

Town of Tolland Open Litigation Report – November 2011

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All of the Tax Appeals have been resolved, including the ones handled by Attorney Bruce Comollo (conflict cases for our firm). The Bahler zoning appeal and declaratory judgment actions have been settled, subject to Court approval which is expected without objection. There is one new zoning appeal brought by Steve Williams which is currently pending and in its early stages.

CIRMA Tolland Litigation Status Report

Soucy v. Tolland
DOL: 7/1/03

Basic description of case: The plaintiff alleges ongoing problems with flooding on his property beginning in 2003 and continuing through the summer of 2006 due to the Town road and drainage system.

Status of litigation: Settled; Town to provide drainage solution also

Sara Whittemore v. Tolland BOE
DOL: 4-4-2007

Basic description of case: The plaintiff was in the 10th grade at Tolland High School at the time of the subject incident. As part of a seven-week gym program, which focused on development of muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength, an injury occurred.

Status of litigation: Settled

TOWN OF TOLLAND CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT FY12

October 15, 2011

Capital Equipment Projects

HIGHWAY: DUMP TRUCK #30 REPLACEMENT

Replace 1993 Mack truck, which will be 19 years old in this fiscal year, with truck that has all season body and ground controls.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: On order off of State bid expected delivery middle of December 2011

Project Cost Estimate	\$	145,000.00
Current Phase		
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	
PROJECT FUNDING		
Non Refer Notes	\$	145,000.00
Total	\$	145,000.00

PARKS AND FACILITIES: DUMP TRUCK #36 REPLACEMENT

Replacement of 1992 one-ton Dodge dump truck with a new one-ton dump truck with plow and all season body. Partially funded by Property Tax Relief Grant (total amount is \$131,178)

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: On order off of State bid expected delivery late November 2011

Project Cost Estimate	\$	76,816.00
Current Phase		
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	
PROJECT FUNDING		
General Fund	\$	47,628.00
State & Federal Grant	\$	29,191.00
Total	\$	76,819.00

Fire and Ambulance Projects

PURCHASE REPLACEMENT FOR Engine-340

Replacement of apparatus that blew an engine in December of 2004. It is funded through a 7-year capital lease.

Project Manager: John Littell

STATUS: This is 7 of 7 annual payments of \$70,000.

Project Cost Estimate	\$	490,000.00
Current Phase	\$	70,000.00
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	
PROJECT FUNDING		
(Lease) General Fund	\$	490,000.00
Total	\$	490,000.00

ET 340 REFURBISHMENT

This truck a 1994 Engine Tank, will need the pump and tank overhauled to extend the truck's life expectancy. This truck is located at Station 340 on Gehring Road.

Project Manager: John Littell

STATUS: FY12

Project Cost Estimate \$ 86,615.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING

Ambulance Reserve \$ 86,615.00
Total \$ 86,615.00

AMBULANCE 540 REPLACEMENT

Purchase of a new ambulance in compliance with standard 5-year replacement program.

Project Manager: John Littell

STATUS: Bid completed; contract signed and vehicled delivered November 2011

Project Cost Estimate \$ 234,513.00
Current Phase \$ 231,673.36
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING

Ambulance Reserve \$ 234,513.00
Total \$ 234,513.00

Parks and Recreation Projects

CROSS FARMS PROJECT (FY11)

Phase three of the Cross Farms project involved the construction of a bathroom/ concession/storage building. The first stage of the project is to put in a septic system. Funds exist within the Cross Farms project account for this project.

Project Manager: Tom Ainsworth/Jennifer Usher

STATUS: Trying to obtain grant funds for concession stand and utilities.

Project Cost Estimate \$ 39,650.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING

Cross Farms Project \$ 39,650.00
Total \$ 39,650.00

RESETTING OF SLAB SIDEWALK ON TOLLAND GREEN (FY11)

There is approximately 2,500' of stone slab walkway on the two sides of Tolland Green. Over the years, many stones have shifted resulting with edges becoming mis-aligned. This project is to purchase necessary materials for Town forces to reset slabs as time permits and improve the surface walkability.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Work on hold pending STEAP grant notification

Project Cost Estimate	\$	15,000.00
Current Phase		
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	
PROJECT FUNDING		
LOCIP	\$	15,000.00
Total	\$	15,000.00

Public Facilities Projects

NEW LODGE ROOF AND DECKS (FY11)

Lodge roof and decks need to be replaced. Both are 22-23 years old. Other funding sources are from Lodge Fund revenues.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Roof completed fall 2010; deck to be started winter 2012.

Project Cost Estimate	\$	35,000.00
Current Phase		16,209.80
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	
PROJECT FUNDING		
Lodge Fund Reserves	\$	35,000.00
Total	\$	35,000.00

WATER LINE CONNECTION (FY11)

Connection of the highway garage to the Old Post water line. Requires 200' of 8" CLDIP along Old Post Road @ \$80/ft and 500' of 2" PE water service to garage sign room @ \$40/ft. Other funding sources are from available balances of completed projects.

Project Cost Estimate	\$	29,000.00
Current Phase		23,026.67
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	
PROJECT FUNDING		
LOCIP	\$	10,287.00
Available Balances	\$	18,713.00

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

Total \$ 29,000.00

STATUS: Bid out by CWC; awaiting construction schedule

PUMP FOR ABOVE GROUND FUEL TANKS

One pump and flow fuel ports for recently installed above ground fuel tanks plus the removal of the old fuel tanks at the Highway Garage.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

Project Cost Estimate \$ 25,500.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

STATUS: New tanks installed. Old tanks removed summer 2011 and new fuel pump to be done in FY12.

PROJECT FUNDING
General Fund \$ 25,500.00
Total \$ 25,500.00

BASE STATION REPEATERS

Repeaters at Highway, Parks and Facilities and Tower site are mandated to be narrowband before 1/1/13

Project Manager: John Littell

Project Cost Estimate \$ 60,000.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

STATUS: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING
LOCIP \$ 20,000.00
Available Balances \$ 20,000.00
Total \$ 40,000.00

LIBRARY ROOF

Replacement of Library Roof

Project Manager: Beverly Bellody/Clem Langlois

STATUS: Project will begin in fall 2011.

Project Cost Estimate \$ 396,215.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12
PROJECT FUNDING
Non Refer Notes \$ 346,215.00

GENERATOR

Installation of a weather enclosed generator

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Specifications being prepared and going out to bid.

Hicks Trust	\$	50,000.00
Total	\$	396,215.00

Project Cost Estimate	\$	80,000.00
Current Phase		
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	

PROJECT FUNDING		
Non Refer Notes	\$	80,000.00
Total	\$	80,000.00

HIGHWAY GARAGE ROOF

Roof replacement for the 100 by 60 foot newer section of the highway garage that is approximately 25 years old.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Spring 2012

Project Cost Estimate	\$	80,000.00
Current Phase		
Est. Completion Date:	FY12	

PROJECT FUNDING		
CNRE Fund	\$	80,000.00
Total	\$	80,000.00

Street and Roads Projects

ROUTE 195 SEWER EXTENSION (FY11)

Extend public sewer collection system from Goose Lane to Anthony Road. Funding provided by Connecticut STEAP Grant and Benefit Assessments. Other funding sources are from sewer assessments.

Project Manager: Town Engineer

Project Cost Estimate	\$	1,219,935.00
Current Phase		1,140,075.15
Est. Completion Date:	Fall 2011	

PROJECT FUNDING		
STEAP Grant	\$	200,000.00
Sewer Assessments	\$	775,806.00

STATUS: Final paving completed May 2011 with punch list completed.

Sewer Reserve Fund \$ 244,129.00
Total \$ 1,219,935.00

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

Roads will be repaired according to the automated pavement management system recommendations. The process includes a variety of techniques ranging from crack sealing, chip sealing and thin overlay to total reconstruction.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Sugar Hill Road to be completed after drainage analysis is completed.

Project Cost Estimate \$ 360,671.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING

TAR Grant \$ 150,000.00
LOCIP \$ 120,000.00
Non Refer Notes \$ 90,671.00
PY Balances
Total \$ 360,671.00

CULVERT REPAIRS

Replace and/or repair crumbling box culverts

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Once 98 Tolland Green is completed, another basin at Willow Creek and Sugar Hill are planned.

Project Cost Estimate \$ 100,000.00
Current Phase 33,072.38
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING

Non Refer Notes \$ 100,000.00
Total \$ 100,000.00

PARKING LOT PAVING

Paving of Gehring Road and Plains Road firehouses. Topcoating Hreon Cove and crack sealing the jail, the high school tennis courts and upper Crandall's.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

Project Cost Estimate \$ 131,388.00
Current Phase 130,997.00
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING

Non Refer Notes \$ 100,000.00

STATUS: Gehring Road Station 340 completed.

Transfer U/L Crandall's \$ 31,388.00
Total \$ 131,388.00

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ROADS

Resurfacing with whichever technique is appropriate for neighborhood roads that are not prioritized on the road management plan.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Charter Road completed.

Project Cost Estimate \$ 106,320.00
Current Phase 100,000.00
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING
Non Refer Notes \$ 106,320.00
Total \$ 106,320.00

HICKS PARKING LOT PAVING

Design and construction of the rear parking lot at the Hicks Municipal Center Building.

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: Spring 2012

Project Cost Estimate \$ 200,000.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING
General Fund \$ 29,793.00
Other Funding Sources \$ 67,804.00
Total \$ 97,597.00

DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Modeling and design for Weigold Road and Baxter Street Part funded by Property Tax Relief Grant (total amount is \$131,178)

Project Manager: Town Engineer

STATUS: FY12

Project Cost Estimate \$ 50,600.00
Current Phase
Est. Completion Date: FY12

PROJECT FUNDING
General Fund \$ 17,600.00
State & Federal Grant \$ 33,000.00
Total \$ 50,600.00

DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION

Miscellaneous drainage replacements

Project Manager: Clem Langlois

STATUS: FY12

Project Cost Estimate \$

Current Phase

Est. Completion Date: FY12

60,000.00
24,777.88

PROJECT FUNDING

Non Refer Notes

Total

\$ 60,000.00
\$ 60,000.00

SUMMARY BUILDING REPORT - FISCAL YEAR

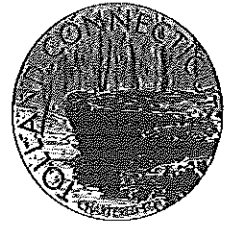
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Permits	This Month	\$10 permits	Last Month	Year to Date	This Month Last Year	Last Year to Date
Single Family Dwelling	0		2	4	1	3
Foundation Only	0		1	5	0	2
Commercial/Industrial	3		1	8	3	7
Commercial Foundation	0		0	0	0	0
Municipal	3		0	7	1	3
Addition	2		1	4	0	5
Garage	0		4	8	2	6
Deck/Porch	2		5	19	0	22
Roofing/Siding	11		9	43	9	33
Swimming Pool	1		3	9	1	11
Wood Stove	10		8	27	5	15
Sheds	4		8	21	3	18
Signs	0		1	2	0	3
Interior Renovation	3		3	9	3	15
Hot Tub	0		0	0	0	0
Misc/Repair	6		7	33	6	25
Total	45		53	199	34	168
Electric	22	9	29	83	16	88
Plumbing	8	4	10	27	6	29
Heating	15	3	16	60	9	49
Total	45	16	55	170	31	166
Grand Total Permits	90		108	369	65	334
Permit Fees	\$10,693.36*		\$18,228.26	\$54,725.98	\$7,871.78	\$38,073.72
Construction Value	\$2,254,958.21*		\$1,302,330.27	\$5,702,786.03	\$554,830.58	\$2,817,323.83
Certificates of Comp.	16		16	40	0	0
Certs of Occup (New Structure)	1		0	4	3	3
Other Certs of Occup	17		0	35	23	38
Inspections	148		89	496	93	491

* Reflects Town of Tolland projects - no permit fees collected.



Connecticut State Police
Tolland Resident Trooper's Office

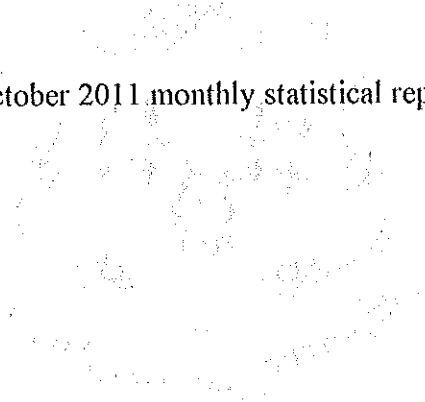


MEMO

To: Steve Werbner – Town Manager
From: Sgt. Scott A. Smith – Resident Trooper Sergeant *SAS281*
Date: November 7, 2011
Subject: Statistics for the Month of October 2011

Attached you will find the October 2011 monthly statistical report.

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21 Tolland Green
Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 875-8911 Telephone
(860) 870-6407 Facsimile

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

Board of Education - Special Meeting

November 3, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

Democratic Town Committee

November 3, 2011, 7:30 PM
Community Room

Mother/Daughter Tea

November 5, 2011, 2:00 PM
Hicks-Stearns Museum

Adult "Low" Victorian Tea

November 6, 2011, 2:00 PM
Hicks-Stearns Museum

Tolland Water Commission

November 7, 2011, 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

Election Day

November 8, 2011, 6:00 AM
Hicks Memorial Municipal Center & Senior Center

New Town Council - Organizational Meeting and Storm Alfred Financial Implications

November 9, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

Board of Education

November 9, 2011, 7:30 PM
THS Media Center

Permanent Celebration Committee

November 9, 2011, 7:30 PM
6th Floor Small Conference Room

Veterans Day Holiday

November 10, 2011
Town Hall closing at 4:30 PM

Republican Town Committee

November 10, 2011, 6:30 PM
Community Room

Connecticare/Medicare Free Info Session

November 14, 2011, 10:30 AM
Community Room

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

November 14, 2011, 7:00 PM
Conference Room A

Planning & Zoning Commission

November 14, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

Tolland Public Library Foundation

November 14, 2011, 7:30 PM
Library Program Room

Water Pollution Control Authority

November 15, 2011, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

Housing Authority

November 16, 2011, 9:00 AM
763 Tolland Stage Road

WellCare/Medicare

November 16, 2011, 10:00 AM
Library Program Room

Historic District Commission

November 16, 2011, 7:00 PM
Conference Room A

Conservation Commission

November 17, 2011, 7:00 PM
Conference Room A

Tolland Non-Profit Housing

November 17, 2011, 7:00 PM
Library Program Room

Inland Wetlands Commission

November 17, 2011, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Veterans Recognition Commission

November 17, 2011, 7:00 PM
6th Floor Small Conference Room

Connecticare/Medicare Free Info Session

November 19, 2011, 10:30 AM
Library Program Room

Town Council

November 22, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 24-25, 2011
Town Hall/Library Closed

Wreath Making

November 27, 2011, 2:00 PM
Hicks-Stearns Museum

Planning & Zoning Commission

November 28, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

WellCare/Medicare

December 1, 2011, 10:00 AM
Library Program Room

Design Advisory Board

December 1, 2011, 7:00 PM
Conference Room C

Inland Wetlands Commission

December 1, 2011, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Doll Clothes Extravaganza

December 2, 2011, 10:00 AM
Hicks-Stearns Museum

At Home with the Hicks Family

December 2, 2011, 6:30 PM
Hicks-Stearns Museum

***Victorian* Open House**

December 3 & 4, 2011, 11:00 AM
Hicks-Stearns Museum

Tolland Water Commission

December 5, 2011, 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

Economic Development Commission

December 7, 2011, 7:30 AM
Council Chambers

Tolland Energy Task Force

December 7, 2011, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Republican Town Committee

December 8, 2011, 6:30 PM
Community Room

Conservation Commission

December 8, 2011, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Permanent Celebration Committee

December 8, 2011, 7:30 PM
6th Floor Small Conference Room

Zoning Board of Appeals

December 8, 2011, 7:30 PM
Conference Room A

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

December 12, 2011, 7:00 PM
Conference Room A

Planning & Zoning Commission

December 12, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

Town Council

December 13, 2011, 7:30 PM
Council Chambers

SUMMARY MONTHLY REPORT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT 2011

ACTIVITY CODES	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH LAST YEAR	LAST YEAR TO DATE
7064. Street Lights and Traffic 79	116	130	346	25	285

7065 Highway

ACTIVITY CODES	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH LAST YEAR	LAST YEAR TO DATE
001. Administrative 67	0	0	0	0	0
850. Drainage 71	0	405	1,161	680	1,855
851. Oiling 72	0	0	0	0	0
852. Paving 73	413	335	803	620	2,026
853..Mechanical Maintenance 74	255	270	765	290	825
855. Supportive Services 75	0	0	0	80	90
856. Highway Maintenance 76	832.5	840	1,925.5	429	1,154
857. Unimproved Roads 77	180	83	427	30	90
858. Snow and Ice Control 78	0	0	0	0	0

7064&7065	FOR MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Working Days	16	52
Regular Hours	1,796.5	5,427.5
O.T. Hours	0	304
Spare Drivers	0	0
Hired Trucks	0	0



November 2011

Senior Happenings

Dedicated to Tolland's Senior Citizens

Hi Folks: I want to start with wishing everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving. This month opens up the joy of the season with family gatherings, giving, and reminding one another how important caring, sharing and giving is. We are blessed to live in such a great community that does these things.

Getting right to business ~ Our **Annual Banquet** is underway in preparation, and Rebecca and I are really looking forward to this evening. In advance, I want to thank our Country Butcher, Steve Boyer. He always does such a fabulous job and is so generous (in many ways) to the seniors in Tolland. I'd like to thank the Recreation Department for setting up Crandall Lodge for us every year. We do appreciate how the departments in our municipality help one another out. I hope everyone has a good time and enjoys the entertainment.

Charlie Hare has been very faithful coming to the Senior Center to help us learn the ropes of computers. He is here to help you at whatever level you are at on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.! Recently, Rebecca has had a few calls from folks asking for information that could easily be found on the internet. Even though it is her job to do research, wouldn't it be great to be able to say

"Hey! I gathered all this information myself from the internet".

"Really? How'd you do that?"

"Charlie Hare showed me and I'm learning so much!"

"Hmmm, guess I'll have to take that class, after all".

Speaking of our Computer/Media room, our Library looks fantastic. Elizabeth Gray, (with the help of Pat Gugliotti) has done amazing work in organizing all the books donated. This is an arduous task and tedious. Thanks so much Elizabeth and Pat. Come check it out!

Remember the **Lunch and Learn Program**? Well, it's back on track again. This program is sponsored by Visiting Nurse and Health Services (VNHSC). Holly Gibson, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator has been with us once before and that program was outstanding. This time, the topic will be **Relaxation & Renewal for Better Health** (part one of a five part mini-workshop series). This will be taking place on **Monday, November 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.** That's right after lunch, so plan on spending your afternoon with us learning how to reduce stress, boost your immune system, decrease your anxiety and experience balance in your life.

Don't forget to vote on **Election Day, November 8th**. There will be no programs on the Upper Level that day.

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And, a few more dates to remember coming up....

Our **BirthDay Dinner Lunch** will be **Thursday, November 17th**. We will have a guest speaker from the State Police Department, Lt. Scott Smith, to speak on safety issues. The following week, we will have Chorus and Lunch on Monday. The rest of the week will be devoted to the Holiday Care & Share Program, so no programs will be held at the Senior Center. Please note, our writing class, "Pen & Tell" is postponed until the spring. There will be another **AARP Driving Course** offered this year. On **Saturday November 19th** at **8:30 a.m.**, AARP is offering this course **FREE** to all Veterans and their spouses. What a nice way to say thank you to our Vets. Thanks you Bill Ward and Irene Raiche for conducting and volunteering your services".

Looking ahead, mark your calendars ~ **Saturday, December 3rd** will be our **Bake/Craft Sale**. **Sunday, December 11th** will be the **Fireman's Holiday Social**, all of which I will remind you in next month's newsletter. Speaking of Firemen, the Lock Box program they've got going has been very successful. There's a list at the Senior Center to sign up.

Check the Calendar for all of our activities. With the upcoming months of cold weather, leave us your telephone number if you would like us to check in on you occasionally. Rebecca has a list going for this.

Fran Weigand
Senior Center Director



Thinking of You!!

Jennie Karkevich

Paul Doyle

Joe Clemento

Alice Hardy

Gabby Messier

Terry Staves

Irene Gay

Barbara Cook

Hello to all our Friends at Woodlake at Tolland, Foxhill Nursing Home, Vernon Manor and Manchester Manor. We miss seeing all of you. Come visit when you can.

Tai Chi

Along the path of Tai Chi practice you'll find that it helps with physical, mental, emotional and spiritual elevation. The principles and practices of this ancient, internal martial art can permeate every aspect of your life – from your physical health and fitness to your view of the world and the way you interact with others around you. It becomes a way of life.

Come join us on the path. All ages welcomed.

Roberta Villanova

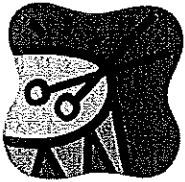
"Center Library News"
submitted by Elizabeth Gray

Our library at the Senior Center is bigger and better than ever! Thanks to our two new bookcases, all the books have been rearranged and the hard covered books are now in order according to the first initial of the author's name. The paperback books are in "go fish" order, the same as before. All oversize paperbacks are in a different book case - the ones by the door as you enter the room.

I need to thank Pat Gugliotti for her help with this task and also thank the people who donate the books and those who make use of our library.

Here's to a good winter curled up with a good book !!!

Drum Circle



will be held on
Monday,
November 7th 1:00
p.m.

**The Book
Discussion Group**



*will be meet on
Monday,
November 28th,
at 1:00 p.m.*

Health and Wellness

Exercise: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Tai Chi: Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Yoga: Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch: Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

Foot Care: Thursday, November 17th (please call for an appointment, 860-870-3730)

Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar: Monday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Our Last Senior Center Trip for 2011 will be.....

December 18th - "A Christmas Story" - dinner at Salem Cross Inn, show at Stageloft

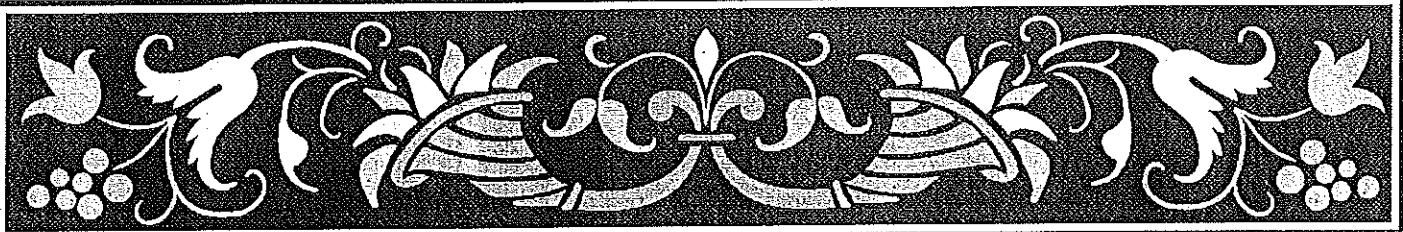
*Programs for Homebound, Seniors and
Their Caregivers
Rebecca Ellert, Elderly Outreach Caseworker*

Hello November!!! You surely came quickly this year. Please be kind as you usher winter in...light snow, a balmy day or two and remind us to focus on the wonder-filled holidays that you and December will bring us. Thank you.

Many times I've been to the movies and prior to the feature, there is a "Will Rogers Collection" taken. I've often wondered who is this man, and what did he accomplish that deserves such attention... and his foundation lives on to this day?? Well, in my favorite Book of Days, I came across this, dated November 4. I chose this date because it is the anniversary of my father's passing. In the book, Rupert Hughes describes a characteristic incident in Rogers' life, proving how closely laughter and tears are joined in the heart of a true humorist. Hughes says: "We were at an institution where victims of infantile paralysis, broken backs and other disasters are re-educated and so trained that they can rise from their beds or wheelchairs and walk. It was wonderful to see anyone bringing such laughter to the victims of such cruel misfortunes, but I could not help wondering how anybody could be so boisterously gay with such people and show never a sign of being touched by their sufferings. Later I learned that after he had kept them all roaring and writhing with laughter, Will asked where the washroom was and slipped away. A friend opened the door to hand him a towel and found him leaning against the wall, his head against his arm. He was sobbing like a child. The door was closed softly, unnoticed, and when Will came out he went back to tell the 'students' good-bye. He was laughing as hilariously as before and he left them in stitches".

Wow. Immense compassion. This, being the month for Thanksgiving, I am reminded every day of the blessings we have in this country, state and town. I'm grateful to be in a position to be able to help others, and encourage them to help each other, as well.

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**Programs for Homebound, Seniors and
Their Caregivers**
Rebecca Ellert, Elderly Outreach Caseworker

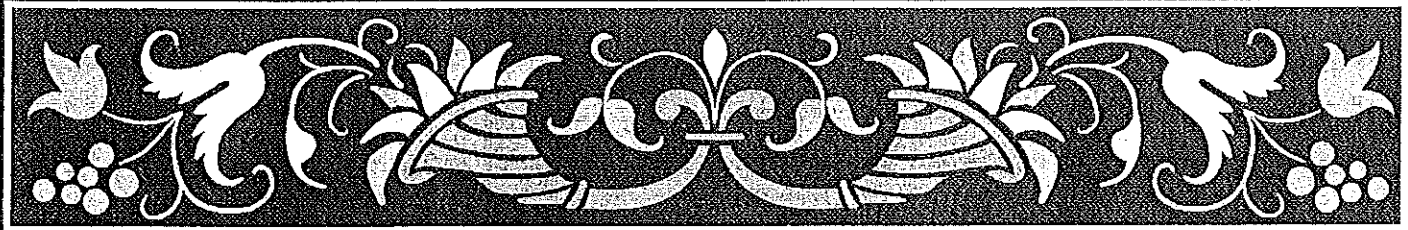
This is a great segue to my next paragraph....

I have a need for some Friendly Visitors. Maybe just one or two. I have about 4 in place right now, and they have settled into a routine where they visit their appointed person once a week. The need on my end, however, is growing. Maggie Clayton, one of our faithful Friendly Visitor explains why she volunteers her time this way: *"I realized how fortunate I have been in my life, and wanted to give back to my community. I enjoy interacting with people... and not just visiting them at their homes, but getting them out, shopping, or lunch ~ whatever they delight in. I enjoy helping ~ that's the bottom line"*. I hope all the volunteers realize how very much they are appreciated. But then again, they don't usually look for any credit. ☺ So, please give me a call if you're looking for something to do with your time. Giving back in this way is very rewarding, and remember, we reap what we sow.

On Tuesday, November 22, Human Services will once again reach out to the less fortunate in our community. Our Holiday Care & Share Program is top notch, meeting the needs of so many. If you'd like to sponsor a family by putting together a Thanksgiving meal (from meat to dessert) please give me a call at 860-870-3726. In this economy, the list of clients is growing, but I know all about the generosity of this town. It never ceases to amaze me how people respond when asked to help. December's Holiday Care and Share will take place on Thursday, the 22nd. You can sponsor a family (with gifts) or just a senior, whatever your heart desires. You can do one holiday or both. Give me a call and see just how easy it is to give back.

And, don't be thinking snow, for Pete's sake,

Rebecca



A Thanksgiving Story

"From its beginning in 1621, Thanksgiving has been a celebration of native foods and the ingenious cooks who harvested the land, the sea, and the sky."

~Journal Inquirer, November 16, 1989

THE OLD NORTH ROAD

~By Irene Gay (PEN & TELL)

This is a story I heard from my Grandmother, Annie Corrigan Farnum.....

It was two days before Thanksgiving and we would all gather at the family farm in Warner, N.H.; bringing favorite dishes which had proven tasty and time proven by the family.

It was quiet except for the hard sounds of pie dough being rolled to fit several pie pans.

Suddenly grandma stopped, both hands on the rolling pin, "Shhh, she said, "I hear Rex barking out behind the barn."

A faraway look in her blue Irish eyes told me that a story of long ago was coming. But not until the last pie was set in the oven and Grammie wiped her hands on the full length apron she wore. Heat from the stove caused us both to perspire.

Here is her story in her own words:

"I was eight years old. My two brothers, Abe and little Dode were younger. We were dressed warmly for a cold ride in the sleigh up "The Old North Road". Family waited for us at the end of the ride. It was ten miles away. The road was covered with snow. Winter comes early in New Hampshire and this was Thanksgiving Day 1800's! Turkey, goose, venison, all roasted and wrapped were tucked in the back of the sleigh...And we were off! Our two horses, Speedy and Lovely, were anxious to go. With a crack of the whip by Grandfather, his red beard blowing in the wind, sleigh bells jingling.....Abe, Dode, and I clung to each other, our cheeks red as roses; Grandma, gripping the side seat rail to maintain composure. There were no homes on "The Old North Road" then.

But it was morning and the sun shone between the tall pine trees. We were happy to be on our way to see our cousins.....

Behind those tall pines, some very wild and hungry creatures decided to chase us. The lead wolf nipped at the hoof of Speedy which did a lot to increase our speed. Grandfather had control of our sleigh but was not able to raise the rifle at his side to scare off the beasts that threatened our very lives!

In a flash I tore the strings and paper off the turkey and started throwing pieces to the wolves, chunk by chunk. This slowed them down. In the distance we could see smoke from the chimneys of North Sutton, our destination. We had survived! The journey home was scary but now grandmother had the rifle by her side up "The Old North Road" and knew how to use it!"

~Irene Gay
Autumn 2009

Wishing everyone a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving and a "gentle ride through the white and drifting snow as off to grandmother's house you go....."

Judy Goodman



NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***** Please see activity times below *****		1 EXERCISE	2 LUNCH MEN'S BILLIARDS CRAFTS, CARDS, YOGA DOMINOES	3 COMPUTER LAB TAI CHI BINGO	4 BILLIARDS: MEN AND WOMEN PAINTING CLASS	5
6	7 LUNCH CHORUS 10:00 SOCIAL DRUM CIRCLE	8 ELECTION DAY EXERCISE	9 LUNCH MEN'S BILLIARDS CRAFTS, CARDS, YOGA DOMINOES	10 COMPUTER LAB TAI CHI	11 CLOSED VETERANS DAY	12
13	14 LUNCH CHORUS 10:00 SOCIAL	15 EXERCISE	16 NO LUNCH MEN'S BILLIARDS CRAFTS, CARDS, YOGA DOMINOES	17 COMP. LAB TAI CHI 12:00 NOON BIRTHDAY/ THANKSGIVING	18 BILLIARDS: MEN AND WOMEN PAINTING CLASS	19
20	21 CHORUS 10:00 SOCIAL NO AFTERNOON PROGRAMS	22 NO PROGRAMS PREPARATION FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS	23 NO PROGRAMS	24 CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 CLOSED	26
27	28 LUNCH CHORUS 10:00 SOCIAL BOOK CLUB	29 EXERCISE	30 LUNCH MEN'S BILLIARDS CRAFTS, CARDS, YOGA DOMINOES	<u>PLEASE CALL</u> <u>860-870-3730</u> <u>TO</u> <u>CONFIRM</u> <u>PROGRAMS</u>	ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	

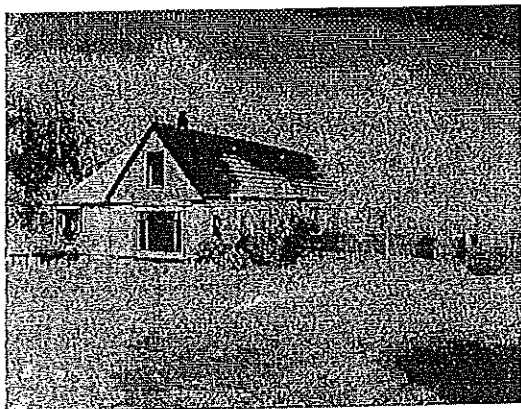
Billiards	9:30 a.m.	Exercise	9:00 a.m.
Bingo	1:00 p.m.	Lunch	12:00 noon
Book Club	1:00 p.m.	Movie Matinee	1:00 p.m.
Cards	1:00 p.m.	Painting Class	9:30 a.m.
Chorus	10:00 a.m.	Social	10:00 a.m.
Comp. Lab	9:00 a.m.	Tai Chi	9:30 a.m.
Crafts	10:00 a.m.	Yoga	1:00 p.m.
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.		
Drum Circle	1:00 p.m.		

Happy Birthday!

November Birthday!!

Howard Larson	11/2	Paul Doyle	11/21
Judy Sullivan	11/4	Norman Duval	11/23
Joseph Clemento	11/6	Judy Bureau	11/23
Alice Galo	11/6	Irving Fuller	11/25
Elaine Fetko	11/8	Maria Fuller	11/25
Larry Guardiani	11/9	Betty-Lou Griffin	11/25
Norma Marriner	11/12	Fran Plant	11/25
David Hawkes	11/12	Patricia Kelleher	11/28
Barbara Stone	11/17	Lori Kleef	11/29
Jean Fournier	11/20		





Winter Heating Assistance Updated 2011-2012 Guidelines

Residents may call any of the following Tolland Human Services personnel for more information about federal & state programs and local initiatives:

Nancy Taylor Dunn, L.P.C., Families call 860-871-3612
 Rebecca Ellert, Seniors call 860-870-3726
 Or contact Donna Francis, Human Services Secretary 860-871-3648
 for referral to the appropriate personnel.

Tolland Human Services is now taking applications for the **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program** so that households will be preapproved when the program officially reopens on November 15, 2011. **The program is open to both deliverable fuel and utility heated households.**

This is not an entitlement program. All benefits are subject to the availability of funds.

Households (homeowners and renters) that are responsible for paying for their primary heating costs, and whose annual gross income is at or below 60 % of the FY 2012 State Median Income Guidelines, are eligible to apply for heating assistance

60 PERCENT OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$31,863	\$41,667	\$51,472	\$61,276	\$71,080	\$80,884	\$82,722	\$84,561

(For households with more than eight members, add \$1,838 for each additional member.)

Renters whose heat is included in their rent and whose rent is more than 30% of their gross income may be eligible to receive a Rental Assistance benefit if gross household income is less than

150 Percent of the FY 2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$16,335	\$22,065	\$27,795	\$33,525	\$39,255	\$44,985	\$50,715	\$56,445

(For households with more than eight members, add \$5,730 for each additional member.)

On behalf of eligible households (homeowners and renters), the winter heating assistance pays for such heating sources as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal and wood.

Households eligible for the winter heating program may also be eligible to receive weatherization assistance. This can help conserve energy and lower heating bills.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and the Contingency Heating Assistance Program are administered by the Department of Social Services and coordinated by regional Community Action Agencies, in cooperation with municipal and other non-profit human service agencies. Tolland residents may contact any of the following for an appointment to apply for Energy assistance: families contact Nancy Dunn, 860-871-3612; seniors contact Rebecca Ellert, 860-870-3726; or contact the ACCESS Agency in Willimantic, 860-450-7423. When you make your appointment, you will be provided with a list of the documentation that will be needed. If for any reason you cannot make a scheduled appointment, please contact the provider to reschedule your appointment. We are unable to process walk-in applications.

Apply Early for Maximum Benefits!

Oct. 1, 2011

Senior Center Activities

Billiards - men on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and men and women every Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bingo - every first and third Thursday at 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted .

Birthday Dinner - once a month, there is a Birthday/Lunch Party to celebrate all those who have had a birthday in that month. This special event is held at 12:00 noon, unless otherwise noted, and the cost is \$3.00.

Book Club - a book discussion is held on the fourth Monday of each month, at 1:00 p.m.

Cards - held every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Chorus - the "Noteables" meet every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Computer Lab - learn how to use a computer on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Crafts - every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. You may bring a craft of your own choice, such as knitting, crocheting, etc. Or, you may participate in making centerpieces for our Birthday Dinner Parties.

Dominoes - held every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Drum Circle (Djembe) - a drumming class is held once or twice a month on Mondays.

Exercise - Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This is a stretch and balance, low-impact class.

Intergenerational Programs - programs that include the young people in Tolland.

Line Dancing - will resume - to be announced.

Movie Matinee - once or twice a month at 1:00 p.m., a movie is shown at the Senior Center.

Lunch Box Cafe - every Monday and Wednesday at 12:00 noon, lunch is served. The cost is \$3.00 per meal and the menu varies.

Painting Class - the painting class is held on Fridays at 9:30a.m.

Pen & Tell - a creative writing class will resume in the fall.

Social - every Monday at 11:30 a.m. Join us and spend some special time together.

Tai Chi Class - a gentle exercise class held on Thursdays, at 9:30 a.m.

Yoga Class - a gentle exercise class held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

*****All Programs are subject to change without notice.*****
***** Any questions? Please call the Senior Center at 860-870-3730.*****

Dedicated to Tolland's Senior Citizens

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674 Tolland Stage Road
P.O. Box 159
Tolland, CT, 06084

Phone: 860-870-3730
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday evenings
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - noon
New Members
and drop-ins are
always welcome.

*Check the Calendar
for special programs.*



Tolland Human Services Department

Senior Center Director: Fran Weigand, 860-870-3725
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Human Services Director: Beverly Bellody, 860-871-3611
Youth Services Coordinator: Nancy Taylor Dunn, 860-871-3612
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Human Services Secretary: Donna Francis, 860-871-3648

Please visit us on the Tolland website at www.tolland.org

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM 860-870-7940

Tolland residents who are at least 60 years of age or disabled adults under 60 are qualified for the Dial-a-Ride service. Transportation is provided between 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Dial-a-Ride travels to all locations in Vernon, Ellington and Tolland including medical appointments, shopping, social and recreational. Whenever possible grocery and other shopping trips are provided on a group basis.

In order to continue to provide reliable safe transportation to the Tri Town area, a \$1.00 donation will be needed when boarding the van on each trip. Round trip costs \$2.00. You must have the exact amount as the drivers will not have change. To make reservations, call 860-870-7940 between 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Reservations for medical appointments are taken up to 28 days in advance. All other reservations are taken up to 14 days in advance.



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FUNCTION	ACTIVITY	JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011	SEPTEMBER 2011	TOTALS YEAR-TO-DATE 2011/2012	TOTALS LAST YR-TO-DATE 2010/2011
Administrative	Meetings	2	2	3	7	8
	Seminars	0	0	1 (2 days)	0	0
	Elections, Refs. & Primaries	0	0	0	0	1
Recording	Land Deeds	232	197	218	647	861
	Maps	2	2	3	7	11
Events Record	Deaths	16	10	5	31	22
	Births	4	12	5	21	27
	Marriages	10	12	10	32	28
	Liquor Licenses	1	0	2	3	3
	Veterans Discharges	7	2		9	16
	Notaries Filed	3	1	2	6	14
	Trade Names	0	4	2	6	9
Licenses Issued	Peddler Licenses	0	0	0	0	0
	Dogs/Kennels/Tags & Transfers	251/0/0	107/0/0	95/0/1	453/1/1	615/3/1
	Marriages	5	6	8	19	14
	Sports	15	17	35	67	89

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REVENUE FOR	JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011	SEPTEMBER 2011	TOTALS YEAR-TO-DATE 2011-2012	TOTALS – LAST YEAR-TO-DATE 2010-2011
RECORDING	5,684.00	4,993.00	6,938.00	17,615.00	24,412.00
CONVEYANCE TAX	9,336.28	7,154.30	13,489.34	29,979.92	30,199.46
TC PRESERVATION	430.00	372.00	430.00	1,232.00	1,656.00
TOWN PRESERVATION	645.00	558.00	645.00	1,848.00	2,484.00
COPIES	816.00	868.00	903.00	2,587.00	3,206.00
MISCELLANEOUS	3,633.50	1,872.00	1,010.00	6,515.50	3,584.00
FEEES (SPORTS & DOGS)	256.00	116.00	107.50	479.50	655.50
TOTALS	20,800.78	15,933.30	23,522.84	60,256.92	66,196.96