors, many of our scholarships are awarded year after year; Simoniz, for example, has funded multiple scholarships per year since 1997. Other scholarships have been established by local organizations, individuals, or families in memory of a loved one or to honor a retiring teacher or public figure. Each of these named and memorial scholarships tells a story and forges links that help to strengthen the broader Bolton community. The BSF board of directors is also a cross-section of the community, with members representing Bolton seniors, parents, donors, the Board of Education, BHS alums, the Lions Club, and other local organizations. We are always looking for new at-large members and directors to assist with fundraising, mailings, scholarship selection, and all other aspects of running a local nonprofit organization.

To get involved, to find out more about our named and memorial scholarships, or to apply for a 2021 scholarship, please see our website at <https://www.boltonscholarshipfund.org/>.



*Bolton Scholarship Fund*

[www.boltonscholarshipfund.org](http://www.boltonscholarshipfund.org)

*Investing in the future...*



# Friends of Bolton Lake

Friends of Bolton Lakes (FBL) is here to protect and enhance the ecological health of Connecticut's Bolton Lakes, their surrounding areas and watershed. Established as a non-profit organization in 2013, FBL is filling a long-overdue need to speak with one voice about the needs of our local lake resources.

In recognition that the lakes known as Lower, Middle and Upper Bolton Lake and their watershed areas are major natural resources for the Towns of Bolton, Coventry, Tolland and Vernon and that sustaining the environmental quality of the lakes and watershed areas is a responsibility of and assets to the Towns, the Friends of Bolton Lakes, Inc. sets forth this mission statement. In furtherance of the foregoing general purposes, the specific activities and purposes to be conducted, promoted and carried out by the Corporation known as Friends of Bolton Lakes, Inc. shall include:



- To conserve and preserve the pristine condition of the lakes and their watershed areas;
- To engage in and promote education concerning the lakes as natural resources
- To provide and maintain a means of communication between the lakes communities, the Towns and the State
- To observe and report to the Towns on the condition of the lakes, the flora, fauna and surroundings
- To cooperate with and assist organizations and individuals performing research on the lakes and their watershed areas, and to disseminate the scientific information to the lakes communities and the Towns
- To represent the lakes within the Connecticut Federation of Lakes.

Contact Us Today

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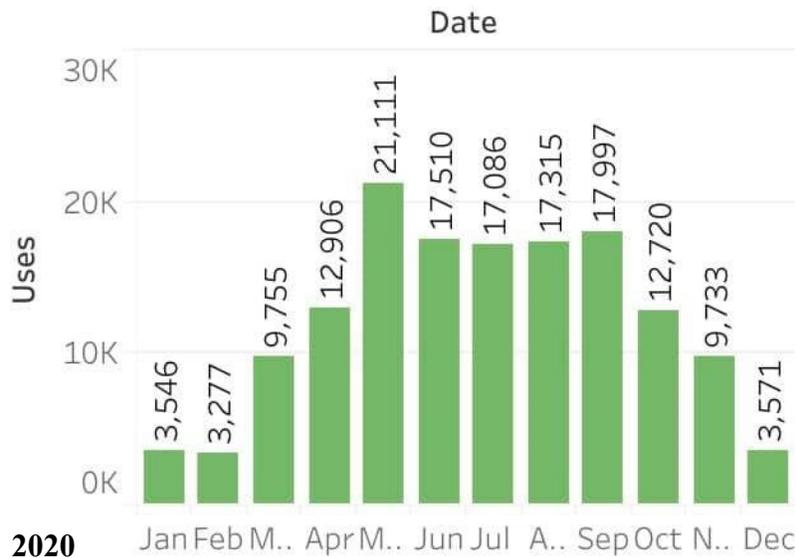
# Bike Walk Bolton

Bike Walk Bolton is a volunteer organization made up of area residents whose mission is to advocate for the expansion of safe, practical and accessible means of moving about our community for pedestrians, cyclists and the mobility challenged. In order to execute our mission, we strive to expand our membership and make ourselves available as a valuable and effective resource to the Town of Bolton.

Want to join our group? We are always looking for new members, reach out to us today!



Monthly Uses  
Hop River Trail Bolton



# Historical Society

The Bolton Historical Society was established in 1999 following the town of Bolton's historic purchase of the George Rose Farm on Bolton Center Road. The farm is located behind the Bolton Congregational Church and was once known as the Minister's Farm. The farm was also the site of the American Revolutionary War "French Camp # 5". In 1781, thousands of American Continental troops and French troops camped there on the lower part of farm near Brandy St. on their way to "Victory In Yorktown". The Bolton Historical Society has been a proponent for trying to keep the farmhouse repaired. "The Pennies For The Porch" was started by the Society and the money was turned over to the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission. We are pleased that the front porch on the house was restored two years ago. The Historical Society also provided matching grant money to have the roof of the farm house repaired in the late summer of 2019.

The Bolton Historical Society meets in the Community Room in Bolton Town Hall normally every two months on the first Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December. All Boltonians, and others who are interested, are always welcome to attend our bimonthly meetings that begin at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join as members. We will resume our meetings once the plague is under control and a sufficient number of the population has been vaccinated.

The Society provides some genealogical assistance for those who are interested in, or related to, the fifteen founders of Bolton. The Society also maintains a listing of older grave markers in the two Boltonian cemeteries; Bolton Center Cemetery on Hebron Road, and the Quarryville (Belknap) Cemetery on U.S. Route 44 across from Bolton Lake. This stone marker information, along with stories that have been written over the last nearly thirty years about Bolton, photos of past events and membership information may be obtained at our website: [www.boltoncthistory.org](http://www.boltoncthistory.org)

The Historical Society has two books for sale about Bolton's history that were written by Hans DePold, retired Bolton Town Historian. Proceeds from the sale of the two books go to our Heritage Farmhouse Restoration Fund where we will provide matching grants that will continue to maintain the old farmhouse. Besides those two books, the historical society also sells a Bolton Town Hall canvas bag. For a limited time, there are still a few of our Rochambeau note cards for sale. We sell the books, bags, and cards at various town events. The books may also be purchased in the Bolton Town Clerk's Office in Bolton Town Hall during their normal business hours. Books will be available again once the pandemic is over, and the Town Hall reopens.

During more regular times, the Historical Society has speakers come to some of the bimonthly meetings to talk on various local and national historic topics. We will resume that sometime this summer or fall. We also have participated in the Family Day at the Bolton Center School that is held on the fourth Monday of May after the Memorial Day Observance on the Bolton Town Green. The society also participates in the Town of Bolton's "Farmer's Market" held on the North Green the last Sunday in August. Hopefully we can again participate in that this year. We also have had a booth at the Town of Bolton's Recreation Department's "Winter Faire" held on the first Saturday of December. The Faire is held in the Gymnasium at Bolton Center School.

We hope to see you out and about in beautiful historic Bolton as soon as we can.



# Registrar of Voters

The primary duties of the Registrar of Voters office are to actively solicit and process new voter registrations; coordinate and supervise all voting procedures – Elections, Primaries, Referenda; to maintain accurate and up to date voter information systems, both by card and computer; provide lists and electronic data of eligible and inactive electors; perform an annual canvass of all voters; coordinate election activities with all town departments involved in the voting process of the Town of Bolton; recruit, train supervise all election personnel.

<http://town.boltonct.org/vote>

