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Park & Recreation

*Fall 2013*

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## Essex Park and Recreation Office

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Telephone: 860-767-4340 x110 Fax: 860-767-8509 Email: recreation@essexct.gov

Website: [www.essexct.gov](http://www.essexct.gov), click on "Departments," click on "Park & Recreation"

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm

### Recreation Director's Note

The National Recreation and Parks Association recently developed a new communications initiative for our field to change the question from "What does Park and Recreation Do?" to "What Impact Does Park and Recreation Have?" The NRPA developed the following "Pillars of our Community": conservation, health and wellness, social equity. These six words focus how an entire field touching the lives of millions of people works to improve their community.

Conservation efforts in Essex can be seen in upgrading our irrigation system at Main Street Park to use less water as well as connecting kids with nature by our summer camp field trip to the CT Science Center. We strive for health and wellness by offering programs such as Yoga and Cross-Fit in our Park, as well as providing hiking trails at Viney Hill Brook Park. Lastly, we focus on social equity by our commitment to ensuring families of all financial backgrounds may participate in our summer programs and have equal access to our services. Parks and Recreation has a unique and powerful impact on every community, Essex Park and Recreation is committed to following the message of our three pillars and delivering as much growth and enhancement to the Essex community as possible.

Currently, we are very excited to continue our planning on the Civic Campus Enhancement Project funded by the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant from the State. Park & Recreation is working as we speak with town employees and contracted engineer. The project will allow Park and Recreation to replace our existing tennis courts and playscape at Grove Street Park with brand new facilities. These dramatic improvements will be enjoyed by our park visitors for many years to come. As work commences, we apologize for any inconvenience as we bring our current tennis courts and playscape offline in preparation for new construction.

We hope you take advantage of the programs and events offered in our brochure and we wish you all the best this fall.

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### Mission Statement

Creating the Essex Community through People, Parks, and Programs!

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### The Benefits of Parks and Recreation

- Build family unity • Feel great • Lose weight • Diminish chance of disease • Reduce stress • Provide safe places to play • Generate revenue • Lower healthcare costs
- Meet friends • Educate children and adults • Relax • Keep businesses from leaving • Elevate Personal Growth
- Strengthen neighborhood involvement • Boost local economy • Increase property value • Preserve plant and animal wildlife • Clean air and water • Teach vital life skills • Provide space to enjoy nature



# Registration & Program Policies

## Program Information

The Essex Park and Recreation Department reserves the right to reschedule, relocate, or cancel any announced program due to facility availability and public response. The Park and Recreation Department may also establish minimum or maximum class sizes to ensure appropriate instructor-to-participant ratios.

## Registration Information

There are three ways to register for a program, online, in-person, mail-in.

1. Most programs allow for online registration. Visit our website and Login as a Member, or Register as a New Member. You will input your information, choose all the programs you wish to register for, and will be able to pay by credit card.
2. You may mail in a registration form (available on our website) and payment to our office.
3. You may register in-person at the office during business hours.
4. Phone registrations are not accepted for any programs.
5. If the session you wish to register for is filled, you will be placed on a waiting list and notified immediately if and when an opening occurs.
6. Children must be the proper age before the program begins.
7. Only those enrolled in the program may attend. Sorry, but "visitors/family" will not be permitted in the program unless specified.
8. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and class sizes are limited. Programs will be canceled if registration does not meet the minimum.

## Payment

Payment must be made in full at the time of registration, without exception. We accept cash and checks made payable to Essex Park and Recreation. Returned checks will be charged a bank fee.

## Refunds

A full refund will be given if the program is canceled by the Park and Recreation Department. In case of illness or injury, a full refund will be given with a doctor's note. If you cancel your registration a week or more before the program begins, a full program credit will be issued. If you cancel your registration with less than a week prior to the program, a 50% program credit will be issued. No refund or credit will be issued once a program begins.

## Cancellation

The best way to find out if a program or event has been canceled due to weather is to check our webpage under "Announcements & News." In the event of snow or pending snow, our Program Cancellation / Inclement Weather Policy follows that of the Essex School System. If school has been canceled or has an early dismissal, then any program for the remainder of that day and night will be canceled as well.

## Inclusive Statement

The Essex Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality leisure services for people of all abilities. We will comply fully with the spirit and intention of the ADA in making reasonable accommodations for all individuals. We encourage and support people with disabilities to fully participate in all programs offered by the department. Please contact Parks and Recreation for more information.

## Hey – What Happened To My Class?

Nothing kills a recreation program faster than residents who wait until the last minute to register. There is a point when a program must be canceled or modified. All programs require a high level of coordination often including facility scheduling, staffing, volunteer recruitment and purchasing of supplies. Be considerate in planning ahead and we will continue to do our best to offer exceptional programs. So please register early; then everyone will get a chance to participate.

## New Programs and Instructors

Have a great program idea or a desire to teach, earn money, and give back to the community? We continually seek to improve and grow our offering of programs and classes but need dedicated, enthusiastic instructors like you to make it happen.

## Email List

Email [recreation@essexct.gov](mailto:recreation@essexct.gov) to be added to our email database and receive important information on the Department and our programs!

## Oops!

The Parks and Recreation Department makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of the program information found in this brochure. Changes in programming may occur, and we will attempt to keep information updated on our website. All programs, instructors, and locations are subject to change.

## No News is Good News

We do not call or mail participants with program confirmations. We will only call you if you did not get into a class, or a class has been canceled due to minimum enrollment.

## Photo Policy

Any photograph taken of any participants in an Essex Park & Recreation Department program or activity may be used for publication or marketing purposes such as brochures and website content. Any participant, or parent of youth participant, who wishes to not have a photograph of them used must notify the department in writing of this.

## Recreation Scholarship Fund

The Recreation Scholarship Fund is designed to offset program fees for Essex residents who could not otherwise afford the fees. This is a fantastic way to help and support your fellow community by providing the opportunity to participate in a program. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 860-767-4340 x110.

# Essex Park & Recreation Registration Form

Please print using black or blue ink.

Parent or legal guardian must complete this form

Adult First Name	MI	Last Name	Address
Primary Phone (Required)	Alternate Phone	Email	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone(s)			

Participant Name (First)	(Last)	Date of Birth	Sex	Grade/Teacher	Program Name	Fee
<b>Subtotal</b>						
<b>Recreation Scholarship Fund Donation</b> (optional, see page 3)						
<b>Total</b>						

**SPECIAL CONCERNS:** List any special needs or health related concerns of participant

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**COMPLETE THE LINES BELOW FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION ONLY**  
 Does your player participate in a travel basketball league?  Yes  No

**BASKETBALL T-SHIRT SIZE:** YS YM YL AS AM AL AL

Indicate willingness to be a youth basketball coach.  Coach or  Assistant

**T-SHIRT SIZE:** (for applicable programs) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

**PICK-UP CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please list all authorized adults who may pick up a child from a program

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**WAIVER OF PARTICIPANT BY PARENT OR SELF:**  
 I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Town of Essex, its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and/or volunteers from any and all liability or damage that may occur during either my participation or the participation of my minor child in the above listed recreational activities. I understand that participation in any recreational or sport activity involves risk, and I grant permission to the Town of Essex to utilize any medical emergency services it deems necessary to treat any injuries that I or my minor child may incur. I further understand that the Town of Essex does not provide insurance for recreational program participants. I further agree to abide by all rules, regulations, codes of conduct for all programs I am participating in. **Photo Release: I understand that for promotional purposes the Town videotapes and/or takes photographs of participants enrolled in recreation activities, classes or programs. I hereby release and permit the Town of Essex to utilize for said promotional purposes any photographs and/or videotapes of me or my minor child engaged in the above listed recreational activities.**

Payment Type:  Cash  Check

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**X** Signature

Date

# Town of Essex Parks and Facilities

	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL	HIKING/WALKING FISHING	PLAYGROUND	SWIMMING	TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL	PICNIC-AREA	BOATING/KAYAKING	DOG PARK	RESTROOMS
<b>CLARK'S POND</b> Off Main Street, Ivoryton			🌲					🌲	🌲		
<b>COMSTOCK FIELDS</b> Park Road, Ivoryton	🌲							🌲			🌲
<b>DICKINSON PARK</b> Off North Main St., Essex								🌲			
<b>GROVE STREET PARK</b> 29 West Ave., Essex				🌲	🌲	🌲		🌲			🌲
<b>HUBBARD FIELD</b> North Main St., Essex	🌲	🌲						🌲			🌲
<b>IVORYTON GREEN</b> Main St., Ivoryton								🌲			🌲
<b>MAIN STREET PARK</b> Main Street, Essex			🌲					🌲	🌲		🌲
<b>SUNSET POND</b> Off West Ave., Essex			🌲	🌲						🌲	
<b>VINEY HILL BROOK PARK</b> 50 Hillside Dr., Essex			🌲	🌲	🌲	🌲		🌲	🌲	🌲	🌲

## Clark's Pond

Located off of Main Street in Ivoryton Village, this park features a meadow and pond for visitors to enjoy, including a dock that was built for fishing. Many residents find themselves enjoying the pond during the winter months by ice skating as well.

## Comstock Park

Comstock Park fields are on Park Road in Ivoryton, featuring a little league and regulation size baseball field. Our park also includes dugouts, bleachers, a gazebo and seasonal bathrooms.

## Dickinson Park

Located off of North Main Street in the Village of Essex, this quaint little park is surrounded by a rock wall with iron gates and is tucked away within beautiful trees making it a perfect spot for weddings, family gatherings, or a quiet respite.

## Grove Street Park

Families enjoy gathering at this park for playtime and picnics. It has a beautiful picnic area with playscapes and playground equipment surrounded by a walking trail that winds around the outer edge of the park through the trees. There are picnic tables and benches for families to enjoy a little outdoor time.

## Hubbard Field

Baseball Fever hits Hubbard Field on North Main Street every year starting in April! Our park offers a little league baseball field, batting cage, basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and multi-purpose field.

## Ivoryton Green

Located on Main Street in the Village of Ivoryton, right next to the historic Ivoryton Playhouse, this is a true New England town green that offers a beautiful gazebo, picnic tables, benches, and seasonal bathrooms. It is the perfect location for that lazy summer night to come and listen to the sounds of our Summer Concert Series. Ivoryton Green is haunted on the Saturday before Halloween when the Ivoryton Village Pumpkin Festival takes over and fills the green with the pumpkin carving talents of the residents of the three villages.

## Main Street Park

Main Street Park has been a hub for the village of Essex since it was planned and built by volunteers for the benefit of the Town. It features a scenic spot in the middle of Main Street with a gazebo, benches and picnic tables, the new restroom facility, beautiful waterfront and cove views, a boat launch and municipal parking area. It has been the home to many events in our town including the Farmer's Market, Summer Concert Series, Lobster Bake, May Market, and Craft Fairs. It is the perfect spot to grab a bite to eat at one of the local establishments and take a stroll in the park or sit for a picnic while shopping on Main Street.

## Sunset Pond

This park located on West Avenue in the village of Essex offers picnic tables, a great pond with a wood dock, and fire pits. It is a popular place for residents to picnic, ice skate, and fish.

## Tennis Courts

The Essex Park and Recreation tennis courts are located behind Town Hall, adjacent to Grove Street Park. We feature two lighted regulation size courts.

## Viney Hill Brook Park

Located off of Hillside Drive in Essex, our newest park features a number of amenities for visitors to enjoy. Viney Hill Brook Park offers a beach and swimming facility during the summer with seasonal restroom facilities. Our park also offers nature trails, picnic tables with grills, benches, pavilion and swing set. The fenced-in "Paw Park" offers a place for man's best friend to romp and play with other four-legged licensed residents including a separate area for small dogs. This is a gem of a park with both active and passive recreational activities. Viney Hill Brook Park is open year-round with parking at our upper parking lot. We open the gate to our lower parking lot April through November. The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

# Fall Youth Programs

## It's Theatre Time

**Instructor** Judy Potter

Let's put on a Play! Our program offers creative enrichment through storytelling and music. Storyteller and guitarist, Judy Potter invites your children up to the "stage" to "pretend" (act out) the story they've just heard. Music, singing and audience participation are woven into each play, and children have an opportunity at the end of the "performance" to strum Judy's guitar for the ending sing-a-long. Bring your clapping hands and imaginations and join the fun!

**Location** Centerbrook Meeting House

**Fee** \$40

**Class Size** Min 8 / Max 16

<b>Ages</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
3-5	Thu	10-10:40am	Sep 26-Oct 24



## Karate Kids

**Instructor** Kim Kleiman

Participants will meet friends and build self-esteem while learning the meaning of respect, self-discipline, concentration and self-control. Students will learn the basics of Kempo Karate with Kim Kleiman, Valley Shore Martial Arts, a fourth degree black belt.

**Location** Essex Elementary School Gymnasium

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 10 / Max 24

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
K-6	Mon	3:15-4p	Nov 4-Dec 16 (skip Nov 25)

## Out of the Box Art

**Instructor** Jennifer Crown

Think outside the box and explore a world of artistic creativity! Children will create a variety of different projects from wood, to crafts, to paper art, to sculpey clay. Use your imagination to make wonderful treasures. Please bring a smock or a shirt that can get messy.

**Location** Essex Elementary School

**Fee** \$75 (includes all materials)

**Class Size** Min 5 / Max 12

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2-6	Tue	3:15-4:30p	Nov 5-Dec 17 (skip Nov 26)

## Mad Science

**Instructor** Mad Science Staff

Children engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, participate in inquiry-based discussions and take home things that they have made like model rockets, periscopes, Mad Science putty, and more! Our hands-on, one-hour science programs are themed around a particular area of science and include such topics as electricity, magnetism, optics, biology and many more.

**Location** Essex Elementary School

**Fee** \$97

**Class Size** Min 12 / Max 20

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2-6	Wed	3:15-4p	Nov 6-Dec 18 (skip 11/27)



## Introduction to Archery

**Instructor** Bob Russo

Our newest youth program is an exciting opportunity to learn the skills and techniques of archery. Participants will learn proper stance, hold, aiming, and release. The program will use target tipped arrows and emphasize safety. Our instructor is very knowledgeable and will provide a great introduction to this sport.

**Location** Essex Elementary School

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 10 / Max 18

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
4-8	Thu	5-6p	Sep 19-Oct 17

## Cartwheels, Etc.

**Instructor** Diana Marchese

Our program is designed to teach individualized gymnastics skills to all levels of participants. Gymnastics is beneficial to the physical and psychological development of children as it provides a tremendous means for enhancing a child's self-concept by providing many successes in a non-competitive setting. Increased confidence, as a result of successful learning experiences, is as much a part of our program as is the development of specific gymnastics skills.

**Location** Essex Elementary School

**Fee** \$100

**Class Size** Min 10 / Max 20

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
K-6	Thu	3:15-4:15p	Sep 19-Nov 21 (skip 10/24, 10/31)

# Fall Youth Programs



## Tennis Stars - Session 1

**Instructor** Gary Ribchinsky

This clinic is designed to teach the fundamentals of tennis and while featuring individual and group instruction from tennis pro and Valley Regional High School Coach Gary Ribchinsky. Ground-strokes, volleys, serves, and game play will be covered as this program will focus on improving all facets of the game.

**Location** Valley Regional High School Tennis Courts

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 4

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
K-8	Sa	9-10a	Sep 7-Oct 5

## Tennis Stars - Session 2

**Instructor** Gary Ribchinsky

This clinic is designed to teach the fundamentals of tennis and while featuring individual and group instruction from tennis pro and Valley Regional High School Coach Gary Ribchinsky. Ground-strokes, volleys, serves, and game play will be covered as this program will focus on improving all facets of the game.

**Location** Valley Regional High School Tennis Courts

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 4

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
2-8	Sa	10-11a	Sep 7-Oct 5

**Note:** K & 1st graders may register for the 9am clinic only.

## Ready, Set, Run

**Instructor** Pete Capezzone

Our running skills program will introduce children to the fun and satisfaction of running. Peter Capezzone is an Ivoryton resident, the Cross Country and Track and Field Coach at Old Saybrook High School and the founder of Running Rams LLC, providing spring and summer track programs to shoreline area youths for over 10 years.

**Location** John Winthrop Middle School

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Max 25

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
1-6	Mon	5:30-6:30p	Sep 9-Oct 7

## Jr. Warriors Girls Lacrosse Clinic

**Instructor** Greg Ruel

Our clinic is for those girls who are new to the sport of lacrosse. This is the ideal clinic for beginning players to learn skills and techniques in a no pressure, positive environment. All gear is provided, except for mouth guard which is mandatory to participate. Girls will have a great time in this action packed clinic as they learn all about the game of lacrosse. There will be no goalkeeper training at this clinic.

**Location** Essex Elementary School Field

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 12 / Max 36

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
1-6	Sun	5-6:15p	Sep 8-Oct 6

## High School Girls Indoor Lacrosse

**Instructor** Patrick Carufe

Our program is for high school lacrosse players who wish to develop and build their lacrosse skills in the offseason and be ready for the spring. A variety of drills and games will be held to improve all facets of your game. Sponsored by Essex Park & Recreation, for more information call 767-4340 x110.

**Location** Essex Elementary School Gym

**Fee** \$30

**Class Size** Min 12 / Max 36

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
9-12	Thu	8-9:30p	Nov 7-Dec 12

## Jr. Warriors Boys Lacrosse Clinic

**Instructor** Willi Harreys

Our lacrosse clinic provides instruction and skill development on all aspects of lacrosse. Each participant receives individual and group instruction with an emphasis on basic fundamentals skills (there will be limited contact). Learn the latest techniques of the game, refine skills to improve your level of play, and strengthen team concepts and strategies. This program is ideal for the beginning or intermediate player. All lacrosse pads are required, must bring your own equipment.

**Location** Essex Elementary School Field

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 10 / Max 20

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
3-8	Sat	9:30-11a	Sep 7-Oct 5

## Field Hockey

**Instructors** Wendy Adamzyk, Catherine Poulin, Shannon Cost

This clinic is for girls entering grades 1-6. In the clinic, participants will learn the rules of the game and also the basic skills of field hockey, like dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. Small scrimmages will be held after participants have been through the skills-development sessions. This program focuses on fun and learning the game of field hockey.

**Location** John Winthrop Middle School

**Fee** \$65

**Class Size** Min 12 / Max 25

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
1-6	Wed	5:30-6:30	Sep 11-Oct 9

# Essex Basketball



## Jr. Warriors Basketball Clinic

**Instructor** Kevin Woods

In our fall clinic, skill development is the primary focus. This program is a great way to prepare young ballers for their upcoming recreation and travel league season. We will provide drills and training for beginners to the advanced player. Players are broken up into smaller groups during instruction period ensuring a lot of reps and a lot of fun!

**Location** Essex Elementary School

**Fee** \$75

**Class Size** Min 10/Max 25

Grades	Day	Time	Dates
3-8	Wed	3:15-4:30	Sep 11-Oct 16

## Essex Youth Basketball League Coach's Corner

Our youth basketball league programs depend completely on volunteer coaches. This is rewarding opportunity to work with children and give back to your community, please consider helping by coaching a team this year. It is valuable for the kids to have their parents and guardians involved and to have positive role models. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Essex Park and Recreation Department at 860-767-4340 x110 or mbarnes@essexct.gov. We will hold a mandatory Coaches meeting on Wednesday Nov 13, 6:00pm, in the Town Hall Auditorium. All first time coaches are required to fill out a Coaching Application and background check form. Contact the Park and Recreation department for an application.

## Kindergarten Basketball

Our Kindergarten Basketball program is the perfect way to introduce your child to the game of basketball in a safe and fun setting. We will use a variety of confidence-building games and drills to teach the basics of the sport. The registration deadline is December 6. Volunteer coaches are needed. Be sure to include the player's shirt size on the form.

**Grade** K  
**Dates** Jan 11-Feb 15  
**Days** Sat  
**Time** morning TBA  
**Fee** \$45  
**Location** Essex Elementary School  
**Instructor** Volunteer Coaches

## Essex Youth Basketball League

Park and Recreation will offer the Essex Youth Basketball League. Our program focuses on fun, skill development, and sportsmanship. The EYBL runs from November to mid-February, Ivoryton, Centerbrook and Essex children in grades 1-6 are eligible to participate. The registration deadline is November 8th. For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, we conduct instructional clinics and scrimmages and meet once per week. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions play organized games and meet twice per week. (Time and Dates TBA) Games for 3rd-6th graders are played on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Volunteer coaches are needed. Be sure to include the player's shirt size on the form.

**Grades** 1-2  
**Dates** start week of Nov 18  
**Days** TBA  
**Time** TBA  
**Fee** \$55  
**Location** Essex Elementary School  
**Instructor** Volunteer Coaches

**Grades** 3-6  
**Dates** start week of Nov 18  
**Days** TBA  
**Time** TBA  
**Fee** \$65  
**Location** RSD 4 Schools  
**Instructor** Volunteer Coaches



## Adult Drop-In Basketball

Our Adult Basketball program is a great place to run some hoops, pick-up games are formed each night. Games are based on exercise, fun and good sportsmanship. Adult Basketball meets every Wednesday starting in October; program does not meet when the school is closed for weather-related conditions, school vacations, and holidays. All participants must complete a program waiver form on site with our program leader.

**Location** Essex Elementary School Gym  
**Fee** No charge  
**Ages** 18&up  
**Day** Wed  
**Time** 7:30-9p  
**Dates** Oct 2

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# Contact Information

## Park and Recreation Commission Members

Mike Holmes, Chair  
 Tony Mosa  
 Jim Rawn  
 Doug Senn  
 Bob Russo  
 Cathy Bishop  
 Ed Burleson  
 Tom Clerkin  
 Ginny Willets  
 John Bauman

## Department Staff

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 Program Manager Mary Ellen Barnes 860-767-4340 x 110  
 mbarnes@essexct.gov

The Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes the opportunity to help you with issues involving the Department and our Community. The public is invited to attend our meetings, held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

## Town Departments

Selectman's Office	860-767-4340 x112
Animal Control	860-767-3219
Assessor	860-767-4340 x123
Building Dept & Fire Marshal	860-767-4340 x144
Harbor Master	860-767-8494
Health Department	860-767-4340 x118
Highway Department	860-767-0715
Landfill/Transfer Station	860-767-1926
Maintenance Department	860-767-4340 x136
Municipal Agent	860-767-4340 x201
Police (Non-emergency)	860-767-4340 x130
Registrars	860-767-4340 x142
Social Services	860-767-4340 x201
Tax Collector	860-767-4340 x120
Town Clerk	860-767-4340 x129
Treasurer / Finance	860-767-4340 x122
Tree Warden	860-767-0766
Zoning	860-767-4340 x115

## Clubs & Organizations

Essex Historical Society	860-767-0681
Essex Land Trust	www.essexlandtrust.org
Essex Board of Trade	860-767-3904
Ivoryton Business Alliance	860-581-4555
Essex Garden Club	860-767-7263
Ivoryton Gardeners	860-767-0684
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut	860-443-2896
Essex Ambulance Association	860-767-1730
Essex Community Fund	info@essexcommunityfund.com
Essex Boy Scouts	860-767-3522
Essex Cub Scouts	860-790-0681
Essex Girl Scouts	www.gsofct.org
Connecticut River Museum	860-767-8269
Essex Fire Engine Company No. 1	www.essexctfire.com
Essex Lions Club	info@essexlionsclub.org
Essex Rotary Club	www.essexrotary.com
Estuary Regional Senior Center	860-388-1611
Essex Library	860-767-1560
Ivoryton Library	860-767-1252
Essex Elementary School	860-767-8215
John Winthrop Middle School	860-526-9546
Valley Regional High School	860-526-5328
Ivoryton Playhouse	860-767-7318
Middlesex County Community Foundation	www.middlesexcountycf.org
Tri-Town Youth Services	www.tritownys.org
Valley Shore Emergency Management	www.vsema.org
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore CT	www.vsliteracy.org

## Athletic Organizations

Essex Little League	(Mike Sperzel, President)
<a href="http://www.eteamz.com/essexlittleleague/">http://www.eteamz.com/essexlittleleague/</a>	
Shoreline Babe Ruth Baseball	Grace Petroka, Area Coordinator
<a href="http://www.eteamz.com/shorelinebaberuth/">http://www.eteamz.com/shorelinebaberuth/</a>	
Valley Soccer Club	(Patrick Dilger, Co-President)
<a href="http://www.valleysoccerclub.com/">http://www.valleysoccerclub.com/</a>	
Tri-Town Warriors Football	(Jim Smith, President)
<a href="http://www.eteamz.com/tritownfootball/">http://www.eteamz.com/tritownfootball/</a>	
Ticks Lacrosse	(Kevin Kline, President)
<a href="http://www.tickslacrosse.com">www.tickslacrosse.com</a>	

# Special Events

## Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit

Sponsored by the Rockfall Foundation, the Essex Great Outdoors Pursuit is a cooperative effort between the Land Trust and Park and Recreation to bring the families of Essex together through positive and healthy outdoor endeavors, while increasing the presence and awareness of our local parks, open spaces and preserves.

### 4th Annual Run Local / Read Local 5k Run/Walk

Ivoryton Green Saturday, October 19 7:30am

Full information at [www.ivoryton.com](http://www.ivoryton.com)

## Pumpkin Festival Carving & Pizza Party

Calling all pumpkin carvers! New this year, we will host a jack-o-lantern carving party prior to the pumpkin festival to carve pumpkins for our jack-o-lantern stroll. Pizza and light refreshments will be served.

**Date** October 23  
**Day** Wednesday  
**Time** 6-7:30 pm  
**Location** Town Hall Auditorium

## Pumpkin Festival

Our signature special event! The first Pumpkin Festival was held at the Ivoryton Village Green in 2000 and is held the Saturday before Halloween every year. Join us at the village green to enjoy the free refreshments, contests and games, live music and view the pumpkins!

**Date** October 26  
**Day** Saturday  
**Time** 5-8 pm  
**Location** Ivoryton Green

**Buddy Basketball** is a skill building, non-competitive clinic for school age boys and girls with special needs. Players will be paired with a "Buddy" and supervised and coached by the Program Coordinators. Knowledge of the game of basketball is not a requirement to be a player of "Buddy" participant. If you have any questions, please contact Program Coordinator Melissa Burch by e-mail [docburch@msn.com](mailto:docburch@msn.com) or by phone at 860-767-0470. Schedule TBA. Season Starts in January.

## Morning with Santa

Essex Park and Recreation and the Essex Library are co-hosting a Holiday Themed special event. We will offer light refreshments, activities for the children, and a visit by a very special guest ... Visit Park and Recreation or Essex Library website for full information. Limit of 50 may attend, pre-registration is required.

**Date** December 14  
**Day** Saturday  
**Time** 10am  
**Location** Essex Town Hall Auditorium



## Ivoryton Illuminations

The Fourth Annual Illuminations features over 200,000 lights, carol singing, fifiers and drummers, and pictures with Santa.

**Date** November 30  
**Day** Saturday  
**Time** 5-8p  
**Location** Ivoryton Village Center

IVORYTON VILLAGE

FAMILY  
ACTIVITIES

LIVE  
MUSIC



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Free  
Refreshments  
(while they last)

## October 26, 2013

### Ivoryton Village Green • 5-8pm

## The Great Pumpkin Challenge!

All Essex Families bring  
2 carved pumpkins!

Pumpkin drop-off  
is 3-4:30pm.



-  Jack-O-Lantern Stroll
-  Ivoryton Library  
Haunted Happenings
-  Not-So-Scary Horse  
Drawn Wagon Rides



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